

**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
*December 9, 2018*



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***Welcome to all worshippers today.***

*No matter where you come from or what you're going through*

*No matter what you believe or what you doubt*

*No matter what you feel or just don't feel today*

*No matter whom you love*

*You are welcome into this space to be met by a God*

*Who knows you by name, who knows your heart,*

*Who knows your mind, and*

*Who wants to have a relationship with you.*

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Book of Common Prayer (red book) is abbreviated **BCP**, The Hymnal (blue book) is abbreviated **H**, and Wonder, Love and Praise (green book) is abbreviated **WLP**.

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Prelude

### **Liturgy of the Word**

**Opening Hymn**

*“Prepare the way, O Zion”*

**H 65**

*People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.  
Amen.

*The Presider says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

**Kyrie***“Lord have mercy upon us”***H S91***Spoken at 8 am*

*Presider* Lord have mercy upon us  
*People* Christ have mercy upon us  
*Presider* Lord have mercy upon us.

**Collect of the Day**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Presider* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**A Reading from Malachi****3:1-4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

***Benedictus Dominus Deus***  
*The Song of Zechariah*

*Said in unison*  
***Luke 1: 68-79***

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
    he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
    born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
    from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
    and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
    to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
    holy and righteous in his sight  
    all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
    for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
    by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
    the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
\* and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for  
    ever. Amen.

**A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians**

**1:3-11**

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it





We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

*Deacon* As we prepare the way of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who will lead us with joy in the light of his glory.

*Leader* For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ.  
**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For Scott our bishop and Susanna and Sam, our priests, Dan and John, our deacons, for this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place. **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place.  
**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority.  
**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth.  
**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison. **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For the dying and the dead. **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.  
**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

*Presider* O Rising Sun, brightness of light eternal, sun of justice, come and shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. Glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin**                      *All kneel.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence.*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and  
by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**Peace**  
**Announcements and Celebrations**

## **Holy Communion**

**Offertory Anthem** *Isaiah the prophet has written of old"*    Choir  
*The people stand.*

**Doxology**        "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"        **H43**

*The people remain standing.*

<i>Presider</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Presider</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Presider</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

**WLP 852**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand OR kneel.*

*The Presider continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last

days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Presider continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your

sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**Breaking of the Bread**      *A period of silence is kept.*

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

*Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*You are invited to the sacrament of the Lord's Table. If you need communion brought to you, please let the usher(s) know.*

**After Communion**, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

*“Savior of the nations come”*

**H 54**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**



*Our worship is ended:  
Our service begins.*



**Serving Today**



**Lectors**

8am Bob Hillyer  
10:30am Sally Bates  
Larry Parkhurst

**Chalice Bearers**

8am Bob Hillyer  
10:30am David Bloomquist  
Sue Everett

**Greeters**

8am Lee & Jann Horeis  
10:30am Sally Bates  
Sue Everett

**Tellers**

John Streedbeck  
Cheryl Hejl

**Ushers (10:30 only)**

Dostal Family

**Altar Guild**

Karla Bahm & Sherry Kent

**Coffee Shepherd**

## *This week at Holy Trinity*

### **Mon Dec 10, 2018**

9:30am Exercise Class (PH)  
7pm Vestry

### **Tue Dec 11, 2018**

1pm Prayer Shawl (MR)  
8pm AA (U)

### **Wed Dec 12, 2018**

9am Bible Study (MR)  
9:30am Exercise Class (PH)  
12pm AlAnon (MR)  
12pm St. Elizabeth's Guild  
The Eatery  
6pm Bell practice

### **Thu Dec 13, 2018**

8am Holy Eucharist  
11am  
Musical Arts Review (S, PH)

### **Fri Dec 14, 2018**

9:30am Exercise Class (PH)  
7:30pm AA (U)

### **Sat Dec 15, 2018**

9am DoK



### **Sun Dec 16, 2018**

8am Holy Eucharist  
9:15am Adult Forum  
9:30am Choir Practice  
10:30am Holy Eucharist  
Church of the Holy Trinity  
1:30pm Worship (Dinka)

## *Holy Trinity Events and Activities*



### **December Advent Adult Forum ~ Sundays at 9:15 Parish Hall**

**Home for Christmas** brings inspiring stories of hope and second chances into the Advent season. Author and pastor Justin Coleman matches real life stories of struggle and triumph to the Advent themes of hope, love, joy, and peace to show how the light of Christmas shines brightly even in hard times. Each chapter lifts up a scripture reflection alongside tales of men and women

who reflect on the Advent themes with love and longing. Interviews are with graduates of Homeboy Industries, Los Angeles.

## Holy Trinity's Olde Book Shoppe

Advent calendars, Christmas books, Christmas CD's, and more. The Book Store is open between services on Sundays or call the Spencers at 488-5214 and we can make an appointment to meet you over at the church

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## Sunday Funday TODAY! December 9<sup>th</sup>

Lunch at Noon

Activities start at 1pm  
in the Parish Hall

We will be starting to prepare for Christmas with our kids during Family Funday this month, as we look forward to our family Christmas Eve worship. We will have time for crafts and fun after our lunch and practice.

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*You are hereby invited to  
join the Holy Trinity Choir  
for Christmas.*

This is your chance to help beautify [y]our Christmas worship with music. We are inviting any and all of you to consider joining the choir for this Holy Night. Visitors gladly welcomed.

Please contact Loretta Love if you are interested and she'll give you the details. Lift your voices in prayer to the Son of God born among us!!!

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## *Special Thanks for cookies*



Thanks to all of you who provided cookies for our two planned receptions; Advent Lessons and Carols (unfortunately canceled due to weather) and Dulces Voces Christmas concert. We had many delicious looking sweet cookies for our guest. Special thanks to Mary Jo Tietjen for organizing both of these events.



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### **Special Bell-issimo Holiday Concert TODAY!! Sunday, December 9 at 4 pm The Royal Grove 340 West Cornhusker.**

Please join Bell-issimo for a fun afternoon of pop and rock Christmas music on handbells! There will be pieces from the 50's to today's Trans-Siberian Orchestra hits! You will get to hear the beautiful voice of Curt Butler, along with the saxophone playing of Nancy Youngman. This concert will be at the new and improved Royal Grove, which is easily accessible and has convenient parking. Bell-issimo will be holding a silent auction which will include certificates for restaurants, grocery stores, golf specials, Husker tickets, and many festive baskets for your holiday shopping. This group, which includes several Holy Trinity ringers and is directed by Nancy, is becoming recognized as a top bell choir in the area, and we promise you'll have a great, relaxing, spirit-filled afternoon! This all takes place on Sunday, December 9 at 4 p.m. and is FREE! The Royal Grove is located at 340 West Cornhusker. See you all there!

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## Holy Trinity's Advent Giving Tree

We, at Holy Trinity, just completed our fall campaign of “Reaching Up, and Reaching Out”, something our faith community knows and embraces. This Advent season, we are going to continue the theme by reaching out to our Lincoln brothers and sisters. McPhee Elementary School, located in the shadows of our state capitol, is home to many needy

families; in fact 90% of its population qualifies for free or reduced lunches.

The school's social worker has identified 3 families who could use some assistance this Christmas. The tags on the tree, (there are 3 shapes indicating the 3 families), identify the gift requests. Please choose a tag or two, go shopping and bring back your tag and treasures to the church by **Sunday, December 16th.**

When McPhee teachers see their students with no warm coats or shoes that are falling apart – they send them to the office for replacements, thus the school is always looking for those items. Socks, and gloves/mittens would also be appreciated.

If you have any questions, please ask Sue Everett 402-429-0152

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## Holiday Office Open House! Wednesday, December 19th 10am-12pm

Come anytime between 10am-12pm to munch on holiday treats and socialize in the office workroom with Rev. Susanna and Nicole.

**St. Elizabeth Guild Lunch Out!**  
**Wednesday December 12, 2018**  
**The Eatery @ 12 pm**



St. Elizabeth Guild is having a Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday December 12, 2018 at The Eatery at noon. Please note this is a date change to accommodate the meeting room schedule. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend and enjoy a time of fellowship. Christmas cards will be signed for parish members unable to regularly attend services. A sign up is in the church foyer to get an approximate headcount to make reservation. Those needing a ride to 2548 South 48th Street may call co-chairs Kathy Jacobson at 402-430-7182 or Marlene Perkins at 402-489-2015.

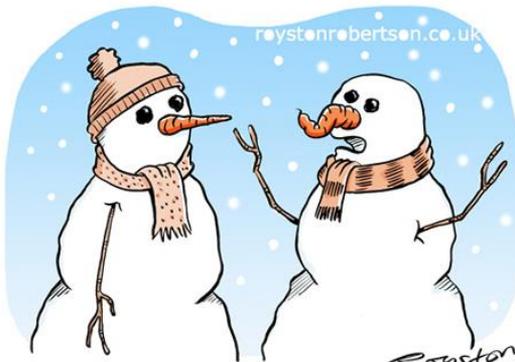
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**Greening of the Parish**  
**Sunday, December 23**  
**after the 10:30 am Worship**

Join us for our annual tree decorating event on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lots of ornaments need to be put on our tree, and we'll have hot cocoa and cookies to make it even more festive. Bonus-this is your chance to wear your very best (ugly) Christmas sweater!!

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"Apparently, it's organic."



# *Christmas Services at Holy Trinity*

Christmas Eve ~ Monday, December 24

5:30 pm Special Family Holy Eucharist

10:00 pm Festive Holy Eucharist with Choir & Bells

Christmas Day ~ Tuesday December 25

9:30 am Spoken Holy Eucharist

*Come, Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!*



## **In Our Prayers This Week**

**This week we pray for:** Beth; Mike; Laura W; Mary; Will; Sara; Sue F.; Harve & Theresa E.; the repose of the soul of Tom G. and for his family; Dorris J; Jane; Skye; Liam; Jim C.; Mary K.; Mary Ann B.; Al M.; Kathy J; Nancy M. & Family; Jackie S.; Lena; Bill; Millie; Walter L.; Pastor Tim B.; Candace F; Sue Z; Fr. Sam; Jack; Linda & Ed; Laura S; Sue; Victor; Laura P; Loretta L.; Leo; Gary D.; Susan S.; Tiffany; Jane; Irv; Sandy; Jerry and Mary Alice T.; Pam and family; Diane; Jim; Ron O.; Laura; Mary P. D.; Lonny; Bob, & Kayleen; Laura; Maggie and Megan; Bev F.; Halley H; Patti; Suzanne; Phyllis B; Laura; Ray C.; Tracy F; Mary L; Eleanor.; Marilyn E; Linda W.; Barb H.; Rosemary; Susan W; Carolyn C; Aron; Brad; Dick H; Jane H; Bonnie B.; Ann W.; Glenda H.; Brandi H; Evelyn T.; Brenda W.; Don; Linda D.; Laura P; Dick; Joan J.; Jeff and his father Don; Molly; Ann H.; Fr. Gearhart; Michael B.; Emma; Wilma W.; Anne G.; Jane F.; Aaron; Wayne; Janet G; Ann T.; Dick Bost; Jordan

**In Thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays this week:** Welcome to the world, Spencer Wasserburger!

**For those serving in the military, especially:** Will; Ryan; Adam S, Jeremy, Karyn, Ben, Blair, Wes, Nate, Patrick, Sam, Douglas, Gregg, Ward, Jan, Clay, Mason, Brynn, Taylor, Jared, Jonathan, Josh and Mitchell.

**In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for:** Grace Church, Columbus • The Rev. Jan With.

**In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for:** Falkland Islands (Parish of) - (Canterbury, Falkland Islands) The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton.

**To Request Prayer:** Prayer requests for Holy Trinity's prayer chain are always welcome. Our plan is to include them on our list for a total of four weeks unless more time and prayer are needed, and we certainly understand that is sometimes the case. Please keep us updated concerning those for whom you request prayer by contacting Marilyn Dorf at (402) 489-3104 or [cricketink@windstream.net](mailto:cricketink@windstream.net) or the church office.



## *Remembering Loved Ones at Christmas*

During Advent season as we anticipate the joy of Christmas, consider remembering and celebrating your loved ones on Christmas through a gift of altar flowers. Your donation for flowers may be in any amount. If you wish to make a gift, please provide the information below no later than Sunday, December 16, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, so that your inscription may be placed in the Christmas service bulletin:

1. Is your gift in: (a)\_\_\_celebration (b)\_ thanksgiving (c)\_\_\_\_memory

2. Print Name of Person(s) you are honoring (*include first and last name*):

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3. Print Name(s) of those making gift (*include first and last name*):

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4. Please make your check payable to Church of the Holy Trinity and note in the memo line that your gift is for “Christmas Flowers.”

You may either:

- Mail your check and this completed form to: Church of the Holy Trinity, Attention: Nancy Stara, 6001 A Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510,

***or***

- Place your check and this complete form in the Sunday collection plate
- If you have any questions, please call Nancy Stara at 402-489-0739.