



Madison, South Dakota

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 14, 2025

PRELUDE

"Praeludium on *Veni, Emmanuel*"

Marilyn Biery

WELCOME & CENTERING

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

Andrew & Amanda Weber Family

"He Came Down"

#253, stanza 4

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

GATHERING HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

#257, stanzas 1–4

GREETING & KYRIE

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrate Insert

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1–10

Celebrate Insert

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 146:5–10

Celebrate Insert

The Psalm will be sung responsively by verse. The refrain will be omitted.

SECOND READING

James 5:7–10

Celebrate Insert

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Stand*)

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GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2–11

Celebrate Insert

P: The Holy Gospel... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Deacon Koren

JINGLE CHANGE

Family Connection, Sioux Falls

MESSAGE

Pastor Steve

HYMN OF THE DAY “Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”

#246

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Celebrate Insert

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING

“Advent Blessing” by Kris Crunk
See insert.

Covenant Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

TEMPLE TALK

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **C: Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!"

arr. Malcolm Archer

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WELCOME TO TRINITY

The people of Trinity Lutheran Church believe that Christ welcomes ALL people to himself, as beloved children of God. This means that we embrace the full inclusion of all people into the life and ministry of this faith community. Whether you have been a lifelong member of Trinity or just discovered us, you are welcome. If you are certain of what you believe or are immersed in doubts, you are included. No matter how you may have previously been excluded, you belong. You are welcome to worship with us. You are welcome to the table to share in Holy Communion with us. You are welcome to join us for Bible studies, book studies, small groups, and other opportunities to explore your faith. You are welcome to participate in coffee hours, potlucks, and all the other gatherings we have as a faith community to celebrate and build relationships. You are welcome to serve with us, as we do our best to embody Christ's love in the world. We welcome YOU...just as Christ welcomes you...just as you are!

If you would like to be a part of what God is up to here at Trinity, if you would like to become more involved, or if you are feeling called to take on a formal leadership role in this faith community, we invite you to connect with Deacon Koren or Pastor Steve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Remember in Prayer:** Krystal Draper, Joanne Boomgarden, Sally Olson, Fay Dimick, Deanna Bergheim, Georgia Bellinger, Tim Schut, David Hanson, Virginia Oas, Mendy Herke, Maci Johnson, Kendra Paulson, Kelly LaValliere, Barb Feige, Lucas, Marilyn, Grace Wilkens, Shelby Hanson, Carrie Wieman
- **Jingle Change:** We collect Jingle Change in worship today to benefit the Mission of the Month: Family Connection, Sioux Falls, which opened in 1996 to support the families of the inmates who are in the penitentiary in Sioux Falls. They provide two sites that offer both shelter and meals. Gifts may also be designated to the Mission of the Month Fund on checks/envelopes.
- **Annual Reports:** Please submit your reports to the office by Mon., Dec. 15. Thank you!
- **Blue Christmas:** You're invited to attend a Blue Christmas worship service on the longest night, Sun., Dec. 21 at 4 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Madison. We gather to acknowledge the pain, grief, loss and other challenges that come with this holiday season. Through music, scripture, and prayer we will pause and take time to acknowledge our pain, but will also look toward the hope and promise to come.
- **Christmas at Trinity:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion at 5 p.m. & 10 p.m. Christmas Day Worship at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Please check the newsletter for the current summary of the financials.

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