

FOR IN HIM ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD WAS  
PLEASED TO DWELL, AND THROUGH HIM

God  
WAS  
PLEASED

TO RECONCILE TO HIMSELF ALL THINGS.



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# Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

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## Service of the Word

### Opening Prayer

### Opening Hymn

*TLH 68 The Advent of Our King*

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

**P** Our Help is in the Name of the Lord,

**C** Who made heaven and earth

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with you there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our own unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

## Kyrie - Lord, Have Mercy



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis - Glory to God in the Highest



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## 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:

<sup>15</sup> '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.

<sup>16</sup> 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.’

<sup>17</sup> “For thus says the Lord: ‘David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; <sup>18</sup> nor shall the priests, the Levites, lack a man to offer burnt offerings before Me, to kindle grain offerings, and to sacrifice continually.’”

## Responsive Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 45:2-4, 6*

**P** You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips;

**C** **Therefore God has blessed You forever.**

**P** Gird Your sword upon *Your* thigh, O Mighty One,

**C** **With Your glory and Your majesty.**

**P** And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth,  
humility, *and* righteousness;

**C** **And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things.**

**P** Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever;

**C** **A scepter of righteousness *is* the scepter of Your kingdom.**

## Second Reading

*Luke 1:1-25*

Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup> just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, <sup>3</sup> it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.

<sup>5</sup> There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup> And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. <sup>7</sup> But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years.

<sup>8</sup> So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, <sup>9</sup> according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. <sup>10</sup> And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. <sup>11</sup> Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar

of incense. <sup>12</sup> And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

<sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. <sup>14</sup> And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. <sup>15</sup> For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. <sup>16</sup> And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

<sup>18</sup> And Zacharias said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.”

<sup>19</sup> And the angel answered and said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings. <sup>20</sup> But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time.”

<sup>21</sup> And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple. <sup>22</sup> But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless.

<sup>23</sup> So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house. <sup>24</sup> Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, <sup>25</sup> “Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on *me*, to take away my reproach among people.”

**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.



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day

*WS 705 Come, O Long Expected Jesus*

## Sermon

*Colossians 1:13-23*

[God] has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,<sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup> And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. <sup>18</sup> And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may

have the preeminence.

<sup>19</sup> For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, <sup>20</sup> and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled <sup>22</sup> in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— <sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Sermon Theme:  
**THE INFINITE IN THE INFANT**  
I: Our Creator in the cradle  
II: Our Christ on the cross

**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.

## Hymn

*WS 712 What Child Is This?*

## Offering

### Prayer of the Church + The Lord's Prayer

**P** . . . 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

*LSB 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed (pg. 8)*

## Silent Prayer

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## LSB 398 – Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!  
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.  
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.

He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,  
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,  
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;

To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.  
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.  
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow,  
His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.

**5. O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all blest.  
The tide of time shall never This covenant remove;  
His Name shall stand forever – That Name for us is Love.**

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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

**Church Picture** – After announcements, please make your way to the front of church for our Christmas photo! We send these out to our shut-ins and members at a distance, and copies are usually made available at church later on.

**Christmas Decorations** – Thanks to everyone who was able to make it yesterday and help decorate our church for this Christmas season!

**Christmas Party** – Our annual Christmas Party and white elephant gift exchange will take place after worship today. Please stay and join us!

**December Calendar** – Our December church calendar was sent out in this morning's email and hard copies are available in the entryway.

**Church Council + Women's Circle** – The church council and Women's Circle are scheduled to meet next Sunday after worship. The church council will definitely meet then, and it will be announced after worship whether Women's Circle plans to meet.

**Midweek Devotions** – In lieu of holding midweek Advent worship this year. We are uploading Advent devotions every Wednesday evening to our YouTube and Facebook page. Please give them a listen as we ponder our Savior's birth again this year!

**Tour Choir 2025** – The Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary tour choir will be visiting us next March to bring us the Gospel in song! In the coming weeks, we'll be looking for volunteers to help house, feed, and transport the choir members during their stay. Give some thought as to whether you'd be able to help out – more info soon!

**Meditation Booklets** – There is a new edition of the Meditation daily devotion booklets in the entryway. They have become quite popular, so please take only one per house.

**2025 CLC Mission Helper Trip** - Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip, so please apply early. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

### PRAYERS REQUESTED

- **Barbara Anderson** was admitted to the hospital to treat an infection and it was discovered that she had a stroke 3-4 weeks ago. Please keep Barbara in your prayers, and may the Lord grant her swift healing by His grace.
- **Dale Johnson** fell, broke his hip, and had surgery the next day to repair it. He is now rehabilitating at Manor Care. Please remember Dale in your prayers that God might spare him and unnecessary pain and restore him to health soon.
- **Stan White** recently had got scans back to gauge how effective his chemotherapy and radiation was to treat the cancer that was discovered this summer. Praise God, the cancer seems to be in remission! May God continue to bless Stan in his recovery.
- **Tom Steger**, a friend of the congregation, continues to recover at home from spinal surgery to remove a tumor and has begun hormone therapy to treat his cancer. May God bless his recovery and treatment.
- **Pastor Timothy Wheaton**, who serves Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Loveland, Colorado, has been diagnosed with a rare form of inoperable and highly aggressive stage-4 thyroid cancer. As his time on earth appears to be drawing to a close, may God give grace a comfort to Pastor Wheaton, his family, and our brothers and sisters at Prince of Peace during this difficult time.
- Molly Bettinger's friend, **Jeanne** (pronounced "Genie"), who has been suffering from glioblastoma had an MRI that shows a more enhanced brain tumor. Please continue to pray for Jeanne that she may be healed if it is God's will. Above all, may the joyful hope of the Gospel comfort her and her family no matter what the future holds.
- 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 Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI has **returned** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

<b>FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Offering</b>
<b>11/10/24</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>\$765</b>
<b>11/17/24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$480</b>
<b>11/24/24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>\$660</b>
<b>12/1/24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>\$3,455</b>

<b>GREETER SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Ben Reim</b>
<b>12/22</b>	<b>Laurie White</b>
<b>12/24</b>	<b>Tom &amp; Molly Bettinger</b>
<b>12/25</b>	<b>Joyce Miller</b>

<b>DECEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>North Entry</b>	<b>White</b>
<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>Estes</b>
<b>Basement</b>	<b>Helke</b>

