

## Activities and Opportunities

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November 17, 2024

**Welcome to worship at Trinity**, a place of love, grace, and belonging where all, without exception, are loved, honored, valued, affirmed, welcomed, and celebrated. If you are new to Trinity, we are thrilled to have you here. If you would like to know more about this congregation and our ministry please share your contact information with us by filling out a Connection Card which can be obtained from the pew racks or baskets. Thank you for your presence among us.

**Contributions.** Trinity is grateful for all the prayers, contributions, and displays of support from members, friends, and guests. Financial contributions can be placed in the offering plates during worship, mailed to the church, or given electronically by going to our website [trinitylutheran.ws](http://trinitylutheran.ws), by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



**Children's Worship Opportunity.** Accompanied by Child Protection trained adults, all children are invited to leave the worship space after the children's sermon to go to either the Assembly Room (located underneath the Sanctuary) or to the Multipurpose Room (located in the Activities Building close to the Gym) depending on the location of worship to enjoy a story related to the scripture texts, games, interactive activities, and a craft before returning to the worship space during the Sharing of the Peace and in time to participate in the congregation's celebration of Holy Communion.

**Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex or Gym for children. Bags for preschoolers are tied with a white ribbon. Bags for elementary age children have no ribbon. After worship, used bags may be placed in the baskets next to the stands.

**Faith Formation** is held each Sunday at 9:00 am. Adults of all ages are invited to gather in Rooms 12 and 13 of the Activities Building and enjoy coffee and conversation as the group discusses current issues using the *Brewed Theology* series. This discussion based series looks at a variety of topics through the lens of the Christian faith and Lutheran theology. Teachers vary and topics include immigration, fake news, divided times, money, wealth and generosity, and the church and politics. The class ends in time for worship each Sunday.

**Nursery for infants and toddlers.** A nursery hosted by a member of the Trinity staff, Beth Oswald, as well as a small group of rotating volunteers who have been trained in Trinity's Child Protection Policy is available each Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 am to care for infants and toddlers who would prefer enjoying play time instead of attending 10:00 worship. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Pence Building. Please reach out to a greeter or usher if you need assistance.

**Community Thanksgiving Lunch.** All are invited to celebrate Thanksgiving alongside our neighbors from Towers East following worship on Sunday, November 24. Food will be served in the Multipurpose Room with seating in the Gym. Turkey, dressing, macaroni and cheese, as well as tea, coffee, and water will be provided by the Parish Life Committee. Participants are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share. To help with planning, please register for this event by reaching out to the Church Office by Monday, November 18.

**History Reading Group.** Please join the Trinity Lutheran Church History Reading Group to discuss selected topics based on historical nonfiction books. The group will meet today, November 17 at 3:00 pm in Rooms 12 and 13 to discuss *In the Garden of the Beasts* by Erik Larson. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Nell Orscheln at [nellorscheln@gmail.com](mailto:nellorscheln@gmail.com), Lindsay Hawkins at [lghawkins00@yahoo.com](mailto:lghawkins00@yahoo.com), or Don Todd at [dk todd47@gmail.com](mailto:dk todd47@gmail.com) for more information. Participation via Zoom will be available.

*Prepare to Prepare*

an Advent Educational Event  
for pre-schoolers, children, youth, and their families

today, November 17 at 11:30 am following worship

Lunch, crafts, mini lessons, and activities will be included  
to help everyone prepare for the Advent Season

**Celebrating the Transgender Community.** In response to the great stress and anxiety the transgender community is facing nationally, Trinity will gather in worship on Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary along with the Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Together, let us bear witness to God's love in Christ for the transgender community. This service will include the celebration of Holy Communion.

**Big Ideas in the Small Catechism.** Patrick Preacher will lead an adult education class exploring Luther's Small Catechism as a basis for a Lutheran perspective on the faith. If you missed last week, you are still invited to join in for session 2 which will cover the Apostle's Creed. Session 2 will be offered on Monday, November 18 with a choice of 10:30 am or 6:30 pm. The group will meet in Rooms 12 & 13. Please contact Patrick Preacher via text at 864-483-2590 to register for the class.

**Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange.** All Trinity adults are invited to attend a Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange on Friday, December 6 at 6:30 pm at the home of Chris and Karine Lawrence, 306 Henderson Road, Greenville. All participants are encouraged to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament for the exchange as well as an appetizer or dessert to share with the group. Soft drinks will be provided. Please register for this event through the Church Office.

**A Midweek Advent Worship Series** called *Pause, Prepare, Ponder* will take place on Wednesdays December 4, 11, and 18 at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. These Advent services will include prayer, word, and song while incorporating a meaningful worship activity or ritual in place of a meditation. On December 11, worshippers will be invited to join The Welcome Table for lunch immediately following worship. On December 4 and December 18 a time of fellowship over a warm beverage and cookies will follow worship. Please mark your calendars to join your Trinity family as we watch and prepare for the arrival of the Christ child.

### **November Worship Schedule**

Thursday, November 21

Transgender Memorial Service

6:30 in the Sanctuary

Sunday, November 24

Reign of Christ Sunday

Worship 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Community Thanksgiving Meal in the Gym to follow

## Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Opening Session of Annual Congregation Meeting

Refreshments and fellowship on the front lawn

Thursday, December 5

Queer-Le Worship

Worship at 6:30 pm in the Gym

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym

Followed by Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Refreshments served during the meeting

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

Intergenerational Christmas Pageant with Holy Communion  
at 10:00 am in the Gym

followed by a catered Christmas Brunch

Thursday, December 19

Blue Christmas

Worship at 6:30 in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Refreshments and fellowship to follow on the front lawn

Tuesday, December 24

The Nativity of Our Lord/Christmas Eve

3:00 pm - Candlelight Worship in the Gym

5:30 - Candlelight Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 29

First Sunday of Christmas

A Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion  
at 10:00 a in the Sanctuary



## *Order Your Poinsettias*



### 2024 POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Poinsettias will be used to decorate the Church for the Christmas Eve Service. If you would like to give a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone, complete the form below and return it with \$20.00 for each poinsettia no later than Monday, December 16. Poinsettias may be picked up Friday, December 27 through Wednesday, December 31. Any remaining Poinsettias will be shared with our Towers East neighbors.

Enclosed/attached is my \$20.00 for each poinsettia given.

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