



*Nurturing a Living Faith
with Open Hearts
and Serving Hands*

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Introduction to the Day

Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

**3rd Week of Advent
Wednesday
Dec. 18, 2024
6 p.m.**



Taken from "Advent 2024 Worship Resources based on 'Grace Filled Beginnings' by John Stevens" Western North Dakota Synod of the ELCA 2024

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"Hope Was Born This Night"
CCLI #5873296
"Light of the World"
CCLI #7023299

The Revelators
On screen

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Holy God, you gather us together as your people. Help us. Remind us of your grace and mercy. Help us each day to see your grace-filled beginnings. Hear us as we confess to you:

Moment of silence

L: For times when we fail to recognize that your grace is for us.

C: Forgive us.

L: For the times when we forget that you not only love us, but also that you love all people.

C: Forgive us.

L: For the days when we fail to share your love and grace:

C: Forgive us.

L: For the times we are afraid to tell our own story or listen to someone else tell theirs.

C: Forgive us.

A: For the times we exclude people from the community into which you draw us.

C: Forgive us.

L: For the times we are afraid to follow you.

C: Forgive us.

L: Dear friends, God is at work in our lives though it might be difficult to see some days. God's grace will continually claim, restore, and remind us once again that we are loved. In the name of Jesus (+) your sins are forgiven, and you are set free to love.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

L: The Lord, your God, is in your midst.

C: God's grace pulls us together.

L: At that time God will bring you home, at the time when God gathers you.

C: God's grace pulls us together.

L: God proclaims good news of grace.

C: God's grace pulls us together.

L: We light the third candle to declare to everyone that grace pulls us together.

**Welcome to
Worship at Trinity
Lutheran**

Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or if you regularly attend, we are very glad that you are with us! Today, we gather to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The church is not a building – it is you, the people. So "church," thanks for showing up today. If you look around what you will see are imperfect people. Some with smiles, some with broken hearts, some with secrets they are ashamed to share... and yet all of us together are the "church."

We are thankful you are here. Through God's Holy Spirit we pray you hear a word of grace and hope today.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our eyes and ears to your guidance. Help us to see the ways in which your grace draws us into a community of love and inclusion. Empower us to respond with your love to the needs of our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Church School Christmas Program 2024

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please pray for James, Terry, Dick, Wendy, Alan & Louise.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

**"Mary Did You Know"
CCLI #839225**

The Revelators

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION/RECEIVING OF GIFTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, we give you thanks for this meal of Grace, where you pull us together to receive the bountiful blessings of your love. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift of faith as we look to the one, we find in the manger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The grace of God is for us, and God prepares our hearts to receive it. The grace of God pulls us together into a joyous community. May the Holy Spirit lead you to the manger where the grace of God through + Jesus Christ is found.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

**"Little Baby Jesus"
CCLI #70187**

On screen

DISMISSAL

Journey to the manger.

Where God's grace is found.

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**Join us for hot chocolate & cookies following
worship tonight in the Community Center!**

Christmas Caroling
Saturday
December 21

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Rehearse & Treats at Trinity
Community Center @12 pm

Missouri Slope
4916 N Washington St.
@1 pm in the Halls (3rd floor)

Edgewood Village
3124 Colorado Ln
@1:45 pm in the Chapel

Baptist Health Center
3400 Nebraska Dr
@2:30 pm in the Chapel

All ages welcome!

CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 18
@ 6 p.m.

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Sunday, December 22
@ 10:30 a.m.

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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Wednesday 12-18
2:30 PM - Upstairs Bible Study in Room 212
5:15 PM - Dinner served in Fellowship Hall
6 PM - Worship/Church School Program in Sanctuary
6:40 PM - Confirmation, Youth Group

Thursday 12-19
11:30 AM - Thurs. Morning Circle Lunch at Bistro
5 PM - Mental Health Task Force in the Conf. Room
6 PM - Council in the Conference Room

Saturday 12-21
8 AM - Men's Group in Fellowship Hall
12 PM - Christmas Caroling meet in Community Center

Sunday 12-22
8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall
9:35 AM - Church School
10:30 AM - Worship/Church School Prog. in Sanctuary

Tuesday 12-24 - OFFICE CLOSED
3 PM - Worship in Sanctuary
5 PM - Worship in Sanctuary
10 PM - Worship in Sanctuary

Wednesday 12-25 - OFFICE CLOSED
10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

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ministry ON THE MARGINS

HEART RIVER BRIDGES OF HOPE

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FRESH START KIT MINISTRY

Every resident leaving the Youth Correctional Center, ND State Penitentiary & Missouri River Correctional Center receives a backpack filled with items to help ease the stress of reentry.

DONATION DROPOFF LOCATION:
TRINITY LUTHERAN
502 N 4TH ST.
BISMARCK, ND 58501

Fresh Start Kits include:

- 3-in-1 Shampoo/Conditioner/Bodywash
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Water Bottle
- Fingernail Clipper
- Socks
- Hand Towel
- Razor & Shaving Cream

Link for Backpack:

SCAN ME

This is the backpack we are requesting you use and only in **black**

Check out our Target registry!

There are some examples of the items we need on the registry but feel free to shop from other places (Walmart, Dollar Tree, etc.)

SCAN ME

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is given in memory of parents, Hazel & Don Sinness; brothers, Gary Bracht & Curt Bracht. Given by Karen & Arlyn Ohlhauser.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING - This year council has designated Hearth River Bridges of Hope as this year's recipient. Bridges of Hope is a ministry of Heart River Lutheran Church, which worships on the campus the Youth Correctional Center in Mandan. If you would like to make a donation, you can write a check, drop it in the offer plate or mail it to Trinity and in the memo line write: Heart River Bridges. Blessings and thanks for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS BAKING NEEDED - Christmas goodies will again be shared with people on our Holiday Delivery List. We will sort them after worship **TONIGHT**. If you are able to help deliver some baked goods please let Klarissa know.

MEN'S GROUP - This group will meet again on Saturday, December 21st @ 8 a.m. Contact Pastor Mark for questions.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - Saturday, December 21st, we will meet at Trinity @ 12 p.m. to briefly rehearse and have some treats. Then we will carpool to a few Nursing Homes to sing. You are encouraged to wear Christmas sweaters and holiday gear!

COZY CHRISTMAS - Wednesday, December 25th @ 10:30 a.m. Christmas morning worship is a great way to start the day. Come in your pajamas or other comfortable clothes. There will be hot cocoa and cookies - bring your own travel mug if you want.

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM SIGN-UP - The sign-up sheet for 2025 is located in the Narthex. Please turn in the additional form with your payment - *it is helpful to receive payment up front if possible*. The cost is \$250 for each Sunday.



“WHAT SHALL I GIVE HIM?” CONCERT - Dakota Pro Musica is presenting their 4th Annual Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas services December 20th - 22nd. Dakota Pro Musica is presenting the service at Assumption Abbey in Richardton on December 20th, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on December 21st, and First Lutheran Church of Mandan on December 22nd.

NEW CHAIRS - Trinity's Fellowship Hall has new chairs. Several months ago, some members of the congregation asked that a special fund be created so that new chairs could be purchased. In the memo line of the check please write "Chairs." We estimate that \$35 will cover the cost of a chair with tax. Thank you for your support!

CHRISTMAS SEASON WORSHIP TIMES:

- Dec. 24 - *Christmas Eve worship* - 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 10 p.m.
- Dec. 25 - *Cozy Christmas worship* - 10:30 a.m.
- Jan. 1 - No Worship

OFFICE CLOSED DATES:

- December 24, 25, 31
- January 1

ONLINE GIVING - Giving has never been easier! Open your camera on your phone and scan the QR code. It will take you right to Trinity's online giving site. You can choose to give via credit card or bank account. Try it out today!



MEN'S GROUP

3rd Saturday of the month
@ 8 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall

- Faith
- Fellowship
- Breakfast
- All are Welcome

Contact Pastor Mark with questions at Narum@trinitybismarck.com

Christmas Worship Services

December 24
Christmas Eve worship:
3 pm, 5 pm, 10 pm
*Holy Communion + Candlelight

December 25
Cozy Christmas worship:
10:30 am
*Holy Communion

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