GATHERING TO WORSHIP

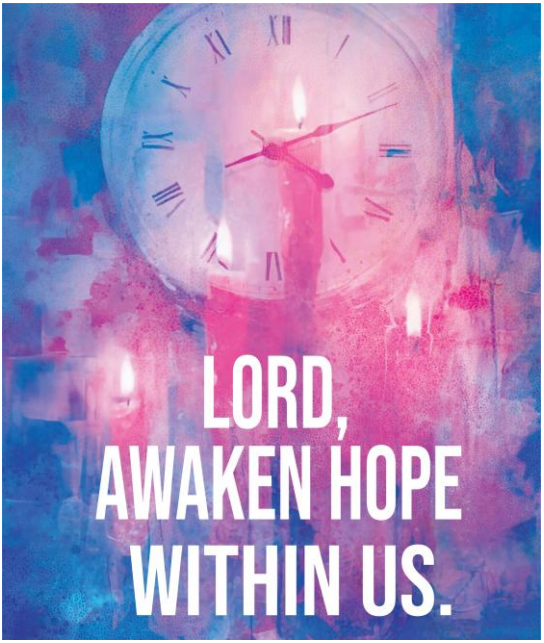
Sunday, November 29, 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church

499 4th Ave. NW, Valley City, ND

Our Mission: "Love God. Love Others."

First Sunday of ADVENT



Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Welcome to you who are visitors among us; please sign our guest book, take a "Welcome" bag home, and do come worship with us again. *To those of you looking for a church home, we invite you to join this community of faith, as we seek to grow and serve in God's grace and love.*

: Please stand, in body or spirit.

Large print bulletins are available at the back table.
"Busy Bags" for small children's use during Worship on back handrail.

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Lighting of Advent Wreath *(insert)*
***Gathering Hymn:** *"Christ Be Our Light"* **#715 ELW**
***Apostolic Greeting (C: And also with you.)** p. 147 ELW
***Kyrie**

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy,
On your people now, we pray.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy,
We have fallen from your way.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy,
With your love, heal and forgive.
May we share the grace you give.
Come among us. Come and live.

***Canticle of Praise:** *"Glory be to God in heaven"* p. 204 ELW
***Prayer of the Day** (*Today's Readings* insert)

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9
Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
***Gospel Acclamation**: *"Hark, the Glad Sound"* **#239 ELW**

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song.

***Gospel Reading:** Mark 13:24-37
Responses: *"Glory to you, O LORD"/"Praise to you, O Christ."

Hymn: *"Love Has Come"* **#292 ELW**
Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *"All Earth is Hopeful"* **#266 ELW**
***Apostles' Creed** p. 127 ELW
Prayer Song: *"Hear Our Prayer"* **#178 ELW**
Prayers of Intercession: (L: God, in your mercy **C: Receive our prayer.)**

THANKSGIVING

Our Tithes/Offerings to God
***Offertory Hymn:** *"Give Thanks"* Text Henry Smith
Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because GOD's given Jesus Christ to us. (Repeat)…
And now let the weak say 'I am strong', Let the poor say 'I am rich'
because of what the LORD has done for us (Repeat)*… Give thanks!*
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***Offertory Prayer**
***Lord's Prayer**

SENDING

***Blessing (C: Amen!)**
***Sending Hymn:** *"Soon and Very Soon"* **#439 ELW**
*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**
Postlude

In Our Thoughts/Prayers: Susan Smith, Sharon Roberg, Jim McMillen (Patty Beil's bro), Jan Pearson, Edie Johnson, Clarence Laub (Perry bro), Gary & Bea Tait, Michelle Carlblom, Bernie Walters, Tim Yokom, Marleen Pytlik, Luetta McClaflin, Madonna Bacher-Slack, Gayle Hoff, Karen Magnuson, Chad Henningsgard, Beth Busche (Kathy Hoef's sis-in-law), Don Clark; Comm. Thanksgiving baskets; PEACE

***"Trinity Family"* to pray for this week:** Brian & Karen Enge, John & Sandra Froelich, Brad & Dianne Graff

Our *"Thanks!"* to those who serve today:
Pastor: Rev. Diane Krumm **Accompanist:** Amy Anderson
Acolyte: Trent Johnson **Ushers:** Jerry & Julie Yokom
Scripture Reader: Rachel Johnson

Bell Ringers needed! The VC Salvation Army Kettle Campaign needs bell ringers now until Dec. 24! If you can help for any amount of time, please sign up by calling Naomi Schlecht (701-541-1418) or Lenora Ziemba (701-840-1357).

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Wondering what to do when you are out driving and see someone in need? You are invited to take a Blessing Bag, keep it in your car, and share it with someone in need. More information & directions are with the bags at the back of the sanctuary.

***This Week @ TLC*:**



Today, Sunday, November 29th: ***First Sunday of ADVENT***
NO Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
11 a.m. Coffee fellowship *(Thanks for hosting, Glen & Judy!)*
1-4 p.m. Private event in TLC kitchen
Mon., Nov. 30th: *Pr. Diane's Sabbath*
12 p.m. Sr. High Youth lunch @ OSLC
Tues., Dec. 1st: **10:30 a.m.** Bible Study group @ TLC
Wed., Dec. 2nd: **9 a.m.** Quilters
3:15 p.m. Kids Club @ Faith Lutheran
Confirmation Activity (Youth: check Spond App for times)
7:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth @ OSLC
Thurs., Dec. 3rd: **6:30 p.m.** Book discussion @ TLC on the book, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"
Sat., Dec. 5th: **11 a.m. – 4 p.m.** "Sweets & Treats" @ VC Public Library: *bake sale & gift items, quilt raffle, mini concerts*



Next Sunday, December 6th: ***Second Sunday of ADVENT***
9 a.m. Sunday School Christmas program practice
10 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
11 a.m. Coffee fellowship
2 p.m. Christmas at Homewood: Christmas concert & sing-along, featuring local & regional musicians at the home of Tim & Becky Hagar (exit 288 on I94, 5 ½ mi south on Hwy #1, 1 ¾ mi west turn at Moon Lake sign)

Bucks $$$ for Bus Rides!



Help those affected by domestic violence move forward with their lives – by donating towards the purchase of transit bus tickets for the clients of Abused Persons Outreach Center (APOC). Simply take a paper bus from the tree in the Gathering Area, attach your donation, and place it in the offering plate. Each book of 10 tickets costs $20.