



ADVENT

Prepare the Way of the Lord



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Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

WS 701 Prepare the Royal Highway

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken) Amen.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C (spoken) Amen.

P In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shipped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** (spoken) And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. . .
- C** (spoken) Amen

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-18

'Behold, the days are coming,' says the Lord, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah:

15 'In those days and at that time
I will cause to grow up to David

A Branch of righteousness;
 He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.
 16 In those days Judah will be saved,
 And Jerusalem will dwell safely.
 And this is the name by which she will be called:

THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.'

17 "For thus says the Lord: 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; 18 nor shall the priests, the Levites, lack a man to offer burnt offerings before Me, to kindle grain offerings, and to sacrifice continually.'"

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 24:

P Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!

C **And the King of glory shall come in.**

P Who is this King of glory?

C **The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle.**

P Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors!

C **And the King of glory shall come in.**

P Who is this King of glory?

C **The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah**

Second Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. 26 Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. 27 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. 28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

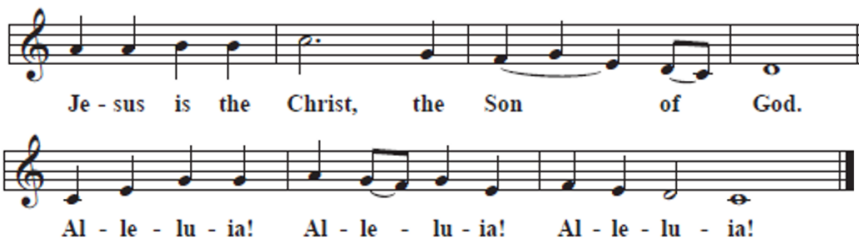
P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

TLH 66 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

Sermon

Romans 1:16-25

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown

it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

No Christmas Without Christ
I: Don't be ignorant
II: Don't be ashamed

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

OFFERTORY

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
 not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
 Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

P The Lord be with you
C (spoken) And also with you

P Lift up your hearts!
C (spoken) We lift them up to the LORD!

P It is truly proper and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. For You have called us in Your Word to bear witness and rejoice in the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*

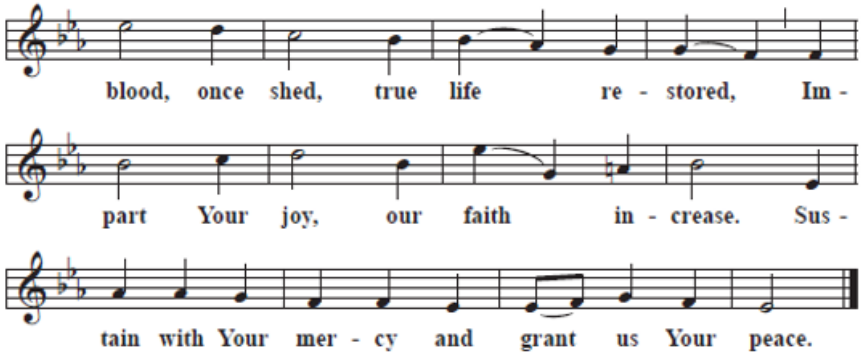
C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -
san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Institution

P . . . and the peace of the Lord be with you always.

LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*

O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose




blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT COMMUNION: All CLC churches practice "close communion." **We ask that only those who are members of our church or another congregation in the CLC come forward to receive the Sacrament.** This is NOT a judgment on your faith! Rather, it is an expression of our own faith and unity. If you would like more information, or are interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

P We continue with the singing of the Nunc Dimittis

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT *Nunc Dimittis*



C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord with gladness!

THANKSGIVING

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Thanksgiving + Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray:

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we pray that You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another. We ask this in Jesus' Name, in whose Name we also join to pray together. . .

C 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**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

TLH 62 Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to Worship at Trinity!

Please wait to be ushered out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. Offerings may be left in the offering plate in the rear of the sanctuary or mailed to the church.

Guest and Visitors, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this morning and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! Because He lives, we shall live also! We invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*, and we hope to see you again!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS + PARTY – We will be setting up Christmas decorations at Trinity after worship today. Next Sunday, December 10th, we will be having our Christmas party, complete with food, carols, and a gift exchange. There is a \$10 limit on gifts, and members are asked to bring dinner rolls or a dessert if they are able. Everyone is welcome (whether you bring anything or not), so please plan to join us and bring a friend!

CHURCH COUNCIL + WOMEN'S CIRCLE – The church council and Women's Circle will meet after worship two Sundays from today, on December 17th.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP – In the entryway are three sign-up sheets for cleaning, greeting, and mowing at Trinity. If you are willing to help in any or all of these areas, we would be very grateful for your time and energy! Col 3:23 *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.*

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES – The church council has decided not to hold midweek Advent services this year. A midweek devotional video will be uploaded to each Wednesday beginning this week until Christmas.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP – Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, our Christmas Eve worship will take place at 10:30am on Sunday December 24th. Christmas Day worship of lessons and carols will follow the next day, December 25th, at the same time.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- **Nancy Thornton** underwent heart surgery recently to replace a valve. The operation went well but there were a few complications that, while not life threatening, are causing Nancy some discomfort. We thank the Lord for His grace in a successful procedure and pray that He be with Nancy in

her recovery!

- Please keep **Pastor John Hein and his family** in your prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. For updates on his care, visit: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein>. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family>.

CALL NEWS

<> Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran of Saginaw, MI, is *considering* the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.

<> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC is *considering* the call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY		
Date	Attendance	Offering
11/5/23	22	\$2,451
11/12/23	24	\$1,365
11/19/23	18	\$640
11/26/23	18	\$730

GREETER SCHEDULE	
Next Sunday	Randy & Lynne Estes
12/17	Joyce Miller
12/24	Jeanne Helke

DECEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE	
North Entry	Lux
Sanctuary	White
Basement	Naumann

