WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are glad to have you at worship with us today,
as we receive God's good and gracious gifts!

At Trinity, we joyfully share God's love and Word with all people through worship, learning, fellowship, and service.

Trinity is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), meaning our beliefs and teachings follow after the Bible-based teachings of Martin Luther, who sought to bring the Church back to the pure doctrines of Scripture. Simply put, we believe, teach, and confess what the Bible says—no more, no less.

As part of the LCMS, our beliefs and teachings can be summarized as:

Grace Alone: God loves the people of the world, even though they are sinful, rebel against Him & do not deserve His love. He sent Jesus, His Son, to love the unlovable & save the ungodly.

Faith Alone: Jesus' suffering & death as the substitute for all people of all time purchased & won forgiveness & eternal life for all. Those who hear this Good News & believe it receive these gifts. God creates faith in Christ & gives people forgiveness through Him.

Scripture Alone: The Bible is God's inerrant & infallible Word, in which He reveals His Law & His Gospel of salvation in Christ. It is the sole rule & norm for Christian doctrine.

God bless you as He speaks to us His Word during this time of worship!

WE OFFER BIBLE STUDIES FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN, BOTH YOUNG AND OLD! PLEASE JOIN US!

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mornings – Ages 3-11
Adult Bible Study – 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mornings – Ages 12+
Confirmation Class – Contact the Church Office for more info
Membership Class – Contact the Church Office for more info

A NOTE ON COMMUNION:

In this congregation, the Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites those who trust His words and repent of all sin to His table.

Communion is also a confession of the faith confessed at this altar. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession different than that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (yet desire to receive the Sacrament) are asked to first speak with Pastor Russert or an usher.

"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord." 1 Cor. 11:27-28

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

ORGANIST	*Bev McGregor*
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	*Patty Evanko*
USHER	*Paul Justl*
COUNTER	*Lisa Leggett*
GREETER	*Laurie Udes*
ALTAR GUILD	*All Decorating, Elaine Dimitry*

Today's altar flowers are given by Arline & Ed Amaducci
in loving memory of Ed's parents Mildred and Louis Amaducci.

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Decorations on the altar, please fill out the envelope from the Narthex, enclose your check and put it in the Dimitry family mailbox by Sunday, December 20th.

Sunday, December 6, our annual Christmas Workshop will take place at 3 PM. There are sign ups in the Narthex for supplies and for volunteers at the event. Please invite children that you know to attend!

Sunday, December 13, the Morris Choral Society will be holding a concert at Trinity. Time and ticket prices will follow.

If you would like ot contribute to the Christmas Decorations on the altar, please fill out an envelope from the Narthex, enclose your check and put it in the Dimitry mailbox by Sunday, December 14th.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
December 24th at 4:00 p.m.

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DIVINE SERVICE II

(LSB 167)

OPENING HYMN ..... LSB 353
CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ..... LSB 167
ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING ..... WOV 630 *st. 1*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT ..... *Psalm 25:1–3 ant.: Zechariah 9:9b alt.*
KYRIE ..... LSB 168
SALUTATION AND COLLECT ..... LSB 172
OLD TESTAMENT ..... *see back*
PSALM ..... *Psalm 80:1-7; ant.: v. 7*
EPISTLE ..... *see back*
ALLELUIA AND VERSE ..... *see insert*
HOLY GOSPEL ..... *see back*
HYMN OF THE DAY ..... LSB 348
SERMON ..... Pastor Russert
NICENE CREED ..... LSB 174
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
OFFERING
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS ..... LSB 354 (*st. 4*)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE ..... LSB 177
PROPER PREFACE ..... LSB 177
SANCTUS ..... LSB 178
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ..... LSB 178
LORD'S PRAYER ..... LSB 179
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD ..... LSB 179
PAX DOMINI ..... LSB 180
AGNUS DEI ..... LSB 180
DISTRIBUTION HYMN ..... LSB 571(1-4)
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE
Thank the Lord ..... LSB 181
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT ..... LSB 183
BENEDICTION ..... LSB 183
CLOSING HYMN ..... LSB 850

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers:

HEALING & COMFORT

COURTNEY DONNELLY
DONNA FINKE
BILL FINKE
ZACH AUGER
FRANK FERRY
ANTHONY LANDGRAF
LYNIA REDDING
MARIE
WALTER
MARYANN REDONDO
PETER DOMBROWSKI
GIL SOTO
MARISSA CHRISTENSON
RITA FERRY
STEVEN BRYANT
MARC THOMAS
LAURA BRETON
BRUCE KASCMAR
SANDRA TALMADGE
MARIA
RAMON ANGELES
MARY ANN REED
ANNETTE DAVIS
JOSE SOUSA
JOSEPH TRIFUN
THEO NIEGLOS
ELANTRA VEDENETRA
CAROLYN CHERMAK
LINDA SULLIVAN
MELISSA NOTIS
FRED
BROOKE MORGAN
CAROL OLSEN
JESSICA IMHAUSER
ARLENE BACCAGLINI
SUE FRANCE
ANGELO
LORENZO DINIA

STRENGTH & COMFORT

TOM O'GRADY
PEDRO PEREZ
SUANNE MARTIN
NICHOLAS
WARREN
GERALDINE KINGSLEY

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Oh 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!
3 When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From 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.
5 You 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?
6 We 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.
7 There 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.
8 But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-10

1 When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples 2 and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. 3 If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" 4 And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. 5 And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" 6 And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. 7 And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. 8 And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. 9 And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

Readings: ESV



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 29, 2026
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Morris Plains, New Jersey
Pastor David Russert