DIVINE SERVICE III

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Everyone Is Invited to Stay for Coffee Hour in the Gathering Room



WELCOME TO TRINITY! So happy you are here this morning to worship the Lord. We pray that this worship hour is a blessing for you and invite you to please come again soon. If you are a visitor, please sign the Guest Register in the entry.

Introit

Psalm 25:4–5, 21–22; antiphon: vv. 1–3a

P To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
C **O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.**
P Let not my enemies exult over me.
C **Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.**
P Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
C **teach me your paths.**
P Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
C **for you I wait all the day long.**
P May integrity and uprightness preserve me,
C **for I wait for you.**
P Redeem Israel, O God,
C **out of all his troubles.**

♫ Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day

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. ♫ Amen.

OT Reading: Isaiah 9:2–7

[2]The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
[3]You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
[4]For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
[5]For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.
[6]For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
[7]Of the increase of his government
and of peace there will be no end,

on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Gradual *Psalm 25:3–4*

P None who wait for you shall be put to shame;
C **they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**
P Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
C **teach me your paths.**

Epistle: Colossians 2:1–7

[1]For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, [2]that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, [3]in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. [4]I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. [5]For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

[6]Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, [7]rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:1–9

[1]When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, [2]saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. [3]If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." [4]This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

[5]"Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

[6]The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. [7]They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. [8]Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. [9]And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

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Birthdays

Sunday	Rick Druse	
Monday	Alan Hutchison	
Tuesday	Kristie Gatlin	Brianna Chapman
Thursday	Brianna Woelmer	
Saturday	Tyler Barnett	

Anniversaries

11/30/1969	Brett and Becky Stutzman	57 years
11/30/2001	Sam and LeAnn Allred	25 years
12/2/1955	Leland and Slina Prothe	71 years
12/3/1988	Henry and JoAnn Vaughn	38 years

We remember in our prayers:

Immediate and Long-Term Concerns:

- Susan Mueller

Recovering:

- Bill Mueller (Barbie's brother)
- Dennis Karina
- Lloyd Ohlmeier
- Duane Rodewald
- Debra Karina
- Linda Ferrell

TREASURER'S REPORT Nov 15, 2026

Checking Account Balance	Nov 7, 2026	$	46,611.18
Income:	Deposit	$	5,136.00
Expenses	Checking	$	(1,278.42)
Balance	Nov 14, 2026	$	50,468.76

Attendance

Worship Attendance	Nov 22	100

ANGEL TREE - Our Angel Tree is Up! Our congregation is once again partnering with the Miami County Cops for Tots / Angel Tree program to bring Christmas blessings to local children and families in need. Stop by the Christmas tree in the back today to select an Angel tag! Each tag includes a child's age, clothing sizes, Christmas wish list, and contact information just in case you have any questions. Don't forget to sign out your Angel by adding your name to the list under the tree. As always, thank you for your support!

NURSING HOME SERVICES - You are invited to help Trinity provide brief worship services for nursing home residents at North Point and Medicalodge this afternoon. The simple services are approximately 20 minutes in length at each home. We begin at 1:30pm at North Point, then Medicalodge around 2:15pm for the second service. The residents really enjoy these services, especially singing their favorite hymns. It's great to have church members there to greet the residents and sing along. We have a faithful few members who help but we could use your help too!

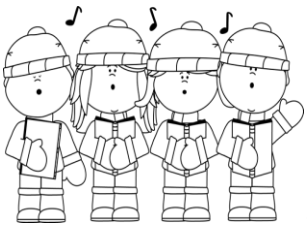
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM PRACTICE has begun today!! Parents of children and youth, please be sure to bring them to these Sundays; it will be important for them to practice their parts and songs!

LADIES' AID meeting has been moved from December 3 to the 10th.

TRINITY TRIBUNE – Pick up a copy of the monthly newsletter today.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL - There are "The Everlasting Light" devotional books in the back of church; they are a great way to add to your devotional life during this season of Advent, as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. Consider picking one up and learning more about the One who came into this world to be the Light of the World.

CHRISTMASTIDE CONCERT - Join First Lutheran in Paola on Saturday, December 12th at 4:00 p.m. for a music concert featuring choir, instruments, hymns, and more!



YOUTH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - Join us for TWO events that are coming up. We decorate the church after church today--stay to help, and lunch will be provided, a mac & cheese bar! Next Sunday, Dec 6, we'll go caroling! Bring a crockpot of your favorite soup to share for lunch. Also bring some of your favorite cookies, and we'll put together some bags to hand out when caroling.



POINSETTIA DONATIONS - Donating poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary is a great way to remember loved ones at Christmas! There is a signup sheet on the counter in the Gathering Room to order plants from Price Chopper at a cost of $10 each. Please place your payment in the offering marked “Poinsettias.” When signing up please indicate how many plants you wish to donate and for whom they are in memory or honor. You are also welcome to bring your own poinsettias, which you purchase elsewhere or receive as gifts. Just drop them by the church sometime before Christmas Eve and leave them on the tables in the Gathering Room. Please still sign up on the sheet, indicating that you are providing your own plants, and for whom they are in memory or honor of.

EMERGENCY FOLDERS - Ladies Aid has put out some red zip type folders in the gathering area. These folders are emergency folders that are to be put on your refrigerator for emergency personnel. If they are called to your home they will look for this folder on your refrigerator.

Inside the folder you would put your list of medications and other important notices for emergencies. Please pick one up if you do not already have one. If we run out of the folders, please contact one of us and we will get one made up for you.

YOUTH TRIP - Our Youth and families are planning a trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in Kentucky June 2-6, 2027. Congregation members are also invited to join them! In order to finalize housing plans, we need a firm commitment from any Youth families by November 1. Please let Kristina or Lori know if you are planning to attend. We are asking each Youth family attending to pay a $100 commitment fee to help offset the cost of the trip. There will be a sign-up list in the back of church for any other congregation members planning to join us. We ask that congregation members sign up by December 1. See Lori Schlegel for any questions you have.

MISSIONS FUND--Where does the money from the mission fund go to? Some of it is a set amount ($7500) that we give to our Synod and District. They provide oversight and assist with the call process, publications, missionaries, pastoral and lay education, and so much more. We also support a missionary at $500 a year (or more). We have received $5800 so far this year for our total commitment of $8000.
Your donation to this fund is greatly appreciated, as it supports a lot of things that are "behind the scenes."



SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR - Everyone is invited to stay for Coffee Hour in the Gathering Room following worship today. Thanks to Michelle Haley for providing snacks this morning. The signup sheet to provide snacks for Coffee Hour is on the counter in the Gathering Room. Consider signing up to honor birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc.