

# Trinity Lutheran Church

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*1st Week of Advent*

*November 28-29, 2020*

*6:00 P.M. Saturday-Worship*

*9:30 A.M. Sunday-Worship*

*Next drive thru communion: Sunday, November 29, 12:00-1:00*

*Come help decorate the sanctuary!*

*Sunday, November 29th, after 9:30 am worship service*

## Confession

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor: God of all mercy and consolation,  
come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin  
to live for you alone.  
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit  
that we may confess our sin,  
receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness,  
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

**Congregation: we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you  
In thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart;  
we have not loved  
our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake  
of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake  
God forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister  
of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Organ Prelude: **Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme**

**J. S. Bach**

Entrance Hymn: **#259 Fling Wide the Door**

**1. Fling wide the door, unbar the gate; the King of glory comes in state;  
the Lord of lords and King of kings, the Savior of the world who brings  
his great salvation to the earth.**

**So raise a shout of holy mirth and praise our God and Lord,  
Creator, Spirit, Word.**

**2. He is the rock of our belief, the heart of mercy's gentle self.  
His kingly crown is holiness; his scepter is his loveliness;  
he brings our sorrows to an end.**

**Now gladly praise our king and friend,  
and worship him with song for saving us from wrong.**

**3. Oh, happy towns and blessed lands that live by their true king's commands.  
And blessed be the hearts he rules, the humble places where he dwells.  
He is the rightful Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his,  
creator of the world, our only strength for good.**

**4. Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ; our hearts are open wide in trust. Oh, show  
us now your lovely grace, upon our sorrows shine your face, and let your Holy Spirit guide  
our journey in your grace so wide. We praise your holy name, from age to age the same!**

**Greeting**

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**Litany:**

Pastor Wherever evil or suffering hold sway; we pray, O Lord

**Congregation Stir up your power and come.**

Pastor Wherever war or crime oppress your people; we pray, O Lord,

**Congregation Stir up your power and come.**

Pastor Wherever illness or injury cause pain; we pray, O Lord,

**Congregation Stir up your power and come.**

Pastor Wherever pride or indifference imprison people; we pray, O Lord,

**Congregation Stir up your power and come.**

Pastor Wherever people grieve or hung; we pray, O Lord,

**Congregation Stir up your power and come.**

Pastor Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength  
and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and  
reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, On God, now and forever.

**Congregation Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

Today's Readings Insert

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath Liturgy**

**Hymn-#240 Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (Stanza 1)**

**Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.**

**He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.**

**Congregation: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew the 13th verse

**Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-37

Today's Readings Insert

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Chris

## **Hymn of the Day: #252 Each Winter As the Year Grows Older**

- 1. Each winter as the year grows older, we each grow older, too.  
The chill sets in a little colder; the verities we knew seem shaken and untrue.**
- 2. When race and class cry out for treason, when sirens call for war, they  
over shout the voice of reason and scream till we ignore all we held dear  
before.**
- 3. Yet I believe beyond believing that life can spring from death, that growth  
can flower from our grieving, that we can catch our breath and turn  
transfixed by faith.**
- 4. So even as the sun is turning to journey to the north, the living flame, in  
secret burning, can kindle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.**
- 5. O Child of ecstasy and sorrows, O Prince of peace and pain, brighten  
today's world by tomorrow's, renew our lives again; Lord Jesus, come and  
reign!**

### **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 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.**

**Prayer Hymn-#752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;**

**Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

**Prayers**

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

Pastor                      The Lord be with you.

**Congregation:(sung) And also with you.**

Pastor                      Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation:(sung) We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor                      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Congregation:(sung) It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor                      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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection open to us the way of ever lasting life. 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:

**Congregation:(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor                    In 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, he 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.

Pastor                    The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
Strengthen You and Keep You in His Grace. **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
    hallowed by 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.**

### **Blessing**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
**Congregation: Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Recessional Hymn: #257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanzas 1-4)**

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

2. O come, O wisdom from on high,  
embracing all things far and nigh:  
in strength and beauty come and stay;  
teach us your will and guide our way.

*Refrain:*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

3. O come, O come, O lord of might,  
as to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times you gave the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

*Refrain:*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

4. O come, O Branch of Jesse, free  
your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depts of hell your people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

*Refrain:*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*



*God be with you till we meet again,  
By His counsels guide uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you,  
God be with you till we meet again.*

**Organ Postlude**

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**Military Personnel** – Brett Allison, Jacob Barton, Jason Beach, Audrey Burke, Christopher & Savannah Butler, Tim Campbell, Judy Cappel, Andrew Clancey, Ian Conrad, Ryan Devaney, Jeff and Katie Dittmar, Noah Elison, Brian and Joshua Fetterman, Joshua Fredericks, Kevin Gregory, Sean Grube, Seth Grube, Joshua Hager, Marc Jones, Aaron Leshner, Edward Mady, Tom McMurtrie, Ryan Miller, Ashton Muncy, Allison Ney, John Nomland, Aaron Oswald, Eddie Padinski, Kevin Potts, Larry Reedy, Zachary Reichert, Michael and Stephen Reier, Steven Sleva, Nicholas Starner, Matthew Tobin, Jamie Watt

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Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of *Zane Rist on our 51st Wedding Anniversary on November 28th* by wife, Linda.

2020 Altar Flower openings: December 6

The Altar Flowers have been provided this weekend by: **Forget-me-not Florist**

Bulletins are presented to the Glory of God and in *honor of my husband, Tom Miller on his 61st birthday* by his wife, Jean and family.

2020 Bulletin openings: December 13.

Children's Bulletins are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of *deceased class members*, by Craft Class.

Radio Ministry is presented to the Glory of God and in memory of *my loved ones* by a friend of Trinity.

*STATEMENT OF CONGREGATIONAL MISSION*

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Trinity Lutheran Church is a worshipping, learning, witnessing, and serving community of baptized Christians. It is a welcoming place where the Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are celebrated according to the Gospel. As a community of believers, we challenge each other to respond to the call of our Lord to love and minister to persons at home and throughout the world.*

*We encourage each other to share our time, our talents, and gifts to further the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. In these ways, we bear witness to the love we have first received from God through Jesus Christ.*

*Adopted by the Congregation*

*January 25, 1998*

**Chris Rothharpt, Senior Pastor**

**Ron Brennan, Church Council President**

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*Sunday mornings, WPPA, 1360 AM at 11:00 a.m.*

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## 2020 Christmas Tributes

To Honor or Memorialize a loved one, please fill out this form and return it to the church office. For a complete listing and description of funds, see reverse. **\*\*Additional forms are available at the usher's station or from the church office.\*\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Deadline: Friday, November 20, 2020

\$ \_\_\_ Poinsettia (\$12.00)

\_\_\_ Do you want your poinsettia to be delivered to a shut-in?

\_\_\_ Do you want to pick-up your poinsettia after services?

\$ \_\_\_ Adopt A Child Fund                      \$ \_\_\_ Bear Creek Camp Fund

\$ \_\_\_ Boiler Fund

\$ \_\_\_ Rev. Philip S. Bendle, III Scholarship Fund

\$ \_\_\_ Elevator Fund                              \$ \_\_\_ Food Pantry Fund

\$ \_\_\_ Charles K. & Ross C. Heffner Emergency Fund

\$ \_\_\_ Kitchen Fund

\$ \_\_\_ Music Ministry Fund                      \$ \_\_\_ Organ Fund

\$ \_\_\_ Radio Ministry Fund

\$ \_\_\_ Rismiller Memorial Carillon Fund

\$ \_\_\_ Senior Coordinator Fund

\$ \_\_\_ Umbenhen Fund

\$ \_\_\_ Van Fund

\$ \_\_\_ Welfare Fund                              \$ \_\_\_ World & Local Hunger Fund

\$ \_\_\_ Youth Coordinator Fund

\$ \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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