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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:55 am • Hans Lee and Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastors

A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

This year the Adult Choir and Trinity Singers will join together at both services on December 10th to present Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols. Britten wrote this work in 1942 as he sailed across the Atlantic from the United States to his home in England, having purchased an anthology called The English Galaxy of Shorter Poems before boarding the ship.

As one music critic observed, A Ceremony of Carols is neither a ceremony nor full of carols. Rather, Britten was interested in learning to write for harp, so he selected 10 Middle English poems and composed a work for treble voices, soloists, and harp that wove these poems together in a tightly-knit work whose harmonic relationships, tempos, and texts relate to one another in an artistic/aesthetic dimension rather than a programmatic one. The result is a work that has become beloved by singers ever since for its engaging melodic and rhythmic figures, harmony based on modes rather than traditional keys (ask me about that if you are curious!), and the great fun of singing colorful poetry in Middle English. One movement, "Balulalow," is actually two stanzas of the Scottish translation of Martin Luther's hymn "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come."

Because the poetry is so diverse, playful, and memorable, I've asked the Holy Trinity Writers' Circle to write poems in their own voices inspired by the ones the choirs will sing. Throughout the service that morning we will hear our own writers reading these poems, and I am quite excited to hear how everything comes together and thankful for the Writers' Circle for their help and enthusiasm.

A blessed Advent to you all!
David Sims, Cantor

Sunday, December 3

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 6

Advent Supper from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room**
Meal catered by Himalayan on Lake Street
Advent Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room

Sunday, December 10

Worship led by Adult Choirs at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 13

Advent Supper from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room**
Meal catered by Janet Gabagambi, Swahili Congregation Member
Advent Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room

Sunday, December 17

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Hymn Sing at 10:00 a.m. during Adult Forum in the Bartsch Room
Worship led by Holy Trinity Children & Youth at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 20

Advent Supper from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room**
Meal catered by El Norteno on Lake Street
Advent Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room

Sunday, December 24

Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion at 4:00 and 10:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**Please sign up in the Community Room so we know how much food to order.

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.



READINGS
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

DECEMBER 3 "Music and the Reformation"
Joe Davis, Artist

Joe Davis is a multi-media poet and teaching artist based in the Twin Cities. He has toured the country sharing his gift for bringing people together around honest poems, stories, and songs. As a student and educator, he has served as teaching artist at dozens of high schools and universities and is currently the Artist-in-Residence at Luther Seminary, pursuing a master's in Theology of the Arts. Some of you witnessed Joe Davis's talent at this year's Johnson Symposium, where his band, The Poetic Diaspora, offered opening music. We are pleased to have him return to talk about music and the Reformation.

DECEMBER 10 Adult Forum with the New Worship Committee
Please join the newly revitalized Worship Committee as we talk about some of our goals for the coming months and years. As we consider what we value about Holy Trinity's worshiping community and what changes we'd like to consider, we hope that you'll come and lend your voice to the discussion!

FARE FOR ALL TO SELL HOLIDAY PACKS DEC. 6, 3:30-5:30 P.M.
Fare For All, a local non-profit food program created to make frozen meat and fresh fruits and vegetables more affordable and accessible to families, will be selling Holiday Packs for \$30 at Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday, December 6, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Each Holiday Pack includes a 7-9 lb. spiral cut ham, a whole chicken, beef meatballs, roasted chicken wings, garlic herb chicken, mixed vegetables and a Dutch apple pie.

Fare For All sells packages of fresh produce and frozen meat at 38 locations throughout the year in Minnesota. With prices ranging from \$10 to \$30 per package, everyone can save up to 40 percent on their food purchases. The program has no income requirements and is open to anyone who is looking to save money.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
If you would like to buy a poinsettia for the altar area at Christmas please call the church office at 612-729-8358. \$13 each.

PARISH INFORMATION

OLIVE OIL FOR SALE

Olive oil from Palestine is now available in the Community Room. Agriculture is a significant part of Palestine's GDP and depends on access to land and water. The Palestine Issues group has been learning about land and water rights under Israeli control. Rabbi Latz will speak further on the issues at the January 7 Adult Forum. In the meantime, you can show support for Palestine by purchasing olive oil. It's very high quality – just \$8 for 500mL bottle. Consider gifting it this season along with Equal Exchange coffee and chocolate.

ADVENT SUPPERS AND PRAYER SERVICES BEGIN DECEMBER 6

Please sign up for the Advent suppers on December 6, 13, and 20. Meals will be catered by local businesses; signing up will help us order the right amount of food. Sign up in the Community Room or call the office. Following the meals, we will meet in the Bartsch Room for Evening Advent Prayer Services. Our theme for this Advent season is *Making Room: Reframing Immigration*.

FIRST SUNDAY MUSINGS DECEMBER 3

Head to a local restaurant at 12:15 p.m. with several other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. Meet by the brightly colored sign in the Community Room.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Advent Devotional Booklet this year. The books have been mailed to all Holy Trinity members. There will be a few extra copies in the Community Room.

PLEDGE CARDS

If you haven't yet filled out your pledge card for 2018, we would like to invite you to make a written commitment of financial giving to God's work through Holy Trinity in 2018. These pledges are important for us in making responsible plans for the coming year, so we ask you to take a moment and consider how you will support this congregation through your offerings. Pledge forms are available on the table in the Community Room.

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PARISH EVENTS December 3-9, 2017

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Gloria Ringers Rehearse
Monday	12:15 pm	First Sunday Musings
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	4:00 pm	Peace with Justice
	6:30 pm	Adult Ed
	6:30 pm	Youth Committee
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Financial Stewardship Committee
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Children and Family Team
	3:30-5:30 pm	Fare For All
	5:30 pm	Advent Supper
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir/6:30 pm Cantate!
	7:00 pm	Advent Prayer Service
Thursday	7:45 pm	Adult Choir
	7:00 pm	Worship and Fine Arts Committee
Saturday	10:00 am	Adult Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS DECEMBER 3, 2017

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Andrea Hansen	Assisting Minister	Bob Aldrich	
Bea Martin, Emma Murray	Acolytes	Needed	
Tom Cahoy	Crucifer	Anna Brelje	
Tina Russell, Brian Lenz	Communion	Donald Besser, Laura Bolstad	
Anne Beschnett, Josh Becker	Altar Guild	Stella Townsend, Roberta Shaw	
Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen, Bev Peschiutta	Ushers	George Christians, Lee Kampinen, Judy Davison, Molly Davison	
Carol and David Berg	Coffee Servers	Needed	
Needed	Counters	Gary Johnson, Vicki Mann	
	Closer	Deb Sotd	

	November 26	Year to date
Financial Report		
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	706,800.00
Budget Receipts	15,993.32	650,097.49
Opening Doors	1,083.71	142,519.13

Disaster Relief by John and Carol Kelly