

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 8, 2024 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

Peace

*Peace I leave
with you....*

*Let not your
heart be
troubled,
neither let
it be afraid.*

JOHN 14:27



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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Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please us the Chapel beside the office if you desire silent prayer before worship.

PRELUDE

"People, Look East"

Barb Woods and Babette Wenerd; Piano Duet

Sedio

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Lynn Lerew
Rick Lerew*

Second Sunday in Advent:

We praise you, O God, for this Advent wreath. Advent means coming. As we light the second candle on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness as we prepare for Christ's coming. Enlighten us with your grace – your unconditional love and forgiveness – that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Amen.



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Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

ELW 254

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

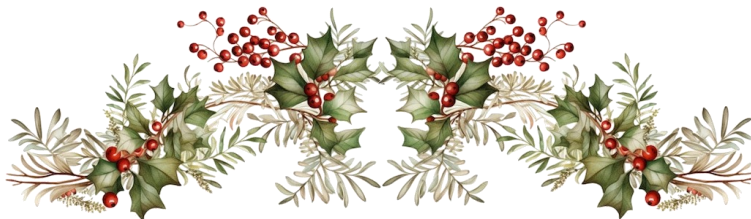
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Stir up our hearts, Lord God,
to prepare the way of your only Son.
By his coming give to all the people
of the world knowledge of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

*Prepare Ye,
the Way of
the Lord*



Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means "my messenger") will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God's people, as silver and gold are refined.

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!



We will speak the Psalm responsively.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us. (Lk. 1:78)

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our
enemies,

⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship you without fear,

⁷⁵**holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

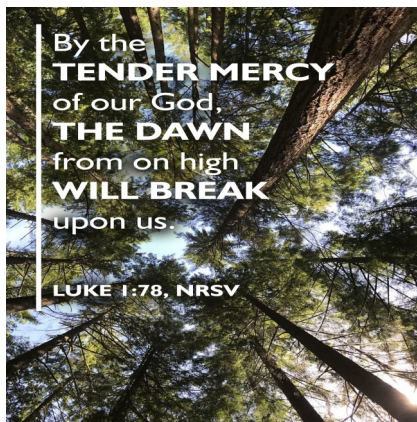
⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**



SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches.

He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi.

Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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 3:1-6

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

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

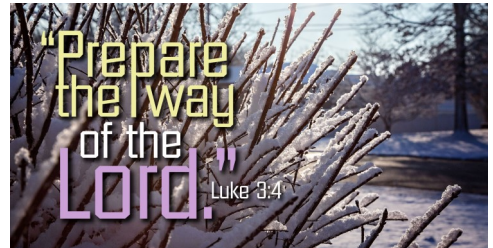
⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON



SERMON

Pastor Barbara Barry



ANTHEM

“Come, Come, Immanuel”
Senior Choir

Althouse

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 and friends in prayer found on page 17.

A brief silence.

Response following each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy,
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 five other ways to give as well: Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, and 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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
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

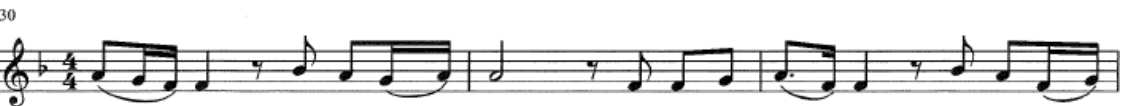
Pastor sings: ...and as you drink it, remember Me...



All Sing: So, we thank You for_ the wine _ and for the bread; _ For we



see the life _ You gave _ and the blood You _ shed And we re -



-mem - ber Your won- drous love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your



blood; And we re - mem - ber Your won - drous



love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your _ blood.

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

God feeds us with tender mercy.

Come to 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

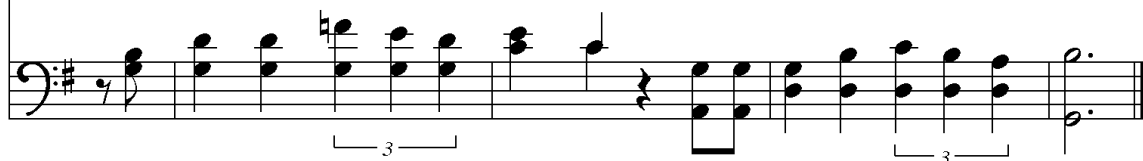
THE BENEDICTION

"He Came Down"

- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
 he came down that we may have peace;
 he came down that we may have joy;



Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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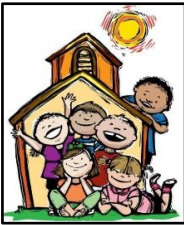
Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Veni Emmanuel”

Denton

*Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and
 in loving memory of William H. Cockley and
 and Jared G. Wenerd’s Birthday on December 27th
 by Bonita Cockley.*



*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 1, 2024:	111
Online views:	114

Next week’s Lessons:

- December 15, 2024**
- Zephaniah 3:14-20
- Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6
- Philippians 4:4-7
- Luke 3:7-18



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preacher /Presider	<i>Pastor Barbara Barry</i>
Organist	<i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>
Candle Lighting	<i>Lynn Lerew Rick Lerew</i>
Ushers	<i>Brenda Runshaw Ken Runshaw</i>
Acolyte	<i>Alison Ross</i>
Lector	<i>Brianne Parham</i>
Cantor	<i>Hannah Ross</i>
Communion Asst.	<i>Ray Brindle Phillip Lobaugh</i>
Communion Prep	<i>Don Grier</i>
Livestream Team	<i>Jason Brown</i>



**Mark your
 Calendar**
 January 3 - 5,
 2025

Building Authentic Christian Community at
 The Wyndham Resort, Rte. 30 Lancaster, PA.
 Contact Mary Jo Frey 717-352-2225 or
mjcat62@gmail.com

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Family and Friends of Judy Wrights	Charles Quivers	Sharon Emmons
Family and Friends of Kyle Snowberger	Nathan Wadas	Marlene Fisher
Norma Cleaver	Kathy Largent	Linda Remson
Huber McCleary	Donnie Hershey	Becky Morningstar
Deb Hutsler	Laura Sponseller	Kate Meighan

*Names may be added or removed by calling the church office.
Names will normally be removed after one month.*

MEMBERS

Patti Jacobs	H. Pete and Patty John	Michael Johnson	Velva Jones
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OFFERING

Total Budgeted Giving Expected as of December 1, 2024: \$184,038.58

Amount received as of December 1: \$182,774.50

Thank You!

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING

SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care Endowment & Prison Ministry

Please remember SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care Endowment with your offering this month. SpiriTrust Lutheran® benevolent care resources offer hope to individuals who, through no fault of their own, have outlived their financial resources and cannot afford the services they need. Gifts for these critical resources provide much needed services for hospice and home health clients.

The Franklin County Jail is also a special benevolence appeal in December. For almost six decades the churches of Franklin County, under the leadership of the United Churches of the Chambersburg Area (UCCA), have linked arms in supporting a chaplain for those incarcerated in the Franklin County Jail. Over the years thousands of inmates have benefited from the ministry of the chaplain and the faithful volunteers who serve in ministry at the jail. Being incarcerated has to be one of the most difficult experiences of a person's life.

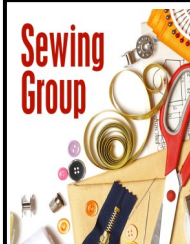
Please help in supporting these Ministries. Thank You!



Trinity's Church Council is planning a
Congregational Christmas Dinner

on Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 6 PM in the Social Hall.
Call the office to reserve your seat or
sign up on the Bulletin Board.

Cost of Dinner will be a Free-Will Offering. Thank You!



SEWING GROUP

will meet Wednesday,
December 11 at 11:00 AM
at Gloria McCauley's home
49 Woodland Way
Chambersburg, PA 17202
717-263-3789

gkandremac1@gmail.com



Advent Worship Service Schedule

Sunday, December 15 at 10 AM
Third Sunday of Advent
In-Person and Streamed

Sunday, December 22 at 10 AM
Fourth Sunday of Advent
In-Person and Streamed

December 24 Communion Service at 2 PM
December 24 Candlelight Service at 7 PM
In-Person and Streamed

In Case of Inclement Weather

Go to Trinity's Website:
<https://trinitylutheranchambersburg.org>

Go to Trinity's Facebook Page
[@trinitychambersburg](https://www.facebook.com/trinitychambersburg)

Go to Trinity's Instagram Page
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WGAL - News 8 Closings and Delays



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday - 12/8/2024



9:00 AM

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

DEADLINE

Second Sunday of Advent

Learning for all Ages

Scripture and Coffee - Lounge

Worship - Sanctuary

For Congregational Christmas Dinner

Monday - 12/9/2024

6:00 - 8:00 PM

6:00 - 7:00 PM

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Bible and Brew

Boy Troop Committee - Scout Room

Boy Troop - Scout Room

Tuesday - 12/10/2024

NO Council Meeting

Wednesday - 12/11/2024

11:00 AM

5:15 PM

6:30 - 8:30 PM

7:00 PM

Sewing Group - Gloria McCauley's Home

Yoga - Social Hall

Trinity Girl Troop - Scout Room

Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday - 12/12/2024

10:00 - 12 Noon

5:00 - 8:00 PM

7:00 PM

JANUARY 2025

Service Packing Gift Bags - Lounge

Dance Works - Social Hall

Call Committee - Cloud 9

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Friday - 12/13/2024

5:00 - 9:00 PM

Scouting America Christmas Party - Lounge

Saturday - 12/14/2024

National Wreaths Across America Day!

Sunday - 12/15/2024



9:00 AM

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Third Sunday of Advent

Learning for all Ages

Scripture and Coffee - Lounge

Worship - Sanctuary

Dear Congregation, All contributions for the 2024 tax year need to be received by 12/23/2024 if mailing to the church. The 12/29/2024 in-person service offering will be the last offering counted for the calendar year 2024.

Thank you, Cindy Scanzello, Financial Secretary

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Communications Secretary	<i>Monica Crider</i>
Administrative Secretary	<i>Priscilla Cullinane</i>
Treasurer	<i>Dennis Alleman</i>
Financial Secretary	<i>Cindy Scanzello</i>
Livestream Coordinator	<i>Jason Brown</i>

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

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<i>Heidi Hawbaker</i>	<i>Travis Diehl</i>
<i>Cathie Smeedy</i>	<i>David Wenerd</i>
<i>Nina Wilson</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"*