

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
*Sunday, December 24, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion*



*Love*

# 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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**Traditional Service with Holy Communion**

*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.***

**PRELUDE**

***"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"***

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*Please stand as you are able.*

## **LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH**

*The Scanzello Family*

### **Fourth Sunday in Advent:**

We have lit three candles—for hope, for peace, and for joy. Today we light the fourth candle—the candle of love. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times, but that we recognize in a special way in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We love, because God loves us.

**Loving God,  
we open ourselves to you this Christmas season.  
As these candles are lit,  
light our lives with your imagination.  
Show us the creative power of hope.  
Teach us the peace that comes from justice.  
Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained,  
but must be shared.  
Magnify your love within us.  
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we  
may walk in the light of Christ.  
Amen.**



O Little Town of Bethlehem



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.  
 We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

**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 break 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 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

*Instead of David building a house (temple) for God, God promises to establish David's house (dynasty) forever. Centuries later, after the Babylonian exile, no king sat on the throne.*

*Even then, however, the people of Israel remembered this promise and continued to hope for a king, the messiah, God's anointed.*

<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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

## PSALMODY

## Psalm: Luke 1:46b-55

*We will speak the Psalm responsively.*

*You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly. (Lk. 1:52)*

- <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 forebears,  
to Abraham and his children forever.



*The Magnificat*

## SECOND READING

## Romans 16:25-27

*Paul closes his letter to the Romans by praising God because, in the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, God has revealed the promised, divine plan of salvation for all humanity. Paul proclaims this gospel of Christ in order to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations.*

<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.

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

## Luke 1:26-38

*In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people from little known places. This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall. Here Luke highlights the role of the Spirit, a special emphasis in this gospel.*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

Pastor Barb Barry

### SPECIAL MUSIC

***"Mary, Did You Know?"***

*Madi Ross; Soloist*

Lowry

*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.*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a G-clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody starts on a G4 note. The bass staff begins with an F-clef and a key signature of two flats. The accompaniment starts on a G2 note. 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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff continues with the melody, and the bass staff continues with the accompaniment. The lyrics are: "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 -

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff continues with the melody, and the bass staff continues with the accompaniment. The lyrics are: "pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -".

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff continues with the melody, and the bass staff continues with the accompaniment. The lyrics are: "store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,".

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth system of musical notation concludes the hymn. The treble staff continues with the melody, and the bass staff continues with the accompaniment. The lyrics are: "and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.".

# 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**

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

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together.

Come, take your place at the table.

**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**

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.  
 heav'n and na - ture sing,

# SENDING

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

### "People, Look East"

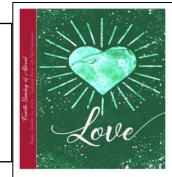
McDonald

*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 Granddaughter Meyah's 18th Birthday  
by Deb and Barry Hile.*

*Worship bulletins are given to the Glory of God  
and in memory of Joan and Frank Barra  
by The Barra's.*



### Next week's Lessons:

- Isaiah 61:10-62:3
- Psalm 148
- Galatians 4:4-7
- Luke 2:22-4



*Be a  
Sponsor*

### SPONSORS NEEDED

*Sign-up on  
bulletin board in hallway  
or call the church office.*

**Altar Flowers**                      \$40+

**Children's Bulletins**    \$3

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<b>Preacher /Presider</b>	<i>Pastor Barb Barry</i>
<b>Organist</b>	<i>Barb Woods</i>
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	<i>Cindy Scanzello Mark Scanzello</i>
<b>Ushers</b>	<i>Cindy Scanzello Mark Scanzello</i>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<i>Luke Coder</i>
<b>Lector</b>	<i>Luke Coder</i>
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	<i>Phil Lobaugh Dave Wenerd</i>
<b>Communion Prep</b>	<i>Linda Lerda Lou Lerda</i>
<b>Livestream Team</b>	<i>Jason Brown</i>
<b>Nursery</b>	<i>Lisa Coder Luke Coder</i>



# 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**

Doris Miller

Marilyn Miller

Jay Minter

James & Judith  
Mitchell

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

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

# 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>

GO TO TRINITY'S FACEBOOK PAGE  
@trinitychambersburg

GO TO TRINITY'S INSTAGRAM PAGE  
@trinitylutheranchburg

WGAL - News 8 Closings & Delays

CPR is still being offered by the YMCA for congregation members at a discount. The church will cover the cost.

If you are interested in taking the class, please contact Evan Sutton via email

@ [evanjsutton@comcast.net](mailto:evanjsutton@comcast.net), or  
phone at 717-263-7840.

## CHRISTMAS EVE *Candlelight Service*

Sunday, December 24, 2023

7 PM  
in-person & streamed

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**Sewing  
Group**

## SEWING GROUP

Jan. 31, 2024 @ 11 AM

@ Helen's Home.

For more info call/email  
the church office.



*"Greetings, favored one!  
The Lord is with you!"*

Luke 1:28, NRSV

# THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

<b>Sunday - 12/24</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>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i></b>
<b>Monday - 12/25</b>	<b><i>Office Closed</i></b> 6:00 - 8:00 PM 7:00 - 8:30 PM	<b><i>Merry Christmas!</i></b> Bible and Brew Boy Troop - Scout Room
<b>Tuesday - 12/26</b>	<b><i>Office Closed</i></b> 6:00 PM	Stamp Club - Library
<b>Wednesday - 12/27</b>	<b><i>Office Closed</i></b> 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Yoga - Library Choir - Sanctuary
<b>Thursday - 12/28</b>	<b><i>Office Closed</i></b> 6:30 - 8:00 PM	Girl Scouts - Library and Scout Room
<b>Friday - 12/29</b>	6:30 - 8:00 PM 6:00 - 8:00 PM 8:00 - 10:00 PM	Colonial Christmas - Social Hall Cub Scouts - Scout Room Girl Troop - Scout Room
<b>Saturday - 12/30</b>	1:00 - 6:00 PM	Cub Scouts - Social Hall
<b>Sunday - 12/31</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>First Sunday of Christmas</i></b> <b><i>RECYCLE PAPER DAY</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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## 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"*