



Trinity Lutheran Church

108 S. Robeson St.
Robesonia, PA 19551

Phone

610-693-6062

Email

office@trinityrobesonia.org

Web Site

www.trinityrobesonia.org

Office Hours

Mon.-Thur. 8am-1pm
Friday Closed

Ministers

Members of Trinity

Lead Pastor

Rev. Jennifer K. Dee
610-693-5551

jdee@trinityrobesonia.org

Associate Pastor

Rev. Eileen Smith LeVan
484-575-1881

esmithlevan@trinityrobesonia.org

Administrative Assistant

Bob Bergey

bbergey@trinityrobesonia.org

Administrative Assistant

Cheryl Miller

cmiller@trinityrobesonia.org

Treasurer

Toni Bowman

tbowman@trinityrobesonia.org

**Director of Music
& Organist**

Dr. Darin J. Lewis

Choir Directors

Sarah McGrory
Katie Mazurek

Sexton

Craig Matthew

The Bulletin

Trinity Lutheran Church of Robesonia, PA

Called by Christ + Gathered in Grace + Joyfully Serving

*The desert shall rejoice
and blossom ...*

ISAIAH 35:1

Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent • December 14, 2025

Prelude

Announcements

*Note: Our worship liturgy is from **Holy Communion, Setting Three**, starting on page 138 of the hymnal.*



Third Sunday
of Advent

* **Confession and Forgiveness**on screens

* **Hymn Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn** #242

* **Prayer of the Day**

Light the Advent Candle.v. 3

[8:00] *The Lee Family*

[10:45] *The Sattazahn Family*

First Lesson Isaiah 35:1-10

Second Lesson James 5:7-10

* **Gospel Acclamation**p. 142

* **Holy Gospel** Matthew 11:2-11

[10:45] **Children's Sermon**

Hymn Joy to the World.#267

Sermon

* **Nicene Creed**p. 104

* **The Prayers**

* **Sharing the Peace**

The Offering

[10:45] **Musical Offering—Adult Choir:**

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns. . . David Lasky

* **Offertory Doxology**#885

* **Offertory Prayer**on screens

* **Holy Communion**

* **The Great Thanksgiving; Holy, Holy, Holy**p. 144

* **Words of Institution**

* **The Lord's Prayer**

Lamb of Godp. 146

* **The Blessing**

* **Post-Communion People Look East (v. 3)**#248

* **Post-Communion Prayer & Benediction**on screens

* **Hymn Hail to the Lord's Anointed**#311

Congregational Meeting

* **Dismissal**

Leader: Go in Peace. Keep awake.

Congregation: Thanks be to God, we will!

Postlude

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

If You Are New to Trinity...

Welcome, Guests! We're glad to have you with us today.

As you enter the Sanctuary, you'll find the weekly bulletin at each of the entrances. If you prefer not to take your bulletin home, please feel free to use the recycling container as you leave.

The Bread Loaf, supporting ELCA World Hunger, is located at the main entrance doors to the Sanctuary.

Thank you for joining us and for showing kindness and consideration to all who surround you in this space. ▲

Communion Distribution Instructions...

- All are welcome at the Lord's Table.
- Guided by the ushers, come to the railing and stand or kneel as you are able.
- You will receive the bread in your hand (gluten-free bread is available on request); choose either wine (outer rings) or white grape juice (inner rings) from the tray.
- If you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms.
- If you need assistance or communion in place, please inform one of the ushers. ▲



The time draws near to celebrate our Savior's birth! **Welcome to worship**, which is part of our preparation. It's good to be here together. ▲

Thank You for Your Gifts

Use this QR code  with your smart-phone to set up a Pushpay account. You can choose an amount, direct your gift to Trinity's General Fund, and even opt to cover any transaction fees. This convenient option also makes it easy for members, visitors, and guests to support our ministries.

Thank you for your generosity and for supporting the many ongoing ministries of Trinity! ▲

Sharing the Peace

To care for everyone's health, especially those who are immunocompromised, we ask that all greetings remain touch-free. Instead, consider these meaningful alternatives:

- A Warm Smile
- A Gentle Bow or Nod
- A Hand Over Your Heart
- The Peace Sign
- A Friendly Wave

Though the methods may have changed, the love behind them remains the same.

Peace be with you! ▲

This Week at Trinity

Church Office Hours:
Monday–Thursday 8:00am to 1:00pm, Friday Closed

Sunday 12/14—Congregational Meeting Today

- 8:00 & 10:45am . . . Worship
- 9:00am Coffee Hour
- 9:15–10:05am Sunday School
- 10:10am Chimes
- 10:25am Youth Choir

Monday 12/15

- 9:00am Coffee & Conversation—Social Hall

Tuesday 12/16

- 12:00noon ABO Christmas lunch and Singalong; also packing Weekender Holiday Bags

Wednesday 12/17

- 5:30pm The Well, Pizza and packaging cookies for the CW Food Pantry
- 7:00pm Advent Vespers
- 7:30pm Adult Choir

Thursday 12/18

- 10:00am–12:00pm . Food Pantry, Luncheon to honor Food Pantry volunteers
- 6:00pm Cherub Choir
- 6:00pm Grace Notes
- 6:30pm Trinity Ringers

Friday 12/19

Saturday 12/20

Sunday 12/21

- 8:00 & 10:45am . . . Worship
- 9:00am Coffee Hour
- 9:15–10:05am Sunday School
- 10:10am Chimes
- 10:25am Youth Choir
- 12:00noon Youth Christmas Party



Wiggle Room (at the front right side of the sanctuary)—A place for little ones who may need to move around without disrupting worship. Note that a **restroom** is inside, including a changing table. ▲

Livestreaming Notice: Our 7:00pm Wednesday Prayer and 8:00am Sunday Worship services are livestreamed on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website. By attending, you consent to the possibility of appearing on camera. ▲

Planning Ahead...

Make sure these dates are on your calendar:



TODAY—Congregational Meetings at the 8:00am and 10:45am services to approve the 2026 budget

TODAY—Deadline to order poinsettias for Christmas Eve

Monday, December 15th, 9:00am—Coffee & Conversation meets weekly in the Social Hall. Join us!

Tuesday, December 16th, 12:00noon— ABO Christmas lunch and Singalong; also packing Weekender Holiday Bags

Wednesday, December 17th, 5:30pm—The Well, Pizza and packaging cookies for the CW Food Pantry

Thursday, Dec. 18th, 10:00am–12:00noon—Food Pantry; Appreciation Luncheon for Food Pantry Volunteers

Sunday, December 21st, 9:30am—Christmas Pageant followed by a cookie reception and visit from St. Nick!

Sunday, December 21st, 12:00noon—Youth Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 24th—Christmas Eve services at 5:00, 7:00, & 9:30pm

Thursday, Dec. 25th—Merry Christmas! (Office closed)

Friday, Dec. 26th, 4:00–6:00pm—Pick up poinsettias

Sunday, December 28th, 9:30am—Service of Lessons & Carols (*one service only*)

Thursday, January 1st—Happy New Year! (*Office closed*)

Sunday, January 4th—Welcome, Vicar April!

Sunday, January 4th—Congregational Meetings at the 8:00am and 10:45am services to approve the updated Church Constitution and Bylaws

Tuesday, January 13th, 12:00noon—Lunch and program on “Blue Marsh and the Pleasant Valley” ▲

Adult Sunday School Classes

Coffee Klatch is led by Joan Lincoln. They are meeting each Sunday at 9:15am in Classroom A.

Beginning **Sunday, January 4th, 2026**, Jeff Culp will lead a 12-week adult Sunday School class entitled **Trinity’s Lutheran Liturgy**. It will meet in Classroom B at 9:15am. All are welcome! ▲

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Sign up sheets are posted in the Narthex for the following:

- **Christmas Eve Worship!** Positions are available for all three services. Sign up on the kiosk in the lower Narthex.
- **Cookie bakers!** Once again we are gifting food pantry recipients with



homemade cookies. Our initial goal is 150 dozen. Can you bake a dozen or more? Sign up on the kiosk in the upper Narthex. Cookies need to be dropped off at Trinity by Wednesday, Dec. 17th. ▲

Congregational Meetings

A congregational meeting will be held after each service **today, December 14th, 2025** to approve the budget for 2026. A summary of the budget was published in the December *Tradewinds* newsletter (p. 9).

A congregational meeting will also be held after each service on **Sunday, January 4, 2026**, to approve the updated Constitution and Bylaws of the church. If we have your email address, (*continued on page 6*)



*ABO-
Anything
But Old!*

**Trinity's 55+ Ministry
No Dues—No Don'ts**

Anything But Old is Trinity's fellowship group especially geared towards the older members of our congregation. But everyone is welcome to join us!

Mark your calendar:

- **Tuesday, December 16th, 12:00noon**—Lunch, Christmas Sing-a-long and packing Weekender Bags.
- **Tuesday, January 13th, 12:00noon**—Lunch, and "Blue Marsh and the Pleasant Valley—One Last Look": Paul Miller will present an historical presentation of what once existed where the Blue Marsh Dam is today. ▲

Honoring Food Pantry Volunteers

The Fellowship Board will host a luncheon for our Food Pantry volunteers on Thursday, Dec. 18th, during the December distribution. Please consider contributing a soup or baked item as we show our gratitude for their tireless service.

Sign-up sheets are available on the Fellowship Kiosk in the upper Narthex. Questions? Contact Chris Kennedy at (610) 334-9723. ▲

Well, Well, Well...

For the season of Advent, please sign up to join us at the Well for dinner—forms are on the kiosk in the upper Narthex. Please note that we begin at 5:30pm for our December gatherings! We have just one remaining Well dinner/activity yet for this month:

- December 17—Pizza & Packing Cookies for CW Food Pantry. We conclude with Advent Vespers at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. ▲



Help Us Communicate Via Email...

Please make sure the email address, office@trinityrobesonia.org, is in your address book to prevent messages from the church office going into your junk mail folder.

**Christmas Poinsettias—Orders are due
TODAY, December 14th**

Christmas is just around the corner, and it's time to order poinsettias for our Christmas Eve services. Use the form below and include your dedication information if you wish. Please include payment with your form; cost is \$12/plant. Place your order form with payment in the offering plate or deposit them in the Drop Box by the church office. ▲



Poinsettias for Christmas Eve

Orders are due by **December 14th, 2025**. Cost: **\$12.00 ea.**

Plants may be picked up following the 9:30pm worship service on Christmas Eve or Friday, December 26 between 4:00 and 6:00pm. Place your order in the offering plate or in the Drop Box by the door of the church office.

I would like to order _____ plants. Enclosed please find \$_____ (\$12/plant).

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

☐ To the Glory of God.

Name: _____

Email or Phone: _____

Congregational Meetings *(continued from page 4)*

you should have recently received a copy of the proposed Constitution and By-laws (**make sure the office email address—office@trinityrobersonia.org—is in your address book so email doesn't go to your junk mail folder**). For those without email, a paper copy is available on the table in front of the office in the Narthex. ▲

Youth Christmas Party ***December 21st!***

Youth in grades 7–12—come join us **Sunday, December 21st at 12:00noon** for an Elf Christmas Party! Based on the movie, we'll have spaghetti with your favorite toppings, and play some Elf style games before the White Elephant Gift Swap. Friends are welcome! Joining us for service hours (caroling), the party, or both, sign up on the youth bulletin board to let us know! ▲

Kidney Donor Needed

David Madeira, one of our members, is looking for a kidney donor. Learn more about kidney donation, or be tested as a potential donor, visit his website (or scan the QR code): <https://nkr.org/PLX397> ▲



Teddy Bear Toss

From Clayton Haley

Today is the last day to donate new or gently used stuffed animals for children in need across Central PA through the Hershey Bears Teddy Bear Toss. The collection box is in the donation area at the top of the stairwell just off the Narthex. Thank you for helping bring smiles to local kids! ▲



Offering Envelopes ***for 2026***

If you've used offering envelopes previously, your new envelopes are available on the table in the Upper Narthex. The 2026 envelope packs are in alphabetical order by last name.



IMPORTANT: Note that your offering envelope number has changed, so it is important that you do not use the new offering envelopes before January 1st, 2026.

If you are doing all of your giving in 2026 through Pushpay (highly recommended!), you will not need offering envelopes.

Questions? Give the church office a call or email. Numbers and email are listed on the front of the Bulletin. ▲



Join us for the 13th Annual **Chocolate Frosted Buns 5K Run and ½ Mile Fun Run** on **Saturday, January 24, 2026**, at **Conrad Weiser High School** in Robesonia. The Fun Run begins at 8:45 a.m., and the 5K starts at 9:15 a.m.

Forms for participants and for sponsors are available on the table in the upper Narthex. Grab one today!

Proceeds benefit the Conrad Weiser Food Pantry and the Western Berks Free Medical Clinic. ▲



December 21st, 9:30am

Join us for the Christmas Pageant at 9:30am followed by a cookie reception and visit from St. Nick! ▲