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Sunday @ 8:00 am
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Bible Study
Sunday @ 9:15 am

Trinity Lutheran Church
Rev. Blair Clark, Pastor

Our Mission

STATEMENT
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“To share the good news of Jesus Christ”



**Our Vision
STATEMENT**

*“To serve as God guides us to bring people closer to
Jesus Christ through worship, Bible studies, prayer
and fellowship”*

WELCOME!!!

May the Holy Spirit bless our worship! We extend a warm welcome to each of you. May you find joy, comfort and strength as you worship with us today!

OUR RITE OF FRIENDSHIP:

Members and guests: Please register your attendance in the red pad located at the end of each row. **We ask our guests to please print your complete address and phone number.** When it reaches the other end of the row, pass it back. Upon its return note the other names; you may meet a new friend in Christ today.

Please turn off your cell phone.

**If you desire a hearing assistance unit,
speak with an usher.**

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 3, 2023



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *by Kimberley Clark*

“LO, HOW A ROSE E’ER BLOOMING”

Arranged by: Sam Ellson

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“COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS”

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Rowland H. Richard

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“KEEP YOUR LAMPS TRIMMED AND BURNING”

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

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Sung By: “Sisters in Christ”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please stand]

ADVENT PROPHECY

Isaiah 64:1-4, 8

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁸But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

OPENING HYMN "THE ADVENT OF OUR KING"

LSB #331 vs 1,2,4 & 6

Words: Charles Coffin; tr. John Candler

Music: Aaron Williams; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal

Text and tune: Public domain



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain
△ 6 All glo - ry to the Son, Who comes to set us free,



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.
With Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P "The days are coming," declares the Lord.

C In those days God's people will be saved.

P There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars.

C They will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

P Lift up your heads, O you gates;

C That the King of glory may come in.

[Please be seated]

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE FIRST CANDLE: THE LOVE CANDLE

P As we light the first candle on our Advent wreath, we recall with thanksgiving the vivid and courageous words and actions of the prophets. Called by God and overtaken by the Word, they spoke forth God's truth and pointed to the coming of the Messiah. Their words still call us to faith and to action.

- C** Lord Christ, come among us, and by Your Spirit, grant us courage to speak and to act as those who have been called and chosen to carry Your Word to our world. Raise up among us wise and faithful messengers of Your grace and peace. In Your strong name. Amen.

ADVENT HYMN: "WE LIGHT THE CANDLE OF HOPE"

We light the candle of HOPE, we light the candle of HOPE
This candlelight burning bright, reminds us that Christ brings HOPE
We light the candle of HOPE, we light the candle of HOPE
He's coming soon, Emmanuel; Jesus will bring us HOPE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- C** O holy Lord, we are not the people You created us to be; sin is cast over us like a veil and our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds offend Your holiness. We confess that we have done that which is wrong in Your sight and have failed to do the good You desire. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ whom You sent as our Savior and Redeemer. Grant us the gift of Your Spirit to amend our sinful lives. Amen.

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has sent His Son Jesus Christ who atoned for the sins of the whole world. By His death and resurrection we have life. By your confession, I, as God's called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, speak God's grace to you and forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.

- C** And also with you.

- P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by the light of Your Holy Word, we may be drawn to Jesus and lay our lives before Him in worship, receiving from Him the gift of perfect peace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Prince of Peace, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 Timothy 6:6–12

⁶Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. ¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Matthew 2:1–2, 9–10

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

[Please stand]

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass

away. ³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

[Please be seated]

CHOIR ANTHEM: “THE COMING OF THE LORD”

Words and Music by: Pepper Choplin

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Sung by: The Trinity Choir

SERMON

“Look Up - The Star of Peace Draws Near”

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-10 and 1 Timothy 6:6-8

Pastor Blair Clark

[Please stand]

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

[Please be seated]

OFFERING HYMN "O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"

LSB #357

Words: Latin; tr. John Mason Neale

Music: French; setting: C. Winfred Douglas

Text and tune: Public domain

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest

cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of

ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Once You came among us, Lord Jesus, and because of Your coming the darkness of our world of sins shone with the brightness of Your saving glory; help us to shine with Your light today.
- C** **Open our hearts to Your mercy and hear our prayer.**
- P** Through Your coming in Word and Sacrament, we continue to receive grace upon grace.
- C** **Build us up in faith that we may endure until Your coming and be found faithful for all that You have called us to be and to do.**

P We pray for our church, all church workers and Trinity's leaders, and each of us assembled here, that we may not shrink from the work You have called us to do; we pray for our nation and its people, especially those struggling to find employment or provide for families; we pray for Trinity's mission in this community and give thanks for God's guiding hand and bountiful blessing, that our efforts may bear fruit continuously for the mission and ministry of God's people in this place. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the men and women of our military who have been placed in harm's way in service to our beloved country. May your gracious protection and ever presence guide them and watch over them, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P For the elderly, the sick and all who suffer, especially those among us whom we have lifted up to You previously, Father, and those most recently afflicted; and all who have requested our prayers that the Holy Spirit would strengthen the weak, supply the needs of the lonely, and grant healing of body and patience to endure all afflictions, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

(Intercessory Prayers)



December 3 - Norbert Laabs

December 4 - Jerry Housholder

December 5 - David Chaves

December 5 - Bob & Kathy Olson (53)
December 6 - Jim & Audrey Stencel (65)



P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

[Please stand]

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the ✠ new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Remembering all that Jesus accomplished for us and rejoicing in the hope that is ours in Him, we confess that He is Lord and that on the Last Day He will come to bring to completion all that began for us and our salvation.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

Divine Setting III

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

[Please be seated]

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“GOD WILL MAKE A WAY” *Sung by Kimberley Clark*

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“WHAT CHILD IS THIS”

LSB #370

Words: William C. Dix; Music: English, setting: John Stainer

Text and tune: Public domain



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
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!

One Small Child



“JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES”

Communion Song Book #3

Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us,
blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Jesus, loving Shepherd vine of the branches,
Son of God Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor,
Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Jesus, Way of salvation, King of kings,
Lord of lords, The Way, the Truth, and the Life,
Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.

[Please stand]

THE DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. Go in peace, to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,
C **give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give,**

P that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,

C **may live in peace and quietness;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

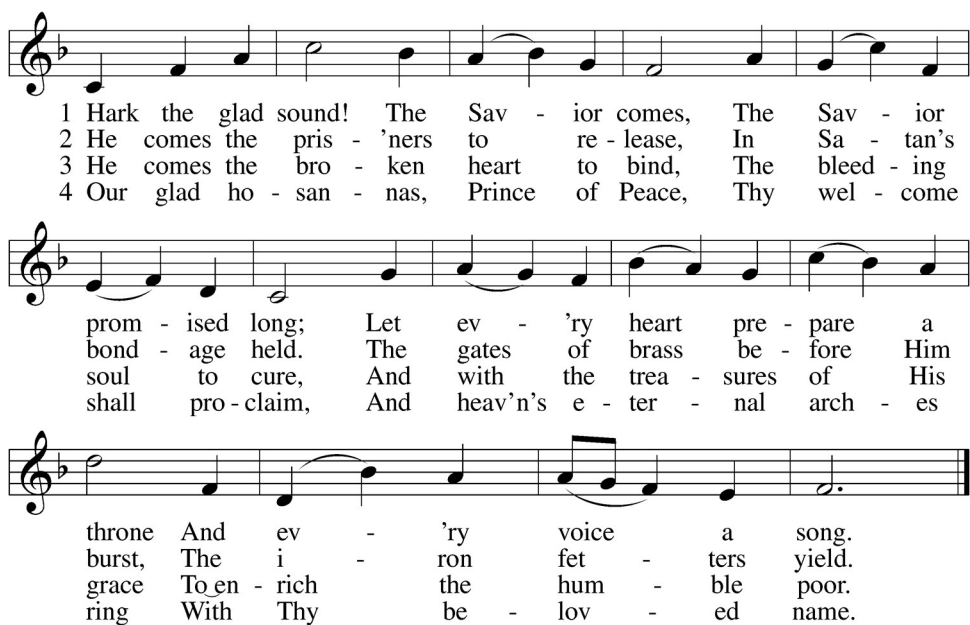
CLOSING HYMN “HARK THE GLAD SOUND”

LSB #349

Words by: Philip Doddridge

Music by: Thomas Hawels

Text and tune: Public domain



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es

throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

CHRISTMAS
Joy
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Advent Service – Wednesday, Dec. 6 @ 4pm
Cantata Service – Wednesday, Dec. 13 @ 5pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, Dec. 24 @
10am and 4pm
Christmas Day Service, Dec. 25 @ 10 am
New Year's Eve Services, Dec. 31 @
8am & 10:30am

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Christianity is the only religion of the world to insist that reconciliation with the creator cannot ever be accomplished by our performance. Only through the revelation of a Savior, who would be the substitute sacrifice for all of our wrongdoing and make us right with God, can we finally overcome our sense of separation from the Almighty.

This is a gift and promise of life that we rejoice in and share with Christians around the world. We share with all Christians the desire that everyone would come to know Jesus and experience a life under “new management” – the grace and purpose of God.

Trinity is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We enjoy a blessed confessional heritage of Biblical Christianity with over 65 million Lutherans around the world and over 7 million Lutherans in the U.S. alone. What we know and believe comes only from the Bible, which is God’s inspired Word. While the Bible is certainly our guide for holy living, the primary purpose of the Bible is to reveal Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

We believe every Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church is a “little Easter”, a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper every Sunday in all worship services. We believe the forgiveness and strength of faith we are promised through receiving the very body and blood of Christ is so greatly needed by all of God’s people, for we are truly a community of wounded healers. For a Christian Church to be anything else than a place of common fellowship and unity and a source of strength for our fragile faith is to fail its God-ordained purpose and intent.

Our pastor would like to be of service to you in any way he can. Feel free to call the church office or speak with Pastor Blair directly if you wish to find out more about the church or have more personal needs of a spiritual nature.



**TEACHING THE
LOVE OF
CHRIST**