



Trinity Lutheran Church
Sunday, December 7, 2025
2nd Week of Advent
Ezekiel: Valley of Dry Bones
*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Mary Did You Know"

arr. Bill Wolaver
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CONFESSION AND 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, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Long-expected God,

C: we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

P: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. † You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

ELW #257

vs. 1, 2 & 6

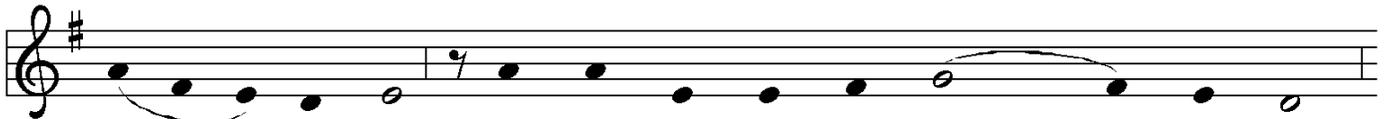
Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum

French processional

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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and night: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

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.**

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

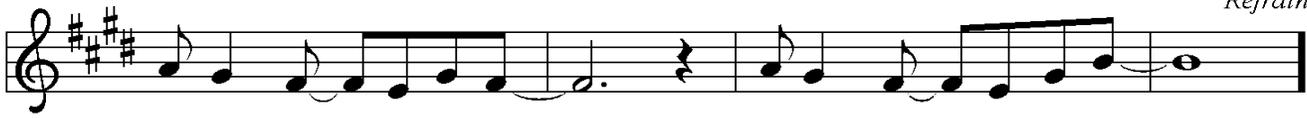


u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of breath, You promised new life to your people in exile by breathing into a valley full of dry bones. Breathe new life into us, so that we might live passionately for you. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ELW #240

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

vs. 2

Wayne L. Wold, Yiddish folk tune

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



He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.

KID'S SERMON & OFFERING

Pastor Rick

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Awaken and Prepare Us"

Mark Hayes

Trinity Chancel Choir

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 188



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

L: The good news according to Ezekiel 37

¹ The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹ Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

L: The gospel of God.

C: **Praise be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Rich

HYMN OF DAY

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

ELW #263

vs. 1, 2 & 4

W: attr. Ambrose of Milan

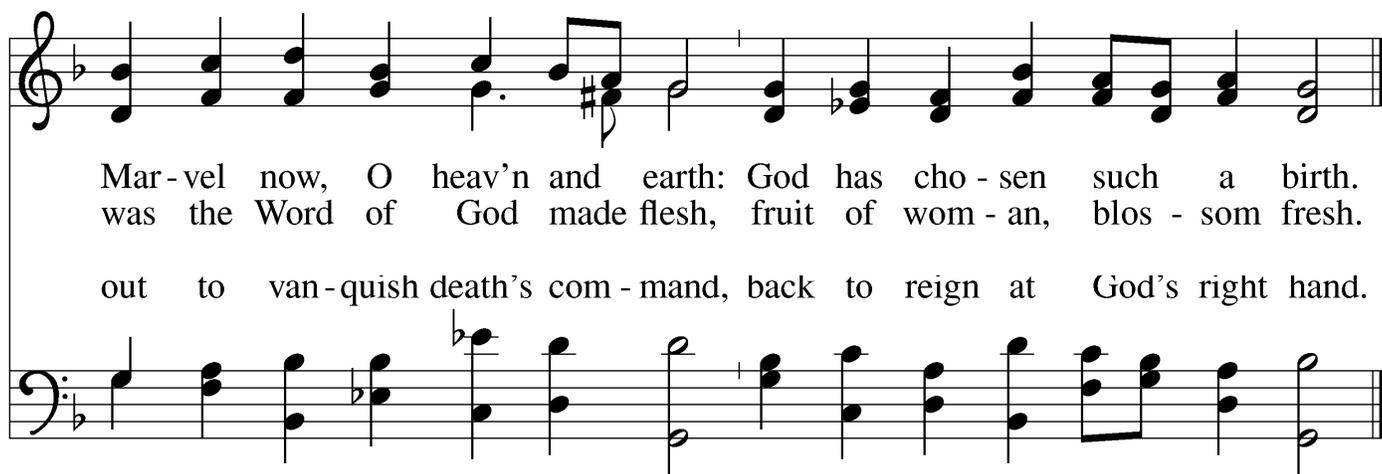
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M: J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*

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1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

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.**

A Statement of Faith as written by our Lutheran Sisters and Brothers from our Book of Worship

PRAYERS

P: God of grace,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

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: 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

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

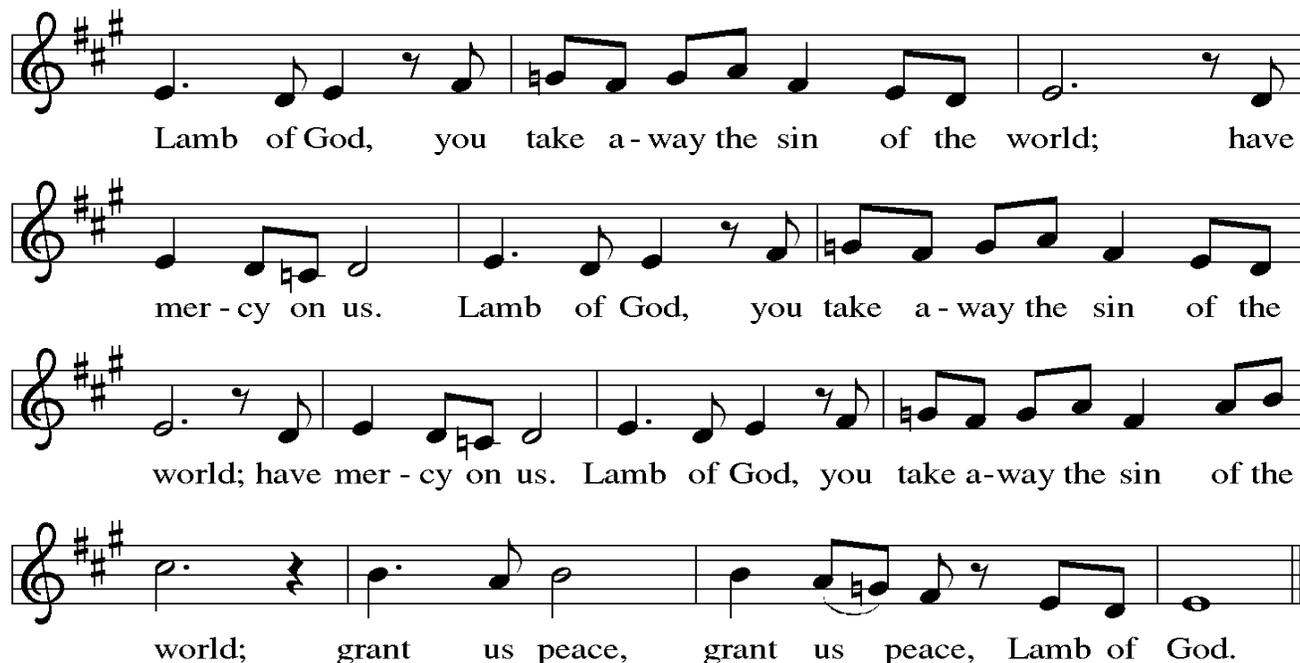
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- 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

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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION

"Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine"

Mark Hayes
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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

P: May God who comes among us, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Awake, O Sleeper Rise From Death"
vs. 1,4 & 5

ELW #452

F. Bland Tucker

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1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Arr. Paul Manz

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Prayer List

Members

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

Friends & Family

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.

From Pastor Rick: This community affirms its welcome by accepting me 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 (December 8)

12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside
6p Property-Fireside
6:30 pm (5) NoCo Male Spirituality

Tuesday (December 9)

4:30 pm Birdhouses for Habitat-Room 2
6:30 pm Exec Council-Fireside

Wednesday (December 10)

5 pm Bells of Trinity-Room 1
6 pm Advent Service
6:30 pm Soup Supper
7 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday (December 11)

9:30 am Bible Study-Room 2
3 pm Spanish Class-Room 2
3:30 pm 301FP Get Together
4 pm Finance-Zoom

Friday (December 12)

10 am Quilting Group

Saturday (December 13)

5 pm Worship

Sunday (December 14) **Advent 3**

9 am Adult Forum-Room 2
9 am Confirmation-Room 8
9 am Sunday School-Room 3
9 am Youth Group-Room 6
10:30 am Shared Worship –
Children's Christmas Pageant
11:30 am Fellowship

In Ministry Today

Worship Assistant: Lindsay Reiten
Welcome Table Host: Ru & Ezra Orchard
Fellowship Host: Soren Nicholson
Bread Baker: Dan Merz
Prayer Writer: Pat Wiedower
Communion Team: Liz & Paul Johnson, Michele Rose
Flower Arrangement: Volunteers of St Paul's Episcopal

Trinity's Clergy Leader:

Pastor Rick Reiten

Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	Music Coord. & Organist
Tessa Espinosa	Chancel Choir Director
Clinton Ellerbe	Saturday Worship Leader
Austin Naylor	Interim Bells 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 Klaman	Nursery Attendant

Staff Emails are available on our website

Coming Up:

Wednesday, Dec 17

Advent Service @ 6 pm
Soup Supper @ 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve, December 24

3 & 5 pm Trinity Candlelight Services
8 pm St Paul's Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Day, December 25

10 am Mary of Magdala Christmas Mass

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



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