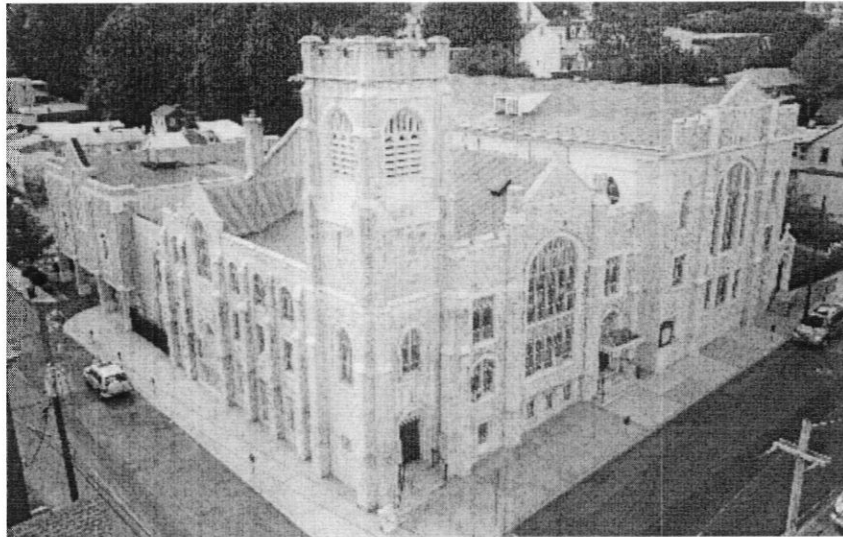


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Confession

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.
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.

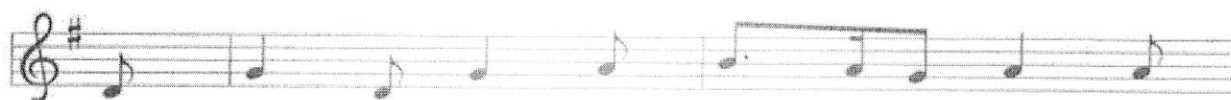
Congregation: Amen.

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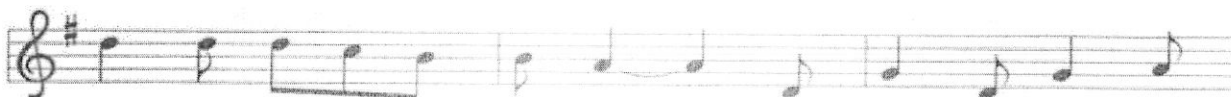
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Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn 242



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



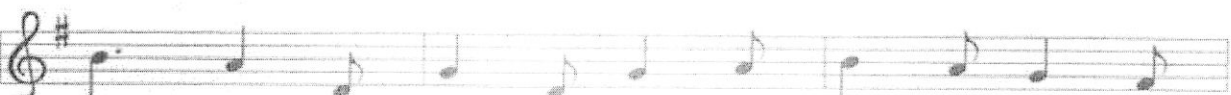
an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God till ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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:

Worship Assistant: With hope, when we might have given up; we pray, O Lord,
Congregation **Stir up our hearts and come.**

Worship Assistant: With love when we might turn cold or hard; we pray, O Lord,
Congregation **Stir up our hearts and come.**

Worship Assistant: To thankfulness when we might simply complain; we pray, O Lord,
Congregation **Stir up our hearts and come.**

Worship Assistant: To action when we might simply watch; we pray, O Lord,
Congregation **Stir up our hearts and come.**

Worship Assistant: For joy when we are tired and forgiveness when we are hurt,
we pray O Lord,
Congregation **Stir up our hearts and come.**

Worship Assistant: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.
By his coming, give to all the people of the world knowledge of your
salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Congregation **Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Liturgy

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Saturday, December 9

Reader 1: Olivia Whitaker

Reader 2: Brinley Kramer

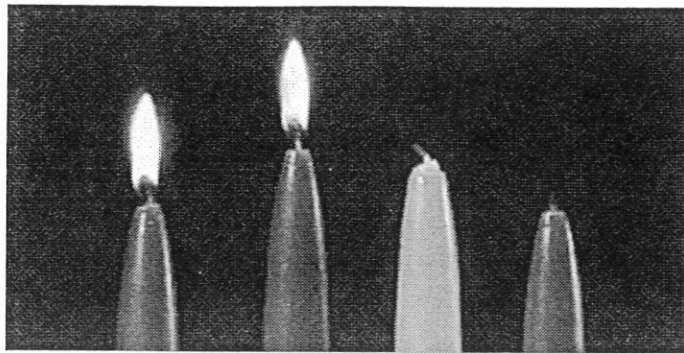
Candle lighters: Ryder Novack

Sunday, December 10

Reader 1: Noah Clancey

Reader 2: Addisyn Vigoda

**Candle lighters: Andrew and Alyvia
Vigoda**



Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy
WEEK 2: December 9-10

Reader 1: In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins."

Reader 2: We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

Congregation: We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.

Reader 1: We light these candles as signs of God's shocking hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. Amen.

Light two candles of the Advent wreath.

1.Light one can – dle to watch for Mes – si – ah: Let the light ban – ish dark – ness.

He shall bring sal – va – tion to Is – ra- el, God ful –fills the prom – ise.

2.Light two can – dle to watch for Mes – si- ah: Let the light ban – ish dark – ness.

He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent – ly lead them home-ward.



Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's
hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way
of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway
for our God.
⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be
made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be
revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has
spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower
of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows
upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand
forever.

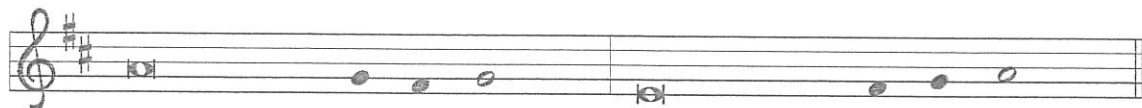
⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalm

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; tone 6



You have been gracious to your ¹ land,
O LORD;
you have restored
the good for- ¹ tune of Jacob.

²You have forgiven the iniquity
¹of your people
and blotted out ¹all their sins.

continued

⁸I will listen
to what the LORD ¹ God is saying;
for you speak peace
to your faithful people
and to those
who turn their ¹ hearts to you.
⁹Truly, your salvation is very near
to ¹ those who fear you,
that your glory
may dwell ¹ in our land.
¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness
have ¹ met together;

righteousness and peace
have ¹ kissed each other.
¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up
¹ from the earth,
and righteousness
shall look ¹ down from heaven.
¹²The LORD will indeed ¹ grant prosperity,
and our land will ¹ yield its increase.
¹³Righteousness
shall go be- ¹ fore the LORD
and shall prepare for ¹ God a pathway.

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons

ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
“See, I am sending my messenger
ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the
wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people

from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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Tracks 1 and 2

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

Pastor: The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 1st Chapter

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 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

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There's a Voice in the Wilderness

1 There's a voice in the wil-der-ness cry-ing, a
 2 O Je-ru-sa-lem, her-ald good tid-ings, as
 3 But the word of our Sav-ior is faith-ful, the

call from the ways un-trod; Pre-pare in the des-ert a
 cend to the heights and sing! Pro-claim to a des-o-late
 arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the

high-way, a high-way for our God!
 peo-ple the com-ing of their king;
 na-tions and soon will of right the wrong.

The val-leys shall be ex-alt-ed, the
 Like flow'rs of the field we alt-per-ish, like
 Lord, feed your flock like a shep-herd, the

loft-y hills brought low; make straight all the crook-ed
 grass our works de-cay; the pow'r and the pomp of
 lambs so gent-ly hold; in pas-tures of peace now

plac-es where God, our God, may go!
 na-tions shall and pass like a dream, a way,
 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.

Offering

Anthem: Come, Emmanuel, Come
Senior Choir

Ruth Elaine Schramm

Offertory Response: #185 Create in Me

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not
away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy
of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O
God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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: When our congregation last gathered in worship, we heard again of God's mighty acts and the love shown us in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We shared in the holy meal of the Lord's supper. Now we bring you this word of life, and this bread and cup of blessing, so that you may share in these same gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.

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: Gathered around our Lord's table, we remembered with Thanksgiving the words of the Apostle, Paul. For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

Hymns during communion:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

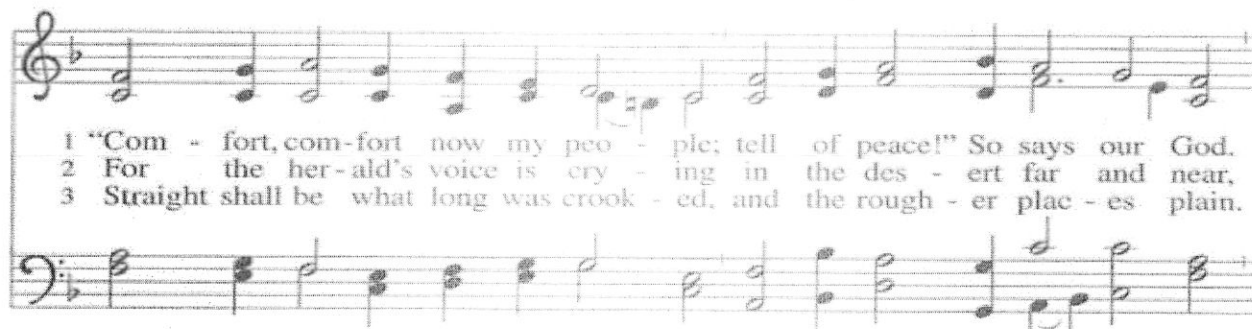
Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

Communion Hymn #256 Comfort, Comfort Now My People

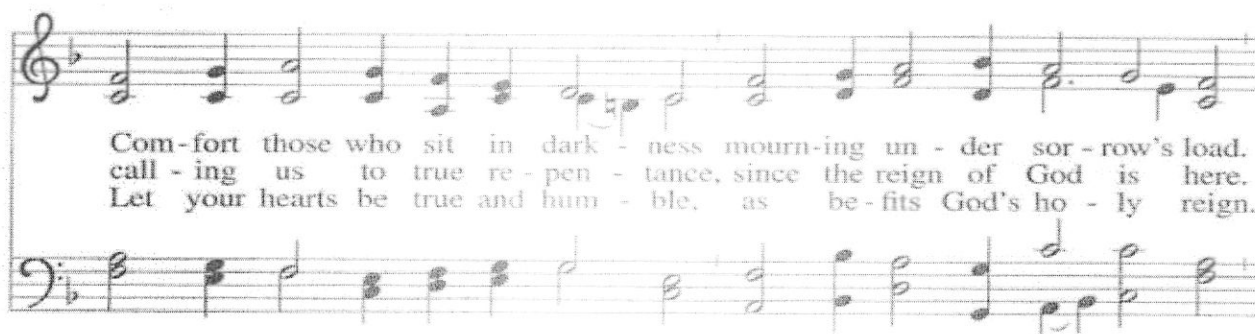
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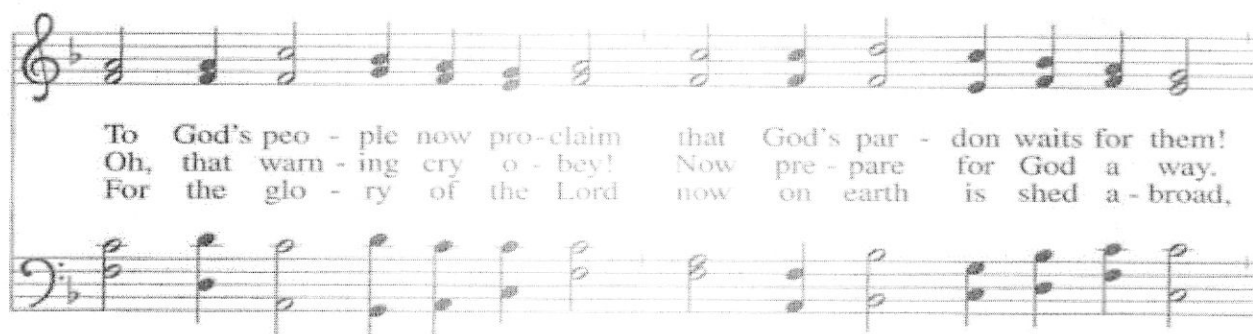
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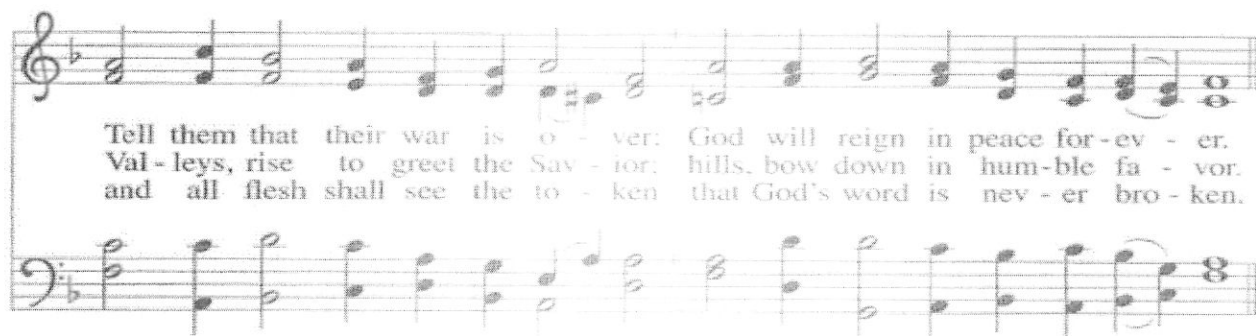
1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Vicar May the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 Strengthen You and Keep You in His Grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle #207 Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

**Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with
shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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

Congregation: Amen.

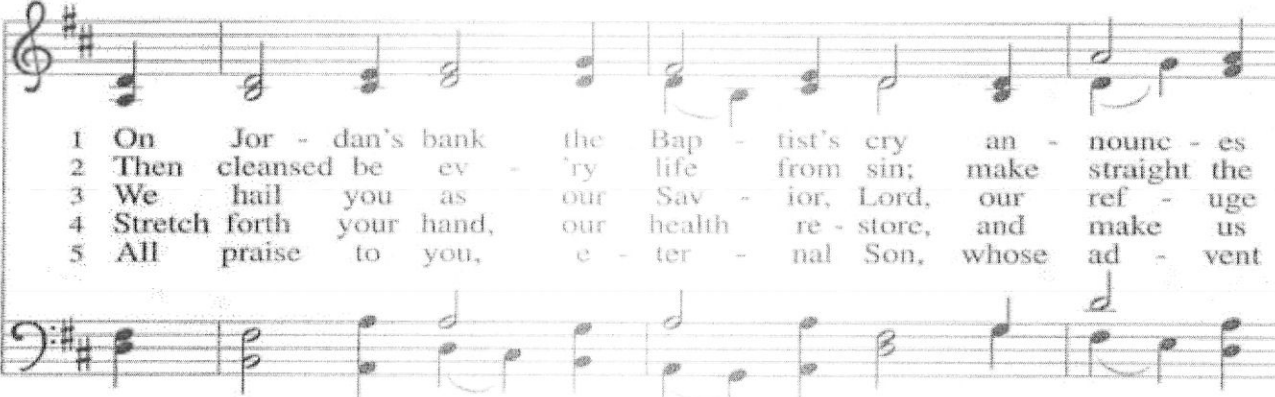
Dismissal

Worship Assistant: 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

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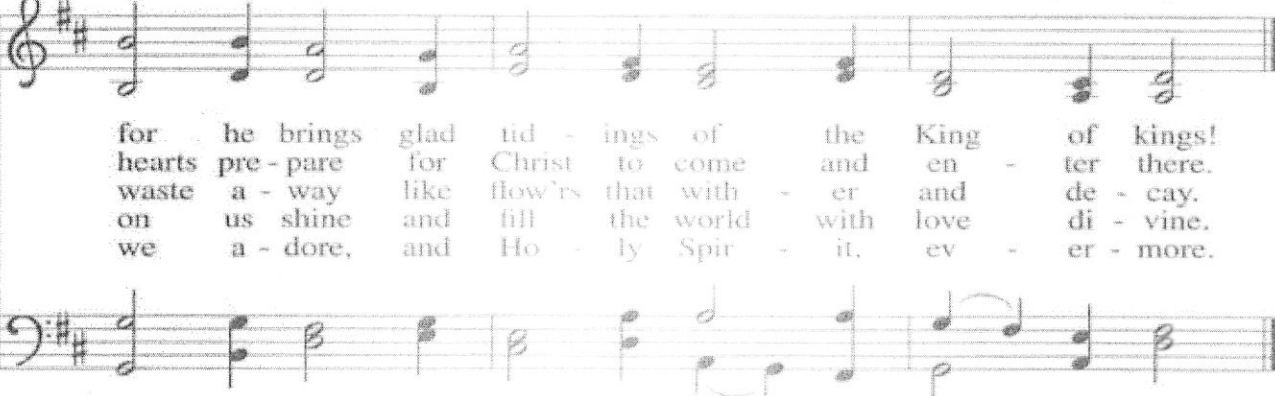
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1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounce - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face be
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

*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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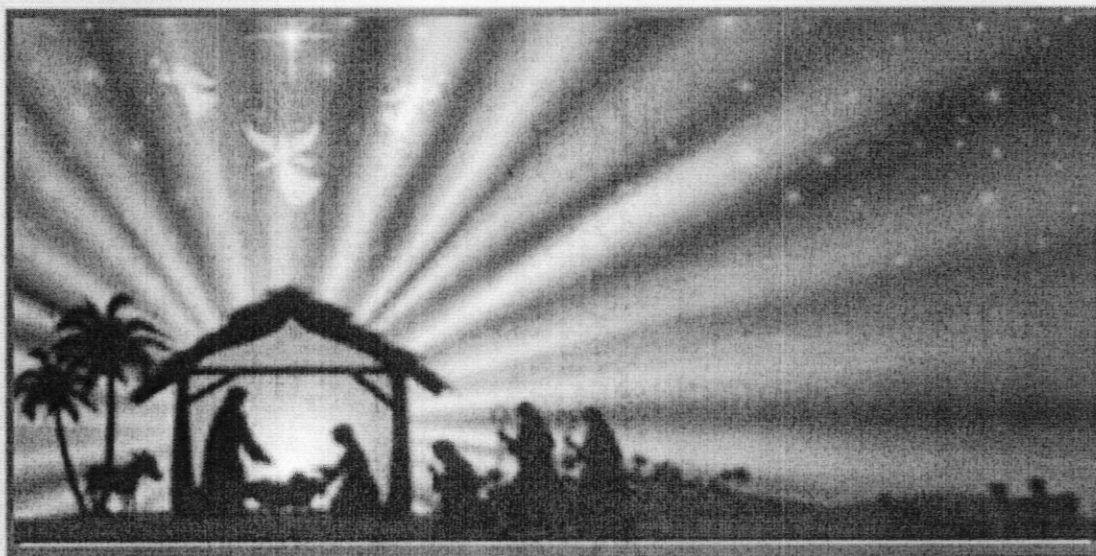
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Shut-Ins: Merle Amos, Delight & Paul Ashembrier, Jeanette Augustine, Tom & Mickie Bair, Leah Brokhoff, Doug Camodeca, Earlamay Downing, Marsha Ehlers, Mary Evans, Sandy Fessler, Helen Harvey, Robert Heffner, Dolores Hoffman, Richard & Carole Kline, Faye Krasinsky, Terry Pugh, Nancy Schriener, Carolyn Spiess, Ann Spotts, Frances Thomas, Carolyn Wire, Kathryn Wodack, Darlene Zeller

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Military Personnel: Brett Allison, Jacob Barton, Jason Beach, Audrey Burke, Christopher & Savannah Butler, Tim Campbell, Elizabeth Chattin, Andrew Clancey, Ryan Devaney, Jeff and Katie Dittmar, Noah Elison, Brian and Joshua Fetterman, Joshua Fredericks, Kevin Gregory, Sean Grube, Seth Grube, Joshua Hager, 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

***Family Members/Friends:** Karen Alban, Michelle Ambrose, Brianne Barket, John Barnetsky, David Bechtel, Timothy Beissel, Olivia Bensinger, Charlette Bethea, Lauren Boorujy, Linda Borchardt, Ron Boris, Rose Brehony, Doug Broughton, Joan Buehner, Connie Burns, Shawn Care, Wayne Conahan, Bill Causf, Irene Conway, Betty Coyle, Donna Dando, Hayden Daubert, Alice Davis, Eliana Denning, Justin Dicello, Joanie Eagan, Marilee Ebert, Gaylene Ebling, Margaret Ebling, Tracey Ebling, Scarlett Eckers, Virginia Ehrich, Dale Felker, Kim Gerthoffer, Nancy Gullob, David Hallman, Nancy Hart, Maureen Hill, Vicki Jarvis, Warren Jefferson, Bill Jones, Lindsay Kastner, Justine Keefer, Barry Kellner, Cody and Kime Kimberlin, Kaylynn Klunk, Blayke Kopinetz, John Kruss, Butch Lasco, Phil Lasco, Kenneth Leister, Sister Jo Magdalinski, Maria Masteller, Shawn Matz, Melissa Martin, Lenny and Karen McHugh, Joe Matz, Joe McNulty, Alethia Meyer, Ariel Miller, Marie Minder, Alyssa Morissey, Vincent Murray, Pastor Peggy Sue Pfeffer, Kathy Pritchard, Jack & Dot Rebuck, Jerry Reed, Tina Robinson, Lisa Schaeffer, Pastor Jim Seifert, Adam Selfridge, Aimee & Ethan Selfridge, Brian Shishlo, Joshua Sophy, Allen and Jack Spotts, Lindsay Spotts, Diane Sumoski, Jack Thomas, Dr. Mark Thomas, Graeme Turner, Charlie Wagner, Barry Ward, Glynn Ward, Emily Wetzel, Anne Schock Womack, Mike Zawaski

Those who mourn: The family and friends of Patricia Fox, Russell Herbein, Jr., and John Houseknecht

MEMORIALS

Memorial Fund

In Honor of Diane Smith by John and Joyce G.

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, Vicar Stephanie Roth, Robert Thomas, Church Council President

Michael Kiehner, Organist & Choir Director, Danielle Crestuk, Church Secretary, Janet Little, Church Secretary

Jim Honicker, Sexton

TRINITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Saturday, December 9	10:00am-2:00pm	Anthracite Attack Volleyball
	6:00pm	Worship
Sunday, December 10	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Sunday School
	3:00pm—5:00pm	Eclipse Youth Volleyball
	6:30pm	Blue Christmas Services
Monday, December 11	6:30pm –8:30pm	Adult Volleyball
Tuesday, December 12	10:00am	Seniors Exercise
	11:00am	Morning Prayer
	5:30pm	Special Olympics Volleyball
	6:00pm	Evangelism Committee Meeting
	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 13	6:30pm—8:30pm	Adult Volleyball
Thursday, December 14	12:00pm	Advent Noonday Services
	5:00pm –7:00pm	Anthracite Attach Youth Volleyball <17
	6:30pm	Black Rock District Scout Committee Meeting
	7:00pm-9:00pm	Eclipse Youth Volleyball
Friday, December 15	6:30pm	Live Nativity

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pastor/Vicar</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>Lector / Candle Lighters:</u>
Sat. Dec. 9	Pastor Chris	Christine Linder	Olivia Whitaker Brinley Kramer Ryder Novack
Sun. Dec. 10	Pastor Chris	Zach Jefferson	Noah Clancey Addisyn Vigoda Andrew and Alyvia Vigoda

TLC December 9 - December 10, 2023

YOUTH / CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Some of our youth are planning to attend the 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA

Please stay tuned for
events and activities planned for the upcoming months,
and thank you for supporting our youth!

Sunday School and Confirmation

Our Sunday-Funday fun has already begun, but we've got room for you!

If you are a youth in Pre-K through Grade 5, you are welcome to join us Sunday's following worship. We have lessons, crafts, silly songs, and more

Sunday School registration forms are available at the Usher's Station, card table in the lounge, and in the Sunday School room. If you have filled out a form please be sure to bring with it you. We encourage all kids and parents/grandparents to join us for a fun-filled time!

Next Confirmation class is Sunday January 7th following worship.

Our lesson will be Promise: Joseph's Story

If you are new to Trinity, or would like to enroll your child/children in our confirmation or Sunday school programs please reach out to Pastor Chris via phone (570-622-9910) or email at crothharpt@tlcpottsville.onmicrosoft.com. Looking forward to seeing everyone!!

Teachers and parents are urgently needed!

FROM THE DESK OF VICAR STEPHANIE



Jesus, Jammies & Joy

The second annual Jesus, Jammies and Joy pajama project is winding down, Many thanks to all who contributed children's pajamas of all sizes to bring smiles, giggles and a warm hug to children in need this Christmas.

We are in the process of sorting, sizing and counting pajamas. They will be distributed through Adopt a Child, Schuylkill Hope Center, Safe Berks and Mary's Shelter in the coming weeks in time for Christmas.



Prayer Group

A monthly prayer group is meeting the fourth Thursday at 1 pm and the second Tuesday at 11 am (after exercise group) in the large Sunday school room. Everyone is welcome to join us!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

A Prayer Shawl Ministry has been started to provide a gift of love and comfort to people in life transitions. Supplies for creating shawls including yarn, knitting needles and crochet hooks are available. We already have over 30 prayer shawls ready to be handed out.

If you know someone who could use prayers and the loving embrace of a shawl to help them navigate life's challenges, feel free to stop by our room off the main Sunday School room to select a shawl. Remember to sign the log so that we can pray for the shawl recipient.

Please direct any questions regarding these ministries to Vicar Stephanie.

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

Red Cross Bloodmobile

There were 38 pints collected on a 27 pint goal or 141% of goal. What a phenomenal drive and great way to end 2023 at a point in time when blood levels available are at a critical low! Thank you all who assisted in anyway.

Getting that communication out is just so important!!

Our next scheduled drive is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7th 2024.

In Ian's Boots

Thank-you again to all who responded with donations of shoes for those in need served by In Ian's Boot!

Our shoe collection box will remain available for your donations of gently used boots or shoes for adults and children.

Let's continue to be good stewards of the abundance that God has provided us. Remember that through our donations to In Ian's Boots, we help to ensure that our most vulnerable neighbors have boots and shoes to wear!

Blue Christmas Service

Trinity Lutheran Church

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sunday, December 10th
At 6:30pm

Service will be held in the main Sunday school room with an opportunity for those who would like to reflect, and give comfort to all who are experiencing grief, emotional or physical hardship during this holiday season.



300 West Arch Street Pottsville, Pa

UPCOMING GROUP MEETINGS AT TRINITY

FRIEDA HOH

No Meeting Scheduled for January

Any questions, contact Marie Weikel at (570) 449-6484

CIRCLE V

No meeting scheduled for January

*For more info, details or transportation contact Teresa Stoffregen at
(570) 622-7918*

Adult Volleyball

Anyone interested in joining adult volleyball on Monday's from
6:30pm– 8:30pm please contact Deb Miller at 570-622-4390



Trinity Lutheran Church

JOIN US FOR

Christmas Eve
**Candle Light Services with
Holy Communion**

Sunday, Dec 24th

— 5:00pm and 7:30pm —

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE BY
PASTOR Chris Rothharpt
VICAR Stephanie Roth

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