

Trinity Lutheran Church Cortez, Colorado

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



9:00 AM, December 13th, 2020
3rd Sunday in Advent– Online Worship

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church, and to the blessings, comfort and peace of Christ.

As we gather, we prepare our hearts for the worship and praise of our Lord and Savior by remembering what the Scriptures say: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" Psalm 122:1 and "One thing have I asked of the Lord...that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple." Psalm 27:4

To join us on your phone, online, or on your TV, you just need to connect to the Teleconference, OR go to our YouTube page, OR, join us on TV channel 22.7 at **9 am on Sunday**.

- **Teleconference** Dial-in number: (425) 436-6358; Access code: 367780#
 - <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/trinitylccortez>
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Divine Service: Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation: 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re-joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride-groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'rings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

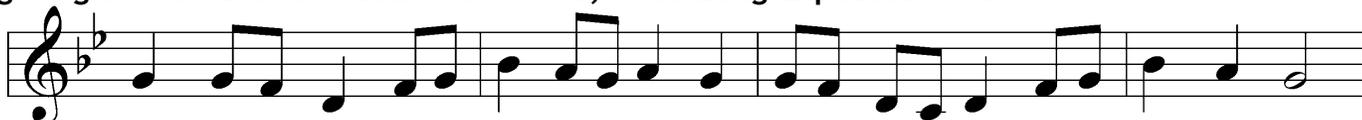
P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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Service of the Word

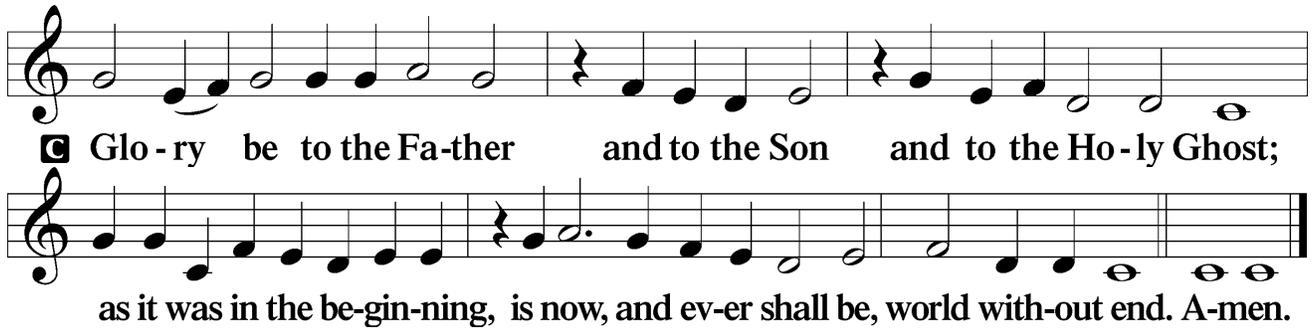
Psalm

Psalm 126

- P** ¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
C **we were like those who dream.**
- P** ²Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
C **and our tongue with shouts of joy;**
- P** then they said among the nations,
C **“The LORD has done great things for them.”**
- ³**The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.**
- P** ⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
C **like streams in the Negeb!**
- P** ⁵Those who sow in tears
C **shall reap with shouts of joy!**
- P** ⁶He who goes out weeping,
C **bearing the seed for sowing,**
- P** shall come home with shouts of joy,
C **bringing his sheaves with him.**

Gloria Patri

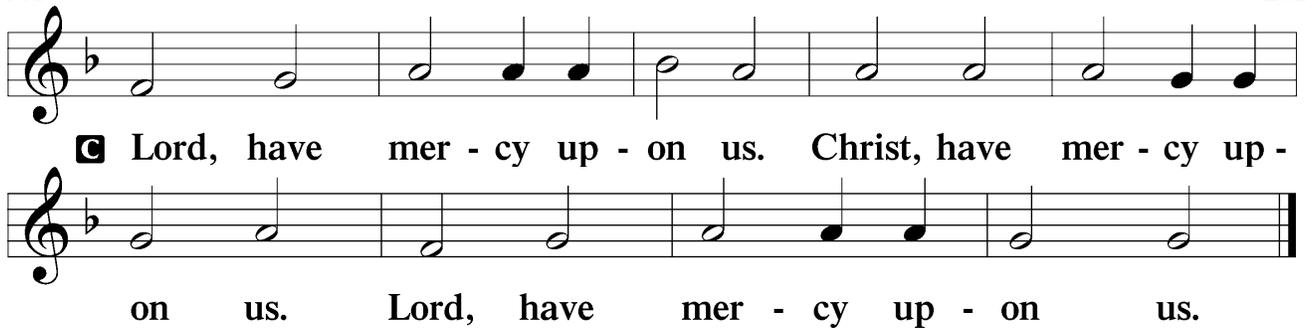
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C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

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

Hymn of Praise: 331 The Advent of Our King

sts. 1, 4, 6



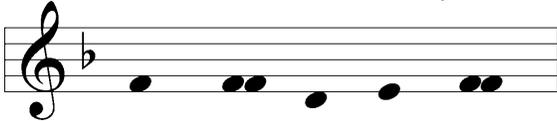
1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain
△ 6 All glo - ry to the Son, Who comes to set us free,



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.
With Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray...

C Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,

the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations. . . .

⁸For I the LORD love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil.

²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 1:6–8, 19–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



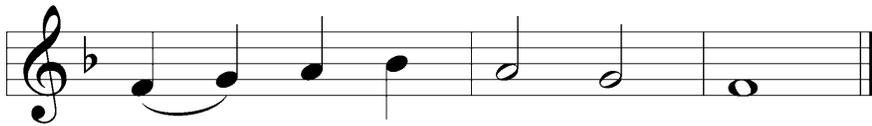
C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . .

¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²²So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 thence 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: 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

sts. 1-2, 5



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
 5 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, Tru - est



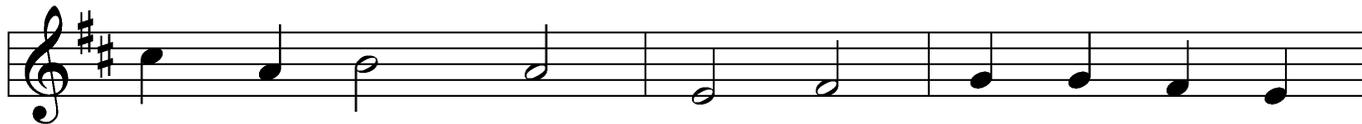
gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
 friend, and dear - est trea - sure, Peace be - yond all un - der -



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
 stand - ing, Joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
 Hum - bly now, I bow be - fore You; Love in - car - nate,



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 I a - dore You; Wor - thi - ly let me re -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
 ceive You And, so fa - vored, nev - er leave You.

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Sermon

Offering & Offertory

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With our online worship, please either mail your tithe & offering to the church or contact the Treasurer (TrinityChurchTreasurer@gmail.com), to arrange for electronic giving.



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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Each petition ends with the following response:

- P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

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- 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Salutation

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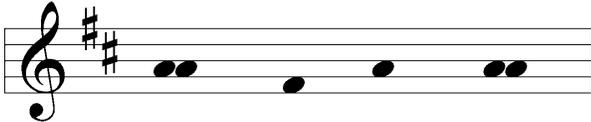
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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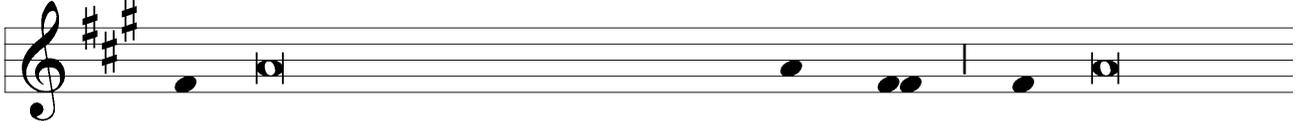
A Bless we the Lord.



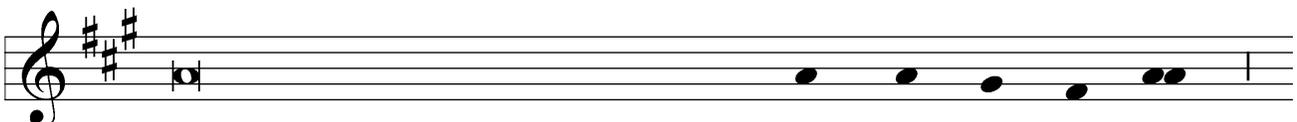
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

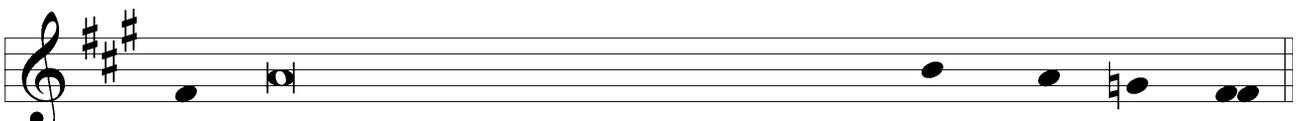
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



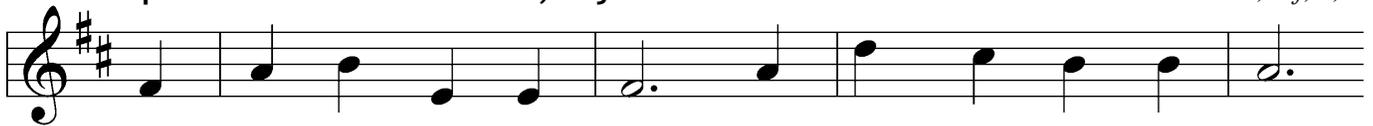
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



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

Hymn to Depart: 335 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice

sts. 1, ref, 2, 4



1 O bride of Christ, re - joice; Ex - ul - tant raise thy voice
2 Let shouts of glad - ness rise Tri - um - phant to the skies.
4 The weak and tim - id find How meek He is and kind;



To hail the day of glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Now comes the King most glo - rious To reign o'er all vic - to - rious.
To them He gives a trea - sure Of bliss be - yond all mea - sure.

Refrain



Ho - san - na, praise, and glo - ry! Our King, we bow be - fore Thee.

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SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please keep the following in your prayers: **Lolita Aulston, Terri Blackwell** (daughter of Lowell & Mary Lou Volk), **Ed Bonds, Gary Brodhagen, Bill Brown** (Penny Steven's Brother-in-law), **Ruth Medved** (Josh Chittick's Aunt), **Murray Dugger** (Connie Walter's brother-in-law), **Joyce Green, Janice Harvey** (Joe and Mary Mahaffey's neighbor), **David Hedrington** (Jerry Henneman's Cousin), **Jerry Henneman, Diana Hoehn, Trudy Hooyman, Mary Mahaffey, Michael & Priscilla Merritt, Tate Schaefer** (Hope Scheele's cousin's son), **Shirlie Schlotfeld, Jimmy Suckla** (Joe Mahaffey's cousin), **Kurt & Sarah Von Ahsen** (Hope Scheele's Brother and Spouse), **Bill Witthans, Kolten Woodard** (Sharon Woodard's grandson), and for the family and friends of **Linda Hunter** (Larry Gessner's sister) who died Dec 5th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please check your email and the church website regularly to find out about the most recent arrangements as a result of the COVID-19 precautions. <http://www.trinitylutheranchurchcortez.com/>

Bible Study will be live at 10:15 am (Dial-in: (425) 436-6358; Access code: 367780# OR <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/trinitylccortez>). The Bible Study video will also be posted on Sunday evening on the church website: <http://www.trinitylutheranchurchcortez.com/online-bible-study>

- We will have Bible Study Dec 13th & 20th, but there will be no adult bible study on Dec 27th

Mid-week Advent Services will be held on Wednesdays (Dec 2, 9, & 16) at 6 pm online.

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Christmas Eve Worship will be held Dec 24th **in-person** at **4 pm & 7 pm**, but will also be broadcast on **YouTube starting at 4 pm** and will be **Televised on channel 22.7 at 9 pm**. To keep our numbers more balanced for the in-person worship service we are requesting that everyone call or email Carol Sperling to **RSVP for a service**. We will hold each service for 50 people with temperature checks, masks, & social distancing. RSVPs are first come, first serve, so please call or email Carol ASAP trinitychurchtreasurer@gmail.com.

We look forward to this chance to worship together for this special candlelight service.



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