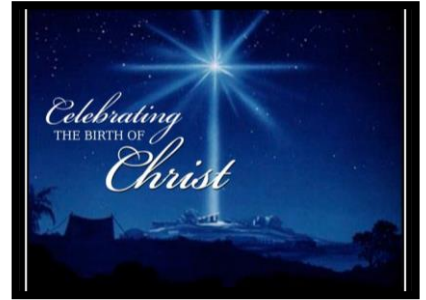


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**We Welcome YOU to Worship at
Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Abbotsford
December 15, 2024 NEWSLETTER**



Holy Communion – The 1st and 3rd 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.

Ushers: please let the members come forward during the Agnus Dei.

AS WE GATHER ~ THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

This week's Bible Readings

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Zephaniah 3:14–20

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 4:4–7

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 7:18–28 (29–35)

The Coming of Jesus Enables Us to Rejoice

The Third Sunday in Advent has traditionally been called by the Latin word Gaudete, meaning “Rejoice!” For as you are called to repentance, so also are you urged to rejoice in the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. By His own cross, He has accomplished salvation for you; “he has cleared away your enemies,” “taken away the judgments against you” and come to reign in your midst. Indeed, He rejoices over you with gladness and song (Zeph. 3:15–17)! Therefore, even from prison St. Paul encourages us to “rejoice in the Lord always,” knowing that the peace of God will guard and keep us in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4, 7). We find an example and encouragement in the case of John the Baptist. As he languishes in prison, he calls upon Jesus and is strengthened by the Word of the Gospel that he receives. The same good news is preached to you, by which all things are made new and even “the dead are raised up” (Luke 7:22). Do not be offended by the cross, therefore, but let your life be one of prayer and thanksgiving (Luke 7:23; Phil. 4:6).

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

*Thank you
FOR JOINING US*

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at Trinity Lutheran

3845 Gladwin Road, Abbotsford, BC, V2S 7A1

Phone: 604-853-3227 Email: tloffice@trinitylcc.ca Website: www.trinitylcc.ca

If you have no church home . . . or

If you would just like to celebrate a traditional

Christmas Eve Service with others . . . or

If you might be looking for a church home.

We welcome you to Trinity Lutheran Church this Christmas Eve

December 24th Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 pm

December 25th Christmas Day Communion Service at 10:30 am

Trinity LWMLC

Prayer Pal Party



ADVENT

All ladies are welcome to attend the Prayer Pal Party on Sunday, December 15th following the church service. Our program will start at 11:40 am in the sanctuary with a Candle-Lighting Service and move to the gym for lunch and gift exchange, ending about 1:30 pm. Invitations have been put in Prayer Pals' mailboxes with the details. If you're not a Prayer Pal but would like to become one, contact Marj Temple. Please bring a small gift for your Prayer Pal, or to exchange. Please bring a small plate of Christmas baking to share. A light lunch will be provided, and an offering will be taken for the Abbotsford Food Bank.

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT

Abbotsford Canucks Hockey Game

January 10, 2025 @ 7pm

Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$10 Kids 12 and under

Contact Trish Blondin for more information and to pay for your tickets.

Phone: 604-309-6427 or email Blondin@telus.net.

Sign-up sheet in the lobby

Special Announcement

Exciting Opportunity to Serve! Volunteer for Sunday Worship Service in 2025

We're calling all willing hearts and hands to join the team for our Sunday Worship Services in 2025!

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 • Offering Counting • 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 Trithardt @ 604-853-9412 or stritchardt@shaw.ca. We can't wait to have you on the team!

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TLC REGULAR OFFICE HOURS 2024:

Tues – Thurs: 9:00am - 2:00pm ~ Monday, Friday & Holidays-Closed

Please make arrangements in advance should you require access to the church outside of posted hours. Thank you

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