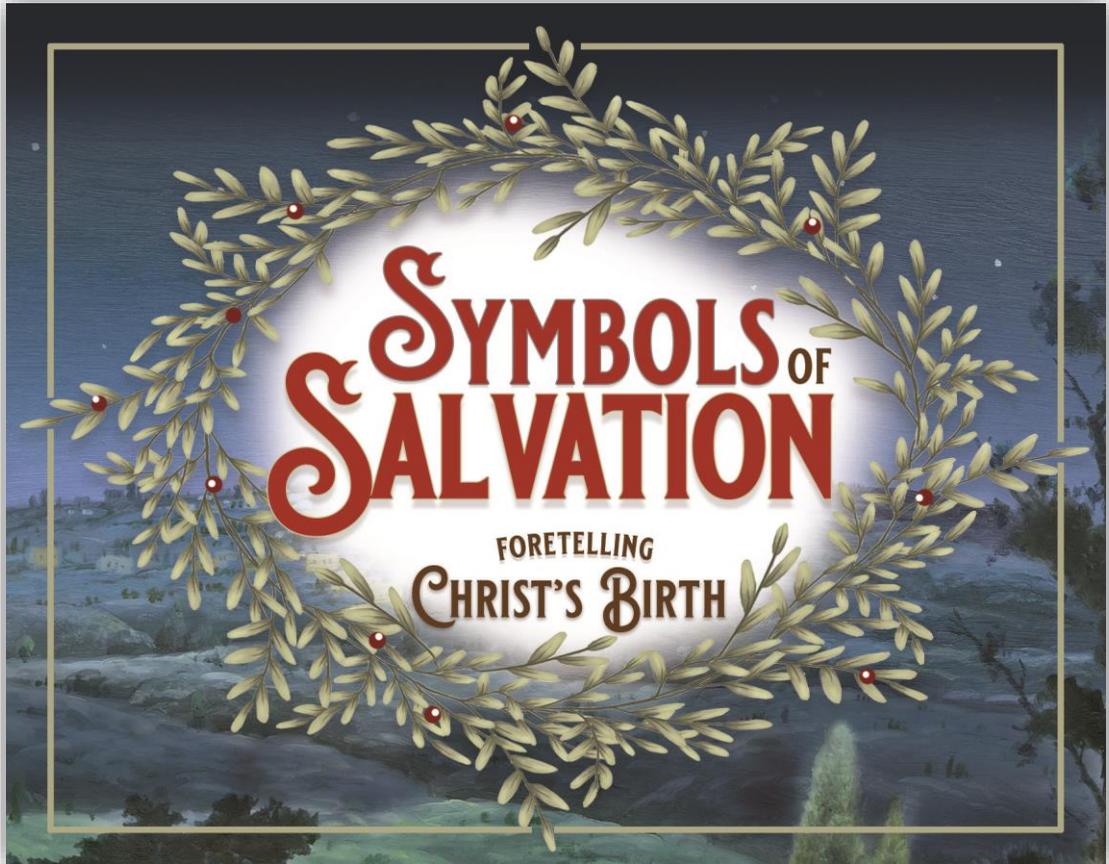


# Trinity Lutheran Church Cortez, Colorado

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**9 AM, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**

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# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Helping Today:** Burt Ramsey(Elder); John Sperling (Organist)

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 or online, you just need to connect to the **9 am** Teleconference, OR at **6 pm** go to our YouTube page.

- **Teleconference** Dial-in number: (425) 436-6358; Access code: 367780#
  - <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/trinitylccortez>
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## TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS:

Within this church let no one feel a stranger. We ask you to sign our guest register, located in the entrance hallway. If you get the chance, before or after the worship service, Pastor Scheele would love to talk with you to find out how he might serve you. Whether you are looking for a new church home, or are passing through Cortez from time to time, we invite you to join Trinity Lutheran in worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ as often as you can. New member classes are open to all and cover the basics of the Christian faith. Please get in touch with Pastor Scheele for the next available class.

## TITHES AND OFFERING:

The offering plates are in the Narthex to allow you to put your offering in the plate as you enter or exit the building without having to “pass the plate” across social distancing guides. If you are worshipping from home, please mail your check or work with Carol Sperling to set up electronic transfers.

## As We Gather

The weeks leading up to Christmas are filled with special memories as previous holiday seasons come to mind. The Church Year time of Advent helps us to prepare for the coming of our Lord once again. As we make those preparations, not only do we look back to the first Christmas as recorded by the Gospel writers, but we also look even further back in Scripture to when the Son of God came among His people in other times and places before His wondrous birth at Bethlehem. In the Old Testament, we find the details of earlier divine visits that are part of our sacred memory, and we recall them in these holy days.

## PREPARATION

*As the hymn is sung, the candles on the Advent wreath and the altar are lighted.*

## Series Hymn: O Great I Am, Almighty Word



1 O great I AM, al - might - y Word, Whose sav - ing  
2 Ap - pear - ing in a bush of flame, You called on  
3 You dwelt a - midst the wan - d'ring band And led them  
4 You chose the weak and gave them might To con - quer  
5 O Word In - car - nate, Christ of God, Par - tak - er



deeds were seen and heard A - mong Your peo - ple  
Mo - ses to pro - claim De - liv'r - ance from cap -  
to the Prom - ised Land; Your pres - ence hov - ered,  
in the mor - tal fight, Then took on flesh to  
of our flesh and blood, Be in our midst and



Is - ra - el, Come now to us, and ev - er dwell.  
tiv - i - ty And lead Your peo - ple through the sea.  
as a cloud, Your glo - ry filled the tent of God.  
draw our breath, Meek child, yet vic - tor o - ver death.  
al - ways dwell As Sav - ior, Lord, Im - man - u - el.

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## Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

*Psalm 124:8*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** In this season of penitence and reflection, let us think of our unworthiness and confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, asking for His merciful forgiveness.

**C** God Almighty, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son, our Emmanuel, to die for us, and for His sake, forgives us all our sins. May the

God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

## Opening Collect

**P** Let us pray. Almighty Father, by the advent of Your Son into the world, the kingdom of heaven now is open to all who believe in Him. Give us grace to look for the signs of His coming and to receive the Lord Jesus as our Emmanuel, God with us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, lead us evermore to serve Him in our lives until that day when He comes again to claim us as His own for eternity. This we ask in His most blessed name.

**C** Amen.

**P** The theme for our Advent services in this season is “Symbols of Salvation: Foretelling Christ’s Birth.” That birth is recorded “deep in prophets’ sacred page,” as our next hymn expresses.

## Hymn: 810 O God of God, O Light of Light

*sts. 1-2*



1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and  
2 For deep in proph-ets' sa - cred page, And grand in po - ets'



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo - ry bright The song of  
wing-ed word, Slow - ly in type, from age to age The na - tions



praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne,  
saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night



The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry  
Rang out the song, “Good-will to men!” Sung once by first - born



He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.  
sons of light, It ech - oes now, "Good - will!" A - men.

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## WORD

### First Reading

*Exodus 3:1–14*

**L** A reading from Exodus, the third chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm

*Psalm 24*

**P** The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

**C** for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

**P** Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place?

- C** He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.
- P** He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- C** Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
- P** Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- C** Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
- P** Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- C** Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory! 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.

## Second Reading

*Jeremiah 33:14–16*

- L** A reading from Isaiah, the twenty-fifth chapter.

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse

*Philippians 4:5b–6, Psalm 50:2–6, 14*

- P** The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
- C** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
- P** Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.
- C** He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people: “Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!”
- P** The heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is judge!
- C** Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High.

## Holy Gospel

*John 15:1–8*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Catechism

*The First Article*

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

## Hymn: 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 Thyne all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

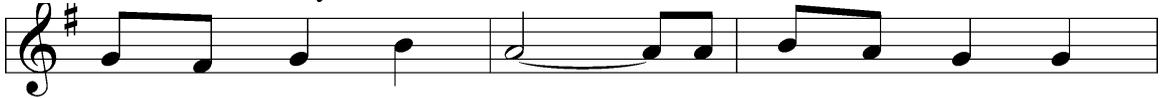
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## Sermon

### Hymn: 771 Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord



1 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord, For  
2 You need not mul - ti - ply your words Nor  
3 Wait, then, in qui - et con - fi - dence, Your  
4 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord; On



God is al - ways near. Be - fore your mind is  
pray with prac - ticed art. Be - yond all speech, God  
anx - ious thoughts at rest. God knows your needs be -  
God in pa - tience wait. God's love, un - seen, sur -



moved to pray, God lis - tens and will hear.  
un - der - stands The hun - ger of your heart.  
fore you ask And works for what is best.  
rounds your life; God's help will not be late.

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## Prayer of the Church

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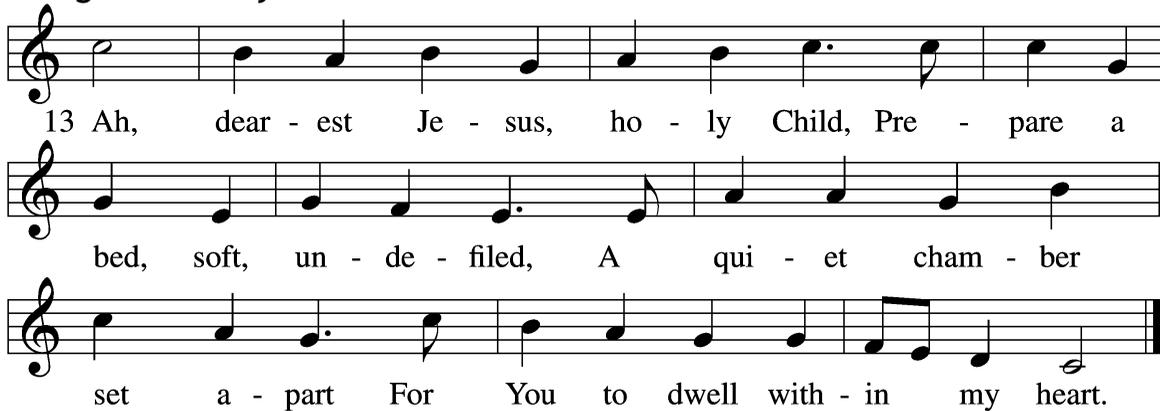
- P** ... Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** hear our prayer.

## 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.

## Offering & Offertory: 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

st. 13

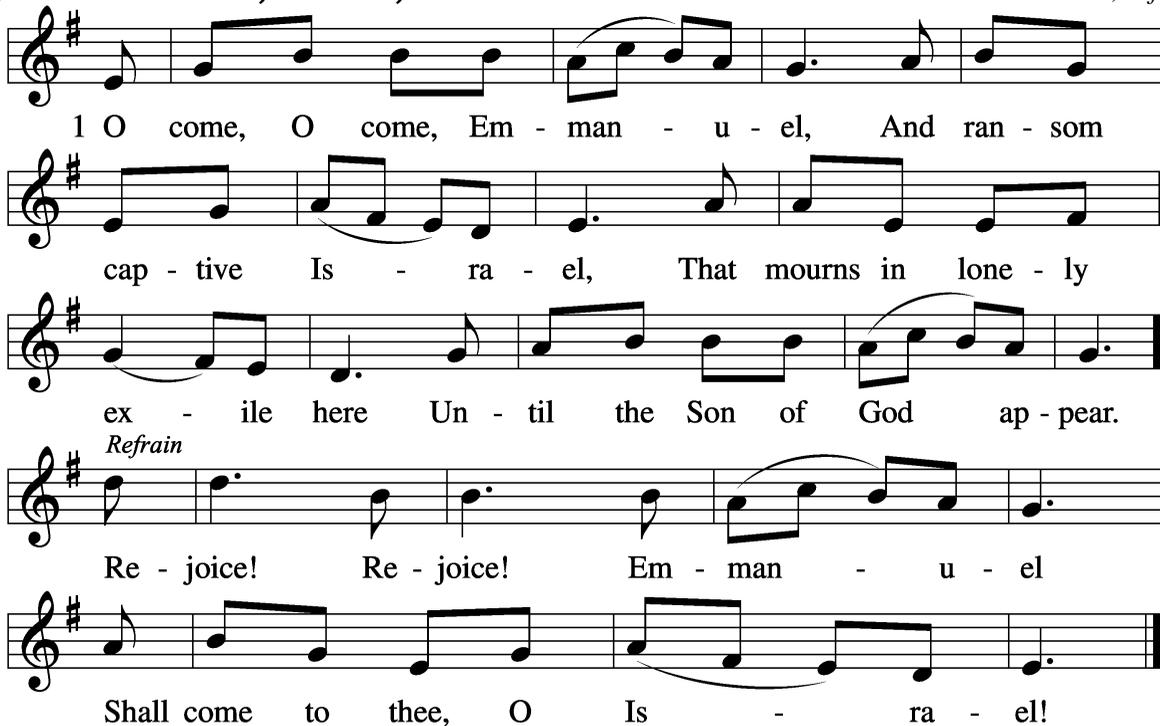


13 Ah, dear - est Je - sus, ho - ly Child, Pre - pare a  
bed, soft, un - de - filed, A qui - et cham - ber  
set a - part For You to dwell with - in my heart.

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## Hymn: 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

sts. 1, ref



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
*Refrain*  
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el  
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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## Advent Antiphon

- P** O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things:
- C** Come and teach us the way of prudence.

### Hymn: 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

sts. ref, 2

2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

*Refrain*  
Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el  
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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### Advent Antiphon

**P** O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai: **C** Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.

### Hymn: 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

sts. ref, 3

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.

*Refrain*

Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Em - man - u - el  
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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**Prayer**

- P** Let us pray.
- C** Almighty God, Judge and King, the whole creation waits for Your coming. Come, Lord Jesus, with Your grace, and fill our lives with Your presence. Use all our time for Your gracious purpose; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Blessing**

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

**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: Baby Asher & Family** (Shar Short's friend) **Marsha Ashburn** (Chris Crowley's aunt), **Lolita Aulston, Martin Braunlich** (Josh Chittick's Uncle), **Terri Blackwell** (Lowell & Mary Lou Volk's daughter), **Ed Bonds, Cheryl Brodhagen, Ray Brodhagen** (Gary Brodhagen's brother), **Howard Burdg** (Nicci Crowley's Grandpa), **John Hast** (Shar Short's Brother) **Bonnie Hayes** (Mike Merkley's sister), **Jerry Henneman, Trudy Hooyman, Monica Keller** (Nicci's Crowley's brother-in-law's mom), **Mary Mahaffey, Max** (Sara McCabe's grandson's friend), **Beth McCabe, Paul McCall** (Renee Johnson's Dad), **Carmen Miller, Brooke Picray** (Roland & Connie Walter's granddaughter), **Kylee Pontine** (friend of Penny Steven's granddaughter), **Shirlie Schlotfeld, Ron Selah, Clark Spalsbury** (Bruce Schulz's Friend), **Scott Spindler** (Katrina Baumgartner's friend), **Bill Witthans** and the family and friends of **Lauren White** (Ralph Wegner's relative) who passed away this month.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Choir and Bible Study follow the Service.** Choir meets immediately after worship in the Sanctuary; Bible Study starts at 10:45 am in the Sanctuary.

**VOLUNTEER to serve your family in Christ!** Help with **Children's Church** (please talk to Nicci Crowley); Help provide **Altar Flowers** by signing up in the Narthex & donating \$25 (labeled for Flowers).

**Support our Hospital:** The Ministerial Alliance is providing desserts for the Hospital Christmas dinner and we would like Church members to help supply homemade baked goods that can be individually packaged for the health and convenience of the hospital staff. Please put your baked goods on the table next to the Church Office on Dec 21st.

**This Week at Trinity:** Ladies' Group Bible Study- Monday at 1:30pm; Fellowship Hall  
Prayer Group – Wednesday at 7:30 am; Sanctuary  
Midweek Advent Service- Wednesday at 7pm; Sanctuary

**The Funeral for Helen Friedrichs** will be held today at 1 pm with burial and reception to follow.

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