

Trinity News and Notes
First Sunday in Advent
December 1, 2024

SUNDAY, 1st

8:30 a.m. Choir practice in Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:30 a.m. Bible Study

MONDAY, 2nd

8:30 a.m. Matins

TUESDAY, 3rd

8:30 a.m. Matins

WEDNESDAY, 4th

*Commemoration of John of Damascus,
Theologian and Hymnwriter*

8:30 a.m. Matins
5:30 p.m. Private confession and absolution
7:00 p.m. Vespers

THURSDAY, 5th

8:30 a.m. Matins
4:30 p.m. Private confession and absolution

FRIDAY, 6th

Commemoration of Nicolas of Myra, Pastor
8:30 a.m. Matins

SATURDAY, 7th

*Commemoration of Ambrose of Milan,
Pastor & Hymnwriter*

SUNDAY, 8th

8:30 a.m. Choir practice in Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:30 a.m. Bible Study
1:30 p.m. *Misa en Español*

Looking Ahead...

- December 10, Council, 6:30 p.m.
- December 14, Advent Tea, 2:00 p.m.
- December 15, Ladies' meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- December 17, OMT, 9:15 a.m.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Our Sister Church: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paraguay (IELP)

Missionaries: Rev. Daniel & Kathryn Conrad and Rev. Dr. Quintin & Lindsay Cundiff

Pastors: Rev. Aaron Filipek and Rev. Daniel Metzger

Circuit Visitor: Rev. Mark Lovett

Circuit Visitor-Elect: Rev. Michael Brockman

District President: Rev. Justin Panzer

Synod President: Rev. Matthew Harrison

Baptismal Anniversaries: Paul Fahrenthold III, Ella Filipek, Nicolas Clements, Magdalena Fahrenthold, and Henry Laflin

Training/Deployed in Our Armed Forces: Caleb Bartel, Dawson Bromlow, Keaton Wellner, Tori Myers

Our Schools: Concordia Academy, Euraquilo Christian Academy (VanSant Homeschool), Luther Classical College, Concordia University Irvine, CSL and CTSFW (LCMS seminaries)

Prayer Petitions: Daniel Molina, (*health concerns*), Roxanne Gird, (*health concerns*), Karla Atkinson, (*Ashley and Jennifer's mother*), Gregg Goscha, (*health concerns*), Mary Kay Larson, (*friend of Hannah Magill*), Tracie Stephenson, (*Sheryl Anderson's cousin*), Rachel Lewis, (*Godchild of the Wortz's*), Stephanie Gilmore, (*Kirsten Bartel's mother*), Gayla Taylor, (*Wife of Joel Taylor*), Evie Meyers, (*Miriam Nickel's Daughter*), Matthew Hastings, Julia Lessman, (*granddaughter of the Lessmans*), Gary, (*brother of Angie Patterson*)

Birthdays: Susan Christ, Terry Fortine, Crista Switzer, Donovan Franco, Adam Clements, Sheila Rooker, Erin Stone, Lillyen Fortine, and Mary Hubbard

Shut-ins: Amy Fox, Gil Holstein, Florence Lavery, Judy Rollins, Louise Smith, Mary Tomlinson

READINGS for next Sunday

~Second Sunday in Advent ~

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Malachi 4:1-6

EPISTLE: Romans 15:4-13

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

ADVENT RUBRICS

Unique to Advent and Lent, the Liturgy drops the Greater Gloria (“Gloria in Excelsis”). The Church sets that magnificent hymn of praise aside until we hear the angels sing it at the birth of Christ! Also, you’ll notice that as the weeks of Advent go forth there will be two collects: the collect of the day (particular to the readings appointed) as well as the collect for the first Sunday in Advent. Finally, you can’t help but notice the Advent Wreath with four candles around the outside. This wreath is a calendar—slowing us down, week by week, drawing us in anticipation towards Christmas. Each of the four candles represents a different aspect of our waiting: Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy. Three candles are blue; one is pink. The pink calls us to rejoice and find the refreshment needed in a period of fasting (there’s something similar in Lent, too). Advent wreaths at home with daily family prayer and devotion is highly encouraged as well.

ORATIO MEDITATIO TENTATIO: Our theological reading group meets next on **December 17, as follows: 8:30a.m. Matins; 9:15a.m. Reading Discussion; 11:15a.m. Prayer; 11:30a.m. lunch.** We will discuss *Remembering the Christian Past*. William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1995.

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s teachings include: Progressive Christianity, Christian Identity vs. Identity Politics, the Hymn “We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator,” the Advent Season and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or a podcast provider.

ADVENT TEA Ladies! Mark your calendars for December 14 at 2:00 p.m. as an afternoon of scripture, singing, and fellowship. More details and sign-up sheets to follow in the weeks to come.

FAIRMOUNT MINISTRIES:

6:47 Tuesdays @Fairmount! We are studying Romans. There will be a special bible study series beginning Dec. 3rd for Advent. College Age/Young Adult Fellowship/Bible Group. E-mail hannah@fairmountministries.org for more info.

T.O.T. (formerly Theology on Tap): We will take a break in December. See you in January!

College Finals Kits: We will have a table at Fairmount beginning on Monday, Dec. 2nd and ending on Friday, Dec. 6th of items for you to build your own kit.

Coffee and Cuddles Friday Dec. 6th: Risen Savior will pick up the tab for drinks ordered by students from 1 to 3 p.m. Students must show their student ID. Teddy will be there to give cuddles.

Pancake Night Dec. 9th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Students can stop by for pancakes and take a break from studying for finals.

Trinity Financial Status ***Through October 2024***

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Contributions	\$ 250,610	\$ 229,725	\$ 20,885
Expenditures	\$ 207,727	\$ 229,725	\$ 21,998
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 42,883	\$ 0	\$ 42,883

LADIES OF TRINITY Would you be interested in gathering to talk about how we can bring the traditions of The Church Year into our homes and to encourage each other in Christ? You are invited to come Sunday, December 15 at 3:30 p.m. to Trudy Unruh’s house at 33 N Stratford Rd. for an informal gathering to discuss what such a group might look like using All The Household’s blog as a guide. Check out the blog at allthehousehold.com. Questions? Contact Trudy Unruh.

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2025 CATECHESIS Catechism class will begin again January 8, 2025.

SAFETY NOTE: For your safety and the safety of your belongings, please lock your vehicle before entering the Church. Don’t leave valuables (cell phones, purses) in car.

TRINITY POSITIONS OPEN: Please prayerfully consider offering a bit of your time to volunteer for one of the following positions: Board of Trustees, Board of Evangelism, Hospitality Committee, **Usher**, Altar Guild, and Offering Counter. Call the church office to volunteer, 316-685-1571

DONATE ONLINE! PayPal is set up for donations on our website. Questions? See Sheryl or Dick.

Those Serving at Trinity in December ...

Greeters: The Smiths

Altar Guild: Sheryl A.

Usher: Derrel Pressnell

Organist: Amy Haist

Counter: The Pressnells

Elder: Allen Herbert

Acolyte: Kingston Araiza

Crucifer: Lennyn Janney