

*Second Sunday of Advent*

*Sunday, December 10, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion*



*Peace*

# 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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*John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.*

## WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Congregation responds in bold print.***

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

**PRELUDE**

***"Go Tell it On The Mountain"***  
*Babette Wenerd and Barb Woods; Piano*

Traditional Spiritual

# LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Bonita Cockley  
Brienne Parham

## Second Sunday in Advent:

Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the *candle of peace*. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

**Loving God,  
in this time of preparation and planning,  
We thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us.  
Show us the creative power of hope.  
Teach us the peace that comes from justice.  
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,  
That we may walk in the light of Christ.  
Amen**

*Please stand as you are able.*



SECOND SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

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!

**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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we



praise you for your glo - ry. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Stir up our hearts,**

**Lord God,**

**to prepare the way of your only Son.**

**By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives;**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,**

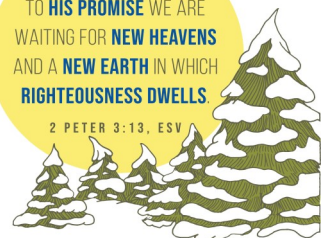
**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

BUT ACCORDING  
TO HIS PROMISE WE ARE  
WAITING FOR **NEW HEAVENS**  
AND A **NEW EARTH** IN WHICH  
**RIGHTEOUSNESS DWELLS**

2 PETER 3:13, ESV



*Please be seated.*

# WORD

## FIRST READING

## Isaiah 40:1-11

*In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. God will deliver Israel and will care for her as a shepherd cares for the sheep. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of God.*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup>See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

*Prepare  
the way  
of the  
LORD.*

ISAIAH 40:3

## PSALMODY

## Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

*We will speak the Psalm responsively.*

*Righteousness shall prepare a pathway for God. (Ps. 85:13)*

- <sup>1</sup>You have been gracious to your land, O LORD;  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup>**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people  
and blotted out all their sins.**
- <sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and  
to those who turn their hearts to you.
- <sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**
- <sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- <sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- <sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.
- <sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**



## SECOND READING

## 2 Peter 3:8-15a

*This short letter deals with pressing concerns regarding the final advent of Jesus, especially concerns that could arise over its apparent delay. The author of the letter calls on Christians to anticipate the promised coming of the Lord through conduct dedicated to God.*

<sup>8</sup>Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup>But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15a</sup>and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



## GOSPEL

**Mark 1:1-8**

*The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SERMON**

Pastor Barb Barry

**ANTHEM**

***“People, Look East”***  
*Senior Choir*

Butler

*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:** Merciful God.

**R:** receive 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. 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.*

The musical score is written in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it."



## **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.**

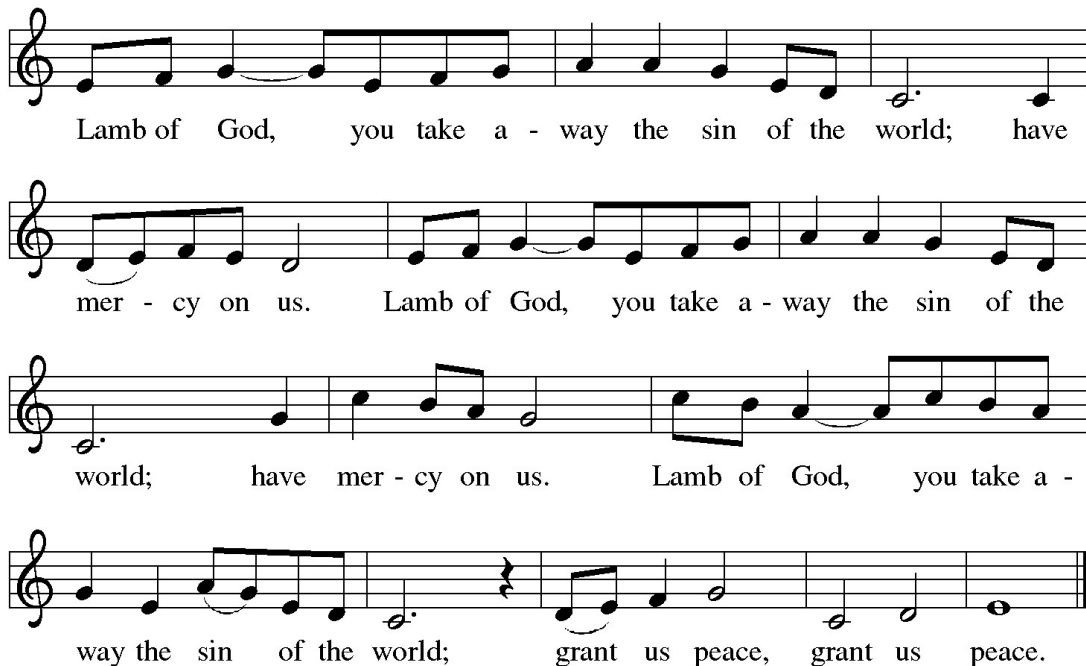
**Amen.**



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

It is the Advent of the Lord.  
Receive Jesus and be renewed.

**Thanks be to God.**



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.

*Please be seated.*

### 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 or juice from the tray.*

*Wine is red. Juice is white.*

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**THE BENEDICTION**

# CLOSING HYMN "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry" ELW 249

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the final two lines. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

# SENDING

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.  
Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

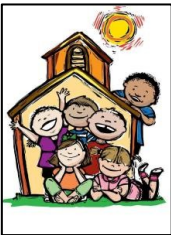
*“Prepare the Way of the Lord”*

Blake

*Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in memory of loved ones  
by The Wadas Family.*



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



### LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

**Sunday, December 3, 2023:** 112

**Online views:** 112

### Next week's Lessons:

- Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11
- Psalm 126
- 1Thessalonians 5:16-24
- John 1:6-8,19-28



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<b>Preacher /Presider</b>	Pastor Barb Barry
<b>Organist</b>	Robert Eyer, Jr.
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	Bonita Cockley Brianna Parham
<b>Ushers</b>	Don Grier Wallace Whitworth
<b>Acolyte</b>	Darcy Aurand
<b>Lector</b>	Joyce McDonald
<b>Cantor</b>	Sarah Voight
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Kathy Ashway Jane Sutton
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Herm Hopple Pam Hopple
<b>Livestream Team</b>	Jason Brown
<b>Nursery</b>	Deb Hile



# IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



## *We Pray For*

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Paul Stockhausen  
Barry  
Stanley Shilling  
Tammy McDonald  
Becky Morningstar  
Shirley Shilling  
Judy Royce  
Denny Verner  
Sharon Emmons  
Carl Fahnestock

Bob Shannon  
Bea Clark  
Linda Remson  
Bernice Conner  
Jean Baughman  
Sue Lensbower  
Diane Sterner  
Doris Krieble  
Greg Wilson  
Doug Price

Deb Hutsler  
Thomas Clarke  
Brenda Zullinger  
Marlene Fisher  
Mary Royce  
Phyllis Dusman  
Floss Sterner  
Curt Stambaugh  
Cheryl Kelly  
Cameron

### **MEMBERS**

Jason, Danielle,  
Jaxon & Alexis Martin

Tamara  
Massingale

Gloria  
McCauley

Huber & Sandra  
McCleary

***\*\*Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.***

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

### **OFFERING**

Total Budgeted Giving Expected as of December 3, 2023: \$174,711.67

Amount received as of December 3: \$134,184.18

Thank You!

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DECEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING *Spiritrust Lutheran Counseling Services*

December's special offering for the month is for the Spiritrust Lutheran Counseling Services and the Prison Ministry. Please remember these special ministries with your offering this month.

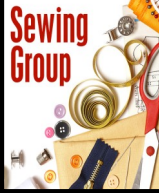
### *In case of Inclement Weather*

GO TO TRINITY'S WEBSITE:  
<https://trinitylutheranchambersburg.org>

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GO TO TRINITY'S INSTAGRAM PAGE  
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WGAL - News 8 Closings & Delays



### SEWING GROUP

Dec. 13, 2023 @ 11 AM  
@ Gloria M's home.  
For more info call/email  
the church office.



### *Advent Worship Service Schedule*

Sunday, December 17 at 10 AM  
Third Sunday of Advent  
In-Person and Streamed

Sunday, December 24 at 10 AM  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
In-Person and Streamed

## CHRISTMAS EVE *Candlelight Service*

Sunday, December 24, 2023


7 PM  
in-person & streamed

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### Home-made Cookies Needed for The Franklin County Jail:

Please see the  
**December Newsletter**  
"Connecting With Others".

Jean Druckenbrod has offered to pick up cookies dropped off at the Trinity Office on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> for The Franklin County Jail Ministry.

# THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

<b>Sunday - 12/10</b>	9:00 AM	<b><i>Learning for all Ages:</i></b> Scripture and Coffee - Lounge High School Class - Social Hall - Stage Confirmation - Cloud 9 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Library Preschool to 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade - Nursery
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary <b><i>Second Sunday of Advent</i></b>
<b>Monday - 12/11</b>	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Bible and Brew
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Boy Troop Committee - Scout Room
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Boy Troop - Scout Room
<b>Tuesday - 12/12</b>	<b><i>No Council Meeting in December</i></b>	
<b>Wednesday - 12/13</b>	5:30 PM	Yoga - Social Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir - Sanctuary <b><i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i></b>
<b>Thursday - 12/14</b>	6:00 PM	Learning Cloud 9
	6:30 - 8:00 PM	Girl Scouts - Library and Scout Room
<b>Friday - 12/15</b>	5:30 - 9:00 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall
	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room
	8:00 - 10:00 PM	Girl Troop - Scout Room
<b>Saturday - 12/16</b>	National Wreaths Across America Day	
<b>Sunday - 12/17</b>	9:00 AM	<b><i>Learning for all Ages:</i></b> Scripture and Coffee - Lounge High School Class - Social Hall - Stage Confirmation - Cloud 9 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Library Preschool to 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade - Nursery
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary <b><i>Third Sunday of Advent</i></b>

Dear Congregation, All contributions for the 2023 tax year need to be received by 12/28/2023 if mailing to the church. The 12/31/2023 in-person service offering will be the last offering counted for the calendar year 2023.

Thank you, Cindy Scanzello, Financial Secretary



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**Pastor Ruth Smith**

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### TRINITY STAFF TO SERVE YOU

Pastor	<i>The Rev. Barbara Barry</i>
Visitation Pastor	<i>The Rev. Ruth Smith</i>
Director of Music Ministries	<i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>
Office Manager	<i>Christie Cistone</i>
Communications Secretary	<i>Monica Crider</i>
Administrative Assistant	<i>Priscilla Cullinane</i>
Treasurer	<i>Dennis Alleman</i>
Financial Secretary	<i>Cindy Scanzello</i>
Livestream Coordinator	<i>Jason Brown</i>

### TRINITY CHURCH COUNCIL

Council President	<i>Evan Sutton</i>
Council Vice President	<i>Gloria McCauley</i>
Council Secretary	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS

<i>Kathy Ashway</i>	<i>Ray Brindle</i>
<i>Heidi Hawbaker</i>	<i>Laura Pearce</i>
<i>David Wenerd</i>	<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"*