

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Sunday, December 20, 2020 – Traditional Service



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

## **WELCOME TO ALL**

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Even though we are spread out and wearing masks, we are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended. Don't forget to register each week on our website or by calling the office (717-263-8156) for the service that you wish to attend, so that we can maintain appropriate physical distancing in our sanctuary. If you are a guest or visitor worshipping with us and did not know to register for today's service, no problem; we have kept open some extra seating just in case. Simply plan to register for the service next week – and we do invite you to worship with us again!

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Our nursery is not yet open, but the space is available for special use by individual families. If you visit the nursery to settle a child or change a diaper, please let one of the pastors or ushers know so that we can be sure to sanitize the room before the next service.

Ushers will dismiss worshippers at the end of the service row by row. Please wait to be dismissed, and conduct conversations and fellowship in the fresh, open air outside. We trust that as we take such precautions together, we follow our Lord's command to love our neighbor, and we help to ensure that we will be able to continue to gather for worship during the pandemic. Thank you for working with us toward that end!

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*God keeps the promise made to David  
to give him an everlasting throne.*

*The angel tells Mary that God will  
give David's throne to her son Jesus.*

*She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting  
and by the news of her coming pregnancy,  
but she is able still to say, "Count me in."*

*We who know that Jesus is called king only as he  
is executed still find it a mystery hard to fathom,  
but with Mary today we hear the news of what God is up to and say,  
"Count us in."*

## **WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Congregation responds in bold print.*

*Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.*

### **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

*8:30 AM - The Hess-Strite Family  
10:00 AM - The Brown Family*

### **PRELUDE**

**"The Desert Shall Rejoice"**

Lani Smith

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
whose forgiveness is sure  
and whose steadfast love endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Together let us honestly and humbly confess  
that we have not lived as God desires.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Loving and forgiving God,  
**we confess that we are held captive by sin.**  
**In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray.**  
**We have not welcomed the stranger;**  
**we have not loved our neighbor;**  
**we have not been Christ to one another.**  
**Restore us, O God.**  
**Wake us up and turn us from our sin.**  
**Renew us each day in the light of Christ.**  
**Amen.**

People of God, hear this glad news:  
by God's endless grace  
your sins are forgiven, and you are free—  
free from all that holds you back  
and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.  
May you be strengthened in God's love,  
† comforted by Christ's peace,  
and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Stir up your power,  
Lord Christ, and come.**

**With your abundant grace and might,  
free us from the sin  
that would obstruct your mercy,  
that willingly we may bear your  
redeeming love to all the world,  
for you live and reign with  
the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



# WORD

## FIRST READING

## 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup>the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” <sup>3</sup>Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup>Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup>Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” <sup>8</sup>Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup>and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>16</sup>Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

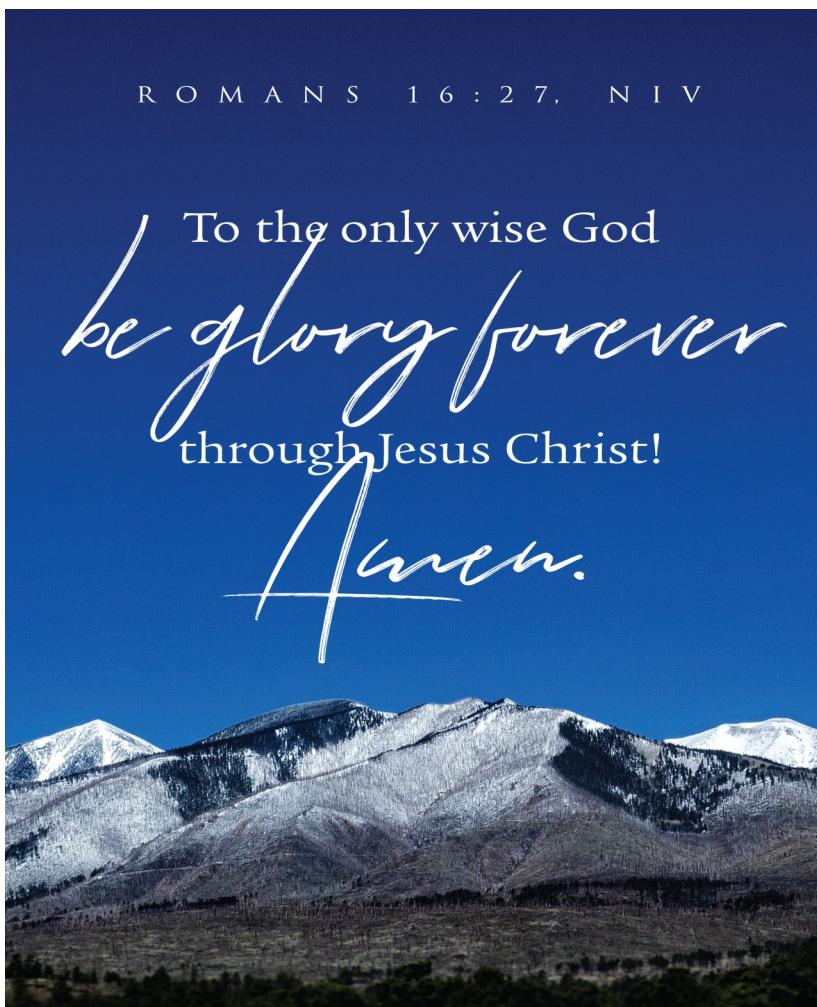
## SECOND READING

## Romans 16:25-27

<sup>25</sup>Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—<sup>27</sup>to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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## HYMN FOR REFLECTION

*"What Child Is This"*

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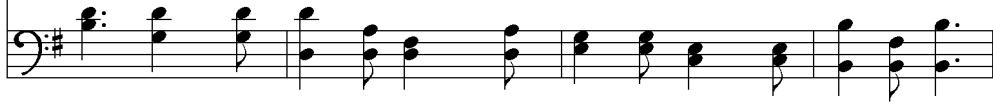
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GOSPEL**

## **Psalm: Luke 1:46b-55**

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>46b</sup>My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

<sup>49</sup>you, the Almighty, have done great things for me  
and holy is your name.

<sup>50</sup>You have mercy on those who fear you,  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>You have shown strength with your arm  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

<sup>52</sup>casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.

<sup>53</sup>You have filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup>You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,  
to remember the promise of mercy,

<sup>55</sup>the promise made to our forbears,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

***"At Home with Us"***

Pastor Aaron

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

***"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"***

*Recorded by - Babette Wenerd, Piano*

arr. Keveren

*Please stand as you are able.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 OF INTERCESSION

God of power and might, fulfill your promise and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

Eternal God, we imagine that our buildings contain you. Remind us that it is you who makes a home for us, not we who make a home for you. We ask that you make your home with us again this season. Open our hearts to receive your healing love, and to show it to others.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, you scatter the proud. Everything we have belongs first to you. Bless and protect the seas, mountains, plains, forests, skies, and soils that surround us. Give us humility as we tend them.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Righteous God, you humble the powerful and lift up the lowly. We pray for the leaders of all nations, that they amplify the voices of people in need. Guide all people entrusted with leadership, to create societies in which everyone can flourish.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Healing God, you pour out mercy to all who cry out to you. Surround everyone in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit with your tender presence, especially: Scott, Jim, Dottie, Shirley, Christine, Kayla, Larry, Mary, Sherry, Linda, Tim, Cameron, Jim, Ron, Cheryl, Gillon, Jim, Becky, Bernice, Ayano, Marlene, Bertie, Heidi, and William.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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Everlasting God, you are faithful to the promises you made to our forebears. We give thanks for the ministry of Katharina von Bora Luther and other ancestors who organized, planned, dreamed, encouraged, and reached out as they served you. We give thanks for our members: Thomas & Donna Gilbert; George & Nancy Glen; David & Kirsten Gniewek; Ruth & Al Good; Courtney, Mary & Kelly Graham; Donald Grier; Tammy Hall; Anthony & Kathy Hamilton; Kelly Hamilton; and Michael Hamilton. Inspire others with their steadfast witness.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

P: Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
    hallowed be thy name,  
    thy kingdom come,  
    thy will be done,  
        on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
    as we forgive those  
        who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
    and the power, and the glory,  
    forever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,  
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,  
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,  
+ now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

### **POSTLUDE**

***"Angels We Have Heard on High"***

arr. Fred Bock

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<b>Senior Pastor</b>	<i>Pastor Aaron</i>	
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	<i>Pastor Arlyn</i>	
<b>Organist</b>	<i>Bob Eyer</i>	
	<i>8:30 AM</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>
<b>Lector</b>	<i>Elaine Hess-Strite</i>	<i>Kathy Ashway</i>
<b>Ushers</b>	<i>Brenda Runshaw Ken Runshaw</i>	<i>Phil Lobaugh Diane Sterner</i>
<b>Livestream Team</b>		<i>Jason Brown Christie Brown</i>

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and  
in celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ  
by Rick and Lynn Lerew.*



*The children's bulletins are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Meyah Smith's 15 birthday,  
by May & Pap Hile.*

### **LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:** *Sunday, December 13, 2020*

In-Person	50
Online Worship Service Views:	770

## STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

*“For nothing will be impossible with God.” – Luke 1:37*

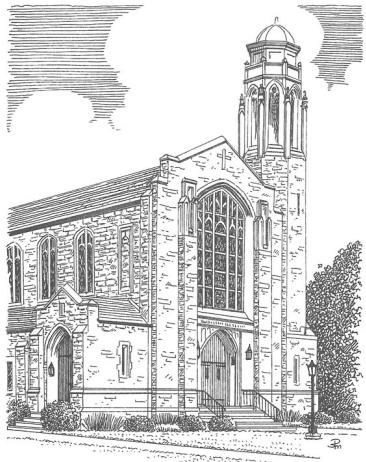
This Sunday we celebrate Mary’s faithfulness and willingness to do God’s will.

This brave young woman hears the angel’s words and believes.

As a faithful steward, what possibilities do you see  
for our community and congregation?

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12    12/13/2020 Offering: \$8,494.68  
Thank You!





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**Vision**  
*"Growing in God"*

### Mission Statement

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith  
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community  
Steward - Giving to all the love of God  
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"*