



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

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1st Sunday of Advent
Nov. 30, 2025
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Ready the Way”
CCLI #4511504

(10:30)

CENTERING SONG

“O Come, Take Heart”
Verse 1

See Handout

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends, if you long to feel closer to God, then confession is a step in the right direction. For in confession, we lay our hearts before God. We pour out the truth of our lives. We do not hide anything from our Creator, and in that simple act, God somehow always feels closer. So join me in this prayer. Join me as we invite God to draw closer, to break in here.

(Silence for Confession)

Ever-present God,

we long to feel you close.

We long to feel your presence in our lives.

We long for you to break through the chaos and suffering of this world.

However, if we're honest, we rarely stand still long enough to feel you in our midst.

Forgive our rushing and distractions.

Forgive our wandering hearts, and center us in this space.

Remind us that even in the time of Herod,

even on the longest nights, you are always there. Amen.

Family of faith,

even when we doubt God's presence,

even when we fail to notice God's fingerprints in this world,

God is always moving closer to us.

Hear and believe the good news this Advent season:

Nothing can keep God's love away.

We are seen. We are forgiven. We are not alone. **Amen.**

OPENING SONG

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

ELW #254 (8:30)

Tune: Hyferdol

“All Earth is Hopeful”

ELW #266 (10:30)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

On Sundays and Mondays,

on good days and bad days,

early in the morning and very late at night,

here in this room, and out in the world, God, we long for you to break in.

Meet us in this space.

Surprise us with your presence.

Fill this room with your good news.

With hope, we sing, we worship, we pray. Amen

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

In a world full of fear, where do you see hope?

We see hope when we look to the next generation.

We feel hopeful when we gather together.

**We know hope, deep in our bones, when
we dream of a better world.**

You are right. Even in a fearful world,

hope is all around us.

Today we light the candle of hope as a

reminder of this good news. May this

flicker of light help us remember that we

have reason to hope.

(Candle is lit).

Thanks be to God! Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING SONG

“We’re Not Alone”

Verse 1

See Handout

PRAYER OF THE DAY

With-us God,

in the time of Moses, you spoke through water in the desert and a pillar of smoke. In the time of the judges, you spoke through the prophets. In the time of Herod, you spoke through angel choruses and unlikely miracles. In every time you have been speaking. So today, in our time, we ask that you would speak again. Break through the chatter and the distraction of our weary minds and speak to us once more. With hope we pray, Amen.

READING: LAMENTATIONS 3:55-57

⁵⁵ I called on your name, O LORD,
from the depths of the pit;

⁵⁶ you heard my plea, “Do not close your ear
to my cry for help, but give me relief!”

⁵⁷ You came near when I called on you;
you said, “Do not fear!”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122

¹ I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

² **Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.**

⁷ Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

⁸ **For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**

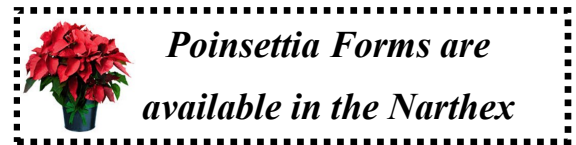
⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Shout!”

Verse 1

See Handout



GOSPEL: LUKE 1:5-13

The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter 1, beginning with verse 5. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was descended from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. ⁷But they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

⁸Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section's turn of duty, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. ¹⁰Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. ¹¹Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. ¹³But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON/CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gracia Johnson
Trinity's Youth & Children's Ministry Coordinator

SONG OF THE DAY

"Hark, the Glad Sound!"
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

ELW #239 (8:30)
ELW #257 (10:30)

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 Dick, Amy, Rod, Melissa, Hal,
Lester, Jim, Sandy, Carsen, Cortney, Lynn, Ken, Barb, Anna, Una, Verna & Gary.*

SPECIAL OFFERING MUSIC

"The People that Walked in Darkness"
Handel's Messiah

Andrew Baumann (8:30)
Bass Soloist, Messiah 2025

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance,

we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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/COMMUNION MUSIC

Prayers of healing offered during communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, in a world racked with fear, you gather us together. You set the table. You meet us here. You nourish our bodies as you nourish our spirits. You remind us that this is a joyful feast, and that fear cannot win every time. So with renewed courage, with renewed hope, with renewed conviction, send us out into the world. Help us to feed others as you have fed us. With gratitude we pray, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

In a fearful world, may you look for God's spirit. May you reach for each other's hands. May you choose courage whenever you can. And in all things, may you remember that good news is louder than fear. In the name of the one who calls, the one who sends, and the one who journeys with—go in peace and be not afraid. Amen.

SENDING SONG

“All Earth is Hopeful”
“Bethlehem Highway”
CCLI #1940862

ELW #266 (8:30)
(10:30)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Alice Marks

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jim & LaRayne Martel.

HELP WANTED - We could use a couple people willing to load all the food which has been donated during our food drive and deliver it to Ministry on the Margins. Talk to Pastor Mark for more details.

THRIVENT MEMBERS - Have you directed your Thrivent Choice Dollars to a charitable organization yet? Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding by directing Choice Dollars®. You can help support us by directing them towards Trinity. Contact a staff person for more information.

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At www.trinitybismarck.com, you can give electronically to the general fund, Capital Campaign and others. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact our Financial Director, Brent Winkelman at winkelman@trinitybismarck.com. Thank you again for your continued financial support.

YOUR GIFTS

<u>October 2025</u>	<u>Month Actual</u>	<u>Year-To-Date Actual</u>
INCOME		
Contributions	\$60,750.00	\$641,830.00
Other Income	\$5,194.00	\$83,644.00
Transfer	\$300.00	-\$434.00
Total Income	\$66,244.00	\$725,040.00
EXPENSES		
Income less expenses	\$67,532.00	\$698,966.00
	-1,288.00	\$26,074

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 11-30

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall
9:35 AM - Church School
10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
7 PM - Messiah Performance in Sanctuary

Monday 12-1

2 PM - Ladies' Bible Study in Conference Room

Tuesday 12-2

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room
5 PM - Worship & Music Comm. in Conf. Room
6 PM - Community Builders in Conference Room

Wednesday 12-3

2:30 PM - Upstairs Bible Study in Room 212
4:30 PM - Trust Fund Comm. in Conf. Room
5:15 PM - Meal served in Fellowship Hall
6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary
6:40 PM - Youth Group, Confirmation, Church School

Thursday 12-4

6:30 PM - Re-Entry Meal in Fellowship Hall

Friday 12-5

10 AM - Theology & Coffee in Conference Room

Saturday 12-6

10 AM - Grief Group in Conference Room

Sunday 12-7

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall
9:35 AM - Church School
10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

95th Bismarck Presentation of

MESSIAH

Concert

by George F. Handel

30 NOV. 2025

7pm

Tickets available at the door.
Adults: \$10
Students: \$5

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