

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 11, 2022 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion



Joy

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. 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.

Based on revised CDC guidance, we are no longer encouraging the wearing of masks for those attending worship, regardless of vaccination status. However, if you have symptoms, have tested positive for Covid or been exposed to someone with Covid-19, we ask that you do wear a mask. Please feel free to continue wearing a mask in worship for your safety, if desired. This guidance may change if our risk level changes.

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Children are always welcome during worship, but if desired, there is a nursery in room 107 available for children ages birth to school age.

Please be aware that we are streaming our services. If you do not wish to be on camera please contact the church office.

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A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

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

PRELUDE

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

arr. Innes

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever.

Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence for individual reflection and confession.

God of new beginnings,
we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

Purify us with your refining fire

**and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.**

Amen.

People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
You have put on † Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Prepare The Royal Highway" ELW 264

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

The Coder Family

APOSTOLIC GREETING

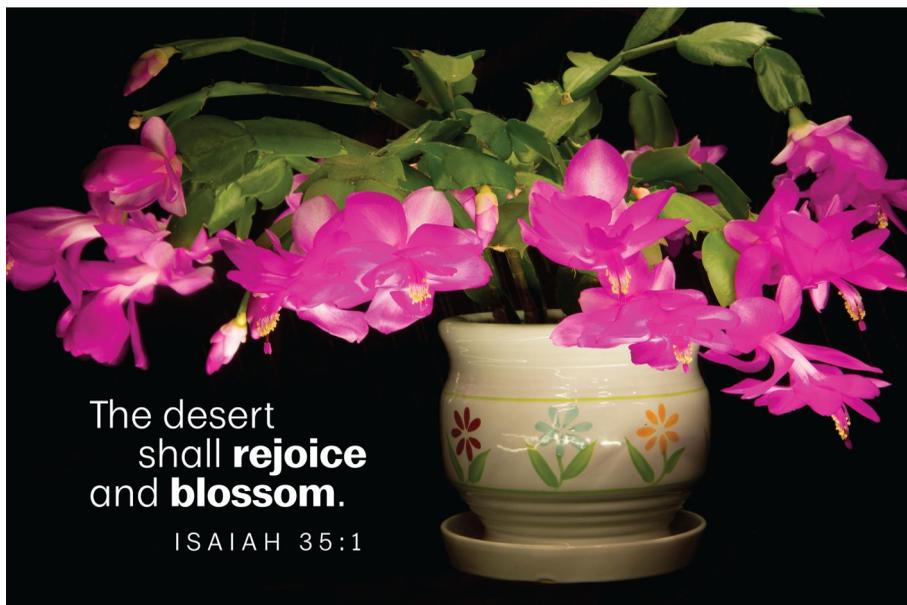
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God,
and strengthen our faith in your coming,
that, transformed by grace,
we may walk in your way;
through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Please be seated.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
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.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴Say 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.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then 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;
⁷the 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.

⁸A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,

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but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
⁹No 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.
¹⁰And 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY

Psalm 146:5-10

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**
who keeps promises forever;
⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.
⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;**
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,**
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

*In anticipation of the Lord's coming,
Christians are called upon to cultivate patience rather than discontent.*

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!



THE FARMER WAITS FOR
THE PRECIOUS CROP ...
YOU ALSO MUST
be patient.

James 5:7-8, NRSV

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Phil Lobaugh

SERMON

Pastor Bill Nienstedt

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Rise Up Shepherd and Follow"
Barb Woods & Babette Wenerd, Piano

Hayes

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

Names of family & friends in prayer found on page 17.

A brief silence.

Response following each petition:

L: God, in your mercy,

R: hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you!



OFFERING

*Thank you for your generous and faithful support during these extraordinary times.
Out of an abundance of caution, we are not currently passing the collection plates.
Instead, you may place your offerings in the plates provided
by the door as you enter or exit worship.*

If you prefer, Trinity offers 5 other ways to give as well:

Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, & Online. Contact the church office for details.

Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.



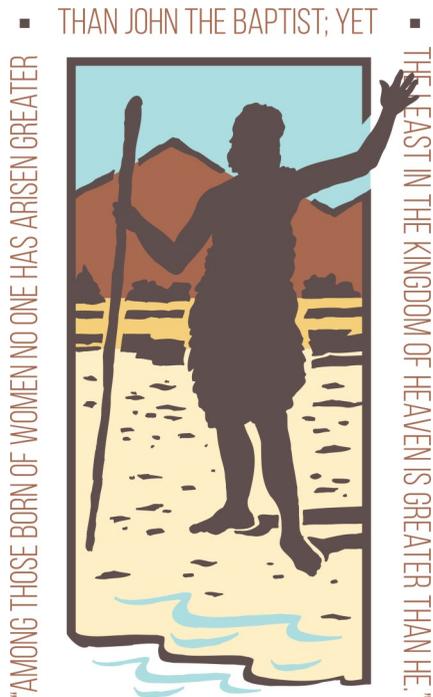
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**



MATTHEW 11:11, NRSV

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

Come to the banquet.

Thanks be to God.



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

All baptized followers of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.

Please open your hand and the pastor will place the bread in your hand.

Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant will offer you a cup of wine.

Please take the cup of wine from the tray.

After drinking the wine, you may return to your seat along the side aisle.

If you prefer, grape juice is available which you may request from the communion assistant.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Come, Child of Peace”
Senior Choir

Schramm

Please stand as you are able.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

COMMUNION BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

ELW 275



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.



SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

“Veni Emmanuel”

Denton

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
 and in honor of the birthdays of
 William H. Cockley and his grandson Jared G. Wenerd
 by Bill & Bonita Cockley.*



*The children’s bulletins are given to the Glory of God,
 and in honor of Trinity’s children,
 by Dave & Becky Morningstar.*

Next week’s Lessons:

- Isaiah 7:10-16
- Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
- Romans 1:1-7
- Matthew 1:18-25



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preacher /Presider	<i>Pastor Bill Nienstedt</i>
Organist	<i>Bob Eyer</i>
	10 AM
Greeter	<i>Don Lensbower</i>
Ushers	<i>Jim Druckenbrod Jean Druckenbrod</i>
Lector	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>
Communion Asst.	<i>Ruth Cramer Kathy Ashway</i>
Communion Prep	<i>Dave Etter Louisa Etter</i>
Livestream Team	
Nursery	<i>Linda Hins</i>

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, December 04, 2022	106
Online Views	96

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Bob Shannon	Thomas Clarke	Phyllis Dusman
Doris Kriebel	Brenda Zullinger	Floss Sterner
Sue Freeman	Cheryl Alleman	Michele Phillips
Shirley Shilling	Marlene Fisher	Susie Glick
Deb Hutsler	Mary Royce	Curt Stambaugh
Anna Primus	Larry Royce	Cheryl Kelly
Judy Lynskey	Donna Shetter	Cameron
Sue Lensbower		

MEMBERS

Debbie Sanders	Ken & Sherry Saylor	Mark & Cindy Scanzello	Leland Schaffer
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*****Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.***

*****Names will normally be removed after 4 weeks.***

OFFERING

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 12.04.2022: \$8,891.60

Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE *Candlelight Services*

Saturday, December 24, 2022

7 PM in-person & streamed
9:30 PM in-person

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Christmas
SUNDAY

FIRST LUTHERAN
9:30 AM - Worship Service
43 W. Washington St.



WORLD HUNGER
The poinsettia deadline has passed, but you can still donate to World Hunger until December 18th.
Form in bulletin.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Today - 12/11	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Confirmation - Cloud 9 High School Class Kick-off - Social Hall Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>
Monday - 12/12	6-7 PM 6-8 PM 7-8:30 PM	Boy Troop Committee Meeting - Scout Room Bible & Brew - Pizza Hut (Lincoln Way) Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 12/13	6:30 PM 6:30-8:30 PM	Council Meeting - Lounge Girl Troop Committee Meeting - Scout Room
Wednesday - 12/14	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Yoga - Social Hall Choir rehearsal - Sanctuary
Thursday - 12/15	6:30-8 PM	Girl Scouts - Scout Room & Library
Friday - 12/16	6-8 PM 8-10 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 12/17		National Wreaths Across America Day
Sunday - 12/18	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Confirmation - Cloud 9 Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary Congregational Christmas Dinner - Social Hall <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>



DESSERTS NEEDED

If you are signed up for the Christmas dinner on December 18th we are in of desserts, please sign up in the hallway on the bulletin board.



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TRINITY STAFF TO SERVE YOU

Visitation Pastor	<i>The Rev. Ruth Smith</i>
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Office Manager	<i>Christie Brown</i>
Secretary	<i>Anne Crawford</i>
Treasurer	<i>Dennis Alleman</i>
Financial Secretary	<i>Cindy Scanzello</i>
Livestream Coordinator	<i>Jason Brown</i>

TRINITY CHURCH COUNCIL

Council President	<i>Kathy Ashway</i>
Council Vice President	<i>Gloria McCauley</i>
Council Secretary	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Denise Barrows	<i>Ray Brindle</i>
Laura Pearce	<i>Evan Sutton</i>
David Wenerd	<i>Wallace Whitworth</i>

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"*