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Howards Grove, Wisconsin



TO MAKE THE SAINTS - "WISE UNTO SALVATION" AND TO "EQUIP FOR SERVING"

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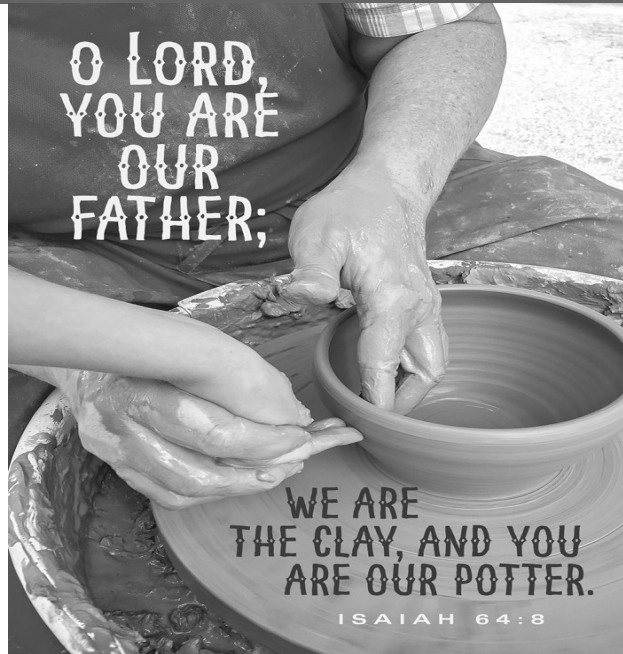
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Welcome to Trinity!

December 3, 2023

**First Sunday in Advent
Divine Service, Setting 3
with Communion**

Worship:

Sundays at 8:00am and 10:30am

Sunday School/Bible Class:

Sundays at 9:15am

Advent Midweek Worship:

Wednesdays at 10:30am and 6:30pm

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Acolytes</u> | <u>Greeters</u> | <u>Video Operators</u> |
|---------------|-------------|---|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Dec 3 | 8:00am | Emmett Kunze and Cooper Schmidt | Betty Butler | Lance Liermann |
| | 10:30am | Emily Harris | Nathan and Jennie Cassity | |
| Dec 6 | 10:30am | Andie Koenig and Macey Schuler | Al Bramstedt | Mark Schorer |
| | 6:30pm | | Kathy Schmid | |
| Dec 10 | 8:00am | Andie Koenig and Avery Sachse Bryce Peter and Ethan Fenn | Peter and Kathy Franz | Scott Timm |
| | 10:30am | | Josh Schorer | |
| Dec 13 | 10:30am | Brody Timm and Owen Timm | Janice Lieftring | Lance Liermann |
| | 6:30pm | | Mark and Angie Schorer | |

| <u>December</u> | <u>Ushers</u> | <u>Elders</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Altar Guild</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 8:00am | Team 5 | Scott Plocar | Nov 20-Dec 3 | Wendy Forward and Debbie Henschel |
| 10:30am | Team 2 | Jim Post | Dec 4-Dec 17 | Janice Lieftring and Kathy Shircel |

| <u>November 22/23 and 26, 2023 Offering</u> | | | |
|---|------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Thanksgiving Offering | \$1,789.00 | Church Improvement | \$75.00 |
| 11/26 General Offering | \$2,480.00 | Concordia, WI | \$50.00 |
| Kitchen Remodel | \$50.00 | Sunday School | \$4.04 |
| | | Sunday School Attendance | 18 |

November 22/23 Attendance: Early: 97 / Late: 53 **Total: 150**

November 26 Attendance: Early: 80 / Late: 57 **Total: 137**

Opening Hymn: LSB 331 The Advent of Our King *Please rise for the final verse.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Sit—Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand
Introit

Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

P Behold, your king is coming to you;

C righteous and having salvation.

P To you, O LORD,

C I lift up my soul.

P O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;

C let not my enemies exult over me.

P Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

C they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Behold, your king is coming to you;

C righteous and having salvation.



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1–9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit
Sermon Hymn: LSB 742 For Me to Live Is Jesus
Sermon

Stand
Offertory

LSB 192

G Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

Offering *Please rise as the offerings are brought forward to the altar.*

8:00AM Service: Men's Club "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" (LSB 606)

Prayer of the Church *We respond with Amen. Prayer requests: the family of Eugene Bubolz, Michael Winter, Connie Hansen, Todd Bender, Marie Rietbrock, Lori (Kober) Badtke, the family of Lonnie Bigler, Jerry Barts, Judd Baumann, Ken Korb, Margie Born, Ron Plocar, and our shut-ins.*

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.



R And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



R We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



R It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



R Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

P 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit Distribution

Distribution Hymns: LSB 771 Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord
LSB 662 Onward, Christian Soldiers
LSB 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Stand Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C A - men, a - men, a - men.

Sit
Closing Hymn: LSB 337 The Night Will Soon Be Ending

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Trinity Messenger

Birthday Blessings to: Dennis Grunewald, Rene Landwehr, Rylee Jo Yinko, Bob Peter, and Steve Schobert.

Flowers on the altar are from Susan Sixel in memory of her husband, Jeffrey.

The white poinsettia in the front of church is from the Christian Women's Fellowship group. Their next meeting is December 11th at 6:30 and is their annual Christmas potluck. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend the meetings and participate!

Sunday School Christmas Card Sale is set up in the narthex on the table near the carport entrance. Sunday school sells them at a very reasonable cost. Please put your payment in the box on the table. Checks can be made out to Trinity Lutheran Sunday School.

Christmas Blessings - As in previous years, we will again be collecting donations for Health and Human Services of Sheboygan county. We will be collecting hygiene, paper, and cleaning products. This includes- hair care, oral care, deodorants, feminine care products, soaps, laundry and cleaning products, etc. Don't forget the guys! Also we need donations for the babies- diapers, formula, blankets, etc. If you don't want to shop, you can simply purchase scrip cards to donate. We will be collecting these items on December 3 and 10th. There will be boxes in the narthex. The items will be picked up on December 11th.

Scrip News - scrip cards are such an easy way to do your Christmas shopping. We have many cards in stock and there are 100s of cards that can be ordered. This year, the last day to special order cards will be December 10th. You can pick them up on the 17th. That will be the last selling day until January 7th since the 24th and 31st are holidays. Remember you are supporting your church by buying scrip cards.

Advent Worship Our Advent worship services begin Wednesday, December 6th. The worship times are 10:30am & 6:30pm. Advent meals will be offered on Wednesdays after the morning Advent worship service and also from 5-6:15pm. A free will offering will be accepted.

Hands for Hope Christmas sale is set up in the narthex and will be available through Sunday, January 8th. Prices are as marked and bags are provided under the tables for your convenience. Thank you so much for your support!

Trinity Preschool wish tree is in the narthex on the table near the carport entrance. If you would like to purchase a gift for the preschool, please take a star off of the tree and purchase the gift that is on the star. Please wrap your gift and put it under the tree **with the star attached**. Thank you!

Long-term Substitute Needed: Trinity Lutheran School is in need of a long-term substitute for third grade starting January 2nd and going through the end of the school year (May 23rd). If you know of someone who can help fill this position, please contact Principal Jenna Roeske in the school office (920-458-8248) or via email (roeske@trinitysheboygan.org) as soon as possible.

Poinsettias for Christmas! Your options are red, pink, or marble (white with red marking) and they cost \$11 each. They are 6.5" and will have four to six blooms. Please let Connie (Dan) Bitter know by Friday, December 9th how many you would like. Payments should be made with the order - cash or checks made out to Trinity Altar Guild. Order forms are on the table in the narthex. You can take them with you after the Christmas Eve late service. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Bitter at (920) 226-0803. They are very low on white, so we won't be offering those this year.

Annual Report and Directory Information Due by December 13th. (Financials can be submitted when they're available.) Also, if you have moved or have a new phone number, please let me know for the directory. Thank you! -Mary