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8:30 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:30 am

Second Sunday in Advent
December 9, 2018

Sermon: Pastor Wilbur Holz
Organist: Martha Boushele **Lector:** Ron Kappelman
Cantor: Brady Ketelsen **Acolyte:** Luke Jegeris

PRELUDE “And The Glory of the Lord” G. F. Handel

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(The liturgy is taken from Setting 3 in the ELW (pages 138-146).

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The day of the Lord brings grace and blessing.
All: We come to this day with hearts prepared for praising.
Pastor: The day of the Lord brings judgment and pardon.
All: We come to this day with souls set on praying.
Pastor: The day of the Lord brings wisdom and light.
All: We come to this day with minds eager to listen for God’s will.
Pastor: In our praising, praying, listening, and responding,
All: we come to worship God.

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Pastor: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, says the Lord of hosts.

All: The light of hope has awakened our spirits.

Pastor: A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

All: Renew in us your covenant, O God, that we may be ready for the dawn of your salvation.

Pastor: Bring light to every darkness, and to guide us in the way of peace.

All: With gratitude for your light, O God, we will prepare to welcome a new birth of your love.

(Two Advent candles are lit. As the candles are lit, the first two verses of "Light One Candle" are sung.)

LIGHT ONE CANDLE TO WATCH FOR MESSIAH

ELW #240

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us come before God in confession.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Pastor: To you, O God,

All: we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Pastor: Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

All: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“People, Look East”

ELW #248

GREETING

ELW Page 138

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

All: And also with you.

THE KYRIE

ELW Pages 138-39

Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

All: Amen.

GLORY TO GOD

ELW Pages 139-40

Cantor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

All: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks,

We praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

Receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Pastor: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING Malachi 3:1-4 Pew Bible Page 1490

Lector: Word of God, word of life.
All: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING Philippians 1:3-11 Pew Bible Pages 1825-26

Lector: Word of God, word of life.
All: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Lector: We invite you to stand for the reading of the Gospel. Let us respond in unison.

All: Alleluia. Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 3:1-6

Pew Bible Page 1593

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" ELW #249

THE SERMON Pastor Wilbur Holz

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

ELW Page 143

Pastor: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(The response after each prayer petition:)

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS & TITHES (Complete the green card enclosed in this bulletin and place in the offering plate.)

OFFERTORY "The King Shall Come"

Trinity's Sanctuary Choir
Brady Ketelsen, Director

FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION

ELW #679

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

PRAYER OF OFFERING

Pastor: God of abundance,

All: 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.

BLESSING

Pastor: May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

ELW #264

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Canticle of Joy”

J. S. Bach

Trinity’s Mission Statement

We are disciples of Jesus with open doors, open hands, and open hearts committed to making disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit to the glory of God.

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 9 - SUNDAY

- 8:30 am - Worship; KOTA Broadcast
- 9:35 am - Coffee & Conversation in the Breezeway
- 9:35 am - Sunday School, Confirmation, High School Sunday School, Adult Ed.
- 10:45 am - Worship
- 2:00 pm - El Milagro de Dios Worship Service (Chapel)
- 4:00 pm - Labyrinth Workshop (Library/Lounge)

DECEMBER 10 - MONDAY

- 8:00 am-4:00 pm - Labyrinth Prayer Experience (Library/Lounge)
- 2:00 pm - Finance Committee (Counter's Room)

DECEMBER 11 - TUESDAY

- 8:00 am-4:00 pm - Labyrinth Prayer Experience (Library/Lounge)
- 10:30 am - Bible Study on Ephesians (Counter's Room)
- 11:45 am - Tuesday Salad Luncheon (Special Guests: Black Hills Bluegrass Band)
- 4:00-5:00 pm - LSS Group (Teacher's Lounge)
- 6:00 pm - Anna Ministry Group
- 6:30 pm - Church Council (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm - Boy Scout Venture Crew 320 (Teacher's Lounge)

DECEMBER 12 - WEDNESDAY

- 8:00 am-4:00 pm - Labyrinth Prayer Experience (Library/Lounge)
- 10:00 am - Communion at Westhills Assisted Living
- 12:00 pm - Fellowship Meal
- 5:30 pm - Advent Worship & Communion
- 6:00 pm - Soup & Bread Meal
- 6:30-7:45 pm - Advent Activities for Everyone!
- 6:30 pm - Choir Practice

DECEMBER 13 - THURSDAY

- 8:00 am-4:00 pm - Labyrinth Prayer Experience (Library/Lounge)
- 9:00 am - Combined Ministry Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting (Breezeway)
- 4:00-5:00 pm - LSS Group (Teacher's Lounge)

DECEMBER 14 - FRIDAY

DECEMBER 15 - SATURDAY

- Christmas Party at Two Strike on the Rosebud Reservation

DECEMBER 16 - SUNDAY

- 8:30 am - Worship & Communion, KOTA Broadcast
- 9:35 am - Coffee & Conversation in the Breezeway
- 9:35 am - Sunday School, Confirmation, High School Sunday School, Adult Education
- 10:45 am - Worship & Communion
- 2:00 pm - El Milagro de Dios Worship Service

THOSE SERVING TODAY December 9, 2018

8:30 a.m. Service

- Greeters:** Ron & Jan Kappelman
Steve & Deb Bart
- Ushers:** Sean Bialas, Chris Becket, Rick Gortmaker, Faye Schroeder
- Sound Bd:** John Goff
- Food:** Don Hackett
- Nursery:** Jakob DeSmet

10:45 a.m. Service

- Greeters:** Dollie Hinson
- Ushers:** Dollie Hinson
- Nursery:** Jakob DeSmet

NOTE: Nursery services are available during the 8:30 a.m. worship service and the 10:45 a.m. worship service each Sunday.

Counters

Faye Schroeder, Paul Fauss

Altar Guild

Marilyn Denison, Michele Wise,
Marie Sailer, Lue Humphries

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 2, 2018

8:30 - 71
10:45 - 56
TOTAL - 127

<u>YEAR TO DATE - 2018</u>	
2018 Offerings	\$268,560.82
2018 Expenses	\$278,557.53
	\$ (9,996.71)
<u>MONTH OF OCTOBER</u>	
Offerings	\$ 32,723.18
Expenses	\$ 26,847.77
	\$ 5,875.41
<u>WEEK OF DECEMBER 2 CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	
	\$ 5,340.25
<u>NEEDED WEEKLY</u>	
	\$ 6,944.00

Funding for Tijuana House Build

We're looking for angels willing to give towards building a house for a family in need during the congregational mission trip to Tijuana in 2019. The team would like to build a 2 story, 2 room house in 3 1/2 days next July! The house would have no electricity or plumbing. The cost to build this house is \$7,500. If you wish to donate towards the house build, please write "Tijuana House Build" in the memo of your check and place it in the offering plate.



Help raise funds for the 2019 Congregational Mission Trip to Mexico! Fill out this week's NFL "pick um" schedule in the church entryway and place in the indicated box. Free will donation to play. A prize is awarded each week for the winner!



Last week's winner of a Dairy Queen prize was Jakob DeSmet.

"We Care" Food Certificates may be purchased in the church entryway this morning! Certificates are available for Family Fare, Walmart and Safeway. Two percent of every purchase goes to Trinity's general fund and three percent goes to Church Response. **NOTE: The Walmart gift cards may be used at Sam's Club too!**



Save the date! Come celebrate Christmas with us at the Tuesday Salad Luncheon on December 11 at 11:45 a.m. The Black Hills Bluegrass Band will be our guests! Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend. The cost is \$5.00 or bring a salad to share. Because we are expecting a larger than usual crowd, salads will be appreciated!



The Wednesday Fellowship Luncheon group is **taking orders for poinsettias in the entryway before and after the 8:30 a.m. worship service today.** The **deadline for ordering poinsettias is Monday, December 10.** Poinsettias will be displayed at worship services on December 16, 23, and 24.

Rapid City Regional Hospital is changing how pastors can find out who of their church is in the hospital. Please tell the hospital when you are admitted that you are Lutheran, from Trinity Lutheran, and would like your pastor to visit.

It is always a good idea to call the church office when you or someone you know is in the hospital.

Advent Worship Schedule

Wednesday, December 12

5:30 pm Worship and Communion
 6:00 pm Soup and Bread Meal
 6:30-7:45 pm Family Advent Activities in the Fellowship Hall; including labyrinth walk, creating cards for shut-ins and our homeless neighbors, and decorating the tree in the sanctuary.
 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 19

1:00 pm Worship and Communion
 5:30 pm Christmas Caroling on the "Ministry Machine" bus (meet in the church parking lot)



A special **Advent labyrinth prayer experience will be available at Trinity from December 10-13 (8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.) in the Library/Lounge.** Individuals will also be able to use the labyrinth on Wednesday evening, December 12, during the Family Advent Activities (6:30-7:45 p.m.)

You can learn more about labyrinth prayer at a **labyrinth workshop on Sunday, December 9 at 4:00 p.m. in the Library/Lounge.** Sandi Ohlen will lead this informal time together and provide



information about the labyrinth's history as well as its significance and symbolism in Christianity, and prayerful steps for walking the labyrinth. We will have a quiet time for walking the labyrinth with Advent prayers.

Good Samaritan resources have been used as follows for the month of November, 2018:

- 914 people fed a cold, single serving meal (530 men (58%); 333 women (36%) and 51 children (6%))
- 12 assists with gas (\$96.00)
- 9 assists with S.D.I.D.'s or driver's licenses (\$187.00)
- 1 assist with Nebraska birth certificate (\$17.00)
- 1 assist with bus tokens (\$1.50)
- 1 assist from Quality of Life Officer
- 1 assist with a ride to a motel for a family
- Distributed 40 t-shirts, 1 shirt, 4 sweaters, 11 sweatshirts, 46 pairs of socks, 52 pairs of gloves, 51 hats, 1 scarf, 7 coats, 1 jacket, 6 pairs of pants, 4 pairs of shoes, 2 blankets, 1 pair underwear, 1 Bible, 8 toothbrushes, 2 tote bags, 4 packets of toiletries, 6 packets of hygiene supplies, 1 small bag of food
- Filled 8 water bottles
- Held devotions on Monday and Friday morning at 9:00 a.m.
- Spent \$359.09 on food for our pantry
- Assisted with long distance phone calls, notarized documents, made copies, prayed with individuals who requested prayer

\$107.00 repaid to Good Samaritan Fund.

Unable to assist 31 people.

No general fund dollars are used to fund Good Samaritan services. All money used comes from donations specifically designated to the Good Samaritan fund or from grant money.



Please use the signup sheet in the church entryway if you can furnish soup or bread for the December 12 Advent supper at 6:00 p.m.

The Chapel in the Hills Gift Shop will be open for Christmas shopping on December 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Celebrate the Christmas season at the Chapel in the Hills! Join us for an **Advent Worship Service TODAY, Sunday, December 9 at 5:00 p.m.** The Chapel and grounds will be decorated for the season.

Check out the Two Strike Christmas tree in the breezeway. You can choose a gift tag for a child from Two Strike. Return the gift by Monday, December 10, wrapped with the tag attached. Gifts will be taken to the Two Strike Christmas Party on December 15.



Help us celebrate Christmas at Two Strike on the Rosebud Reservation on Saturday, December 15.

The Ministry Machine bus will leave from the church parking lot at 6:00 a.m. After arriving, we will deliver care packages to homes and bring individuals to the Rosebud Community Center for a meal. There will be time for fellowship, opening gifts, and working on crafts. Everyone is welcome to join us. Contact Russ or Dalaina if you are interested in going.

Join us on Wednesday, December 12, at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall for the Fellowship Lunch. The cost of this catered meal from the VFW is \$7.00. This gathering time is for both men and women. Pastor Wilbur leads a short Bible study (reviewing the upcoming Sunday's texts). Everyone is welcome!



It is that time of year for the annual filling of the bins for the Two Strike Christmas Party in December. Items can be brought to church so we can have the bins ready to deliver at the December 15 party. Items needed include:

- Laundry soap
- Dish soap
- Toilet tissue
- Kleenex
- Paper towels
- Coffee or tea
- Writing pad or notebook
- Pen
- Cleaning solutions
- Tooth brush and tooth paste
- Bars of soap
- Wash cloth
- Hand towel
- Bath towel
- Band aids
- Shampoo
- Blankets
- Pillows
- Pillow cases
- Devotional
- Calendar



Christmas Eve Volunteers



Volunteers are needed for the 5:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship services. There is a sign-up sheet in the church entryway where you may volunteer to assist with communion, ushering, lecturing, acolyting, or greeting.

Park Sets Year-End Giving Goals

To wrap up 2018 and get ready for the 2019 season at Trinity Eco Prayer Park we are inviting friends of the park to pick one (or more) ways to support the park. (The dollar amounts are for the total project. Feel free to give any amount toward the project.)



1. Help us find **20 new donors** not from Trinity Lutheran Church. Invite a friend or two to make a gift to the park. You could entice them by **offering to match their gift** up to a certain amount.
2. Raise \$1,000 to install a secure **donation box** in the park.
3. Pitch in \$2,000 to install a **video security** system.
4. Chip in \$3,000 to replace 3 vandalized **solar lights**.
5. Recruit a **new groundskeeper** (*see article in November Trinity News*).
6. Find 3 **master gardeners to volunteer** 5 hours per week April through September 2).

If you know a potential groundskeeper or master gardener volunteer contact trinityecoprayerpark@gmail.com or call 605-389-3448.

Give online at bit.do/TEPP-Give or the park Facebook page. Gifts can be mailed to 402 Kansas City Street, Rapid City. Donations placed in the offering plate should be designated "Trinity Eco Prayer Park." And you can list the specific project if you like.