

*Then they will see  
"the Son of Man coming in a cloud"  
with power and great glory.*

Luke 21:27, NRSV

**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 1, 2024 10:15 AM**

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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 and the Website after the service.
- Congregational responses are in bold.
- \* *Please stand*

### Welcome, Announcements, Opening Prayer

## GATHERING

### Prelude

*Fling Wide the Door* (ELW #259)

### \*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.**

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

**Come and save us, O Lord our God.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (ELW #257) vs.4,6,7,8

**\*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 alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Lesson – Jeremiah 33:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25:1-10** (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your  
goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup> **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup> You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup> **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

### **\*Advent Prayer and Candle Lighting**

Blessed be God, the eternal ✠ One-in-Three, who was, and is, and is to come.

**Blessed be God forever and ever.**

During a season of busyness and in a culture that demands immediate response,  
**we pause and wait for your appearing.**

In the midst of anxiety, chaos, and fear,  
**we pause and trust that your hand is leading us.**

Uncertain about the future and weighed down with worries in the present,  
**we pause and know your presence fully.**

Come, O Christ, and set us free.

**Come, Emmanuel, bring in your reign of justice and peace.**

We wait for a new heaven and a new earth,  
**where righteousness is at home.**

### **\*Advent Wreath Hymn**

*Be Still My Soul* (Public Domain)

1 Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to thy God to order and provide  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain  
Be still my soul thy best thy heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

2 Be still my soul thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past  
Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last  
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

### **Prayer**

## Second Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 21:25-36

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup> And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*Gospel Acclamation

## Hallelujah! Words of Life!

*A Gospel Acclamation*

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Hal-le - lu - jah! Where else would we \_ go? Hal-le - lu - jah! Words of  
life! Hal-le - lu - jah! Where else would we \_ go? Hal-le - lu - jah! Words of  
life! Hal - le - lu - jah! Words of life!

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\*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these

things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children’s Message**

### **Sermon**

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

### **\*Hymn**

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding (ELW #246)*

### **\*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 "Lord, in your mercy,". 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**

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to 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:

*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.

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*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)

*Chorus 1*  
Come Lord Jesus come  
Come Lord Jesus come  
(REPEAT)

*Chorus 2*  
Holy Spirit come  
Holy Spirit come  
(REPEAT)

*Interlude*  
As deep cries out to deep we sing

Repeat *Chorus 1* two times

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*When Love Was Born (CCLI #2823825)*

1 Starlight shines, the night is still  
Shepherds watching from a hill  
I close my eyes to see the night  
When love was born

2 A perfect child gently waits  
A mother bends to kiss God's face  
I close my eyes to see the night  
When love was born

3 Angels fill the midnight sky and they  
sing  
Hallelujah He is Christ our King

4 Emmanuel, Prince of Peace  
Love come down for you and me  
Heaven's gift, the holy spark  
To light the way inside our hearts

5 Bethlehem through your small door  
Came the hope we've waited for  
The world was changed forevermore  
When love was born

6 I close my eyes to see the night  
When love was born

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### **\*Table Blessing**

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

### **\*Post Communion Prayer**

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **\*Benediction**

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, † bless and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **\*Sending Hymn**

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* (ELW #244)

### **\*Sending for Service**

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

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**SERVING TRINITY TODAY**

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Singers – Ella Swart

Usher – Rob Marsh

Greeter – Alice Marsh

IT Ministry – IT Team

Communion Preparers – Donna Wolfe and Sue Wunderlich

**TODAY WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Gust Barbuzanes, Marie Dean, Sue Deardorff, Terry and Laura Ellis, Mason Ervin, Shirley Freeman, Charles and Nancy Freshman, Sally Funk, Sue Gardenhour, Erma Horn, Jake Johns, Roger Johns, Tracy Loucks, Cheryl Luger, Doug McCullough, Beth Miller, Lisa Peters, Don Swart, 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 members and friends of our congregation: Deb and Faith Miller; Candy Mowen and Hali Marquez; Frank and Denise Nerenhausen; Ryan and Melanie Nyland.