

Trinity Lutheran Church Cortez, Colorado

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3rd Wednesday in Advent– Online Worship

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

Jesus, the Life of Jesse's Tree

As We Gather

“This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17). What a beautiful proclamation from the Father! Jesus is more than meets the eye—more than a mere man. He is the Son of God. Yet, His identity will be challenged. Immediately following His Baptism, Jesus is tempted by Satan in the wilderness. He tempts, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread” (Luke 4:3). But Jesus remains faithful and does not sin. Then, at the cross, we hear a similar temptation from those gathered, “If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross” (Matthew 27:40). But again, Jesus remains faithful, doing the will of His Father. Rejoice that for Jesus’ sake, God looks at you as His baptized child and says, “This is My beloved son, my beloved daughter, with whom I am well pleased.” What a beautiful proclamation from our heavenly Father!

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 **6 pm on Wednesday**.

- **Teleconference** Dial-in number: (425) 436-6358; Access code: 367780#
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Jesse Tree Worship Series: Jesus, the Life of Jesse's Tree

Hymn: 342 What Hope! An Eden Prophesied



- 1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
- 2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,
- 3 As ban - ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
- 4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
A Prince of Peace in Beth-le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Isaiah 11:1; Romans 6:4; Matthew 3:17

P There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,

C and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

P We were buried therefore with Him

C by baptism into death, in order that,

P just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

C we too might walk in newness of life.

P Behold, a voice from heaven said,

C “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Service of Light

P The Spirit and the Church cry out:

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P All those who await His appearance pray:

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P The whole creation pleads:

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Awaiting the shoot from the stump of Jesse, we implore:

C Come, Lord Jesus.

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

As the hymn is sung, the candles of the Advent wreath are lit.



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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Prayer of the Day

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who revealed who Jesus truly is, bringing to light His identity as You proclaimed, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Psalm 141

P Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C **the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

P O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to You.

P Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C **the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

P Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.

C **Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.**

P But my eyes are turned to You, O God;
in You I take refuge.
Strip me not of my life.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C **the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

First Reading

Romans 6:1–11

P A reading from Romans, the sixth chapter.

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Matthew 3:13–17

P A reading from Matthew, the third chapter.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Magnificat: 933 My Soul Rejoices



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bless-ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might-y and
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
wealth-y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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Litany

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our synodical and district presidents, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all God's people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For President Trump, for Governor Polis and all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers then continue:

P For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C Alleluia.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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;

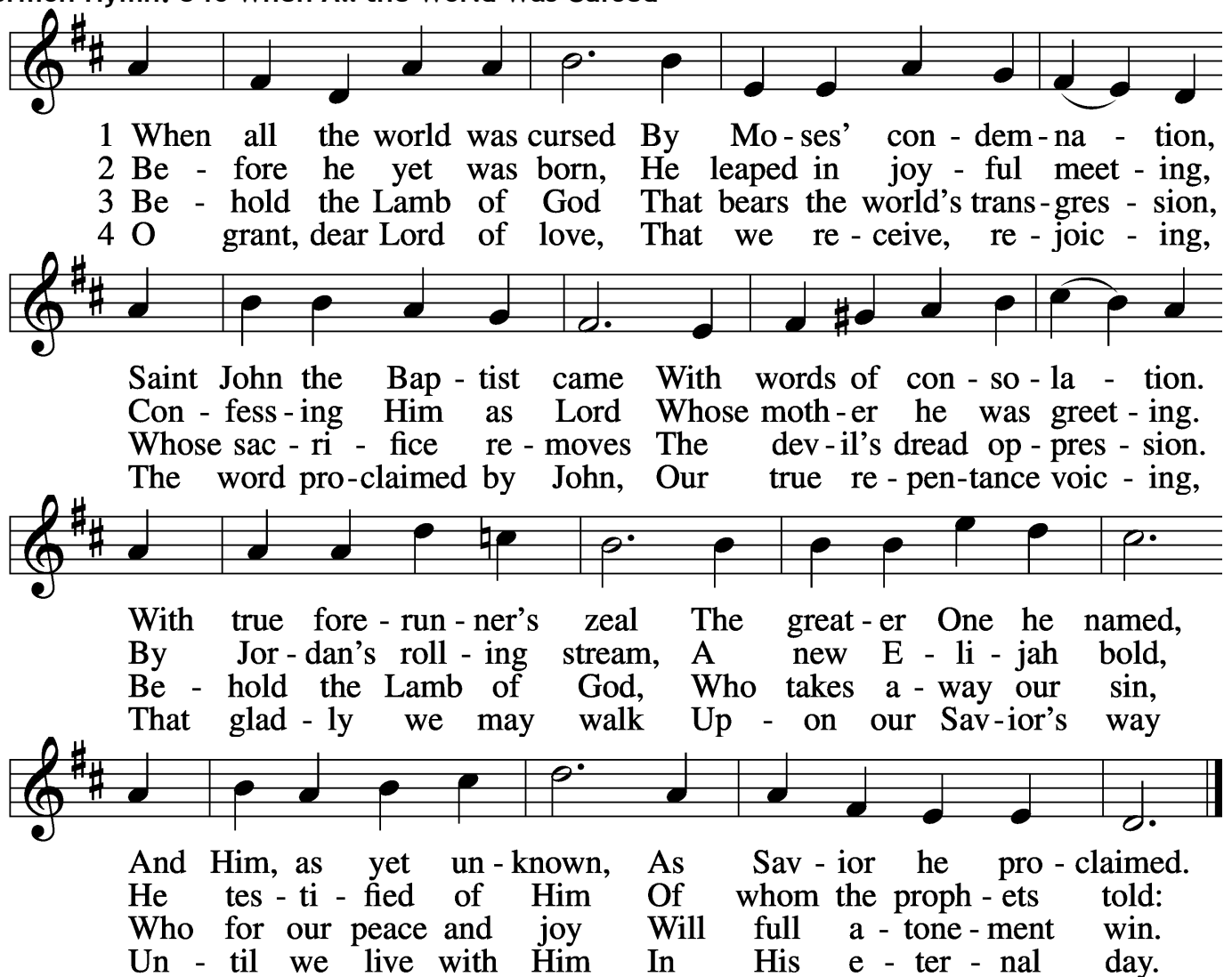
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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.

Sermon Hymn: 346 When All the World Was Cursed



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na-tion,
 2 Be-fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy-ful meet-ing,
 3 Be-hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres-sion,
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re-joic-ing,

Saint John the Bap-tist came With words of con-so-la-tion.
 Con-fess-ing Him as Lord Whose moth-er he was greet-ing.
 Whose sac-ri-fice re-moves The dev-il's dread op-pres-sion.
 The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re-pen-tance voic-ing,

With true fore-run-ner's zeal The great-er One he named,
 By Jor-dan's roll-ing stream, A new E-li-jah bold,
 Be-hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a-way our sin,
 That glad-ly we may walk Up-on our Sav-ior's way

And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav-ior he pro-claimed.
 He tes-ti-fied of Him Of whom the proph-ets told:
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a-tone-ment win.
 Un-til we live with Him In His e-ter-nal day.

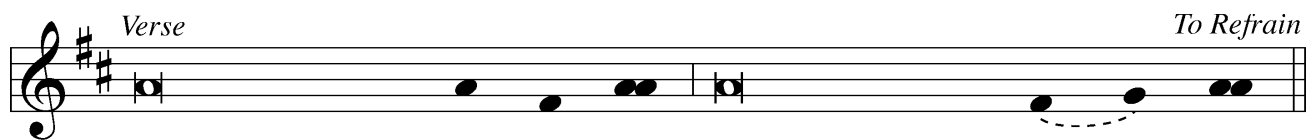
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Sermon

Offering and Offertory: Vespers Advent Responsory

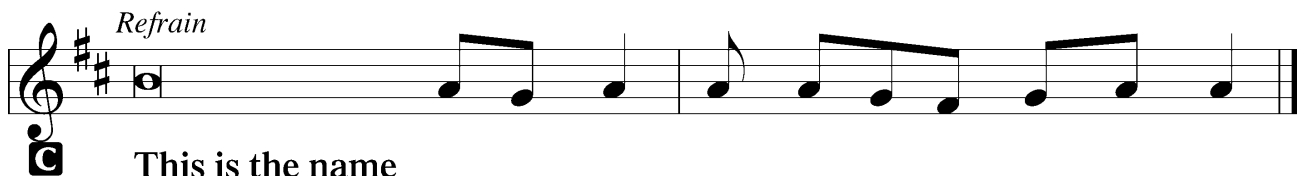
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Verse To Refrain

- L** 1 Behold, the days
 are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise
 up for David a righ-teous Branch.
- 2 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will
 dwell se-cure-ly.
- 3 Glory be to the
 Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir-it.



C This is the name
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

Closing Prayer

P Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Blessing

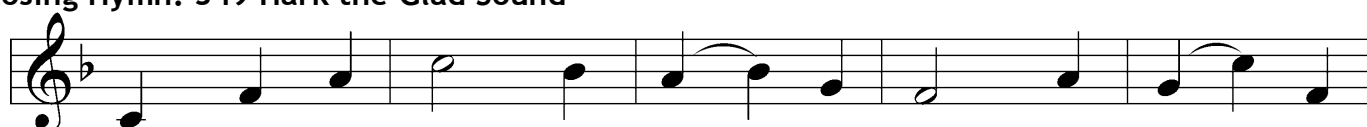
P There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,

C and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: 349 Hark the Glad Sound



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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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 Schlotfelt, Jimmy Suckla** (Joe Mahaffey's cousin), **Bill Witthans, Kolten Woodard** (Sharon Woodard's grandson), and the family and friends of **Vernon Clarkson** (Neighbor and Friend of Margaret Hill) who died Dec 13th and **Miriam Hast** (Shar Short's Cousin) who died Dec 15th.

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/>

Sunday, Dec 20th Worship will be held via teleconference at 9 am on Dec 20th and will be broadcast on YouTube and over the Antenna TV at 6 pm, that same day.

- **9 am – Teleconference** Dial-in number: (425) 436-6358; Access code: 367780#
 - <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/trinitylccortez>
- **6 pm – YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuFKUC8G4JUuIaffzm4aMwA>
- **6 pm – Antenna TV:** channel 22.7

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.

Christmas Day Worship will be held online, over the teleconference, and on TV channel 22.7 at 9 am on Dec 25th. There will not be an in-person worship service this day.

Dec 27th Worship will be held online, over the teleconference, and on TV channel 22.7 at 9 am on Dec 27th. There will not be an in-person worship service this day & there will be no Adult Bible Study this day online or in-person.

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