



Trinity Lutheran & St Paul's Episcopal  
Sunday, December 14, 2025  
Third Sunday of Advent  
Children's Christmas Pageant

\*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*  
Bells of Trinity

arr. Larry Shackley &  
Arnold Sherman  
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\*GATHERING HYMN\*

*"Prepare the Way O Zion"*  
Monty Hogan, St Paul's

**Blue Hymnal #65**

Frans Mikael Franzen, adapt Charles P Price  
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1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound-ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

### **\*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.

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY\***

God of restoration, Save us when we find ourselves spiritually thirsty. Help us walk your road with your purpose, strengthened by your living water. Amen.

### **\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH\***

*"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"*

vs. 3

Pastor Rick Reiten, TLC

ELW #240

Wayne L. Wold, Yiddish folk tune

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3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.

**Light 3 candles**

### **READINGS**

Terry Birdsong, STP

ISAIAH 35:1-10

L: The good news according to Isaiah 35

<sup>1</sup> The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus <sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and shouting. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened; <sup>6</sup> then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp; the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. <sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**ALL: The Song of Mary, Magnificent, Canticle**

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Fum, Fum Fum"*

arr. Vicki Tucker Courtney

St. Paul's Choir & Trinity Chancel Choir  
Bill Smith, Guitar, Mary Vogl, Flute & Amy Jo Martinson, Percussion

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# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

*"The New Star"*

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

**Old Star:** Tejay Holmes

**New Star:** Brie Prader

**Mary:** Ale Sanchez

**Joseph:** Andrew Schkade

**Gabriel:** Mary Snyder

**Sheep:** Merritt Dickson

**Angels:**

1) Tristina Schmidt

2) Aerie Pryor

3) Eleanor Stepleton

**3 Wisemen:**

1) Jack Mullenbach

2) Naomi Jurgenson

3) Amelia Snyder

**Shepherds:**

1) Solvei Prows

2) Haynes Dickson

3) Nolan Dickson

**Extra:** Sydney Mullenbach

*"O' Little Town of Bethlehem"*

**Congregation Sings Along**

**ELW #279**

Phillips Brooks &

Lewis H. Redner Public Domain

1. O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary,  
and, gathered all above  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the king,  
and peace to all the earth!

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*  
**Congregation Sings Along**

French carol  
arr. Edward S. Barnes  
Public Domain

1. Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

**Refrain**

Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. See within in a manger laid  
Jesus Lord of Heav'n and Earth  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid  
With us sing our Savior's birth *Refrain*

*"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"*

**\*HYMN OF DAY\***

*"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"*

**ELW #242**

Marty Haugen

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1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

### **\*CREED\***

**Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: You spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.**

**By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: Freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.**

**Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: Forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love.**

**Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us; renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need.**

**Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.**

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE\***

**Emma Cleveringa, TLC**

**L:** Creator of all, you came to us humbly in your Son, Jesus, so that we could come to understand how you love us. God of life:

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**L:** We need your help to heal our planet. We need your help to speak your truth in the hearts of all our leaders. God of justice:

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**L:** We pray for the faithful witness of the Church: For the clergy and lay people of the 301 Faith Partnership, for our bishops and other ministers, lay leaders, and the people of all congregations. May we speak in truth of your love. God of grace:

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**L:** Grant that we may offer the help they truly need to all those whom we accompany through life's difficulties. We pray for the unhoused, for the food insecure, for students, for migrants and immigrants, and for the people of Haiti. God of mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**L:** Hold those who have died close in your vast love as they come into a new reality in your eternal realm. God of peace:

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**L:** We pray for our own needs and those of others. *\_\_reads from prayer sheet and chat box\_\_\_\_\_*

**L:** Holy One, we reach out to you knowing that you love us profoundly, no matter what. Help us to let go and let you work, in the world and in our hearts; through your Son, the Redeemer that you gifted us.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **\*PEACE\***

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*Offerings received today will be sorted and given to the proper congregation. Any undesignated offering will be split between the congregations.*

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER\*

Pastor Rick Reiten

- P: Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.
- C: **Amen.**

### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING\*

Pastor Rick Reiten

- 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.**
- L: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God . . .
- . . . And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:
- C: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**  
**God of power and might,**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**
- L: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. . .
- On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
- C: **“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**
- L: As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:
- C: **“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**
- L: Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation. . .
- . . . Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.
- C: **AMEN.**
- L: And now let us pray in the words our Savior, Christ, has taught us



**\*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**

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

Joel Raney

Carrie Hansen, Trinity Lutheran & Austin Naylor, St Paul's Episcopal

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**\*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 our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**\*BLESSING\***

**Pastor Felicia SmithGraybeal**

P: May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

**\*SENDING\***

**Pastor Felicia SmithGraybeal**

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

C: Thanks be to God.

**\*POSTLUDE\***

*"Concerto IV in C Major"*

Monty Hogan, St Paul's Episcopal

**BWV #595**

After Prince Johann Ernst  
arr. by J.S. Bach

# Prayer List

## Members

Eric Biedermann  
Tim Anderson  
Jean Purath  
Mary Ann Miller  
Barb Klamann  
Pastor Paul Schairer  
Shirley Garvin  
Cooper Hopkins  
Mary Ann Armstrong  
Madyson Hopkins

## Friends & Family

**Deborah Stinnett, friend of Dan Merz**  
**Mourning for Donald Geving, uncle of Ronda Simmons**  
Steve Eulberg, friend of Jim & Margaret Frye  
Ramona Haeder, sister of Rebecca Roland  
Jules Webb, daughter of Martha Webb  
Marilu Ritzman, friend of Rob & Aida Schmidt  
Douglas Hardie, friend of Rob & Aida Schmidt  
David Horton, brother of Sara Mullarkey  
Jim Belak, son-in-law of Barbara Baggs  
Barbara Pardo, mother of Cheryl Dolan  
Jennifer & Dale Barnett, friends of Marilyn Morrissey  
Jan Johannes, sister of Jo Anne Gearhart  
Susie Kragmeier, daughter of Kate Stieben  
Beth Barnett, daughter of Carolyn & Eric Biedermann  
Erin Slocum, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse

**To all who gather:** We are Reconciling in Christ, which means we strive to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and to work for racial equity and to commit to anti-racist work.

We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. God makes no distinction based on race; ethnicity; immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental circumstances; or other life circumstances. God loves and welcomes all people. Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

This community affirms its welcome by accepting me (Pastor Rick) in this place. Diagnosed with Huntington's (HD), my progressing symptoms and neurodiversity are displayed publicly. The uncontrolled movements (chorea) may limit my functionality, or appear in other ways; yet, it is an opportunity to learn and love alongside one another. HD is part of me, but I am not defined by the diagnosis. As for all of us, I am defined as child of God.

**Guests and Visitors:** All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion (gluten free wafers and juice are available). Your offering is your presence in worship. Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Don't forget your 'Sweet Treat' plate from the welcome desk!

**Worship Note:** The red hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) page numbers are found in the front while song numbers are in the back. If you have any questions about worship or Trinity, our clergy or welcome table hosts are happy to help.

**Parents and Caregivers:** God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If helpful, please use the Family Break Room outside the worship space or a "Worship Activity Bag" - available near the welcome table. On Sunday, if needed, we 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 15)**

12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside  
5:30 pm TLC Trust-Zoom  
6:30 pm No Co Male Spirituality-Room 5

### **Tuesday (Dec 16)**

7:30 am Morning Prayer-Fireside  
7 pm Enneagram-Sunroom

### **Wednesday (Dec 17)**

5 pm Bells-Room 1  
6 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service  
6:30 pm Advent Soup Supper  
6:45 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room

### **Thursday (Dec 18)**

9:30 am Bible Study-Room 2  
1:30 pm Aging & Living Well-Fireside  
3-5pm Spanish Class-Room 2  
6:30 pm STP Choir-Sanctuary  
7 pm Immigration Social Justice-Zoom

### **Friday (Dec 19)**

10am Quilting Group-Room 2

### **Saturday (Dec 20)**

12 pm Sweet Treats-Kitchen  
5 pm TLC Worship

### **Sunday (Dec 21 ) Advent 4**

8:45-11:30 am Fellowship  
9 am STP Worship  
9 am TLC Adult Forum-Room 2  
10:20 am STP Adult Ed-Sunroom  
10:30 am TLC Worship

## In Ministry Today

### **301 Faith Partners Clergy:**

Pastor Felicia SmithGraybeal,  
Pastor Rick Reiten

### **Chancel Choir Director:**

Tessa Espinosa

### **St Paul's Choir Director & Bells of Trinity Director**

Austin Naylor

### **Music Coord. & Organists:**

Carrie Hansen & Monty Hogan

### **Shared Children's Minister:**

Jennifer Reeve

### **Worship Assistant:**

Terry Birdsong

### **Prayer Writer:**

Laurie Gudim

### **Welcome Table Host:**

The Mullenbach Family

### **Fellowship Host:**

Jo Anne & James Gearhart

### **Bread Baker:**

Dan Merz

### **Communion Team:**

Gerry Olsen, Delores Wisner,  
Michele Rose & Carol MacNamee

### **AV Technician:**

Claire Pickerel

### **Flower Arrangement:**

Volunteers from St Paul's Episcopal

## Coming Up: December 24 & 25

**Trinity Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

**@ 3 & 5 pm**

**St Paul's Episcopal Christmas Eve Service**

**@ 8pm**

**Mary of Magdala Christmas Day Mass**

**@ 10 am**



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