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ADVENT BEGINS DECEMBER 1, 2024

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.”

With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.



Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18—Advent Suppers and Evening Prayer Services

All are invited to partake in the free Advent soup suppers on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. As has been our tradition in years past, we will also gather at 7:00 p.m. for a Service of Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary. People of all ages are invited to worship. Please note: The service on December 18 will be a *Longest Night Service*, honoring the reality that for those experiencing losses or grief, this can be a difficult time of year.

Sunday, December 8—Music Sunday

Hymns, anthems, poetry, and scripture combine as we explore the themes of Advent this morning. The Adult Choir joined with Gloria Ringers will lead worship at both services as we joyfully make music together as a congregation.

Sunday, December 15—Adult Forum Featuring the Advent Hymn Sing

So many hymns, so little time! We’ll use the forum hour to get a few more Advent hymns in before the season is over. Join us in the Bartsch Room this week.

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FIRST DAY OF ADVENT READINGS

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

ADULT FORUM

Holy Trinity Adult Forums feature in-person presentations beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The presentations are also available via [Zoom](#) (meeting ID:858 5687 1594; passcode:31787) for those unable to attend in person.

December 1 “Clare Housing” Thomas Page

In the ongoing effort to end the HIV epidemic, why does housing matter? How does housing radically improve HIV health outcomes? And why is it a crucial element in stopping the epidemic for good?

Join us for a 45-minute HIV & Homelessness 101 learning session to find out. This program explores how the Housing First model not only enhances the lives of residents with HIV but also plays a key role in preventing HIV transmission within the community. Read more about Clare Housing at [clarehousing.org](#).

December 8 “Racial Justice & Hiawatha Golf Course”

Kathryn Kelly of Holy Trinity & SaveHiawatha18 will present information about why proposed changes to Hiawatha Golf Course are considered racially unjust, in particular to the Black community, and why the changes violate public equity guidelines.

~ Concerning People ~

We pray today for all those in need of God’s tender care, especially those who face illness, sorrow, or hard times. We pray especially for **Pastor David**; Pam Kildahl’s sister, **Wendy**; **Mark Horning**, friend of Tony Wald; **Merlin Wells**; **Bill Blood**; **Ann Schrooten**; Kathy Ekwall’s friend, **Jim Farnes**; **George Madich**; **Mike Kelly**; **Christine** and **Michael Scanlan**; **Aric Sorenson** and **Ty Inglis**; James Nysse’s cousin, **Eric Steckling**; Katie Murray’s mom **Pat**; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser’s mom **Jo**; **Juliet Williamson**; Jan Mehlhoff’s friend, **Margie Guelker**; the family of **Dorothy Flaata**, upon her death.

PARISH INFORMATION

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Sunday, December 15—Sunday School Advent and Christmas Program

Children and youth will lead our 11:00 a.m. worship service on this day, the third Sunday of the Advent season. Participants will gather in the sanctuary at 9:55 a.m. for a final rehearsal.

Monday, December 23—Church Office Closes at Noon

The church office closes at noon today. We'll reopen and answer the phones again on Thursday, December 26!

Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve Worship

We will gather for worship at 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Please join us for a family-friendly service at 4:00 p.m. and a service led by the Adult Choir at 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25—The church office is closed.

Sunday, December 29—One Service only

We will gather on Sunday, December 29, for one service at 10:00 a.m. There are no Godly Play, Trinity Village, Confirmation, or adult forum classes today.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia for the altar area at Christmas, please contact the church office (612-729-8358 or office@htlcmpls.org). Cost is on a sliding scale from \$0-30. Donate according to your ability. The Christmas Eve bulletins will list the names of sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering or honoring.



WEEKEND REMINDERS

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28-29—OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

The church office is closed both Thursday and Friday so that pastors and staff people can spend time with their friends and families. We'll talk to you next week.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29-FUNERAL FOR DOROTHY FLAATA

Join us Friday, November 29, 11:00 a.m. to celebrate the life of Holy Trinity member, Dorothy Flaata. Visitation at 10:00 a.m., light lunch following the service.

COMMITMENT CARDS FOR 2025

We invite members and friends to consider making a financial commitment to the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity for 2025. Your gifts will allow us to support our dedicated staff, offer our space for community use, sustain our commitment to neighborhood recovery, and continue organizing for the wellbeing of all—especially in divisive times. You may pledge online or by filling out one of the pledge cards found in the Community Room.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3—WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

READINGS STUDY

Join Pastor Doug and congregants on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the youth library or on Zoom to study the assigned worship readings for the upcoming Sunday. Participants need not attend every session, and no prior bible experience is necessary (to join on [Zoom](#): Meeting ID: 872 7504 3389, Passcode: 336030).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

We are looking for volunteers to help with Advent Evening Soup Suppers (December 4, 11, and 18). For each meal, 4 households would prepare and serve enough soup for 30 people. One household would prepare 4 boxes of Kraft Mac & Cheese. We are also in need of volunteers for set-up and clean-up each of these evenings. Sign up in the Community Room.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3—KNITTING GROUP

Knitters (and crocheters!) are invited to bring their knitting or crochet projects to Holy Trinity on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood (liz.bill.blood@gmail.com).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4—REHEARSALS

Jubilation Ringers will rehearse (5:30-6:00 p.m.). Advent/Christmas program rehearsal will be at 5:45 p.m., all kids with speaking roles plan to meet in the sanctuary. Gloria Ringers will rehearse (6:00-6:55 p.m.). Soup Supper (in the Community Room) and Advent Wednesday night worship (in the Bartsch Room) happening this night too.

SAVE THE DATE

ADVENT BAZAAR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Time to begin planning and honing our culinary and crafting abilities for the youth Advent Bazaar! It will be on Sunday, December 8, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Community Room. Our youth will sell your generously donated creations in this festive community event that supports summer youth trips and other youth activities. Favorite baked goods and treats, jelly and other canned goods, or your special hand-made crafts will be graciously accepted. Sign up to contribute in the Community Room. Bring donations to the church building by Friday, December 6 or Saturday morning, December 7. It's okay to just plan on shopping too! For questions, please contact Pat Libra or Amy Froiland-Parada.

HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS MONDAY-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16-20

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, December 16-20. Volunteers pick up meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (50th St. and 35th Ave. S). Meal delivery takes about one hour. Contact Mary Engen (engenmary@yahoo.com) to sign up for part or all of the week.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
	Cantor	
Carol and David Berg	Altar Guild	Libby and Keith Olstad
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	
	Communion	Libby and Keith Olstad
Chuck Jordan, Chris Engen, Bob Peschiutta	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Chris Amundson
	Coffee Servers	
	Counters	
	Closer	Rod Johnson
	Video Operator	Amy and Aaron Hanson



PARISH EVENTS DECEMBER 1-7, 2024

Sunday, December 1	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, December 2	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, December 3	11:00 AM 1:30 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Knitting Group
Wednesday, December 4	Cancelled 5:30-6:00 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 6:00-6:55 PM 6:00-7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Children's Choir (Mr. Phil is away) Jubilation Ringers Advent Program rehearsal for all speaking roles Gloria Ringers Soup Supper in Community Room Advent Wednesday Evening Prayer in sanctuary
Thursday, December 5	7:00 PM	Big Meeting Night

LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A [live-stream](#) of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 10:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services [here](#).

