

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER - All Giving Tree gifts need to be wrapped and returned to Trinity no later than Wednesday, December 10th. Tags are still available. Grab a one off the tree or go online to select a recipient and share the Christmas spirit with someone in need.

Donations are still being accepted for the Kids' Advent Store. Items should be new or gently used for: men, women, grandparents, kids, and wrapping supplies.
Please bring donations to the large storage room.

CAROLS & CHEER! is happening at Bucks Mill this afternoon at 4:00. Wear your Christmas swag & be ready to sing loudly. All ages welcome.

The Kids Connect Christmas Program is this Wednesday, December 10th during the 6:10 service.

December requested donations for the Lakes Crisis and Resource Center are new bed pillows. Please leave in the Fellowship Hall at the designated site.

Join Pastor Megan this Advent for a small group opportunity on Sundays December 14 & 21, 4:00-5:30 pm. Share in reflection, Holy Listening and art related to our weekly themes, Talk with Pastor Megan to get signed up for this meaningful time together.

Mark your calendar for the next Food, Fun, & Fellowship happening on Tuesday, December 16th at 11:30 am. Voluntary potluck - bring something to share if you would like but your presence is more important than your food.

Thank You to Andrea Grimm, Amy Hochgraber, Katie Ingvalson, and Kara Hous for making time to touch up the paint on the nativity scene now on display near the main entrance of Trinity.

HAPPENING AT TRINITY THIS WEEK

[an up-to-date calendar, including times, can be found on the Trinity website]

Monday, December 8 - Charles Korinta Funeral, TDF Meeting

Tuesday, December 9 - Men's Bible Study, Quilters, SAIL Christmas Lunch, SAIL, Ruth Circle, Finance Committee Meeting, Scouts

Wednesday, December 10 - Giving Tree Gift Return Due Date, Northshore Condo Association Meeting, Knifty Knitters, Wednesday Supper, 6th Grade, Worship, Kids Connect Christmas Program, Confirmation A/B, Confirmation C, Trinity Choir

Thursday, December 11 - TOPS, Quilters, Elizabeth Circle, SAIL

Friday, December 12 - Christian Outreach Committee Meeting

Saturday, December 13 - PEO

Sunday, December 14 - Worship, Kids Connect, Fellowship & Coffee, Grounded, Advent Small Group

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Music Director: Greta Johnson | Technology Coordinator: Bill Simmons

Sunday, December 7, 2025

9:00 a.m. Service

PRELUDE

Greta Johnson

GATHERING

WELCOME

CANDLE LIGHTING - HOPE

L: In a world full of fear, where do you see glimmers of peace?

A: We see glimmers of peace in the quiet of early morning, when people shake hands, when loved ones say they're sorry, and when the church sings together.

L: You are right. Even in a fearful world, peace is all around us. Today we light the candle of peace as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, peace is present. We only have to look for it..
candle is lit

A: Thanks be to God! Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

ELW #254

GREETING

KYRIE

HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Merciful God, We need bread and we need laughter. We need music and we need a hand to hold.

A: But maybe more than anything, we need your Word and a reason to hope. So move through this space today and speak to us as only you can. Speak a word of hope deep into our weary bones. For we need bread and we need laughter, but most of all, we need you. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Trinity Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:19-21
pg 632

L: The Word of our Lord

A: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:1-11
pg 10 New Testament

L: The Word of our Lord

A: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Laura Kessler

MESSAGE

Pastor Megan Clapp

HYMN OF THE DAY

Each Winter As the Year Grows Older
ELW #252

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

► Today we pray for: Sara Moen, Elaine Brattland, Erlene & Fran DeCock, Karl Hagen, Mary Thompson, Clarice Hanson, Dar Trieglaff, Kathy Reidberger, Terry Carlisle, Roger Lee, John Schott, Cheryl (Fran Leland’s daughter), Sande (friend of Dawn Kozitka), and all of our service connected personnel and their families, serving here and abroad in any capacity.

Names are kept on the prayer list for 3 weeks; please contact the office if you wish to remain on the list longer.

After each petition:

L: Hear us, O God

A: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving
pg 152
Holy, Holy, Holy
pg 153
Words of Institution
Lord’s Prayer
pg 154
Lamb of God
pg 154
Distribution
Song
Of the Father’s Love Begotten
ELW #295
Blessing and Sending of Communion

SENDING

Announcements
Benediction
Sending Song
Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn
ELW #242
Dismissal
L: We are Disciples of Christ
A: Called to Grow in Faith and Action

POSTLUDE

Greta Johnson

Song Leader: Dotz Johnson
Reader: Denise Hemerick
Communion Assistants: Denise Hemerick
Ushers: Dean Johnson, Pat Johnson, Beverly Even, Michael Even

Prefer to give electronically? Choose the dollar amount and frequency that works best for you by scanning the QR Code. Thank you for your continued support of Trinity ministries.



Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for coffee, treats, and conversation

We are glad you have joined us today. Curious to learn more about Trinity programs or how to become a member? Scan the QR code or complete the blue Connect Card found in the pew. We would love to hear from you!



In times of crisis, please let Pastor Megan know. I depend on you to reach out or

Make plans to attend the Lakes Area Community Concert Band Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 14th, 4:00 pm at First Lutheran Church. Multiple Trinity members are a part of this group. Concert is no cost with a free will donation.

Income	Budgeted Monthly	October 2025 Actual	Budgeted Year to Date	Actual Year to Date
Envelopes and Loose Offering	\$71,705	\$62,673	\$711,550	\$519,677

Trinity Financial Snapshot