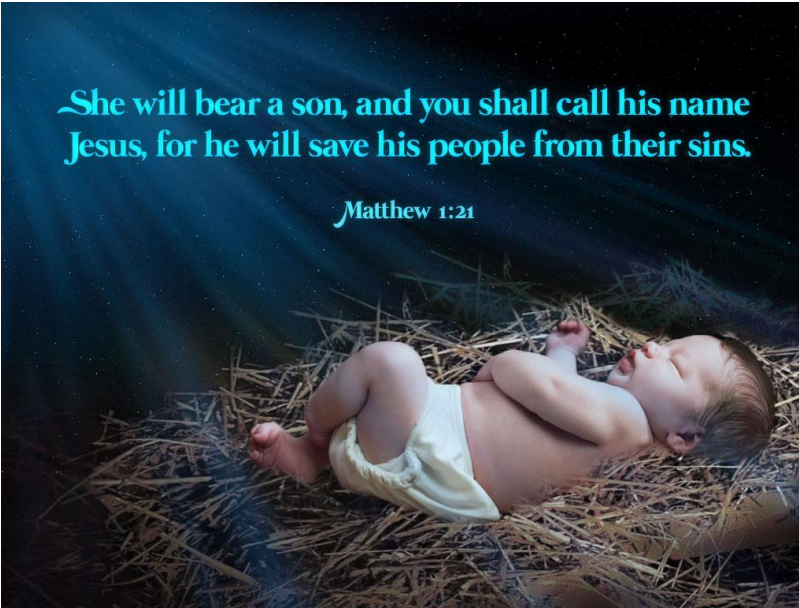


*She will bear a son, and you shall call his name  
Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.*

*Matthew 1:21*



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Trusting God  
Loving and Connecting with God and one another  
Reaching out to all God's children

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 21, 2025 10:15 AM**

**Rev. Denise Horn – Interim Pastor**  
**Ministers to the World – Congregation of Trinity Lutheran**  
**Mission – *To Share Christ in Word and Deed***  
**Office Phone – 717-597-9348**

## 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

### Call to Worship

*Lord Jesus is Coming (2 verses)*

### \*Advent Litany

O 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.**

O 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.**

O 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.**

O 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.**

O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting:

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

O 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**

*Shine on Us* (CCLI #2823825) 3 verses

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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. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **First Lesson – Isaiah 7:10-16**

<sup>10</sup> The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup> “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19 (Read responsively)**

- <sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- <sup>2</sup> **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- <sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
- <sup>4</sup> **O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**
- <sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

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

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

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

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

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

## **Advent Wreath**

Hymn ELW #243, Stanza #4 – lighting the candle

Prayer

### **Second Lesson – Romans 1:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup> the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup> including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup> To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

### Hallelujah! Words of Life!

#### *A Gospel Acclamation*

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan



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\*The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the first chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## \*Gospel – Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” <sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

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

## Children's Message

### Sermon

**Time of Silence:** *Let us respond to God's Word and God's love for us by becoming still, closing our eyes and opening our hearts to God's presence.*

**Hymn** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (ELW #295) 5 verses

### **\*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 "God of Grace," The Congregation responds "hear 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 Prayer**

Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. **Amen.**

### **\*Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

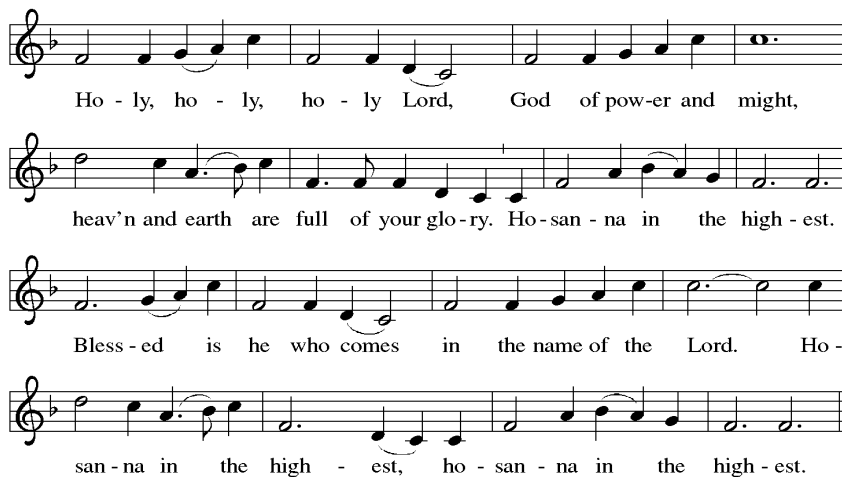
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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**

Here is life. God is with us.

Come, receive what God has promised.

**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:**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (ELW #257) 8 verses

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* (ELW #254) 2 verses

*Angels From the Realms of Glory* (ELW #275) verse 4

### **\*Table Blessing**

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

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

God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.

Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**



## SENDING

### **\*Benediction**

May God who comes among us, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always. **Amen.**

### **\*Sending Hymn**

*All Earth is Hopeful (ELW #266) 4 verses*

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

Go in peace. Keep awake.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### **SERVING TRINITY TODAY**

Director of Music – Saundra Wingert

Assisting Minister – Charlie Ford

Communion Assistants – Sue Wunderlich and Kevin Dagliano

Communion Cups – Josie Thomas

Musician – Ella Swart

Usher – Darrell Swart

Greeter – Kevin Dagliano

IT Ministry – IT Team

Communion Preparers – Donna Wolfe and Sue Wunderlich

**TODAY WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Gust Barbuzanes, Debbie Boggs, Marie Dean, Sue Deardorff, Donna, Terry and Laura Ellis, Shirley Freeman, Nancy Freshman, Sally Funk, Sue Gardenhour, Desarie Dean Gregory, Jake Johns, Tracy Loucks, Doug McCullough, Beth Miller, 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](mailto:tlcsecoffice@gmail.com).*

Each week we also remember four members and friends of our congregation: Carolyn Clark and Lisa Peters; Kevin and Nanette Dagliano; Marie Dean; Sue Deardorff.

