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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 or online, you just need to connect to the **7 pm** Teleconference, OR at go to our YouTube page the next day.

- **Teleconference** Dial-in number: (425) 436-6358; Access code: 367780#
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- **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuFKUC8G4JUuIaffzm4aMwA>

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 worshiping from home, please mail your check or work with Carol Sperling to set up electronic transfers.

As We Gather

We often imagine that God’s presence is made known through our feelings, but God has a history of showing His presence in more concrete ways. Throughout Scripture, He attaches Himself to places like Sinai or the tabernacle or the temple or the flesh and blood of His only-begotten Son. Today, we recall how God manifested His presence to His people in the mystery of the cloud and thereby assured them that He was with them and would fulfill His promise never to abandon them. Advent reminds us that at many times and in many ways, God spoke to His people of old, but now, He has spoken through His Son. In Christ, God tabernacles with us and continues to deliver to us the fruits of His saving work on the cross.

PREPARATION

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

Opening Hymn: AGPS 163 Light One Candle

Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope,
He brings hope to every heart, He Comes! He Comes!
Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love,
He brings love to every heart, He comes! He Comes!
(Bridge) Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy,
Every nation will find salvation in Bethl'em's baby boy.
Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace,
He brings peace to every heart, He comes! He Comes!
He brings peace to every heart, He comes! He Comes!

Advent Versicles

K O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
K Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✠ and to the Holy Spirit;
C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P Praise to You, O Christ,
K The King who comes to save us.

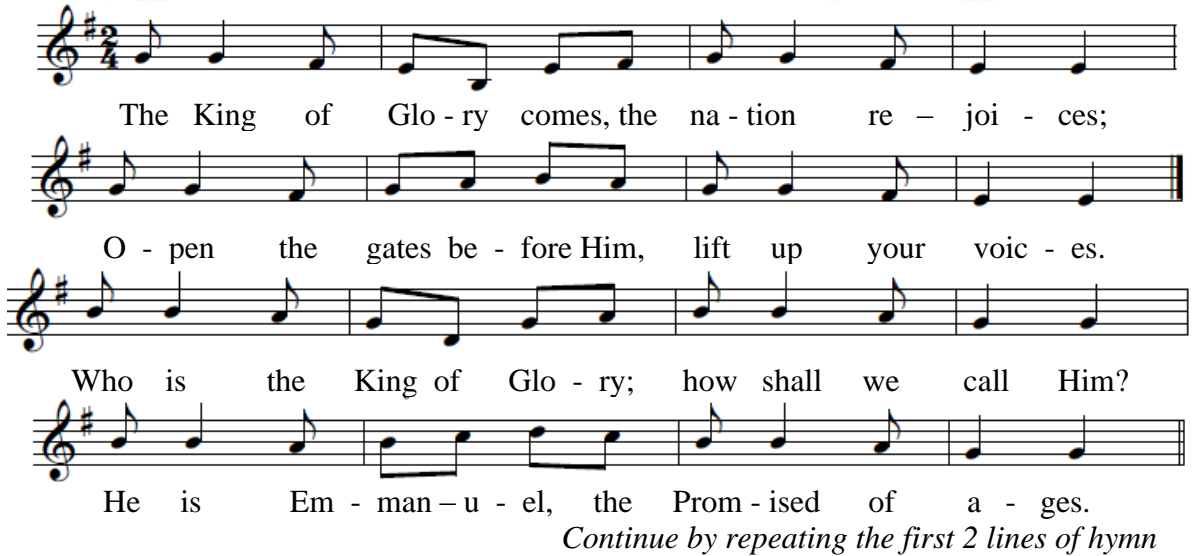
Psalm

Psalm 105:1–6

P¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
C make known his deeds among the peoples!
P² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
C tell of all his wondrous works!
P³ Glory in his holy name;
C let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
P⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength;
C seek his presence continually!
P⁵ Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
C his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
P⁶ O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
C children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
P² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
C tell of all his wondrous works!

Office Hymn: AGPS 227 The King of Glory

sts 1



The King of Glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joi - ces;
O - pen the gates be - fore Him, lift up your voic - es.
Who is the King of Glo - ry; how shall we call Him?
He is Em - man - u - el, the Prom - ised of a - ges.
Continue by repeating the first 2 lines of hymn

Readings

Epistle Reading

Exodus 40:17–21, 34–38

¹⁷In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. ¹⁸Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. ¹⁹And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²⁰He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. ²¹And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses. . . .

³⁴Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. ³⁷But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

sts. 1–2, 4

1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -
heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,
Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to
we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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Gospel Reading

Luke 1:5–23, 57–64

⁵In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. ⁷But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

⁸Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, ⁹according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. ¹⁶And he will turn many of

the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

¹⁸And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” ¹⁹And the angel answered him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.

²⁰And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.” ²¹And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. ²²And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute.

²³And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

⁵⁷Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, ⁶⁰but his mother answered, “No; he shall be called John.” ⁶¹And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.” ⁶²And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. ⁶³And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they all wondered. ⁶⁴And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Offering & Offertory: 930 All You Works of God, Bless the Lord

sts. 1, ref, 6

1 All you works of God, bless the Lord!
 △ 6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;

All you an - gels, now bless the Lord;
 All you hum - ble, His praise im - part;

Come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,
 God the Fa - ther and Son a - dore,

Praise the Lord and His maj - es - ty:
Bless the Spir - it for - ev - er - more!

Refrain

Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,

All you works of God, bless the Lord!

Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,

All you works of God, bless the Lord!

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Children's Sermon

Hymn: Deck the Halls

Verse 1

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Don we now our gay apparel,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Troll the ancient yuletide carol,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Verse 2

See the blazing yule before us,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Strike the harp and join the chorus,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Follow me in merry measure,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
While I tell of yuletide treasure,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Magnificat: 933 My Soul Rejoices

Congregation, please stand, as you are able, when singing the words "Sing the Greatness of the Lord" and sit while singing all the other words.

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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Kyrie

LSB 233



☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Prayer

P The Lord be with you.

C And Also with you.

Kneel

The prayer will be spoken responsively by repeating after the Pastor

C Dear God, we know that Your Holy Spirit lives inside of us, so we are connected to You: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thank You for Your promise to always be with us no matter where we go. Thank You for sending Jesus, Your Son, to come down to earth to live with us, die for us, and rise for us. We look forward to the day when Jesus comes back again so that we are always together with You; one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Spoken responsively by repeating after the Pastor

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.

Stand

Benedicamus & Benediction


LSB 234

P Let us bless the Lord.


C Thanks be to God.



P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.




C A - men.

Hymn to Depart: 936 Sing Praise to the God of Israel



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
 2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
 3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His
 4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
 oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:
 way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,
 lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
 Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -
 His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and
 And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
 liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.
 grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.
 foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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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**, **Howard Burdg** (Nicci Crowley's Grandpa), **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**, **John Morales** (Nikki Boyd's father), **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), **Curt White** (Ralph Wegner's nephew), **Bill Witthans**, and the family and friends of **Jill Brodhagen-Robinson** (Gary Brodhagen's cousin), **Velma Carlson**, **Joey Chavez**, **Tiffany Fenton** and **Pastor Gary Thur** who died this past month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday Worship: In our Advent worship on Sunday at 9am, we will be looking at old testament symbols and how they point to Jesus' birth.

Choir and Bible Study every Sunday: Choir meets immediately after Sunday worship in the Sanctuary. Adult Bible Study is on Sundays 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.

Children's Church: There will be Children's Church on Dec 12th to prepare for the Christmas pageant, which will be part of the December 19th Worship Service.

Join us on Christmas Eve (7pm) as well as **Christmas Day** (9am) to celebrate our God who became man in order to bring man back to God. The birth of Jesus is an unmistakable sign of God's good will toward us. "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

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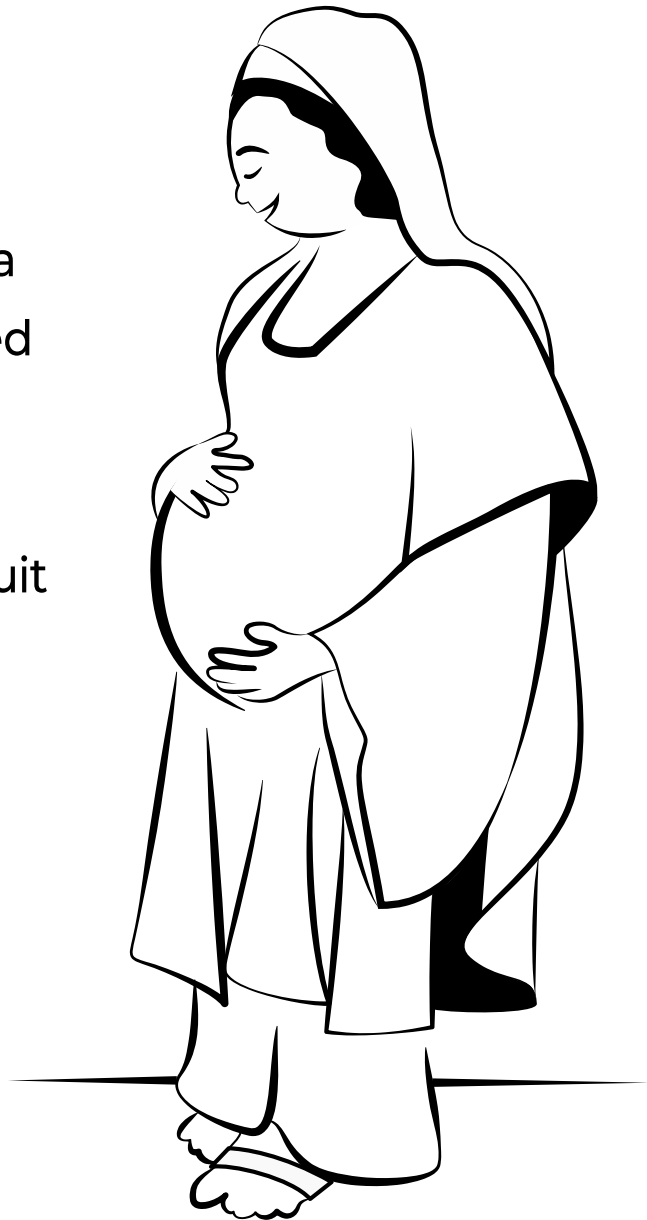
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When Elizabeth
heard Mary's
greeting ... [she]
exclaimed with a
loud cry, "Blessed
are you among
women, and
blessed is the fruit
of your womb."

Luke 1:41-42



Instructions:

Mary shows us how to trust and love God.
Color this picture of Mary who is waiting
for Jesus to be born.

On the way to
BETHLEHEM