



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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Everything you need for
worship is in this bulletin.

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All who trust that
Christ is present in Holy
Communion are invited to
receive Him with us today.

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Please silence your cell
phone.

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Children are always
welcome in our worship!
Classroom 4 in the Annex
has space for nursing,
changing, or a sensory
break, if necessary.

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Our AED is mounted on
the wall in the stairway
next to the baptismal font.

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At Trinity, we welcome
all LGBTQ+ people as
full participants in our
common life. We're proud
to proclaim this publicly in
our city and wider church
as a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

ADVENT 1

DECEMBER 1, 2024

Congregational words are in bold print.

Please kneel or be seated.

PROCESSION

INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Ben Hoover, soloist

*A solis ortus cardine
ad usque terrae limitem
christum canamus principem,
natum maria virgine.*

From lands that see the sun arise,
To earth's remotest boundaries,
The virgin born today we sing,
The Son of Mary, Christ the King.

PRAYER

Eternal Word,
you are God from before the beginning.
We turn to You this day,
trusting that by Your power we might be made whole.
Teach us to number our days
that we may have hearts of wisdom.
Amen.

Please stand in body or spirit

SUNG RESPONSE - ELW 490 - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Stanza 1



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav' n - ly food.
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-1885, alt.
Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

Be seated.

TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name— “The Lord is our righteousness” —proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

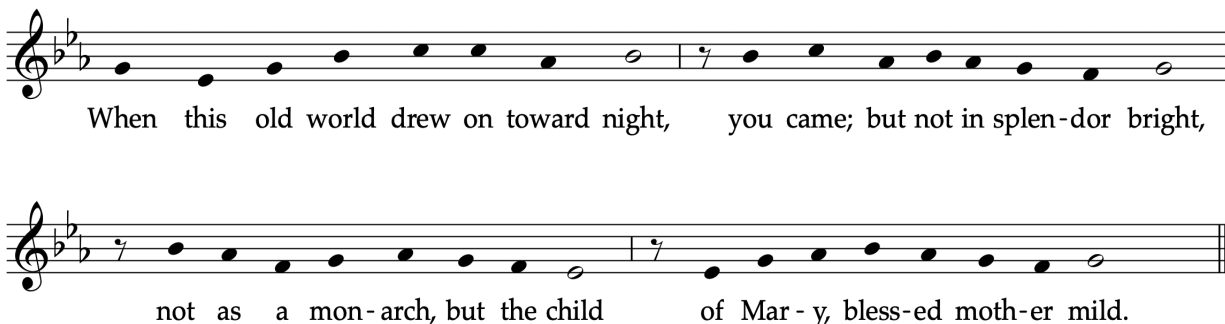
After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - ELW 245 - Creator of the Stars of Night



When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splen-dor bright,
not as a mon-arch, but the child of Mar-y, bless-ed moth-er mild.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.
Music: Plainsong mode IV

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM
LM

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God’s purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God’s people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God’s promised redemption.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

SERMON

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW 241 - O, Lord, How Shall I Meet You

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
2 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.
3 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.
4 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
who mourn your joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.

Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast
A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
All hail the Lord's ap - pear - ing! O glo - rious Sun, now come,

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.
send forth your beams so cheer - ing and guide us safe - ly home.

Please kneel or be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

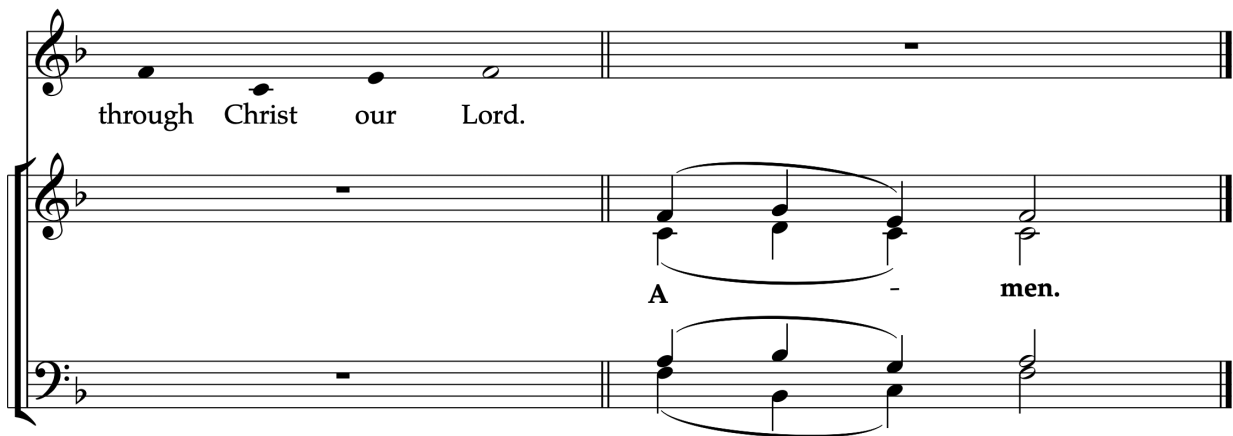
The Assisting Minister chants the prayer petitions. Each petition concludes:



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major, starting with a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a whole note G4. The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment. The middle staff has a whole rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, and B4, and a whole note G4. The bottom staff has a whole rest, followed by quarter notes G3, A3, and B3, and a whole note G3. The piano accompaniment features a simple harmonic accompaniment with a bass line of G-A-B-G and a treble line of G-A-B-G.

After the final petition:



through Christ our Lord.
A - men.

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major, starting with a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a whole note G4. The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment. The middle staff has a whole rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, and B4, and a whole note G4. The bottom staff has a whole rest, followed by quarter notes G3, A3, and B3, and a whole note G3. The piano accompaniment features a simple harmonic accompaniment with a bass line of G-A-B-G and a treble line of G-A-B-G.

Please stand in body or spirit.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet one another and then be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Call to Advent

J. Jerome Williams

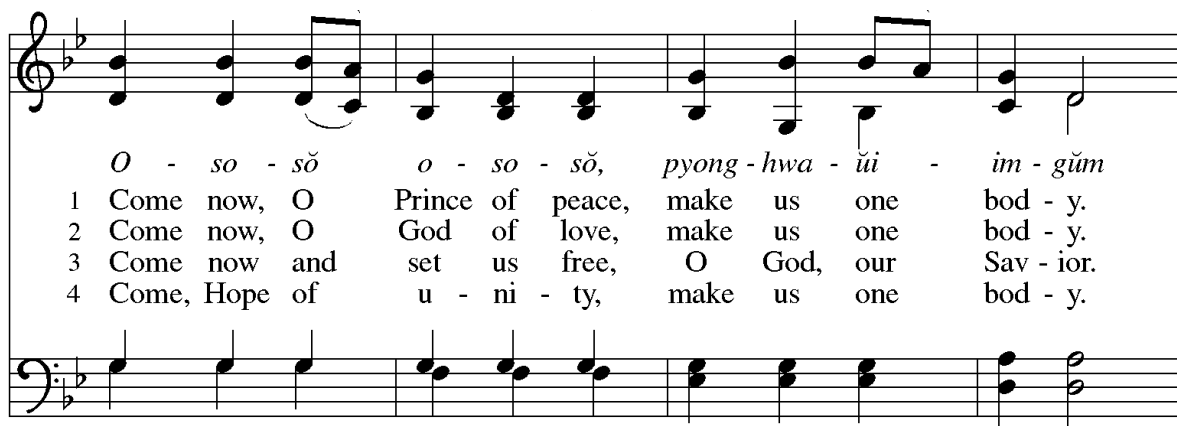
The Trinity Choir Dr. Cameron Lee Wentz, conductor

See ELW 257 & 490 for text.

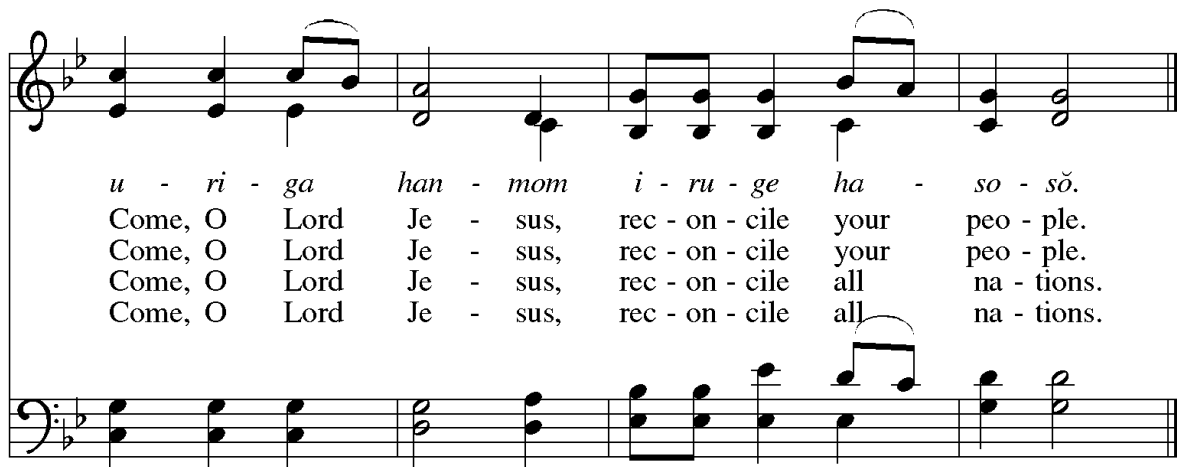
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OFFERTORY RESPONSE - ELW 247 - Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Stanza 1



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm
1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

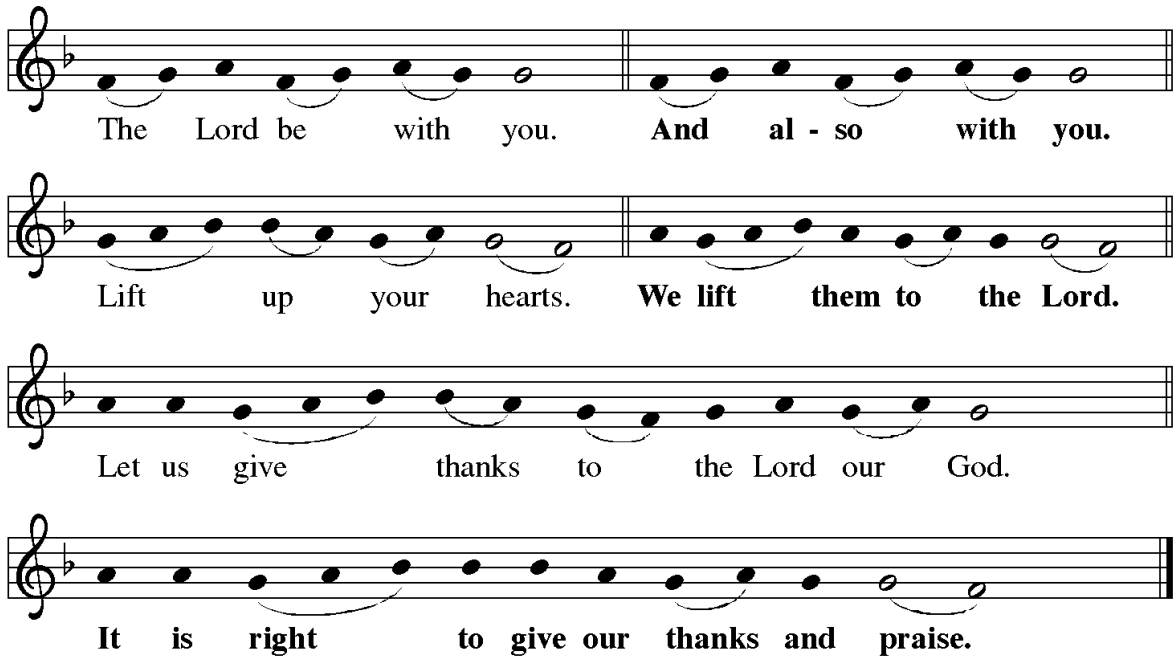


u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
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.

DIALOG



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us...

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit...

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

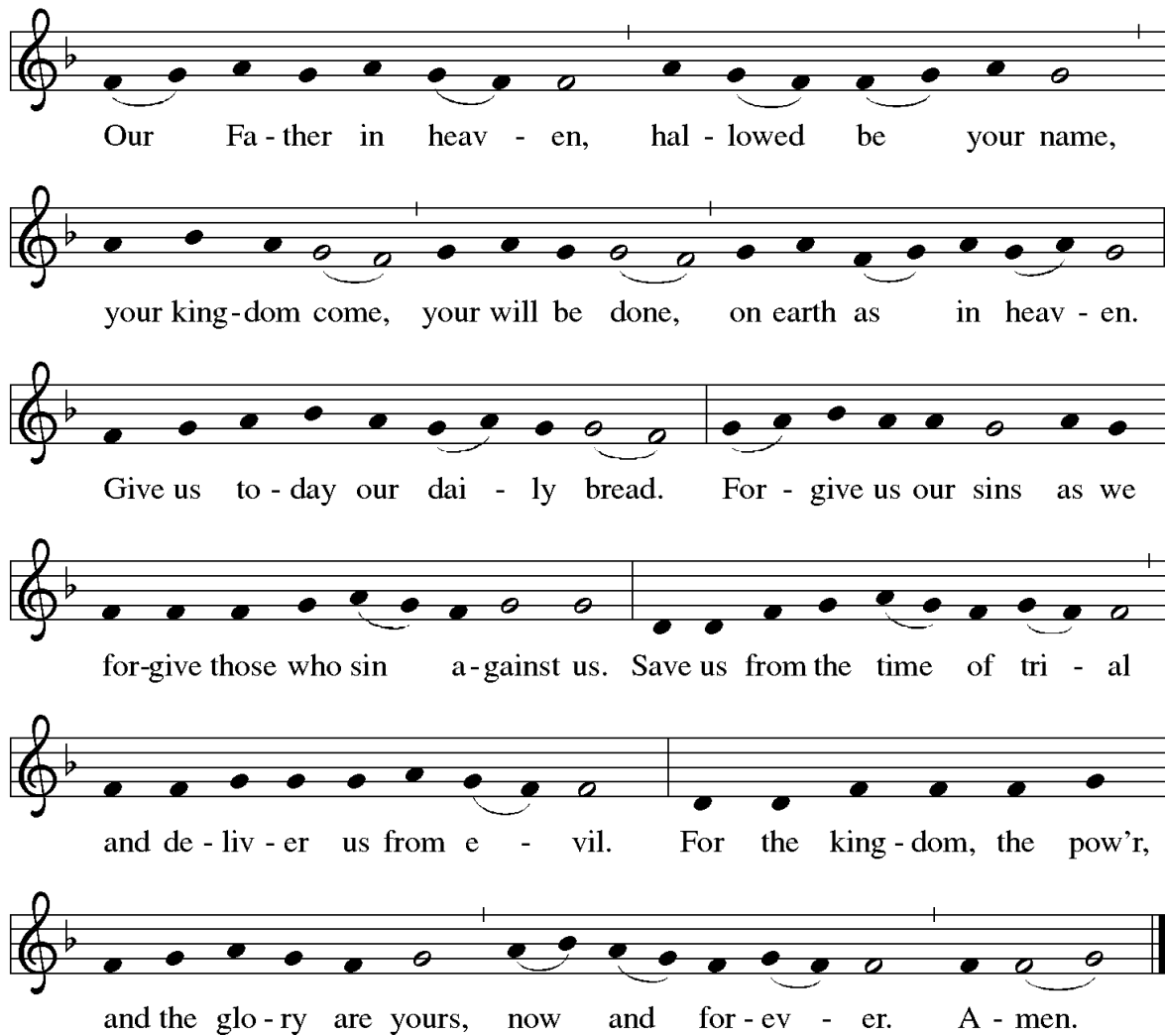
All glory and praise are yours...

Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God feeds us with tender mercy.
Come to the table.

Be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

All who trust that Jesus Christ is present in this holy meal are invited to receive communion.

Please follow the direction of the usher; if your pew is located on one of the side aisles, walk to the rear of the sanctuary. Two lines will form in the center aisle. The left line will commune at the left side of the altar rail; the right line will commune on the right side.

When you reach the front of the sanctuary, there are serving trays located on the tables. Please choose either an empty glass to receive wine, or, if you prefer, a prefilled glass in the center ring containing grape juice. After taking your cup, proceed to the rail. Fill in around the rail from the center to the ends. You may stand or kneel as is your preference.

The pastor will give you a piece of bread; eat it when you receive it. If you prefer a gluten free alternative, please inform the pastor.

Then, an assistant will come to offer wine from a pouring chalice. Please extend your glass to be filled with wine or indicate that you have grape juice. After drinking the wine or juice, you are welcome to remain in place for a moment of meditation.

After you finish your time of reflection, please return to your pew, depositing your empty glass in the trays located on the tables at the head of the side aisles.

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION - ELW 715 - Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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Please stand in body or spirit.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
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.

BLESSING

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 - ELW 248 - People, Look East - *see page 13*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Creator of the Stars of Night

Richard Warner

Please join us for coffee and conversation in the Hintz Room immediately following worship.

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SENDING HYMN - ELW 248 - People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BESANÇON, French carol; arr. Barry Rose, b. 1934

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Sunday, December 1 - Advent 1

Leaders in Today's Liturgy

Presiding and Preaching: Pr. Hans E. Becklin

Assisting Minister: Hannah Long

Minister of Music: Karen S. Eddinger

Lector: Jane Zobian

Communion Assistant: Linda Motley

Acolyte: Danielle Smith

Greeter: Mae Sunderland

Ushers: Amy Reinsel and Jeff & Pam Wasmuth

Media Team: Kate Speece, Jacinda Motley and Abbie Smith

Altar Guild: Michael Faust, Linda Grim, Erica Hofmann, Amy Litvinov and Doris Strobel

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Amy Litvinov in honor of Anna's birthday

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Virginia Biniek to the glory of God

Immediate Prayer Requests

Ralph Unruh, Sue Burtnett, Nancy Souders-Negri & Fred Negri, and Ed & Peg Coleman

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Beth Welz, Donna Osborne, Linda Motley, Darryl Jeffries, Chris Drayer, Harry Feinauer, Walter Schur, Celia Cosentino (friend of Jane Zobian), Tina Koch (friend of Jenn Smith), the Sawyer family, David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh), Christine Wells (friend of Jan Opalinski), and Craig Poole

Trinity Households and Ministry Partners

Chris Kissinger & Rebecca Watkins; Barbara Kline; Judith Krick; Amy, Igor, Anna & Nina Litvinov; and Hannah & Micah Long; Christ Episcopal Church and Fr. Bryce Wandrey; the Common Ground Recovery Community, Pr. Tom Scornavacchi and Pr. Jayme Babczak

Attendance Sunday, November 24: 82

Attendance Wednesday, November 27:

Prepare for Worship December 8

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

Broadcast Schedule for this week on Comcast Channel 190

Sundays

6:00 PM "World Views" from Muhlenberg College:

Local Hindu Temple Ritual and Practice

6:30 PM Music From Trinity:

Robin Bier, Contralto and David Lutz, Collaborative Pianist

7:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

Wednesdays

4:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

5:00 PM Music From Trinity:

Robin Bier, Contralto and David Lutz, Collaborative Pianist

5:30 PM "World Views" from Muhlenberg College:

Local Hindu Temple Ritual and Practice

Trinity's Sunday morning

worship is also live streamed via Facebook and YouTube.

You may log on to either platform on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM and worship at the same time as the in-person congregation.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, December 1

9:00 AM: "Take a Breath" Cross+generational
Advent Event (Hintz Room)
10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)
11:15 AM: Coffee & Conversation (Hintz Room)
11:15 AM: Mixed Ensemble Rehearsal (Balcony)
11:30 AM: Meeting: Decoration of All Saint's Room
& Welcome Center (Pr. Hans' Office)
2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal

Monday, December 2

1:00 PM: Program Staff Meeting

Tuesday, December 3

9:30 AM: Full Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 4

12:05 PM: Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
6:30 PM: Trinity Ringers (Robing Room)
7:30 PM: Trinity Choir Rehearsal (Hintz Room)

Thursday, December 5

11:00 AM: Worship & Music Committee Meeting
(Hintz Room)

Sunday, December 8

9:00 AM: Sunday Forum (All Saints Room)
9:00 AM: Sunday Time
10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)
11:15 AM: Annual Congregational Meeting (Nave)
11:15 AM: Mixed Ensemble Rehearsal (Bard House)
11:45 AM: Coffee & Conversation (Hintz Room)
2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal

Congregational Annual Meeting December 8

The annual meeting of the congregation will take place immediately following worship at 11:15 AM in the nave on Sunday, December 8. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the proposed budget for 2025 and a steeple work proposal. Copies of the budget and steeple proposal are available in the narthex.

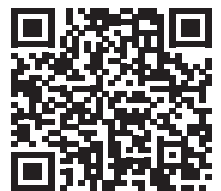
Sunday Forum in December

December 8, 15, 22nd: Jesus is Coming—But How?

Join Pr. Hans in Sunday forum for a Bible Study on Jesus' return, one of the key themes of Advent. There is a lot of misinformation out there—from the idea of a "Rapture" to the idea that Jesus might not come back, after all. We'll study Matthew 24:29-31, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18, and Revelation 1:7-8 as our key passages—bring your Bible!

Trinity Seeks Property Manager

As a part of our restructuring, Trinity seeks a highly-motivated individual with skills in project management, maintenance, HVAC, electrical, and plumbing. Applications are currently being accepted, and we hope to fill the position before January 1st, 2025. Scan the QR code to apply.



Handel's "Messiah" Community Sing Sunday, December 8

5:30 PM at Scottish Rite Cathedral, 430 7th Ave, West Reading - FREE

Come and sing the Christmas part of G.F. Handel's "Messiah" with Reading Choral Society singers, orchestra and soloists under the direction of Dr. Graham Bier. Bring your own score or borrow one from RCS. This FREE Community Event is part of Scottish Rite Holiday Happenings.

Trinity Angel Tree is Here!

The Angel Tree has arrived with many opportunities for Trinity members to buy gifts for disabled adults who live in a Day Spring Home and for children living at The Lighthouse. Please sign your name in the gift registry with the identification of the adult or child for whom you are buying a gift. All gifts must be wrapped with the attached name visible on the outside of the package. **The due date for all gifts is Sunday, December 15.** If you have any questions contact Carolyn Holleran, who chairs this outreach program, at tjhcrh@comcast.net.

Christmas Bells are Ringing

Friday, December 20, 7:00 PM in the Trinity nave

The final Rändel Wolfe concert of 2024 featuring the renowned handbell soloist Ron Bellamy will be accompanied by his wife, pianist Linda Lorgus. Together they will share Christmas carols and songs that will be sure to have you in the Christmas spirit! Join us and help support the important work of Family Promise of Berks County!

Staff of Trinity Lutheran Church

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