

BLESSING

P: May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice. May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom. May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance. The blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”
Verses 1, 2 & 4

ELW #244

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Setting by
Rick Seaton

Thank you **all** for being with us on this beautiful Sunday morning. Please join us in the fellowship hall immediately following the service for coffee, conversation and fellowship.

Wednesdays during Advent

*Dec 4, 11 & 18 Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm and
Taizé Service @ 6:45 pm*

*Trinity Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
with Holy Communion:*

December 24, 2019 2:30 pm & 4:30 pm

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Trinity Lutheran Church

December 1, 2019

10:30 a.m.

First Sunday in Advent Promise of the Messiah



Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.



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WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.

Guests and Visitors: A special **welcome** to you from Trinity's pastor and congregation members. We pray that this worship will bring you comfort, joy, and renewal. All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. If you have any questions about the worship service or about Trinity, our Hospitality Team members (at the Welcome Desk or identified by name tag) are happy to help.

Your offering is your presence with us in community. We encourage you to fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate. Please join us again!

Parents and Caregivers: Please know that God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. Younger kids are invited to bring one of our specially-prepared "busy bags" into the worship service along with crayons. Both are available in the narthex as you enter the sanctuary. If you wish to step out with your child at any time, there is a special room just outside the worship space where you will be able to view and hear the service. If you prefer, we also offer a staffed Nursery, located to the east of the fellowship hall. Children cared for in the Nursery are brought into worship for the Youth Message.

Special needs: Hearing-assistance devices, as well as gluten-free wafers and grape juice for Communion, are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those with mobility trouble. Our Hospitality Team members can help with any of these special needs.

Hospitality Team	IN MINISTRY TODAY
Assisting Minister	Rocky Knutson, Jim & Georgia Lee Laird & Cayden Hopkins
Lector	Erik Elliott
	Andy Sprain

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS: THE MEMBERS OF TRINITY

Rick Reiten, Senior Pastor
Katie Kline, Education & Family Minister
Paul Falk, Director of Choirs
Alice Crawford, Church Musician
Brenda Harju, TLC Preschool Director
Debbie Schwartz, Financial Manager
Deana Andrist, Office Administrator
Amanda Backsen, Director of Communications
Liz Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator
Joshua Moore, AV Technician
Tiffany Klijewski, Nursery Coordinator

Please stand as you are able

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

ELW #769

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C: God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.
Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We come to the table by Jesus' invitation. All are welcome! As you come forward, receive the bread and the red wine or white juice. Let us know if you need a gluten free wafer. If you are not ready to receive communion, but would like a blessing, please come forward with your hands folded.

First Sunday in Advent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:25 am)

PRELUDE

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
 Alice Crawford, Hammered Dulcimer

A 15th Century
 German Hymn

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.
 C: **Amen.**
 P: Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,
 C: **we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**
 P: Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, † Jesus Christ, our Savior.
 C: **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
 Verses 1, 2 & 6

ELW #257

INVOCATION

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

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OFFERING PRAYER

C: Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts
C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A: Let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

"Winter Finale/What Child is This"
Alice Crawford, Hammered Dulcimer

Ruth Smith

*Children are invited to bring their offering forward for the mission jug,
supporting ELCA World Hunger.*

OFFERING SONG

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

ELW #294

3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?

If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

SONG OF PRAISE

"Hark, the Glad Sound!"

ELW #239

Verses 1 & 4

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior

4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -

shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.

arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: God of the promised Messiah, as we wait for the fulfillment of your promise, we watch, we listen, and we open our hearts for your Word. Show us signs of your presence: a light in the darkness, a voice in the silence, and a stirring deep within us. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Children are invited to come forward.
"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"*

ELW #240

Verse 1

ALL SING: Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

CANDLE LIGHTING

L: Lord Jesus, we do not lack any spiritual gift as we wait for your coming. Keep us awake and help us use our gifts to serve those who look for the dawn of your justice and mercy.

C: Amen.

ALL SING: Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Even So, Come Lord Jesus, Come"
Trinity Chancel Choir

Tomlin/Duren

GOD'S STORY

JEREMIAH 33:14-18

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness." ¹⁷For thus says the LORD: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, ¹⁸and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to make grain offerings, and to make sacrifices for all time.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

ELW #264



MESSAGE

Education & Family Minister, Katie Kline

SONG OF THE DAY "Blessed Be the God of Israel"

ELW #250

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to
judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**