

# Trinity Lutheran Church LC-MS

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## OUR WORSHIP TODAY

The Old Testament reading is **Isaiah 7:10-17**. God offers to give a sign to King Ahaz to prove the truth of His words. Ahaz, thinking himself too righteous, declines, but God gives it anyway. God shares the details of the messiah's arrival. The messiah will be born to a virgin, a miracle that has never happened before. The messiah will not arrive for a while yet, because two empires will fall and be destroyed before that time. The Epistle reading is **Romans 1:1-7**. Paul gives his credentials for writing the letter to the church in Rome. He summarizes his faith in brief, that he is an apostle who was sent by the Son who had been prophesied from olden times. He is the one who has brought us grace and shares the Spirit with us who makes us His own. The Gospel reading is **Matthew 1:18-25**. Jesus is born to Mary, a virgin who is to be married to a God-fearing man named Joseph. Joseph doesn't understand what is going on right away and, out of his compassion, seeks to break off the engagement, but God reveals the miracle to him and Jesus is born, in fulfillment of the prophecy.



**The Message: "Poor, Confused Joseph"**  
*is based on the Gospel reading: Matthew 1:18-25*

*Thanks to the*  
**Reverend Richard Davenport, Pastor**  
*for bringing the Word of God to Trinity today.*

## The Forth Sunday in Advent, the 18th of December, 2016

Liturgy -- Divine Service 3 with Communion -- LSB page 184

**The Lord's Supper:** *Scripture teaches us that the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper are truly Christ's Body and Blood given to us for the forgiveness of sins. It also teaches us that those who come together to share the Lord's Supper are joining in a common confession in Christ. As such, members of the LCMS who have been instructed on the Lord's Supper and who humbly seek His grace and mercy are invited to come and receive Holy Communion. Visitors to Trinity are asked to speak to the pastor prior to the service.*

**Opening Hymn**     **383** ..... **A great and mighty wonder**  
**Sermon Hymn**     **357** ..... **O come, o come, Emmanuel**  
**Distribution Hymn** **900** ..... **Jesus, name of wondrous love**  
**Closing Hymn**    **350** ..... **Come, Thou precious ransom, come**

## The Week at a Glance

**Sunday:**     9:15 a.m. .... Sunday School/Adult Bible Study  
                   10:30 a.m. .... Worship Service  
                   After Church ..... Coffee Hour/Caroling

**Tuesday:**    6:00 p.m. .... Tutoring / Spaghetti Dinner

**Wednesday:** 6:30 p.m. .... Advent Sandwich Supper  
                   7:30 p.m. .... Advent Mid-Week Service

**Saturday:**   7:30 p.m. .... Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

## Announcements:

**Today's Altar Flowers,** are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of our parents, brother, and my husband ... from Frieda & Horst

**Christmas Decorating.** Thanks to all who helped decorate the church last Sunday, the many hands really did make the work light.

**Coffee Hour Today!** Come downstairs for refreshments and to catch up with friends. Afterwards there will be caroling for those interested.

**Everyone is invited** to join our tutoring kids and their families for the Tutoring Christmas Spaghetti Dinner this Tuesday at 7 p.m. Dinner is spaghetti with meatballs, bread, salad, ice cream sundaes, and fun! You don't have to bring a thing to come celebrate the birth of the Savior of the world with this very special group of children. If you'd like to come but need a ride, let Laura know (529-2299 during the day, 523-8062 evenings).

**The Mustache Resolution,** adopted unanimously in Convention this summer, seeks to raise a combined \$2 million between the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund and Concordia University System scholarship funds by Dec. 31, 2016. Who has the best mustache? LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison and LCMS Montana District President Rev. Terry Forke have put their mustaches on the line for this worthy cause. Each dollar equals one vote. The candidate who receives the fewest votes will have his mustache shaved off at the LCMSU Liberty Conference this January. Visit [thelc.ms/shavethestache](http://thelc.ms/shavethestache) to cast your vote today.

**The Reformation Inserts:** copies of the Reformation inserts will be kept in the Narthex for those who might have missed a service.

**Last Week's Offering 12/11/16:** Plate \$11, Envelopes \$2,974, Advent \$10, Wednesday Advent Service (12/14/16) \$162, Total \$3,157, Needed \$2,434, Overage \$723.

**KEEP IN PRAYERS:** all who are ill, infirm, shut in and all who are undergoing tests and treatments. May they experience God's continual care.

Godfrey Reiter	Ken Sanders	Verma Seim
Irmgard Milkuhn	Lyn Stalford ( <i>Misty's Aunt</i> )	Penny Geist
Marilyn Reinking	Rose Neumeister	Lisa Davis
Frank Gehring	Dawn Foster ( <i>Jane Brummitt's daughter</i> )	Joe Klevenger