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Check us out on Facebook. Our Sunday Services are live each Sunday at 10:15 am

Our Mission:

We invite and welcome all into the community of Faith, and, empowered by the Holy Spirit to Serve Jesus, to go out and share God's Love.

We observe open communion each Sunday to all those who believe in the real presence of Jesus' body and blood, in the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins.

If you have anything for the Newsletter, contact the office at 940-692-4100.



From the Vicar's Desk:

December is a joyous time, filled with the anticipation of what is to come for Christians everywhere through Advent and joyfully welcomed with Christmas. Wichita Falls is blessed to have two ELCA Lutheran Churches, and through a true sense of loving Christian unity, Faith Lutheran Church (1437 SW Parkway) has invited Trinity to celebrate their Christmas Eve service with them on December 24th at 7:00pm. Faith's Pastor Ernest Barr has asked me to take part in this celebration, so Trinity's service on Christmas Eve will be in the Faith Lutheran Church sanctuary! I would love to see you there!

This month, during the season of Advent, we sing songs proclaiming God's steadfast love. We sing of the hope and promise of the soon-coming Savior. It is wonderful to sing praises to our loving Creator God, who came as a child, walked the Earth in human form, and died to redeem us, *all out of love for us—His creation!* So much of our world seems caught between this tension of how we are to be now, while we await the future promise of that world to come, where all will be well. In our songs, we are invited to praise the God who heals the broken-hearted and binds up the wounded. The emphasis is on what God is doing now even as we live amid difficulties. The same care that God gives to the animals and to the plants, God gives to us. We are precious in the eyes of God, and tends to the smallest detail. So, our faithful response is to continually praise God. During this Advent season we sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, assured that God's delight in us is *not* for our strength or might, but for our hope in God's steadfast love.

So we sing:

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might and glory be
From age to age eternally. Amen.
(from "Creator of the Stars of Night")

What is your favorite Advent song? How does it draw you closer to God's presence?



Jesus is Reason for the Season!

COMMUNITY/SEVICE, GROWTH/ OUTREACH MINISTRY

PENNIES FOR PRESCRIPTIONS.....

Interfaith Ministries are still implementing this program for the elderly and for persons who can not afford to buy their medications. We have a jug to put change in on the counter on Fellowship Hall.

USED EYE GLASSES

Yes! We still do collect eye glasses and cases. Sunglasses are also needed. So don't throw your old ones away, recycle them and bring them to the church and put in the box for eye glasses. They will be delivered to Hayley's Eye Clinic

FOOD BASKETS.....

Food baskets go Wichita Falls Area Food Bank, Interfaith Outreach and Faith Mission, So lets fill the food baskets to the rim. Let's help stamp out hunger in our neighborhood.

TELLERS LIST

James Lawrence / Patty Lawrence

Eric & Lauri Oehlerking

Erwin Soell / Gail Deason

Carol Jones

Remember if you are a teller on Sunday, and you cannot be one on the Sunday scheduled, you are responsible to find a replacement.

December Birthdays 2021



Corey Hillen	Dec. 1
Janette Sorenson	Dec. 2
Glenda Splinter	Dec. 7
Patty Lawrence	Dec. 9
Gail Deason	Dec. 21
Gary Pearce	Dec. 24
Jennifer Hams	Dec. 29



- **Welcome, visitor!** You'll find that in this church, we cherish God's Word as "a lamp to our feet and a light to our path" (Psalm 119:105). We are glad that you have chosen to walk with us today. And we hope that God will move you to share your spiritual journey with us.
- **The Golden Rule** is old, but it's as good as ever. It hasn't been used often enough to wear it out.

Christmas

The True Meaning Explained

The city lies dark and still, with only the tick-tock sound of the huge clock in the church steeple. The long bronze hands on the time-worn face point out the minutes yet to go—four, three, two, one—midnight.

The city has awakened. Candles are lit, voices ring out in joyous unison with the chimes of the grand old clock. 'Tis Christmas, the birthday of Christ the King. One thousand nine hundred and fifty-five years since the night a beautiful baby boy lay wrapped in swaddling clothes, snuggled in the hay of the manger with only the breath of the animals to warm His tiny body.

In this present-day world in which Christmas has become so commercialized, we seem often to lose sight of the real meaning. On this Christmas, let us remember that it is Christ's birthday. Let us give Him a present of our united efforts to bring peace to this world—perhaps by finding peace in our own hearts.

How do we do this? By starting today—this hour, this minute, to love our fellowmen, be they rich or poor, handsome or homely, genial or grumpy. Love them no matter what their religion or beliefs. Then and only then, will we be able to arrive at peace and happiness. It isn't such a difficult task if we try.

We think of giving gifts to others on Christ birthday. Why not give Him a gift, the best gift ever, the knowledge that we are at peace with others, and, consequently, at peace with ourselves.

—M.A.R.
By special permission
Trade School Record

DECEMBER 2021 LECTONARY LESSONS

December 5, 2021; Second Sunday of Advent

10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion by Intinction

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

December 12, 2021; Third Sunday of Advent

10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion by Intinction

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

John the Baptist heralds the mighty one who is coming. John teaches the preparation for God’s reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity and vocational integrity.

December 21, 2021; Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion by Intinction

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:46b-55

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-55

Elizabeth, John’s mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth’s inspired greeting and Mary’s song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.

December 24, 2021; Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve

10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion by Intinction

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-20

God’s greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the “good news of great joy” and proclaim God’s blessing of peace.

December 25, 2021; Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day

10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion by Intinction

Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalm 97

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:1-20

The world’s deep night is shattered by the light of God’s new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others.

December 26, 2021; First Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalm 148

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

Jesus grew up in a family that went the Passover festival each year. It was in this environment of faithful adherence to the law that Jesus grew into spiritual maturity.

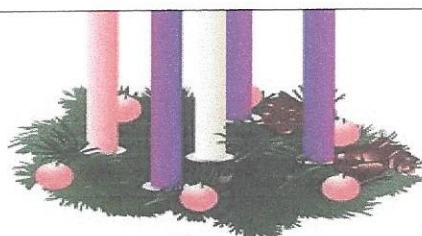
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	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
	Chris Bybee	Darlene Craddock	Gail Deason	
				
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	Eric & Lauri Oehlerking	Eric & Lauri Oehlerking	Eric & Lauri Oehlerking	Eric & Lauri Oehlerking
	Jeff Hams	Blake Craddock Eric Oehlerking	James & Patty Lawrence	Frank Schneider Mark Lee

**No Council meeting in December!!!
Next Council meeting January 19, 2022.**

NewsBulletin!!!!

Trinity will join Faith Lutheran on Christmas Eve. The Service will start at 7 p.m. Also on December 26, Sunday service will be at Faith at 10:45 am. Please join both ELCA congregations as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May each you have a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year!



Advent