



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
1186 Jason Drive, Greencastle, PA

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We want to be a congregation who continues:

Trusting God

Loving and Connecting with God and one another

Reaching out to all God's children

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 3, 2023 10:15 AM

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Ministers to the World – Congregation of Trinity Lutheran
Mission – To Share Christ in Word and Deed
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WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE THIS DAY!

- If you are visiting with us, we are honored by your presence. If you are seeking a church home, please contact the Pastor.
- Holy Communion is celebrated in this morning's worship. All are welcome to the table. Young children should follow the practice of their home congregation.
- The Worship Service will be available on You Tube, Facebook and the Website after the service. It is being recorded through Facebook Live.
- Congregational responses are in bold.
- * *Please stand*

Welcome and Announcements

Dedication of Lectionaries

GATHERING

Prelude

Glory to God Forever (CCLI #2823835)

***Advent Litany**

○ Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things:

Come and teach us the way of prudence.

○ Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai:

Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.

○ Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage:

Come quickly to deliver us.

○ Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can close, you close and no one can open:

Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death.

○ Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting:

Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

○ King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people:

Come and save us all, whom you formed out of clay.

O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver, the anointed of the nations and their Savior:

Come and save us, O Lord our God.

***Gathering Hymn**

All Who Are Thirsty (CCLI #2823825)

1 All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep
(We sing)

2 Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
(REPEAT)

4 As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep we sing

3 Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
(REPEAT)

5 Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
(REPEAT)

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***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:** We pray together: **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Lesson – Isaiah 64: 1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Advent Prayer and Candle Lighting

***Advent Wreath Hymn**

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper (ACS #901)

- 1 Now the heavens start to whisper,
as the veil is growing thin.
Earth from slumber wakes to listen
to the stirring, faint within:
seed of promise, deeply planted,
child to spring from Jesse's stem!
Like the soil beneath the frostline,
hearts grow soft to welcome him.
- 2 Heavy clouds that block the moonlight
now begin to drift away.
Diamond brilliance through the darkness
shines the hope of coming day.
Christ, the morning star of splendor,
gleams within a world grown dim.
Heaven's ember fans to fullness;
hearts grow warm to welcome him.
- 3 Christ, eternal Sun of justice,
Christ, the rose of wisdom's seed,
come to bless with fire and fragrance
hours of yearning, hurt, and need.
In the lonely, in the stranger,
in the outcast, hid from view;
Child who comes to grace the manger,
teach our hearts to welcome you.

Psalm 80: 1-7; 17-19

- ¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- ²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- ³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
- ⁴**O LORD God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



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

Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel – Mark 13: 24-37**

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering,

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.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and

glory. ²⁷Then 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 forth 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 tell

you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken

place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; 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 slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to

be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at

dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I

say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Time of Silence: *We respond to God’s love becoming still, closing our eyes and opening our heart spaces to God’s presence.*

*Hymn

Jesus Come For We Invite You (ELW #312)

- 1 Jesus, come! for we invite you,
guest and master, friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding,
speak and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or
doubting,
hope be born and joy restored.
- 2 Jesus, come! transform our
pleasures,
guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your
servants,
let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in
secret,
all shall see what you have done.
- 3 Jesus, come! in new creation,
heav'n brought near by pow'r divine;
give your unexpected glory,
changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples—
come, our first and greatest Sign!
- 4 Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,
make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine,
all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches,
taste your love, believe, and live!

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*Apostles' Creed

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 power of 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 the Church - (Each petition ends with "Merciful God," The Congregation responds "receive our prayer.")**

***Sign of Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** *(If you are joining us on Facebook, please share Christ's peace with one another in the comments.)*

MEAL

You are invited to come forward for the traditional distribution of Communion or if you prefer, take a prepackaged kit available from the Usher and remain seated. The Pastor will give instructions to you prior to communing the Assistants.

***Offertory**

God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

***Dialogue**

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.

***Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***Words of Institution**

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, Jesus 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.

***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.

Invitation to Communion

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at the table.

Pew Communion: *Those who wish to commune from their seats using the prepackaged kits please open them now. Take and eat and drink, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.*

Assistants Commune

Communion

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Communion Hymns: (Lyrics available on the screen)

He Comes to Us as One Unknown (ELW #737)

Of the Father's Love Begotten (ELW #295)

Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

*Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **Amen.**

SENDING

*Benediction

The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit ✠ remain upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Sending Hymn

Christ is Coming! Let Creation (Public Domain)

1 Christ is coming! Let creation
From its groans and travail cease
Let the glorious proclamation
Hope restore and faith increase
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Come, Thou blessed Prince of peace

3 Long Thine exiles have been pining
Far from rest, and home, and Thee
But, in heav'nly vestures shining
Soon they shall Thy glory see
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Haste the joyous jubilee

2 Earth can now but tell the story
Of the bitter cross and pain
We shall yet behold the glory
When Thou comest back to reign
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Let each heart repeat the strain

4 With that blessed hope before us
Let no harp remain unstrung
Let the mighty advent chorus
Onward roll from tongue to tongue
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come

***Blessing of the Greens**

***Sending for Service**

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.

SERVING TRINITY TODAY

Director of Music – Sandra Wingert

Assisting Minister – Scott Valentine

Communion Assistants – Robin Witmer-Kline and Sue Wunderlich

Communion Cups – Josie Thomas

Singer – Phyllis McCullough

Greeters – Rob and Alice Marsh

Usher – Charlie Ford

IT Ministry – IT Team

Communion Preparers – Donna Wolfe and Sue Wunderlich

Media Shout – Ivan Wingert

TODAY WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Gust and Mimi Barbuzanes, Joyce Berger, Carolyn Clark, Barbara “Jo” Creager, Marie Dean, Sue Deardorff, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Terry and Laura Ellis, Fred Ford, Shirley Freeman, Charles and Nancy Freshman, Sally Funk, Dick Gardenhour, Jake Johns, Pastor Charles Kampmeyer and his family, Tracy Loucks, Doug McCullough, Ray Shriver, Bud and Donna Wolfe.. *The prayer list will be purged at the end of the month. If you wish a name to be retained (other than homebound members) please call or email the office – 717-597-9348/tlcsecoffice@gmail.com.*

Each week we also remember four families of our congregation: Abby Nerenhausen; Frank and Denise Nerenhausen; Ryan and Melanie Nyland; Elizabeth and Mason Ogden.