

# We Welcome YOU to Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Abbotsford December 14, 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 35:1–10

EPISTLE READING: James 5:7–11

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2–15



### *The Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ Brings True Rejoicing, Even Under the Cross*

Sometimes life requires the astonishing patience of Job. Like him, we are to rejoice in the midst of affliction, be grounded in repentance under the cross of Christ, and hope relentlessly in His resurrection, that we might see *“the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful”* (James 5:11). In the promise of the Gospel, therefore, *“be patient”* and *“establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand”* (James 5:7, 8). Like St. John the Baptist, whatever your own kind of prison or suffering may be, call upon Jesus and receive the strength of His Word from those He sends to you. For as *“the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up,”* so is the Good News of Jesus preached to you also (Matt. 11:5). He comes and restores the fortunes of Zion, His Holy Church, so that *“sorrow and sighing shall flee away”* (Is. 35:10).

**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. 16  
at 12:00 Noon.

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



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



**Remember  
Our  
Shut-Ins**

**We Uplift in Prayer:**

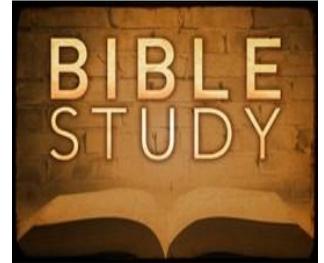
Faye Ulmer,  
Inez Johnson,  
Loretta Brown,  
Alice Topnik, Pat Frisk  
Elizabeth Scheier.

**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. 14, 2025**

10:30am – 11:30am

*Worship 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.**

If you are currently not a church member and would like to have offering envelopes to track your donations, please contact Susan at 604-853-9412 or [strithardt@shaw.ca](mailto:strithardt@shaw.ca) and she will arrange for you to get a box. Thanks.





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



Our Mission:

**P**roclaiming



**Christ**

in

**Word**

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Need pastoral support?  
please contact  
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TLC REGULAR OFFICE HOURS 2025:  
Tues - Thurs: 9:00am - 3:00pm ~ Monday, Friday & Holidays-Closed