Announcements

- The fundraising committee will be gathering recipes for a new cookbook for Trinity's 125th Anniversary! Email Heather Schurman at heatherschurman1977@gmail.com. There is a drop box under the narthex table for the recipes. Deadline is Sunday, May 4, 2025 for turning in your recipes.
- Our final Advent service is this Wednesday, December 18 at 7 pm.
- Poinsettia order blanks are in the narthex. Deadline for orders is Tuesday, Dec. 17.
- Sunday School children program practice and Jesus' birthday party is Sat. Dec. 21 at 9:30-11 am.
- The Christmas Eve Candlelight service is December 24 at 4 p.m. Special music is at 6:45 p.m., the Children's Christmas Eve program is at 7 p.m., Christmas Day worship is at 10 a.m. on December 25.

		Our Week With God			
Today:	9:15 am	Sunday School			
	10:30 am	Worship* (Second offering for our missionaries overseas)			
Wednesday:	5:15 pm	Catechism supper			
	5:45 pm	Catechism			
	7 pm	Advent Service			
Saturday:	9:30 am	Sun. Sch. Children's Christmas program practice			
	1 pm	LWML Christmas meeting			
	6 pm	Worship			
Next Sunday:	9:15 am	Sunday School			
	10:30 am	Worship (Second offering for our LWML mission projects)			

Elder serving in December: Jon Burt This week's servants: Ushers: Jerry Wakeman, Rick Boyer, Boe Boyer, Jayden Burt, Makiya, Tessa Greeters: Mike & Linda Bockelman Acolyte: Janissa & Aubrey Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Larry Bauder Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman

Last Week Attendance 132 Next week's servants: Ushers: Curt Anderson, Dave Huebner,

Tom Murren, Levi, Lydia, Bailey <u>Greeters:</u> Jon & Mindy Burt <u>Acolyte</u>: Paisley & Brynly <u>Camera</u>: Derek Allen <u>A/V:</u> Tom Murren <u>Accompanist:</u> Tracy DeBruin

2023 Yearly Bu	dge	(1)	ncludes District Pledge of \$20,000)	
	HOME		D	ISTRICT PLEDGE
Budget to Date	\$	196,032.00	\$	18,432.00
Amt. Needed/Week	\$	4,084.00	\$	384.00
Amt. Last Sunday	\$	5,131.75	\$	400.00
Amt. Received to Date	\$	172,053.78	\$	10,122.00
Amt. Ahead (Behind)	\$	(23,978.22)	\$	(8,310.00)

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church, LCMS

1103 Central Ave. Hawarden, IA



Pastor Joshua Lowe

Guests and visitors are asked to speak with Pastor Lowe prior to communing. Thank you.

Third Sunday in Advent December 15, 2024

Recordings of Sunday services will be available on our Facebook page and website: www.trinityhawarden.com Email: trinityhawarden@gmail.com Church Office: 712-551-2743 Prayer Chain: Jean Toft 712-551-6990 Office Manager: Lycia Anderson Church Custodian: Eric Heuer Facebook: Trinity Lutheran Church, Hawarden, IA

Order of Service

Opening Hymn #345 Invocation pg 184 Confession & Absolution pg 184 Introit pg 186 Lighting of the Advent Candle Salutation & Collect of the Day **Old Testament Reading** Epistle Alleluia pg 190 Holy Gospel Nicene Creed pg 191 Sermon Hymn #344 Sermon Offertory pg 192 Offering Prayer of the Church Preface pg 194 Sanctus pg 195 Lord's Prayer pg 196 The Words of Our Lord pg 197 Pax Domini pg 197 Agnus Dei pg 198 Distribution Hymn #347 Distribution Hymn #636 stz 1-2,5-8 Nunc Dimittis pg 199 Thanksgiving pg 200 Benedicamus pg 202 Benediction pg 202 Closing Hymn #343

Old Testament

Isaiah 40:1–11

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says,

"Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 4:1–5

¹This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. ³But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

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Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

> "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER

We pray for our members: Harlan Benda, Lester Janssen

<u>We also pray for:</u> Donita Lieske, Levi Koopmans, James Driessen (*nephew of Brenda Finch*), Edith (Burkhart) Tyau (*friend of Carol Aldrich*), Duane Bonnema, Missy, Lisa Miller (*daughter of Marge Dimmick*), Gene Hiemstra, Steven Fleming, Derrick Gall, Lois Brownlee, Dale Kraayenbrink, Dynelle Downs, Linda Greenhagen (*friends of Joyce Boerma*), those in extended-care facilities and Military Service Personnel: Dakota Allen, Calvin Hurtado, Diego Hurtado, Ian McManaman, Wayne Toft, and Joshua Wilkens.