

# Trinity Lutheran Church Cortez, Colorado

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3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in Advent

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# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Helping Today:** Marty Ruggles (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 **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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## 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

God’s power is a hidden image. He comes as man, born of woman, and yet He is the mighty Redeemer. He has no army, but His kingdom shall endure forever. He becomes the victim and offers Himself in sacrifice upon the cross, yet His triumph brings salvation to the whole world. We complain that we are alone, we have no might, and our enemies are great; but in Christ, we see that we are not alone, His power is beyond all power, and His might has done what is impossible for us. Now let us stand as one in Christ, clothed in the garments of righteousness He gives us in Baptism.

## 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.

### 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

### First Reading

*Judges 6:12–16, 33; 7:2–9*

<sup>12</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, “The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor.” <sup>13</sup>And Gideon said to him, “Please, sir, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.” <sup>14</sup>And the LORD turned to him and said, “Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to him, “Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.” <sup>16</sup>And the LORD said to him, “But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man.”

<sup>33</sup>Now all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the East came together, and they crossed the Jordan and encamped in the Valley of Jezreel.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD said to Gideon, “The people with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast over me, saying, ‘My own hand has saved me.’ <sup>3</sup>Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, ‘Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home and hurry away from Mount Gilead.’” Then 22,000 of the people returned, and 10,000 remained.

<sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to Gideon, “The people are still too many. Take them down to the water, and I will test them for you there, and anyone of whom I say to you, ‘This one shall go with you,’ shall go with you, and anyone of whom I say to you, ‘This one shall not go with you,’ shall not go.” <sup>5</sup>So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, “Every one who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set by himself. Likewise, every one who kneels down to drink.” <sup>6</sup>And the number of those who lapped, putting their hands to their mouths, was 300 men, but all the rest of the people knelt down to drink water. <sup>7</sup>And the LORD said to Gideon, “With the 300 men who lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hand, and let all the others go every man to his home.” <sup>8</sup>So the people took provisions in their hands, and their trumpets. And he sent all the rest of Israel every man to his tent, but retained the 300 men. And the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

<sup>9</sup>That same night the LORD said to him, “Arise, go down against the camp, for I have given it into your hand.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Second Reading

*Micah 5:2–5*

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me  
 one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
 whose origin is from of old,  
 from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
 when she who is in labor has given birth;  
 then the rest of his brothers shall return  
 to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
 And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
 to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup>And he shall be their peace.

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

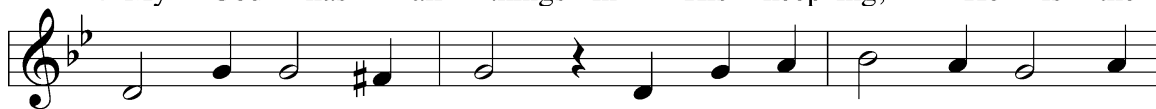
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Hymn: 719 I Leave All Things to God's Direction

*sts. 1-2, 4*



1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion; He loves me  
 2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for  
 4 My God has all things in His keep-ing; He is the



both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af -  
 me will nev - er cease. Up - on His hands He did en -  
 ev - er faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter



fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for - tress  
 grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -  
 weep-ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -



and my rock is He: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.  
 preme must ev - er be: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.  
 dures e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13–17

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And 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; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

**A** 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 voice - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,  
All you works of God, bless the Lord!

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## Children's Sermon

### "Oh, Do You Hear?"

(to the tune of "The Muffin Man")

Oh, do you hear the Christmas bells?  
The Christmas bells? The Christmas bells?  
Oh, do you hear the Christmas bells  
That ring out loud and clear?

They tell the world a Savior's born!  
A Savior's born! A Savior's born!  
They tell the world a Savior's born!  
Proclaim it far and near!

### 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

**C** 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 heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to earth to live, die, and rise again. In Jesus, we have the victory over our enemies of sin, death, and the devil! Help us to remember that no matter how scary or powerful these enemies might be, You are the most powerful of all. Thank You for loving us and sending us a Savior, Jesus. In His name we pray. 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.

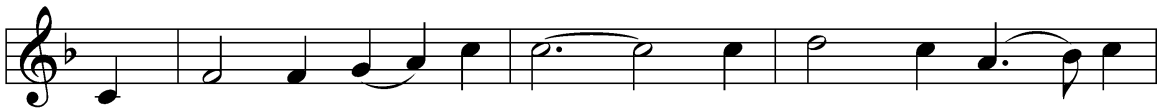


**C** A - men.

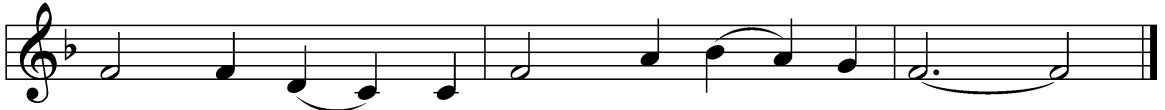
## Hymn to Depart: 937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,  
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,  
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled.      These eyes have seen sal -  
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light,      God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
To You we lift our voice;      To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn,      This child so long fore - told.  
in our midst,      The joy of Is - ra - el.  
Spir - it blest      Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Sunday Worship:** In our Advent worship on Sunday (Dec 19<sup>th</sup>) at 9am, we will be doing a special **Children’s Christmas pageant**. If you child or grandchild would like to participate please join us for dress rehearsal on Saturday (Dec 18<sup>th</sup>) at 10:30 am.

**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.

**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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# *Coloring* **Advent Wreath**



**Instructions:**

Color one candle on each Sunday, during the four weeks of Advent.

*On the way to*  
**BETHLEHEM**