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3rd Week of Advent

December 12-13, 2020

6:00 P.M. Saturday-Worship

9:30 A.M. Sunday-Worship

Please register for Christmas Eve Services

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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: Prelude on *Besancon*

Lasky

Entrance Hymn: #242 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

1. **Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning. Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! The Child of our longing. Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.**
2. **To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a singing, his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing; music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving kindness, the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.**
3. **In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing, as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring. Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder, the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.**
4. **Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless. Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story; may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.**

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 To those we love who are far from us; we pray, O Lord,
Congregation Hear our prayers and come.

Pastor To all who are suffering; we pray, O Lord,
Congregation Hear our prayers and come.

Pastor To those who are traveling and those preparing for the arrival of
children; we pray, O Lord,
Congregation Hear our prayers and come.

Pastor To those whose hearts are untouched by the joy of this season;
we pray, O Lord,
Congregation Hear our prayers and come.

Pastor To those whom we hurt or ignored; we pray O Lord,
Congregation Hear our prayers and come.

Pastor Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears
to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may
bring forth the fruits of repentance; reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Congregation Amen.

Advent Readers and Candle lighters:

**Saturday, December 12: Tyler Sibbett Reader 1: Noah Clancey Reader 2.
Melissa Heckart will light the candles.**

**Sunday, December 13: Michael Clancey Reader 1: Matty Thompson Reader 2.
Andrew Clancey will light the candles.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Liturgy

Reader One: We want everything to look nice: the decorations of the season, our homes with their lights and tinsel, wreaths and ribbons. We want to lighten the darkness around us, bring beauty to the ugliness that wears us down. We decorate, because it is tradition. Because it lifts our hearts. Because it makes us feel like children again. We deck our halls because company is coming.

Reader Two: The prophet Isaiah smiled when he said, "God will give a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit." No matter how far we feel from the spirit of the season, God promises to decorate us with love and with joy.

Reader One: We light these candles as a sign of our joy in the beautiful things of this season – not just the things that glitter and flash, but the deeper things, the beauty of the heart and the soul, the beauty of love shared in service and hospitality. We light this candle of joy because company is coming.

Reader Two: O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

Hymn-#240 Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (Stanza 1,2&3)

- 1. Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel; God fulfills the promise.**
- 2. Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.**
- 3. Light three candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.**

**Congregation: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

Pastor: The holy gospel according to John the 1st verse

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Today's Readings Insert

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Chris

Hymn of the Day: #255 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

- 1. There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod: Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God! The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low; make straight all the crooked places where God, our God, may go!**
- 2. O Jerusalem, herald good tidings, ascend to the heights and sing! Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their king. Like flow'rs of the field we perish, like grass our works decay; the pow'r and the pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away.**
- 3. But the word of our Savior is faithful, the arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the nations and soon will right the wrong. Lord, feed your flock like a shepherd, the lambs so gently hold; in pastures of peace now lead them, and bring them to your fold.**

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

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 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.**

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: #249 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

- 1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!**
- 2. Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.**
- 4. Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more; oh, let
your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.**
- 5. All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.**

*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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Virtual Sunday School

has been posted to the website

For viewing, it will be there for a week.

If your child needs to pick-up materials, please call the church office.

If you would like to register, (K-Grade 4) please email Karen Wood at

kjwood57@gmail.com

Prayer List: Prayer List: December 12-13, 2020

Members of Trinity – Nick Angelo, Robert Arner, Paul Ashembrier, Judi Barton, Ray Brennan, Jody Brossman, Doug Camodeca, Sam and Joan Carroll, Joel Ebling, Barbara Gentile, Fred Gradwell, Louise Gradwell, Larry Haffey, Scott Haffey, Pat Haluska, Shirley Harkins, Helen Harvey, Peggy Hassler, Bruce Heckman, Kelly Knorr, Paula Kriner, Lincoln Krisa, Kim Leiby, Debbie Linder, Dennis Lord, Jean and George Lord, Margie Mataka, Adam Morrow, Ray Moyer, Pamela Purcell, Marilyn Reed, Jill Schaeffer, Ron Schaeffer, Peg Schappell, Linda Seiwel, Kay Shaw, Judy Steffanic, Colin Studlack, Dorothy Thomas, Frances Thomas, Judy Thomas, Shawn Thomas, Barbara Wagner, Dolores Wagner, Mary Jane Wilson, Carolyn Wire

Shut-Ins – Merle Amos, Tom & Mickie Bair, Leah Brokhoff, Judy Cappel, Earlamay Downing, Jacques Ebling, Carolyn Gauntlett, Jeanne Heffner, Robert Heffner, Dorothy Heiser, Dolores Hoffman, Richard & Carole Kline, Mary Leary, Jean Lord, Bob Pauzer, Pat Phillips, Terry Pugh, Nancy Schriener, Carolyn Spiess, Ann Tihansky, Beatrice Walsh, Kathryn Wodack, Darlene & Richard Zeller

Nursing Home/Personal Care Residents – Betty Beury, Joseph Culley, Louise Dicus, Hope Fisher, Tom Fredericks, Larue Hahn, Barbara Heffner, Alda Howells, Dianna Hutton, Kathryn Johnson, Mollie Katchur, Edna Laubenstein, Nancy Mahall, Jean Neithamer, Dorothy Schaeffer, Grace Schuettler, Anna Stinner

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

Those who mourn– Family and friends of *The Rev. Larry Hassler and Freda Davis.*

Family Members/Friends –Sharon Alfonso, Michelle Ambrose, Jessica Archibald, Inez Aurand, Beverly Banovatz, Donna Bast, Kathy Bauers, David Bechtel, Ed Bensinger, Olivia Bensinger, Ron Boris, Rose Brehony, Kristel Brennan, Patricia Bressler, Doug Broughton, Jason Castaneda, Bruce Chattin, Mike Cloud, Pat Connor, Pete Connors, Irene Conway, Robert Craig, Jessica Croley, Megan Dasch, Hayden Daubert, Alice Davis, Ethel Davis, Ray Dee, Mike Dempsey, Patricia Derlunas & Family, Marian and Sarah Donlin, Diane Donovan, Robert Dougherty, Jim Driscoll, Nick & Nicholas Dubb, Kerry Duke, Laura Dunlap, Joanie Eagan, Bruce Ernst, Jessie and Jamie Ebert, Marilee Ebert, Gaylene Ebling, Peggy Ebling, Tracey Ebling, Scarlett Eckers, Jamie Edwards, Virginia Ehrich, Mary Eiler, Erin Emmick, Michelle and Peggy Evans, Vince Fabiani, Nolan Ferhat, Grace Flynn, Kathy Fronza, Daniel Fuentes, Jim Gary, Elaine Gayman, Judy Genovese, Donna George, Kim Gerthoffer, Kathleen Gradwell, Scott Grossman, Tina Guise, Tim Guise, Gemma Haas, Shane Haffey, Joe Halko & Family, John Hannaway, Ann Marie Harpel, Nancy Hart, Joie Hartnet, Jarred Heckart, Bruce Heffner, Psmurfisa Hernandez, Rita Hinchey, Rosalind Hosler, John Housknecht, Helen Hufnagle, Sandy Huntzinger, Agnes Jaglas, Tom Jefferson, Edward Kalyan, Lauren Kelly, Beth Ketz, Edwin Kindred, Sr., Phyllis Knoll, Shirley Koury, Sue Kraft, Rita Krueel, Chrissy Kull, Mary Larish, Chris Larsen, Butch Lasco, Phil Lasco, Christina Lee, Jaden Leiby, Kathy Lengle, Robert “Oscar” Leskin, Bernadette Lord, David Lord, Helen Love, Sister Jo Magdalinski, Thelma Mansfield, Melissa Martin, Linda Marx, Mona Marzullo, Amanda Mason, Harper Masland, John Matz, Gladys Maurer, Debra McBride, Debra Lynne McBride, Jeanne McClure, Diane McCully, Helen McGeever, Lenny and Karen McHugh, Kathy McGee, Joe McNulty, Sandy Mendini, Nadine Merrigan, Alethia Meyer, Peggy Meyer, Lisa M. Mikula, Ariel Miller, Laura Miller, Leslie and Geoff Miller, Carol A. Mills, Madeline Miscannon, Helene Moore, Janice Moore, Patrick Moore, Rochelle and Lindsey Moser, Darron Moyer, Robert Muldowney, Colleen Murphy, Anthony Murray, Vincent Murray, Virginia O’Brian, Tom Palewicz, Rob Parano, Maureen Pavlick, Pastor Peggy Sue Pfeffer, Joe Phillips, Annalise Porreca, Anna Sterner Porreca, Irene Post, John Potlunas, Karen Prettie, Kathy Pritchard, Kayleigh Pronio, Joe Rady, Dayne Readinger, Dot Rebeck, Joe & Mary Jane Reed, Colleen Rothharpt, John Roberts, Tina Robinson, Mary Lou Roeder, DJ Rubright, Charles (Chuck) Rushannon, Bob Sabaday, Amy Schade, Cheryl Scharff, Anne Schock, Earl Shoener, Jennifer Schultz, Jack Schwenk, Rogene Seidel, Shawn Seidl, Rosemary Shustack, Aldyn Socks, Allen and Jack Spotts, Lindsay Spotts, Karen Engel Sterling, Jessica Stewart, Sawyer Sullivan, Brian Symons, Skip Tyson, Tristen Uffre, Joan Urenko, Karen Urban, Tammy Uhrin, Gloria Uzick, Bob Voskuhl, Charlie Wagner, Jean Walsh, Rol Walters, Angela Ward, Glynn Ward, Mark Wolfgang, Joan Woodward, Nancy Woodward, George Yarnell, Connor Joel Yob, Kathleen & Joseph Young, Marge Yourshaw, Tony Zampella

Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of *my grandson, Mark Schriner for his birthday, December 16th* by his grandmother, Nancy Schriner.

Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of *our family* by LaVerne and Chuck Seaman.

The Altar Flowers have been provided this weekend by: **Bella Florist**

Bulletins are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of my grandchildren, *Elise, Shane, Abigail, Claire, and Adeline* by Nan and Pop Miller.

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 sponsored by the Uranko family *in memory of Grant Uranko and in honor of Edna Uranko on her 94th Birthday.*

NOTICE:

When making out checks for offering and memorials, they must be separate checks made out to Trinity Lutheran Church. Any questions, call the church office (570) 622-9910.

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

Michael Kiehner, Organist & Choir Director

Jean Miller, Church Secretary

Janet Little, Church Secretary

Maryann Lascale, Coordinator of Senior Services

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CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

The Nominating Committee invites your input in identifying candidates to serve as Church Council members. You may suggest names of up to 5 persons. The person(s) you suggest must be a voting member (active and confirmed) of our congregation. The person should, above all, be committed to serving Christ and his church. It is **not** necessary to consult the person in advance. The Nominating Committee will do this during the selection process should the person receive a nomination. You may, of course, indicate your own desire to serve on Council by submitting your own name.

All Nomination Forms Must Be Received By Monday, December 14 to be of benefit to the Committee. To submit a form, you must be a voting member of the congregation. Thank you for your interest and participation in the ministry of our Church.

I suggest the following person(s) for nomination to Church Council:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Forms can either be placed in the offering plates or dropped off in the church office.