

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

First Sunday of Advent • ACS Setting 12

10:00 AM Worship Service • November 27, 2022



The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex; or, if you are online during our worship service, drop us a line to say hello or that you and your family are attending, so that we know you have joined us for worship. For those who come in person, please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information about you. Worship service on Sunday mornings during the summer is at 10:00 A.M. and also on livestream.

A nursery room is available during the service. The nursery is located off the hallway on the Huntington Avenue side of the church building. At this time, there are no nursery attendants. We also have “activity binders” available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about using one.



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;

Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm

Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

Pastor's Cell: (734) 239-4013

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die stiemme, BWV 645

J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Sniady Family

RESPONSE

Hope Is a Star (v. 1)

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright.
When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be
first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1985

MUSIC: Jean Collier Fogg, 1987

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GATHERING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be God's name forever. **Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,
we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.
We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace.
We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
You have put on † Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending
HELMSLEY

ELW 435

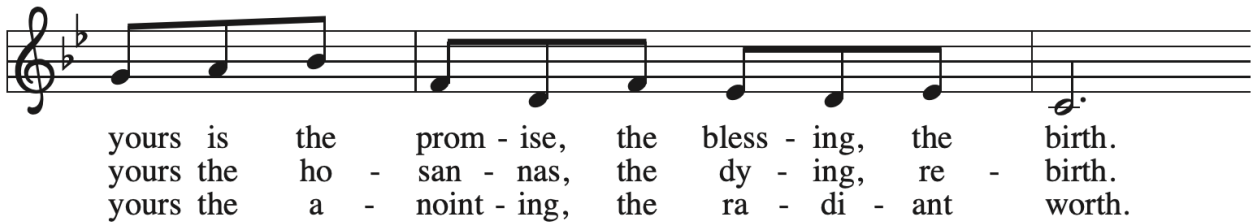
GREETING

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

KYRIE



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122 (*spoken*)

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

**Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.

Peace be with-in your walls
and quietness with-in your towers.

**For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**

Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and

jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



**Show us your steadfast | love, O Lord,
and grant us | your salvation.**

GOSPEL: **Matthew 24:36-44**

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Tina

SERMON

Pastor Tina

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying
WACHET AUF

ELW 436

APOSTLE'S 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Keep Your Lamps!

André J. Thomas

Christian Allen, percussion

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.

Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

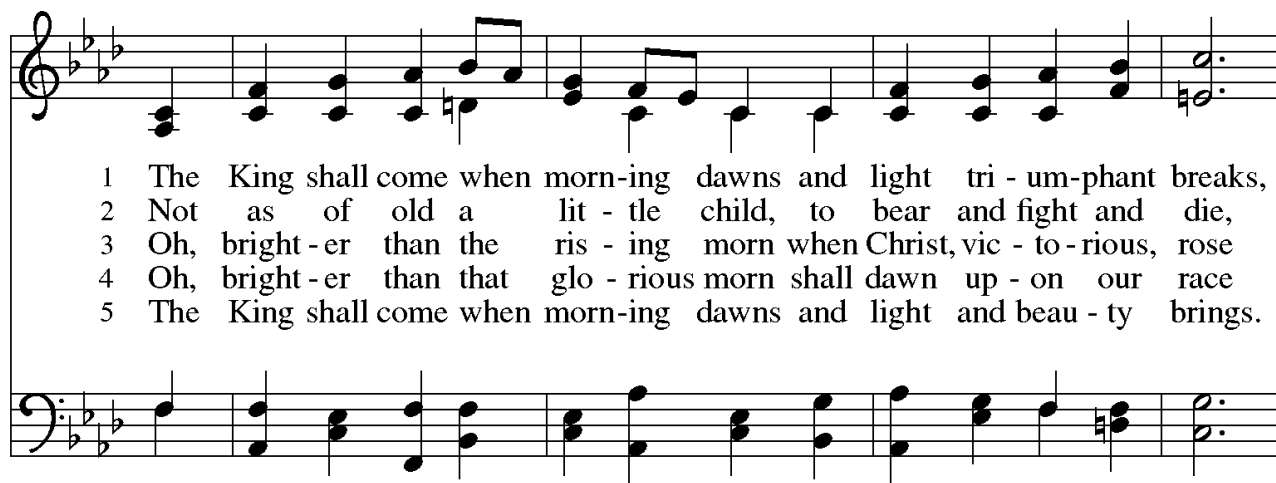
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

OFFERTORY HYMN

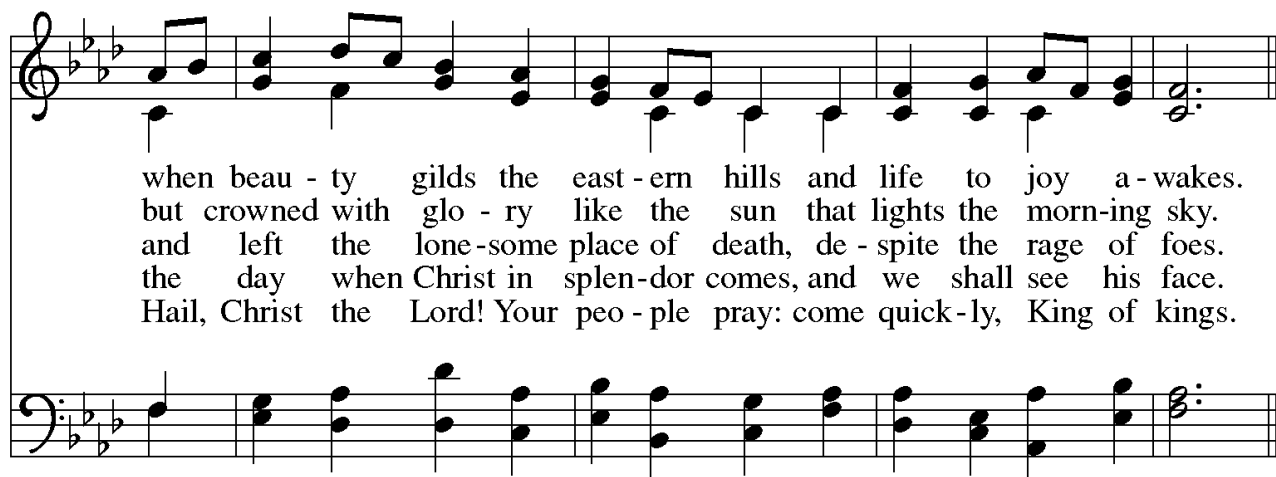
The King Shall Come (v. 1, 4, 5)

ELW 260

CONSOLATION



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

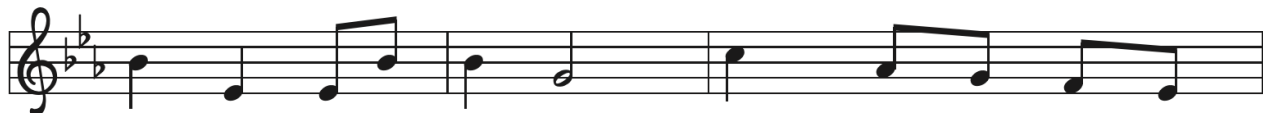
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God triune, how majestic
is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might
evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.

Here by your wisdom
are both life and death,
growth and decay,
the nest and the hunt,
sunshine and storm,
darkness and light.

Sustained by these wonders,
we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.

In Christ you bring life from death;

we remember his cross,

we laud his resurrection.

Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.

Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.

Receiving this mystery,

we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table,
we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds,
you uphold the living,
you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal,
the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you
and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises,
we rise from our deaths
to praise you again:

The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen.
Amen, and amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

AGNUS DEI



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



COMMUNION

Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

My Lord, What a Morning
BURLEIGH

ELW 438

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now, Lord

ELW 200

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

ELW 439

VERY SOON

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare and Fantasia on *Wake, Awake!*

Aaron Shows



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The TEAM (Trinity Endowment And Ministries) Foundation is soliciting inputs for this year's charitable donations to local, national, and global organizations that embody TELC's statement of purpose. Organizations historically funded are, but not limited to, those that live into our desire to provide social ministry and community care and faith growth and development. Last year's \$5,000 distribution included donations to Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp, ELCA Leadership Fund, First Nations Development Institute, Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, Pastoring the City, The Simple Sunflower. This year's distribution will include a portion of the Kessler bequest totaling over \$17,000 for causes you care about! Please fill out the attached form and submit to a member of Church Council or directly to church administrators by January 1 for TEAM Committee consideration and Congregation Council approval. FORMS FOR YOUR SUGGESTIONS MAY BE FOUND ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AND IN THE NARTHEX.

Poinsettias: We are now taking donations for poinsettias up until December 1. Each 6.5" pot is \$15. A revised Poinsettia form was sent out via Constant Contact email this past week. More forms are available in the narthex.

Flower Vase Liners: There are two silver, aluminum vase liners missing from the sacristy kitchen. If you possibly took them home, for whatever reason, please return them immediately. We need them to trade off with Pollard's when they bring flowers to the church. Thank you!

Newsome-Bailey Project: There will be THREE options for helping underserved students in the East End this fall. Our newest request is to tutor GED students M-TH (9-12 &/or 12:45-2PM) with YouthBuild at Four Oaks Day Center. Newsome Park has tutoring spots open M-F 10:15-11:45 AM, working 1:1 with 3rd graders. And/Or you may choose to work with PK and K students on early reading/writing skills from 8:30 - 10 AM M-F at Marshall Early Learning Center. If you or someone you know would like to be trained for these volunteer positions, all in the East End NN, please contact Tinaotool@gmail.com or at 402-490-0312. You need not be available daily-we'll be grateful for any hours you may serve. Perfect for college students and those who are retired!

Edmarc Christmas Volunteering: We are signed up for a three hour slot to wrap gifts which have been donated to Edmarc on Wednesday, November 30, from 1-4 p.m. at Edmarc. We need 10 people who are willing to join us for that slot to make sure that it is filled. Please Contact Pastor Tina, if you are interested.

A Note from the Finance Committee: The Church Finance Committee would like to thank the members of the congregation who have generously responded to supporting the 2022-2023 Ministry Investment Plan by increasing their regular offerings to the general fund. Your growing support of our financial goals helps Trinity become a powerful force for good in our community, a living example of "God's Work - Our Hands." If you are prayerfully considering your own ability to increase your financial response, please remember that the amount doesn't matter! It is your willingness to contribute your time, talent, and treasure that helps us to grow in our service to God and to our siblings in our community and around the world.

VANCO Online giving: The procedure to use the online offering system, VANCO, is very user-friendly. Just go to Trinity's website, <http://www.trinitylutheran-nn.com> and click on the green "online giving" link found on the homepage. If you are updating your donation and paying by credit card, you will need to reenter the CVC number. If you have questions about the donation site or how to make your donation, please don't hesitate to contact the church office, 245-7861.

YOUTH

Pure Vida Bracelets Fundraiser for National Youth Gathering: The youth are still selling Pure Vida bracelets to raise money for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2024. The bracelets are **\$5 each** and make great gifts. Call the church office if you need an order form or grab one from either the narthex or church office.

Sunday School for Youth Group: Come and hang out before church (8:45 -9:45) and join us in conversation and movie watching. We will be watching “The Greatest Showman” this month.

Winter Celebration: Our VA Synod Annual Event Winter Celebration is back! All high school aged youth are eligible to attend, and it will take place Friday, January 27 through Sunday, January 29 at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, VA. There are large and small group gatherings during the weekend. On Saturday afternoon, there is a large chunk of free time where you can participate in the annual Talent Show. We also have two of our own youth serving on the planning team – Keegan Wise and Emma Recupero. If you plan to attend this event, please register online at the VA Synod Youth Ministry webpage (link is found on our webpage) and pay your fee of \$150 by December 19. Also indicate on the Trinity Youth Facebook site that you plan to attend.

Decorating and Caroling: On December 11, the youth group will meet immediately following church to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Please bring a lunch with you to eat. After we decorate, we will have some time to play some of our favorite youth group games before we depart to carol to our homebound members of the congregation. We will end our evening at the Rummel household for our annual Christmas party and movie. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Please bring a holiday treat to share. Parents can pick youth up by 8 (it’s a school night folks.)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next Bible study will be held on **November 29** at **10:30 a.m.** in the church parlor and online via Zoom. All are welcome!

Midweek Advent Services - “Preparing for Holy Disruption”: Our theme for November 30 is **breathing**. Our services will all focus on ways in which we can

prepare our hearts, minds and souls for the inbreaking of God into our world, how we can prepare ourselves for the holy disruption that is Christ's birth.

Advent Event, December 4: Happy Birthday to Jesus and Trinity! It is Trinity's 124th Birthday on the 4th and so we will gather in the social hall during the Sunday School hour for birthday themed celebrations.

Congregational Meetings: On December 4 and December 18, there will be congregational meetings for council elections and other budgetary/property business.

Do you like to Decorate for the holidays?: At Trinity, we do also. Please mark your calendar to help us **decorate the sanctuary** (even if it is only for 30 mins. to an hour) **after next week's worship service.** The **Worship and Music committee could really use your help**, especially those who can climb ladders. Many thanks in advance.

Holiday and Christmas Services and Events: Please see a back page for details.

FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

Guest Musician: Today, we welcome Christian Allen, percussionist, who will be accompanying the offertory anthem and several hymns. Thanks for sharing your talents in worship this morning.

Choir practice: Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. Any youth or adult who enjoys singing is invited to join us - no musical training required, and we can work with any voice!

Bell Choir: If you are interested in ringing choir bells, (with Geoffrey Bell as our leader) please stay after church on Sunday mornings to join us in merriment. We practice every Sunday immediately after worship.

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/ Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131); Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit); Joan Johnston (The Newport – Rm 33); Shut-in at Home: Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Doris Moeser, and Dick Sallade.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: **The Ahlen Family and Becky Peterson**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Hannelore Voss (Karoline’s mother)**, requested by the Ardis family; **Sharon (Sherry) Johnston and Pam Little (Donna’s sisters)**, requested by Grant and Donna Owens; **Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia)**, requested by Patricia Fielding; **Ben Nelson and Kathi Rokitski**, requested by Laura Davis; **Donald Hall (son)**, requested by Susan Hall; **for the mental health of all those who are first responders**, requested by Dinah Balthis; **David Harvey (uncle)**, requested by Anne Obara; **Matt Eggar**, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady; **James Newsome (son-in-law)**, requested by Bill Solomon; **Dick Duregger**, requested by Sandy Cobb and **Susan Grosser (Nurse in charge of Costa Rican Mission Community and Clinic)**, requested by Patricia Wessler; **the family and friends of Jack Johnston and the family and friends of Donna Gauthier**, requested by Laura Davis.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Belleville, IL.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and Elisabeth Bruce.

Serving the Assembly

10:00

Crucifer

Shawn Murphy

Acolytes

Carl Carpenter

Kelly Murphy

Lector

Zachary Stoffa

Michelle Stoffa

Ushers/Greeters/Presenters

David Roselius

Clifford Obara

Camera/Livestream

Chech and Gregg Vicik



Calling all TRINITY COOKIE BAKERS...

Trinity is a THRIVE Church Sponsor. We have “catered” the cookies for their Volunteer Appreciation Party for the past several years, and the staff and volunteers are most appreciative of our delicious donations! THRIVE Peninsula has asked if Trinity’s Cookie Bakers could prepare the sweets for their Volunteer Appreciation Party on December 2nd. If you are willing to share your culinary talents, please give Susan Piland a call at 757-870-1345 or email her at spiland@me.com Each baker is asked to contribute 3 or more dozen of home-baked cookies and have them ready by December 1st (Thursday after Thanksgiving). Susan would be glad to pick them up and deliver them to THRIVE, or the baker may do so. Just contact Susan for additional details.

Trinity Holiday Schedule

Advent Midweek Services Starts November 30, 6:30 PM
Zoom (a link will be sent out each week)

Greening the Church Sunday, December 11
After 10:00 AM Worship

TLS Lessons and Carols Thursday, December 15, 7:00 PM
Livestreamed

Blue Christmas Monday, December 19, 6:30 PM

Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24
2:00 PM; 4:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Christmas Day 10:00 AM
(Service of Poetry and the word)
Livestreamed and In person

Sunday, January 1 10:00 AM
Lay led Lessons and Carols
Livestreamed and in person
Poinsettias may be picked up

Merry Christmas!



The Longest Nights

presented by

VIRGINIA
Choral
SOCIETY

featuring *The Longest Nights*
by Timothy Takach
and other holiday favorites

Saturday, December 17th ~ 4:00
Trinity Lutheran Church, NN

Sunday, December 18th ~ 4:00
Peebles Theatre - CNU

www.vachoralsociety.org

1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain;
 comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 all the saints this world re - ject - ed
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

join to sing the glad re - frain:
 thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:
 claim the king - dom as thine own.

Cont. Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

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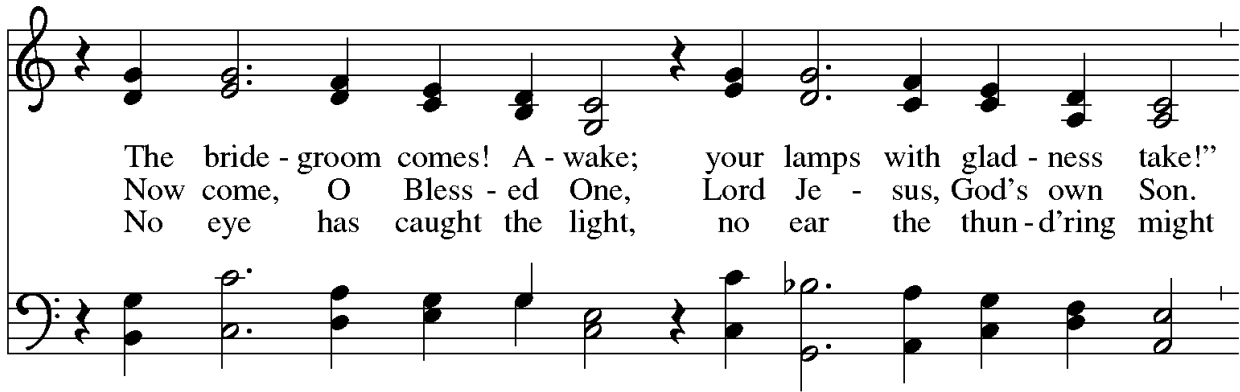
1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.

Cont. *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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My Lord, What a Morning

ELW 438

Refrain

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

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look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in



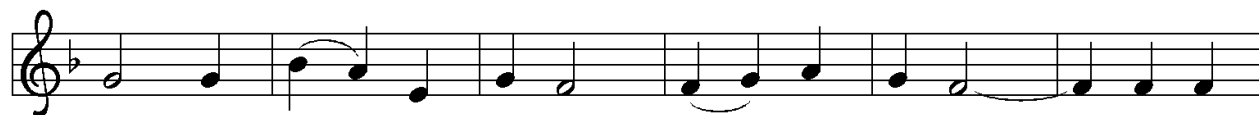
peace: your word has been ful - filled. My



own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of all peo-ple: a light to re -



veal you to the na-tions and the glo - ry of your



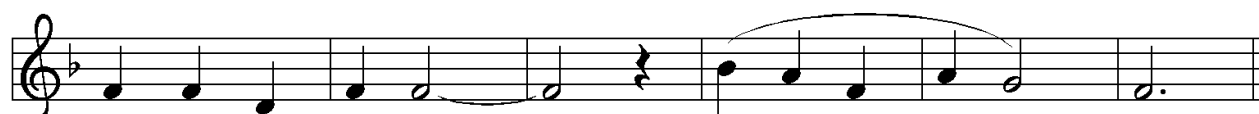
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther,



and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and



will be for - ev - er. A - men.

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.