



Trinity Lutheran Church
Sunday, December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent

*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"He Who Shepherd Men Came Praising"

Paul Manz

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men

3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.

an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the

Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.

bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"

No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;

of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.

There sweet de - light will ev - 'er flow.

INVOCATION

P: May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy, and justice of God, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

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P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



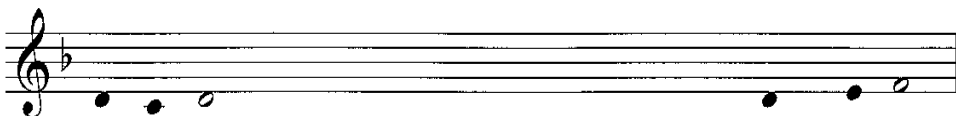
C: Lord, have mer - cy.



P: For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



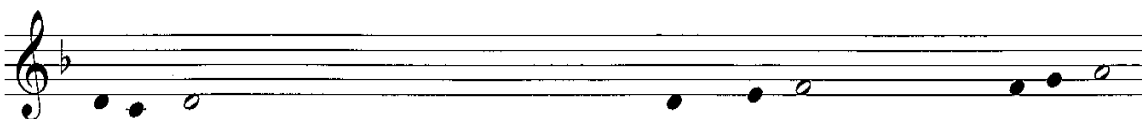
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



P: Help, save, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C: A - men.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CANDLE LIGHTING

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation.

C: **Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

"In the Bleak Midwinter"
Kathy Lipscomb, vocalist

Mark Hayes

READING

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

L: A reading from Jeremiah 33

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

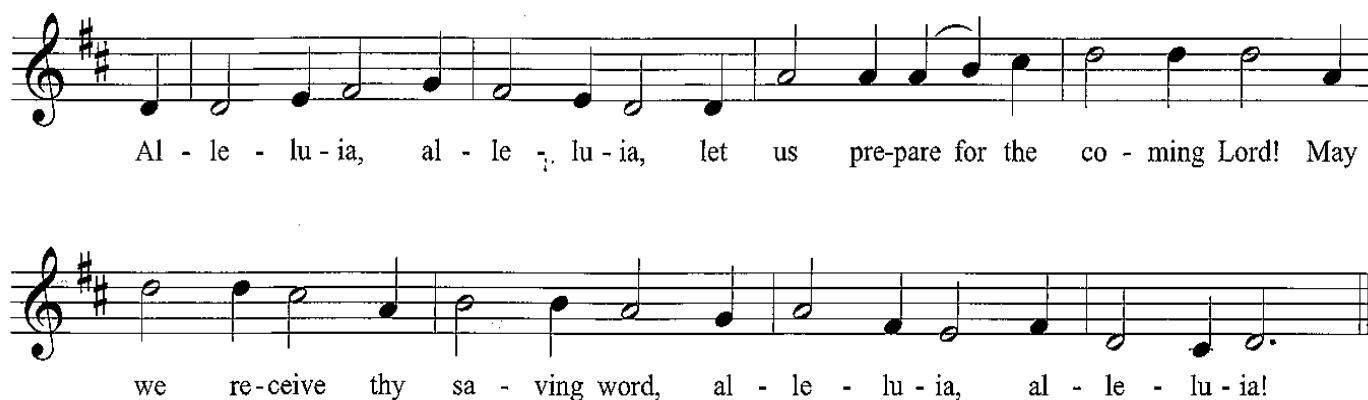
P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING

LUKE 21:25-36

L: The Gospel according to Luke chapter 21

²⁵There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see

'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rich Fennig

HYMN OF DAY

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

ELW #272

vs 1, 2 & 4

W: German carol, tr. Theodore Baker

M: arr. Michael Praetorius Public Domain

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it. the rose I have in
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man
 sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who
 seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to
 mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

REFRAIN:

For the heal-ing of the na-tions, we pray to you, O God.

For the

heal - ing of the na - tions, we pray to you, O God.

VERSES 1 & 2:

Leader

1 Ban-gla-desh and In - di - a, Tai - wan and
2 France and Spain, Swit - zer-land and

Assembly

Peace be yours.

Chi - na, Ja - pan and Hong Kong,
It - a - ly, Ro - ma-nia and Slo - ve - nia,

Peace be yours. Peace, be yours.

North and South Ko - re - a,
Czech and Slo - vak Re - pub - lics,
Peace be yours.

In - do - ne - sia, Vi - et Nam, Thai - land, Ma -
Rus - sia and Fin - land, Aus - tri - a and
Peace be yours.

lay - sia, Phil - ip - pines and Aus - tra - lia,
Hun - ga - ry; Cro - a - tia, Es - to - ni - a,
Peace be yours. Peace be yours.

Pap - u - a New Guin - ea, I - raq and I -
Lat - vi - a and Po - land, Nor - way and
Peace be yours.

ran, Swe - den, Pal - es - tine and Is - ra - el,
Ice - land and Den - mark,
Peace be yours. Peace be yours.

Af - ghan - i - stan, and Jor - dan,
Neth - er - lands and Ger - man - y,

Syr - i - a and Türkiye
İre - land and Eng - land.

Peace be yours.

GO TO VERSE 2
GO BACK TO THE REFRAIN TO FINISH

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

MISSION MOMENT

*If you have a monetary offering, please place in the plate as you leave worship today,
or use this code to give electronically:*



OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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C: Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord! God of pow'r and

might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na!

Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bles't is He who comes in the

name of the Lord, ho - san - na in the high est!_____

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night...

...gave it to the disciples, saying:

C: Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

P: ...gave it for all to drink, saying:

C: This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"Lamb of God"

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Lamb of God, you wash a - way all the sins of the world, Ho-ly One, have
mer - cy on us. _____ Lamb of God, you wash a - way all the sins of the
world, Ho-ly One, have mer - cy on us. _____ As we come to You, we
cast off our chains, the chains of dark - ness with - in. _____ Lamb of
God you set us free with the bread and the wine, Through _____ You, we have been re -
newed _____ Lamb of God, You wash a - way all the sins of the
world, grant us peace Ho - ly Lamb of God. _____

COMMUNION

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Kathy Lipscomb & Carrie Hansen

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, † bless and keep you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"
vs 1, 2 & 4

ELW #244

Laurentius Laurenti,
tr. Sarah B. Findlater

M: Swedish folk tune Public Domain



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

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Prayer List

Members

Patty Telleen
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Carol Arnold
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Mary Alice Spelts
Shirley Garvin
Howard Smith
Cooper Hopkins
Mary Ann Armstrong
Madyson Hopkins

Friends & Family

Teresita Neilsen, family of Pat Wiedower
Tony & family of Martin, friends of Chris Mize
Eleanor & Ron Christopher & Callan, daughter of
Margaret & Jim Frye
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Ronda Simmons
Greta, sister of Ronda Simmons
Joe, cousin of Scott Simmons
Laura LePage, friend of Don & Jan Garman
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Mort Larsen, uncle of Cheryl Dolan
Micah Goeglein, grandson of Howard & Lois Smith
Mother Rosean Amaral
Ailis McVearyy, grand-daughter of Carol Hemken
Beth Barnett, daughter of Carolyn & Eric Biedermann
Erin Slocum, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse

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Or visit our website and click on "To view recorded services click HERE!"

Guests and Visitors: A special welcome to you from Trinity's clergy and congregation members. We pray that this worship will bring you comfort, joy and renewal. All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion (gluten free wafers and juice are available). If you have any questions about the worship service or Trinity, our clergy or welcome table hosts are happy to help.

Your offering is your presence with us in community. We encourage you to fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate at the table as you enter or exit. Please pick up a 'Sweet Treat' welcome plate from the welcome desk as you leave, and join us again!

Parents and Caregivers: Please know that God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. Children are invited to bring one of our specially prepared "worship activity bags" into the worship service. They are available in the narthex as you enter the sanctuary. If you wish to step out with your child, the Family Break Room is just outside the worship space, where you can still view and hear the service. On Sunday, if you prefer, we also offer a fully trained Nursery staffed by Tiffany K. and Zoe K.

Special needs: Hearing-assistance devices are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those who are unable to come forward. Our Welcome Table Hosts can help with any of these special needs

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Monday (Dec 2)

9:30 am Trinity Readers-Room 2/Zoom
12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside
6 pm Property-Fireside

Tuesday (Dec 3)

7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Breakfast Club
10 am Christmas Decorating
5:30 pm Social/Eco Justice
6:15 pm 301FP Social/Eco Justice

Wednesday (Dec 4)

Volunteer @ Irish Elementary
5:15 pm Bells of Trinity-Room 1
6 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service
6:30 pm Advent Soup Supper
7 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday (Dec 5)

8:30 am Interfaith Council-Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Bible Study-Room 2

Friday (Dec 6)

10 am Quilting Group-Room 2

Saturday (Dec 7)

5 pm Worship

Sunday (Dec 8) *Alternative Giving Fair!*

9 am Adult Forum-Room 2
9 am Confirmation-Fireside
9 am Sunday School-Room 3
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Fellowship

In Ministry Today

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Rich Fennig

Worship Assistant: Barbara Baggs

Welcome Table Host:

Fellowship Host::

Bread Baker: Dan Merz

Communion Team:

Flower Arrangement: Volunteers of

Trinity's Clergy Leaders:

Pastor Rick Reiten & Deacon Katie Kline

Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	Music Coord. & Organist
Tessa Espinoza	Chancel Choir Director
Clinton Ellerbe	Saturday Worship Leader
Jill Hunt	Bells of Trinity Director
Brenda Harju	TLC Preschool Director
Brenda Moore	Financial Manager
Deana Andrist	Office Administrator
Amanda Backsen	Director of Communications/ Volunteer Coord.
Claire Pickerel	AV Technician
Jennifer Reeve	Shared Children's Minister
Tiffany Klijewski	Nursery Coord.
Zoe Klamen	Nursery Attendant

Staff Emails are available on our website

Coming Up:

Wednesdays, Dec 11 & 18

Holden Evening Prayer @ 6 pm
Advent Soup Supper @ 6:30pm

Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's
love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.

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