

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 2, 2018**

Preparation for Worship – We bow before You, O Lord!

Prelude
Announcements
Invocation.....Inside cover of hymnal
Confession of Sins/Absolution.....Inside cover of hymnal

Adoration in Worship – We Praise You, O Lord!

Opening Hymn....."O Come, O Come, Emmanuel".....#123
Liturgical Reading....."The Advent of our Lord".....#122
Hymn Response....."O Come, Let Us Adore Him".....#82
Prayer of the DayBulletin
Passing of the Peace

Instruction in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

First and Second Scripture Readings
Special Music
The Gospel.Luke 21:25-36
The Chorus: "Thank-You Lord"
The Sermon: . Pastor Larry Jerke

Dedication in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

Offering Hymn....."Good Christian Men, Rejoice".....#151
Offertory Hymn:....."We Give Thee But Thine Own".....#620
Apostles' CreedInside cover of hymnal
Words of Institution
Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Closing Hymn....."Joy to the World!".....#125
Benediction

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: Dec 2nd thru Dec 9th

Today: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Trinity
9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Lands
10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Trinity
10:30 a.m. Worship at Lands
Lands Pot Luck following Worship
5:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program at Trinity

Wed: 7:00 p.m. Lands Council meets at Romsdal
8:00 p.m. Parish Council at Romsdal

Thurs: 9:30 a.m. Romsdal Women meet at Church to set up for Christmas Dinner

Sun: Dec 9nd 2nd Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m. Worship at **Lands**
9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Romsdal
10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Lands
10:30 a.m. Worship at **Romsdal**

Thanks to Pastor Jerke for leading us in our Worship today.

The Lands Ladies would like to invite church members to a potluck Christmas dinner celebration today after our church service.

Trinity-Romsdal-Lands Children's Christmas Program

is today at 5 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. Directly following we will have a light supper in the church's basement. Hope to see you there!

Please note that next Sunday Worship service times will be switched due to Romsdal's Christmas Dinner that is planned.

Christmas Meal Donations

There are opportunities for individuals, businesses or groups of individuals (Bible study, youth groups, coffee buddies) to sponsor a needy family for Christmas by providing a gift card to Sunshine Foods for a meal and to receive a special blessing by doing so. Last year you helped Love INC provide meals for 50 families. So far this year we have 7 out of 50 families who will be provided meals. Please consider helping a family in need by calling Love INC at 605-764-0453 by Thursday, December 13th so we can make preparations. Thank you!

Today's Readings

**Dec 2, 2018
1st Sunday of Advent**

Prayer of the Day

Dear Lord, Please enter into our homes, our church, and our daily lives with newness of anticipation of Your birth. We joyfully commit ourselves to You this Advent season, to be used as You have need for us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

THE PROPHECY CANDLE

The first Sunday in Advent is the New Year's Day of the Christian Church year. The Prophecy Candle is the first Advent candle lit; it symbolizes the hopefulness of Christ's coming to earth. We realize as Christians that Advent is a time of waiting for the one thing that gives meaning to Christmas.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

14 "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

15 "In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land.

16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior."

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? **10** Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. **12** May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. **13** May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:25-36

25 “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. **26** People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. **27** At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. **28** When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

29 He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. **30** When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. **31** Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

32 “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. **33** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

34 “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. **35** For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. **36** Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”



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