

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM Worship Service • December 4, 2022

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At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

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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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

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

arr. Aaron Shows

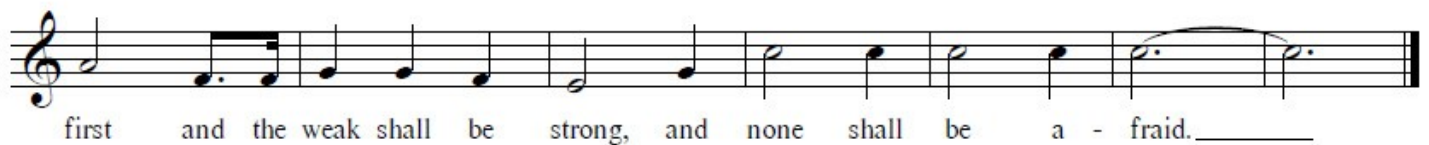
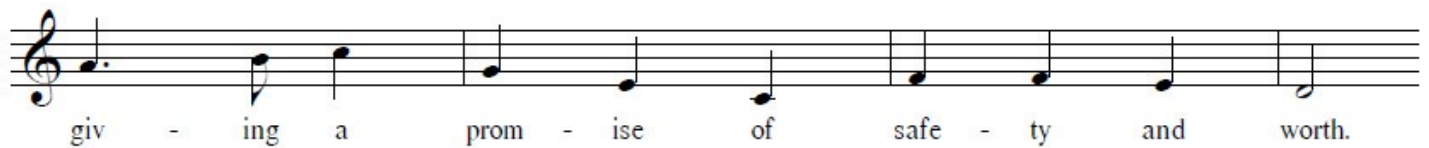
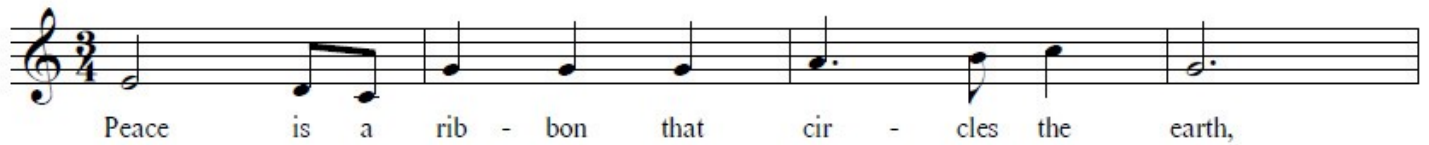
ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Stoffa Family

RESPONSE

Hope Is a Star (v. 2)



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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

Comfort, Comfort Now My People
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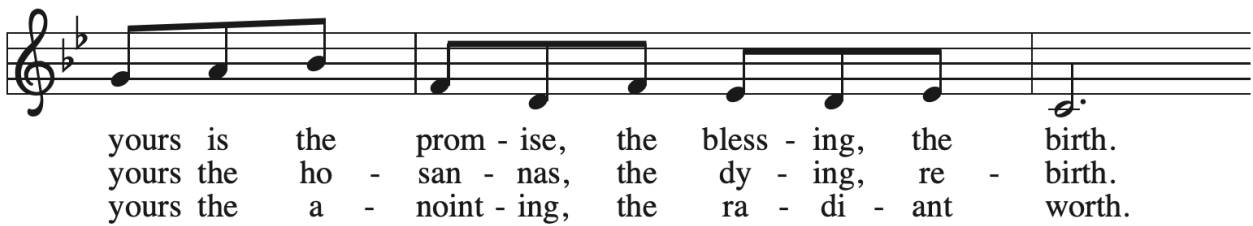
GREETING

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 (*spoken*)

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
**that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**

that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

**Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel;
you alone do wondrous deeds!**

And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

The assembly is stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



Repeat alleluia

**Prepare the way | of the Lord
All flesh shall see the salva- | tion of God.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.' "

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his

threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

There’s a Voice in the Wilderness
ASCENSION

ELW 255

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

Creation Will Be at Peace

Williams/Page

*In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.*

*The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,
their young will play together; a little child will lead.*

*In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.*

*The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.
They will war no more; a child will lead them all.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

ELW 247

OSOSÖ

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

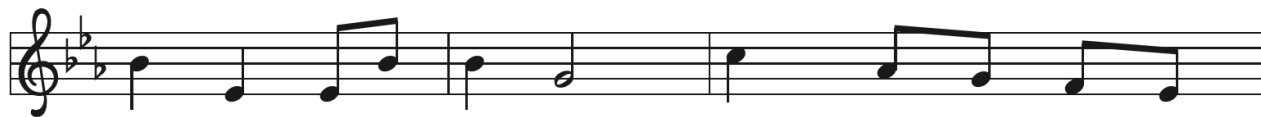
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

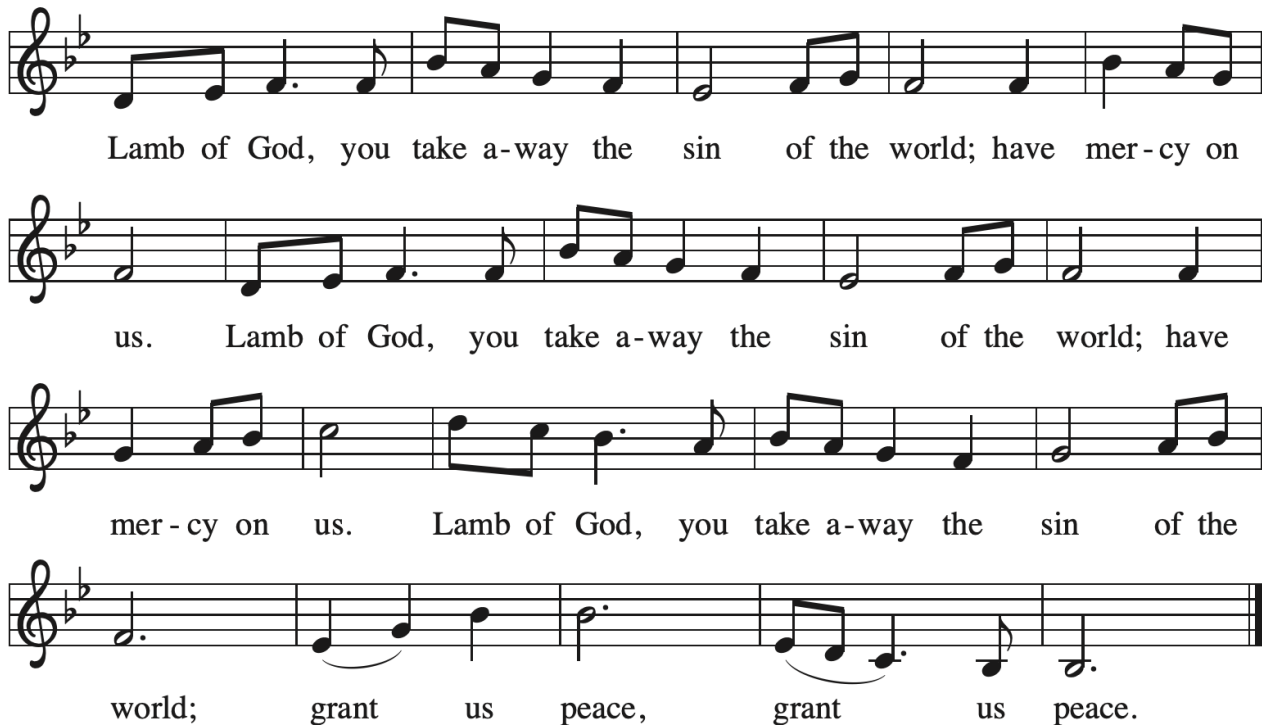
LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

The assembly sits.

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
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

Light Dawns on a Weary World
TEMPLE OF PEACE

ELW 726

The assembly stands.

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

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
PUER NOBIS

ELW 249

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on *Puer Nobis Nascitur*

Aaron David Miller



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Event, TODAY!: 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. If you read the bulletin before Sunday, please know that you can join us at 8:45 a.m. for the festivities!

Thanks to the Edmarc Elves . . . who helped wrap many packages for sick children and their families for the holidays. These gifts will be distributed to homes across the peninsula and Southside.

New Address Information: Alan Bobbe will be moving to apartment #36 at Warwick Forest as of Friday, December 2. Also, the Recupero family has moved to York County. Their new address is 107 Lake Herrin Court, Yorktown, VA, 23693. Please make those change sin your directory.

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.**

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 are 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!

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next Bible study will be held on **December 6** 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 December 7 is **Releasing**. 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.

Congregational Meetings: Today and on 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 from those who can climb ladders. Many thanks in advance.

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

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 Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* 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 free of \$150 by December 19. Also indicate on the Trinity Youth Facebook site that you plan to attend.

Decorating and Caroling: Next Sunday, **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.)

FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

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; **Donna Gauthier**, 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) and Shirley Krause**, 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; Bob Johnson, requested by Al Lebold and **the family and friends of Jack Johnston.**

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.

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our Parents, Vince and Hilda Sniady and Tony and Wilma Vodenichar, by the Sniady family.

Serving the Assembly

10:00

Crucifer

Nathan Rummel

Acolytes

Drew Rummel

Lector

Lauren Hill

Ushers/Greeters/Presenters

Jerry Cobb

John Lunsford

Camera/Livestream

Clifford Obara

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 (Musical Prelude)

And 7:30 PM Service begins

Only 7:30 service will be livestreamed

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

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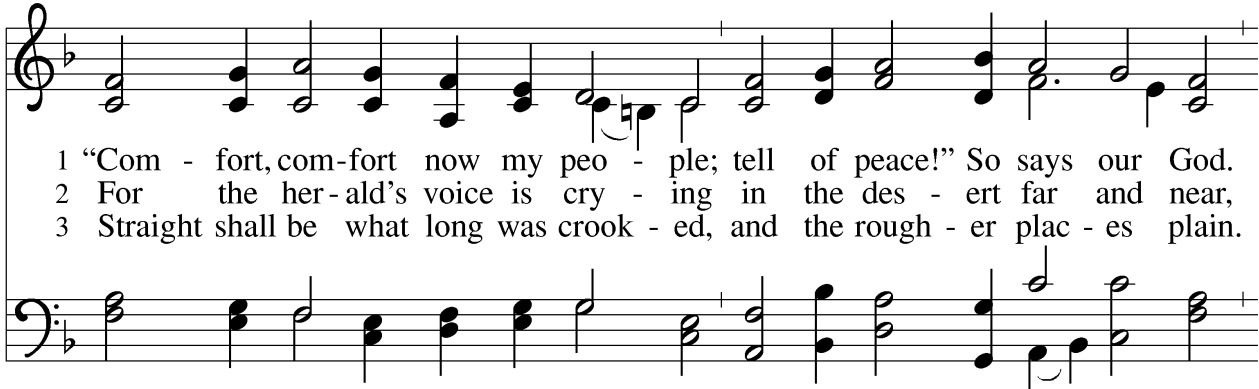
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featuring *The Longest Nights*
by Timothy Takach
and other holiday favorites

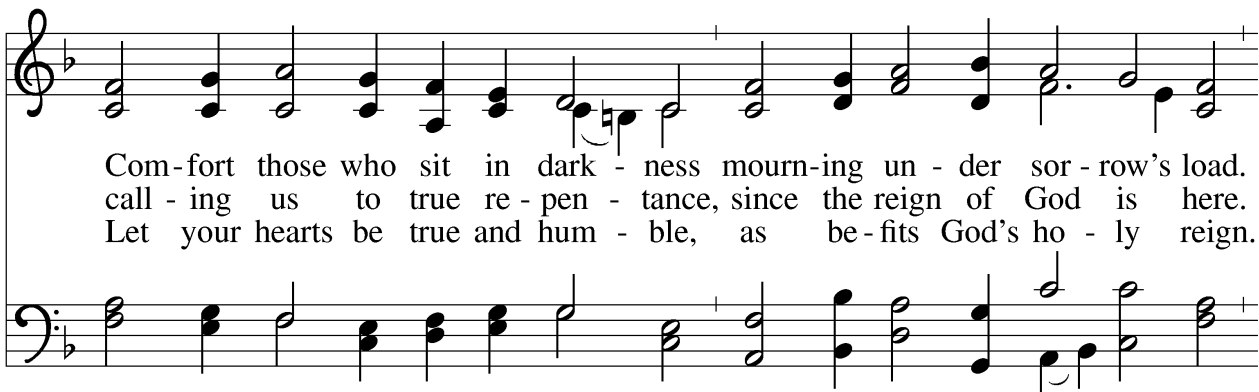
Saturday, December 17th ~ 4:00
Trinity Lutheran Church, NN

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

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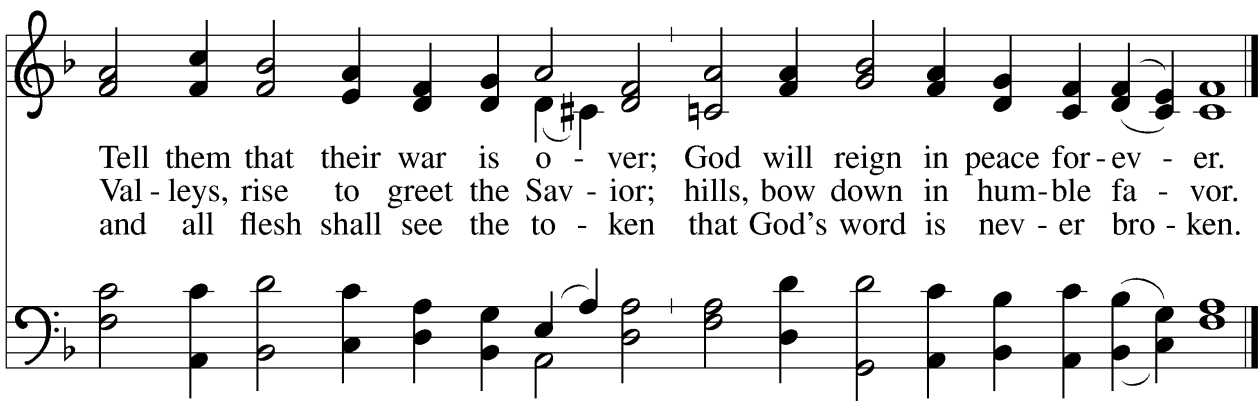
1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
 Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.



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 2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -
 3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the



high - way, a high - way for our God!
 peo - ple the com - ing of their king.
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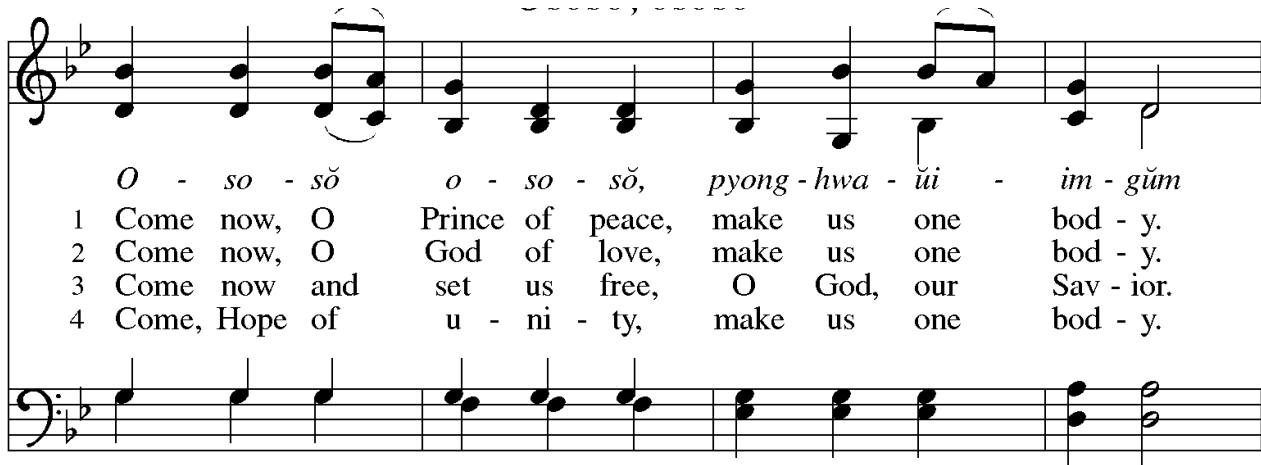
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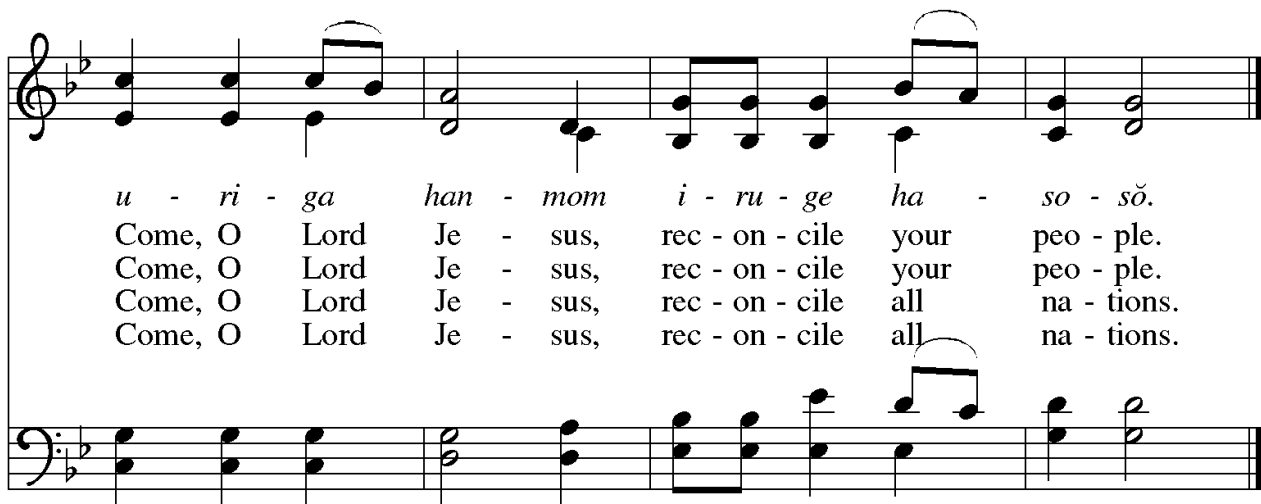


plac - es where God, our God, may go!
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way.
 lead them, and bring them to your fold.



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm

1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
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Light Dawns on a Weary World

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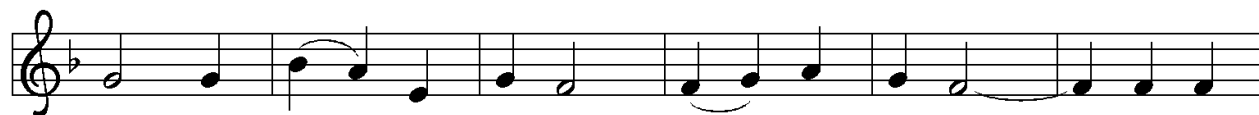
peace: your word has been ful - filled. My



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



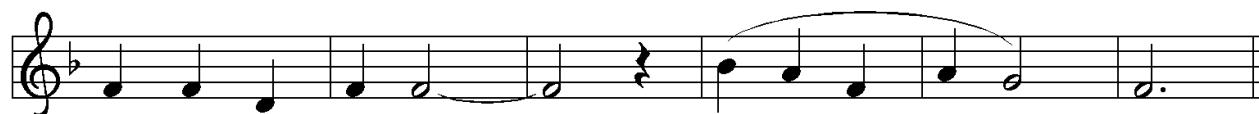
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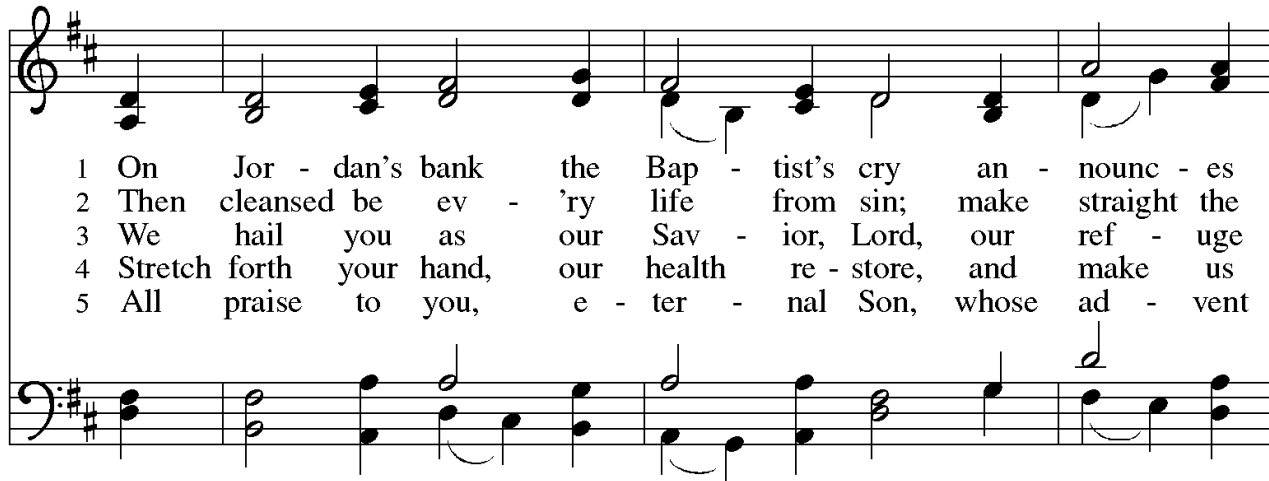
and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



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



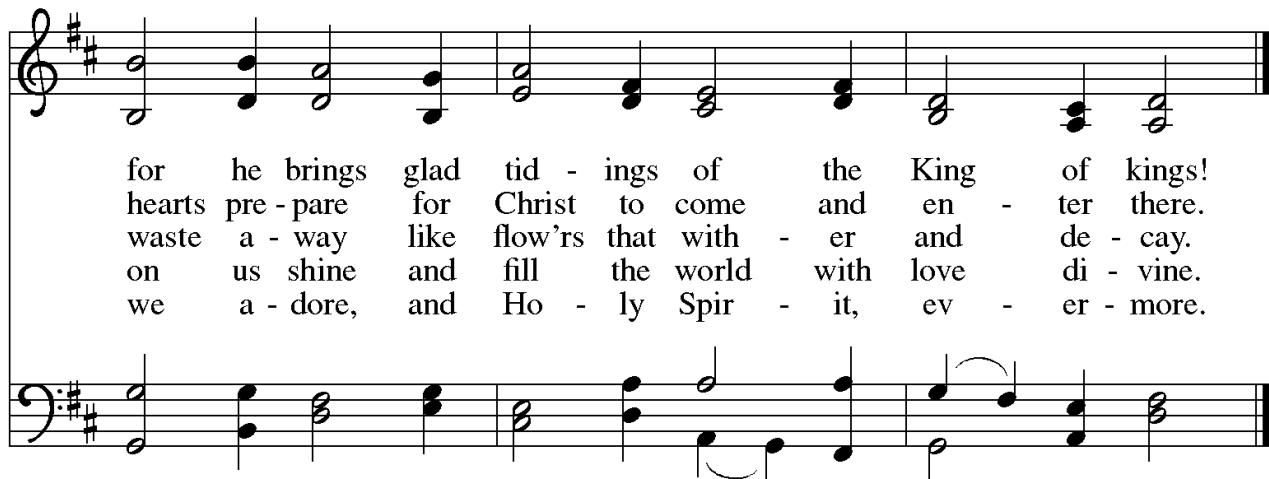
will be for - ev - er. A - men.



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.