

MY HEART SHALL SING

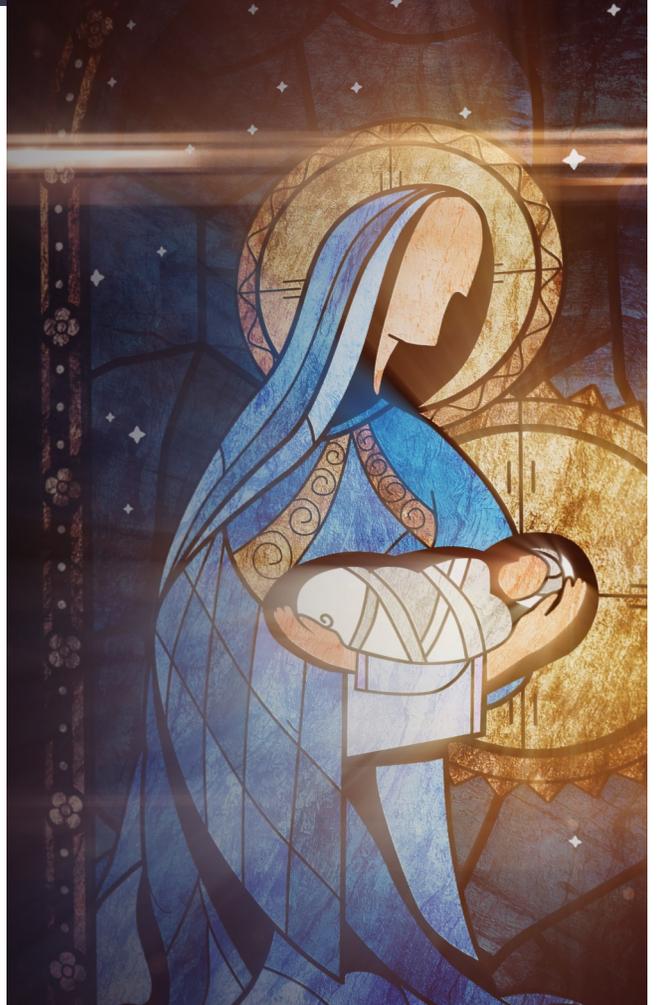
“My Heart Shall Sing” Advent Series

In this Advent Series, we look to global Christian songs and hymns to explore the revelations of our lectionary texts. This music brings us closer to the melody of justice sung in those first biblical canticles and arranges those melodies for our modern ears. It harmonizes our ancient texts and our contemporary stories. Each hymn or song offers an Advent proclamation for how we might prepare the way of the Lord. Join us for worship at 8:15 A.M. or 9:45 A.M.

- November 28: Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning
- December 5: Freedom is Coming/Jesus is Coming
- December 12: Cantic of the Turning
- December 19: Trinity Choir Cantata “Festival of Lessons & Carols” by Jonathan Willcocks. Trinity Choir and instrumentalists will lead our praises of God using the Christmas story with carols.

“My Heart Shall Sing” Bible Study

Join Trinity's pastors on Thursday mornings at 7:30 A.M. during the season of Advent for a deep dive into the gospel texts for the upcoming Sunday while also tying them to hymns that encourage us to prepare for the coming of God. If you are unable to join us for the morning study, a packet for all four weeks will be available in the Lobby and entryway to door #1.



Advent Family Devotional

Download a digital copy at [trinity-ec.org](http://www.trinity-ec.org) or pick up a printed version of Illustrated Ministry's Family Advent Devotional booklet. This Advent resource invites your family to explore the ways in which Emmanuel, God-with-us, brings hope, peace, joy, and love to your home and community. Follow this link to access the devotional <http://www.trinity-ec.org/IllustratedAdvent%20for%20Families%20GodwithUs.pdf>

Advent and the Art of Coziness

Parents with children in Noah's Ark Preschool, Children's Ministry, and /or Youth Ministry are invited to join Pastor Tom for a Bible study that will connect the season of Advent to the Danish idea of "hygge" (the art of coziness). We will gather between worship services on Sunday mornings (8:55 A.M. –9:35 A.M.) on December 5, 12, and 19. Childcare will be provided for children two years old and younger. To register, contact the church office at 715.832.6601 or signup at Clipboard Central.

Advent Reflections

Please join Mary Beth Patterson and Vicki Dueringer again this year for “Advent Reflections” on Saturday mornings in December (4, 11, 18) from 9:30 A.M.–10:15 A.M. IN PERSON in Trinity's lobby. This will be a time for prayer, reflections, Christmas singing, meditation, and sharing. We will meet in large group to begin, break out into smaller groups for sharing, and then return to large group to close with prayer. HOPE you can join us to share the PEACE and JOY of this Advent Season of LOVE.

Blue Christmas Service

The past year has been hard on us all, so we will gather in the midst of pain and grief to wait with hopeful anticipation for Emmanuel, God with us. Join us on Wednesday, December 22, at 6:00 P.M. for a Blue Christmas worship service.

Faith Lights & Poinsettias

This Christmas, you are invited to honor and memorialize relatives and special friends by contributing to the Endowment Trust Faith Lights and/or the display of large poinsettias. The Faith Lights and poinsettias will adorn Trinity this season. Faith Light orders and poinsettia orders will be received through December 12. Please include your payment with the completed form and place in the offering plate or bring to the church office. Forms are available for both in the church office and lobby. All gifts will be acknowledged in the January Newsletter.

Follow the Star

You are invited to bring the whole family to Trinity on Sunday, December 5, between 3:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M. to experience Advent in a whole new way! All ages can follow the Christmas star through scenes spread throughout the church building, engaging in games, activities, and spiritual practices as you go. Come safely to Trinity with your family and/or a small group of friends, as this event will include COVID precautions including limited, timed entry for small groups; masks required; and plenty of distance between Christmas scenes. Let's anticipate the birth of Jesus through this fun new event! Register for your time slot at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ba8ae2dabff2-follow>

Decorate an Ornament

Help beautify the worship center this Advent and Christmas season by decorating an ornament and putting it on a Christmas tree! Ornaments and suggestions for decorating will be available in the lobby or in the entry way of door #1 beginning Sunday, November 28, with instructions on where to return the ornament.

Christmas Sharing Project

Trinity is excited to provide clothing, gifts, and other household items to families in need in the Chippewa Valley this Christmas. This year we are partnering with several Eau Claire elementary schools to identify families in need of special attention. Gift requests will be available online and in the lobby in mid-November. You will be able to choose items to purchase for these families, gift wrap and label all items, and return them to Trinity at specified times. You will also have the opportunity to deliver gifts to families following worship on December 19. Thank you for contributing to the Christmas Sharing Project this year as we serve in Christ's love and share the good news! For more information, contact Heather Day at heatherd@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext 218.

Kids' Craft Kits

This year, Noah's Ark families will provide Kids' Craft Kits for each family that Trinity sponsors through the Christmas Sharing Project. If you would like to provide a Craft Kit for a sponsored family, you may take a tag from the Christmas tree outside the Noah's Ark Preschool classroom. Each tag will include a list of suggested supplies to include in the kit that you provide. These Kids' Craft Kits will be delivered to families along with the other gifts provided by the Trinity community. Thank you for your generosity!

Reverse Advent Calendar

This reverse advent calendar will help you serve others in need with food donations. Add each item to a box. After Christmas, donate the box to the Trinity Food Panty.

December 1/Cereal	2/Peanut Butter	3/Canned Chicken	4/Canned Peas	5/Mac and Cheese	6/Canned Peaches
7/Canned Diced Tomatoes	8/Canned Tuna	9/Grape Jelly	10/Applesauce	11/Salt	12/Pepper
13/Baked Beans	14/Crackers	15/Rice	16/Cereal	17/Elbow Macaroni	18/Spaghetti Sauce
19/Chicken Noodle Soup	20/ Tomato Soup	21/Canned Corn	22/Spaghettios	23/Ramen Noodles	24 Canned Green Beans

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 11:00 A.M. Christmas Eve Worship with Communion and Children's Choirs. Prelude begins at 10:30 A.M.
- 4:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Worship with Communion and the Praise Team.
- 8:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Worship with Communion, Organ, Trinity Choir, and Trinity Tollers Handbell Choir. Prelude begins at 7:30 P.M.

Please note pre-registration is required for Christmas Eve Worship. Trinity offers in-person worship on Christmas Eve in addition to our streaming worship services. In-person services have a limited capacity of 300 people per service which adheres to the Community Expectations from the Eau Claire County Health Department. If needed, we will add additional services. You can register for any of the Christmas Eve worship services on our web page at trinity-ec.org

