

# We Welcome YOU to Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Abbotsford December 7, 2025 NEWSLETTER



**Holy Communion** – The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. We, Lutherans, believe and teach that in this precious meal we receive is not only the bread and wine, but also Christ's true Body and true Blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. Proper spiritual

preparation is necessary to rightly receive this sacrament. Please read the Communion policy card in the bookrack of your pew.



Please be attentive to the ushers. They will guide you to come forward to receive the Holy Communion.

## Preparing for Sunday Worship

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1–10

EPISTLE READING: Romans 15:4–13

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1–12

### *By the Preaching of Repentance, We Are Prepared for the Coming of the Lord*

*“John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent’”* (Matt. 3:1–2). His preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins prepared people for the coming of Christ into the world. St. John’s work was historically complete with the incarnate advent of Jesus, but his vital ministry continues in preaching Law and Gospel. The Son of God has come in the flesh, *“a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots”* (Is. 11:1), and continues to bear the fruits of righteousness. His good tree of the cross is *“a signal for the peoples”* (Is. 11:10), by which He calls the nations to repentance. *“With the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips”* (Is. 11:4), He slays the wicked and brings the dead to life, making sons of Abraham out of lifeless stones. So also the *“root of Jesse”* comes to us, *“even he who arises to rule the Gentiles”* (Rom. 15:12), that *“we might have hope”* and be filled *“with all joy and peace in believing”* (Rom. 15:4, 13).



**a New Visitor to Trinity Lutheran Church? Please sign our “Guest Book” on the Narthex table.**

**Note:** We will hold mid-week Advent services on Dec. 9, and 16 at 12:00 Noon.

*All are invited to attend. Please mark your calendar.*

*Advent*  
A Season of Hope  
& Expectation

Free Copies of "PORTAL OF PRAYERS" are available in the Narthex.



**Remember  
Our  
Shut-Ins**

**We Uplift in Prayer:**

Faye Ulmer,  
Inez Johnson,  
Loretta Brown,  
Alice Topnik, Pat Frisk  
Elizabeth Scheier.

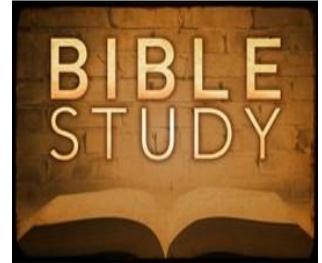
To all members and visitors,  
**PLEASE SIGN IN** if you will be  
partaking in communion.  
Thank you

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tuesday Adult Bible Study!**

*Pastor Henock invites you to join him for a weekly Tuesday Bible Study! from 10:30 to 11:30am. We are studying the last book of the Old Testament, Malachi. Come, join us!*

**All are welcome to attend!**



**Friday, Dec. 12, 2025**

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

*Intro to Lutheran*

*Christian Identity*

**Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025**

10:30am – 11:30am

*Worship / Communion Service*

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**Special Announcements**

**Exciting Opportunity to Serve! Volunteer for Sunday Worship Service in 2026**

We're calling all willing hearts and hands to join the team for our Sunday Worship Services in 2026! As we prepare the volunteer lists, there are some key positions that need to be filled, and we'd love for YOU to be part of the team. Here are the roles available: • Communion Setup • Projectionist • Readers • Sound Board • Ushers.

The best part? Training is provided, and the time commitment is minimal, yet impactful! Serving is a wonderful way to contribute to our worship experience, and the more volunteers we have, the lighter the load for everyone. It's a great chance to make a difference and be part of something special! Ready to jump in or learn more? Please contact Susan @ 604-853-9412 or [strithardt@shaw.ca](mailto:strithardt@shaw.ca). We can't wait to have you on the team!

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**The 2026 Offering Envelopes have been put on your Mail Shelf.**

**For any further questions please contact Susan at  
604-853-9412 or [strithardt@shaw.ca](mailto:strithardt@shaw.ca)**



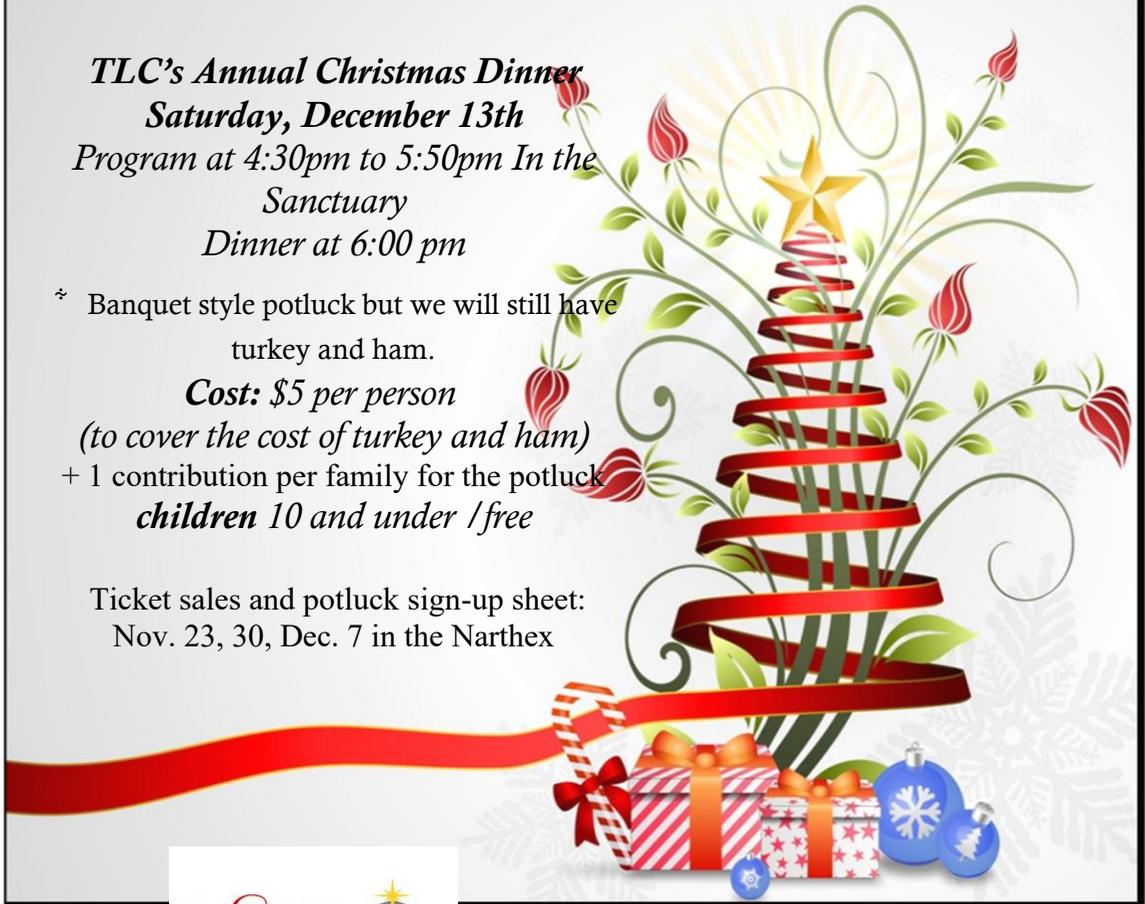
***TLC's Annual Christmas Dinner***  
***Saturday, December 13th***  
*Program at 4:30pm to 5:50pm In the*  
*Sanctuary*  
*Dinner at 6:00 pm*

~ Banquet style potluck but we will still have  
turkey and ham.

***Cost: \$5 per person***  
*(to cover the cost of turkey and ham)*

+ 1 contribution per family for the potluck  
***children 10 and under /free***

Ticket sales and potluck sign-up sheet:  
Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7 in the Narthex



## **LWMLC Inc. Trinity Society**

### **Prayer Pal Party**



All ladies are invited to attend the Prayer Pal Party on Sunday, December 14th following the church service, 11:45 am to 1:30pm. You don't have to be a Prayer Pal but if you would like to become one, you can speak to Marj Temple. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex, and please note any guest you might bring so we know how many to plan for. Our program is "Christmas Memories". Invitations will be put in mailboxes giving all the information. Ladies are asked to bring a small gift to exchange and a small plate of Christmas baking to share. A light lunch is provided. There will be an offering for the Abbotsford Food Bank.



## Praying For Our Seminary Students

This week, we pray for Seminarian **Nicolas Goerz**, who is currently studying in the Pastoral Program at Concordia Theological Seminary, Edmonton.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Nicolas, asking You to sustain him and his family by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

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### TLC'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE & EVENTS December 2025

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- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am Worship / Communion Service  
4:00 pm Faith and Family Night
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am Bible Study  
12:00 pm Mid-week 2 Advent service
- Dec 12<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm Intro to Lutheran Christian Identity
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm TLC Christmas program & Banquet
- Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am Worship Service  
11:45 am LWMLC Inc. Trinity Society – Prayer Pal Party
- Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am Bible Study  
12:00 pm Mid-week 3 Advent service
- Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am Elders Meeting
- Dec 21<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am Worship / Communion Service
- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am Christmas Day Communion Service
- Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am Vajda Hymn Service / Pastor Norm

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TLC REGULAR OFFICE HOURS 2025:  
Tues – Thurs: 9:00am - 3:00pm ~ Monday, Friday & Holidays-Closed