



**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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 8, 2024 10:15 AM**

**Rev. Denise Horn – Interim Pastor
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 and the Website after the service.
- Congregational responses are in bold.
- * *Please stand*

Welcome, Announcements, Opening Prayer

GATHERING

Prelude

Blessed Be the God of Israel (ELW #250)

*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**

People, Look East (ELW #248)

***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 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.**

First Lesson – Malachi 3:1-4

¹ See, 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. ² But 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 washers' soap; ³ he 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. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD, as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Luke 1:68-79 (Read responsively)

⁶⁸ Blessed 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.**

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

⁷¹ from the hands of all who hate us,

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

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

⁷⁴ to 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.**

⁷⁶ And 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.**

⁷⁸ In 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.**

***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.

As the world is groaning in pain and suffering,
we prepare and expect your appearing.

Your Spirit has brought us to faith, and your Spirit sends us into mission.

We prepare and engage in advocacy and justice-building.

We who are baptized into Christ have been called to serve as Jesus' body in the world.

We prepare and rejoice that you already dwell among us.

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**

Prepare the Royal Highway (LELW #264) vs.1&4

Prayer

Second Lesson – Philippians 1:3-11

³ I thank my God for every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy ⁵ for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are

my partners in God's grace, 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 tender affection 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 really matters, 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Hallelujah! Words of Life!

A Gospel Acclamation

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes.

Staff 1: E A E
Hal-le - lu - jah! Where else would we _ go? Hal-le - lu - jah! Words of

Staff 2: B E A A B
life! Hal-le - lu - jah! Where else would we _ go? Hal-le - lu - jah! Words of

Staff 3: C#m E B E
life! Hal - le - lu - jah! Words of life!

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*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, 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.
⁵ Every 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,
⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

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** *On Jordan's Bank the Baptists Cry (ELW #249)*

***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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (ELW #488)

Blessed Assurance (ELW #638)

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song

Praising my Savior all the day long (repeat)

***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**

Christ is Coming, Let Creation

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!"

Psalms and Hymns to the Living God p. 216, hymnary.org

***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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TODAY WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Gust Barbuzanes, Marie Dean, Sue Deardorff, Terry and Laura Ellis, Mason Ervin, Shirley Freeman, 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 family of Charles Freshman. *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: Ed and Nancy Osbaugh; Kristofer, Maddie, Evalyn, Rhett and Wyatt Palmer; Leah Porto; Dot Potter.