

Madison, South Dakota

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Celebration

PRELUDE

"Bethlehem Highway"

WELCOME & CENTERING

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

Jon & Brittany Waldman Family

"Emmanuel"

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SONGS OF PRAISE

"He Came Down"

Red #253

"Road in Winter"

Insert

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"Peace, Peace"

Chapel Choir

Dylan Riedel, soloist

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

Celebrate Insert

P: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

James 5:7–10

Celebrate Insert

P: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 11:2–11

Celebrate Insert

P: The Holy Gospel... C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Deacon Koren

JINGLE CHANGE Family Connection, Sioux Falls

MESSAGE Pastor Steve

SONG OF RESPONSE "Let Him In" Insert

THE 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.

OFFERING "Everybody's Got Something to Offer"

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OFFERING PRAYER

TEMPLE TALK

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless and keep us (echo)

May his face shine upon us (echo)

May his blessings be with us (echo)

And give us peace (echo)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Joy to the World"

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WELCOME TO TRINITY

The people of Trinity Lutheran Church believe that Christ welcomes ALL people to himself, as beloved children of God. This means that we embrace the full inclusion of all people into the life and ministry of this faith community. Whether you have been a lifelong member of Trinity or just discovered us, you are welcome. If you are certain of what you believe or are immersed in doubts, you are included. No matter how you may have previously been excluded, you belong. You are welcome to worship with us. You are welcome to the table to share in Holy Communion with us. You are welcome to join us for Bible studies, book studies, small groups, and other opportunities to explore your faith. You are welcome to participate in coffee hours, potlucks, and all the other gatherings we have as a faith community to celebrate and build relationships. You are welcome to serve with us, as we do our best to embody Christ's love in the world. We welcome YOU...just as Christ welcomes you...just as you are!

If you would like to be a part of what God is up to here at Trinity, if you would like to become more involved, or if you are feeling called to take on a formal leadership role in this faith community, we invite you to connect with Deacon Koren or Pastor Steve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Remember in Prayer: Krystal Draper, Joanne Boomgarden, Sally Olson, Fay Dimick, Deanna Bergheim, Georgia Bellinger, Tim Schut, David Hanson, Virginia Oas, Mendy Herke, Maci Johnson, Kendra Paulson, Kelly LaValliere, Barb Feige, Lucas, Marilyn, Grace Wilkens, Shelby Hanson, Carrie Wieman
- **Jingle Change:** We collect Jingle Change in worship today to benefit the Mission of the Month: Family Connection, Sioux Falls, which opened in 1996 to support the families of the inmates who are in the penitentiary in Sioux Falls. They provide two sites that offer both shelter and meals. Gifts may also be designated to the Mission of the Month Fund on checks/envelopes.
- **Annual Reports:** Please submit your reports to the office by Mon., Dec. 15. Thank you!
- **Blue Christmas:** You're invited to attend a Blue Christmas worship service on the longest night, Sun., Dec. 21 at 4 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Madison. We gather to acknowledge the pain, grief, loss and other challenges that come with this holiday season. Through music, scripture, and prayer we will pause and take time to acknowledge our pain, but will also look toward the hope and promise to come.
- Christmas at Trinity: Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion at 5 p.m. & 10 p.m. Christmas Day Worship at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Please check the newsletter for the current summary of the financials. *Please see Trinity's eNews for weekly calendar and more detailed announcements.*

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