

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

10:00 AM Worship Service • December 18, 2022

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*Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.*

**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 .

**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 offers an induction loop** for the benefit of hearing impaired worshippers. To use, please switch your hearing aid to “T.” If you are unsure if your hearing aid is compatible, please contact your audiologist.

## 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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
Michael Helman – bells

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Hill Family

### RESPONSE

*Hope Is a Star (v. 4)*

Love is a flame that burns in our heart,  
Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part.  
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.

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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**

*People, Look East*  
BESANÇON

ELW 248

**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. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, 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 7:10-16

*An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign that is the only source of true safety: Immanuel, God is with us!*

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

## PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19 *(spoken)*

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**O Lord God of hosts,**

**how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

You have fed them with the bread of tears;

you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

And so will we never turn away from you;

give us life, that we may call upon your name.

**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;**

**let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

#### **SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7**

*Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul. In this letter's opening he introduces himself as an apostle divinely appointed to spread God's gospel. The gospel's content is the promised coming of Christ, and Paul's mission is to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations, including his Roman audience.*

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

*The assembly stands.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

*Repeat alleluia*

**The virgin shall conceive and | bear a son  
and they shall name | him Emmanuel.**

## GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

*Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

*The assembly is seated.*



CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Tina

SERMON

Pastor Tina

*The assembly stands.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

ELW 295

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

Once He Came in Blessing  
Patricia Fielding, flute

arr. Mark Sedio

*Once he came in blessing, all our sins redressing;  
came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;  
bore the cross to save us; hope and freedom gave us.*

*Still he comes within us; still his voice would win us  
from the sins that hurt us; would to truth convert us  
from our foolish error ere he comes in terror.*

*Thus, if we have known him, not ashamed to own him,  
nor have spurned him coldly, but will trust him boldly,  
He will then receive you, heal you, and forgive you.*

*Those who then are loyal find a welcome royal.  
Come, then, O Lord Jesus, from our sins release us;  
let us here confess you, till in heav'n we bless you.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

*Love Has Come*  
UN FLAMBEAU

ELW 292

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

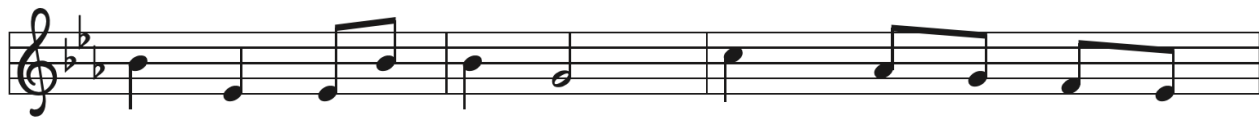
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*  
ES IST EIN ROS

ELW 272

*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

*Savior of the Nations, Come*  
NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

ELW 263

### DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE

*Toccata on Savior of the Nations, Come*

Paul Manz



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Guest Musicians Today in Worship:** A hearty Trinity welcome to one of our guest musicians, Michael Helman, who is playing bells during worship today. Also, though she needs no introduction, we welcome our special Trinity flutist, Patricia Fielding, as well. Thanks to both of you for your time and talents that you share with us.

**Congregational Meeting:** TODAY, there will be one more congregational meeting for council elections and other budgetary/property business. Please stay to help make a quorum for our important business.

**Holiday Hours at Trinity:** The church office will be closed on Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26, Thursday, December 29, 2022 and Monday, January 2, 2023. The school offices will be closed from December 18, 2022 through January 3, 2023.

**Organ Payment Completed!:** As we celebrate the holiday season, let us also celebrate the completion of the organ renovation repayment of \$19, 945.56, in four years, with many donations and a final donation in memory of Dick Davis. Thanks to all who have helped us pay off this loan so quickly!

**Bible 365!:** Trinity members will be joining their siblings in Christ at Christ Lutheran Church, Duncannon, PA, starting late January 2023, for a weekly reading of the Bible. Our goal is to read the Bible starting with the Old Testament first and then reading the New Testament twice through before the end of 2023. Let Pastor Tina know if you are interested. A Constant Contact will go out soon with many more details about this new adventure. All are welcome to join us, including friends and family members who are not members of Trinity.

**Reconciling in Christ (RIC):** Trinity's RIC Core Team wants to hear from you! There are three ways to send them your questions and comments along the journey: 1. Fill out a paper form in the TLC library and leave it in the drop box. 2. Bookmark and fill out the online form using the link that will be emailed to you this week 3. Click the link on the TLC website and Fill out the online form. Email the RIC Core Team if you have any questions: [ric@trinitynn.com](mailto:ric@trinitynn.com)

**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.**

**Newsome-Bailey Project:** There are THREE options for helping underserved students in the East End, currently. 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 . . .

**Blue Christmas Worship Service:** A worship service of hope and healing, aka Blue Christmas, will be held on Monday, **December 19 at 6:30 p.m.** All are invited to come.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** The next Bible study will be held on **December 20 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 21 is Rejoicing.** 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.

**Undecorating the Church:** The Worship and Music committee, along with the choir members, welcomes anyone who wishes to join us for pizza and undecorating the sanctuary on Wednesday, January 4 at 4:30 p.m. Thanks in advance.

## 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.

## 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!

**Trinity Ringers Bell Choir:** Yes, we have finally chosen a name. A name which was used many years ago at Trinity has been resurrected. 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 loving memory of Sudie Wagner, by Katie, Jeanette and Kenny Dail.

## Serving the Assembly

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**Crucifer**

Lois Jean Carpenter

**Acolytes**

Carl Carpenter

Andrew Rummel

**Lector**

Kelly Rummel

**Ushers/Greeters/Presenters**

David Hunt

Judy Hunt

**Camera/Livestream**

Cliff Obara

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# 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!*



# TEAM MONIES REQUEST FORM

**Request Guidelines:**

***DUE: January 1, 2023***

1. Monies can only be dispersed to **organizations**, they cannot be used for individuals.
2. **One form** should be submitted for **each request**.
3. Information and/or justification for giving to this organization must be included.
4. Return completed forms to the church administrator via e-mail, mail, or in person.

[admin@trinitynn.org](mailto:admin@trinitynn.org)

OR

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
ATTENTION: TEAMS Foundation  
6812 River Road  
Newport News, VA 23607

*Please complete the following information:*

Submitted by (*Your Name*): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization for Requested Monies:

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Org Information/Justification:

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Contact Person and Address of Organization:

Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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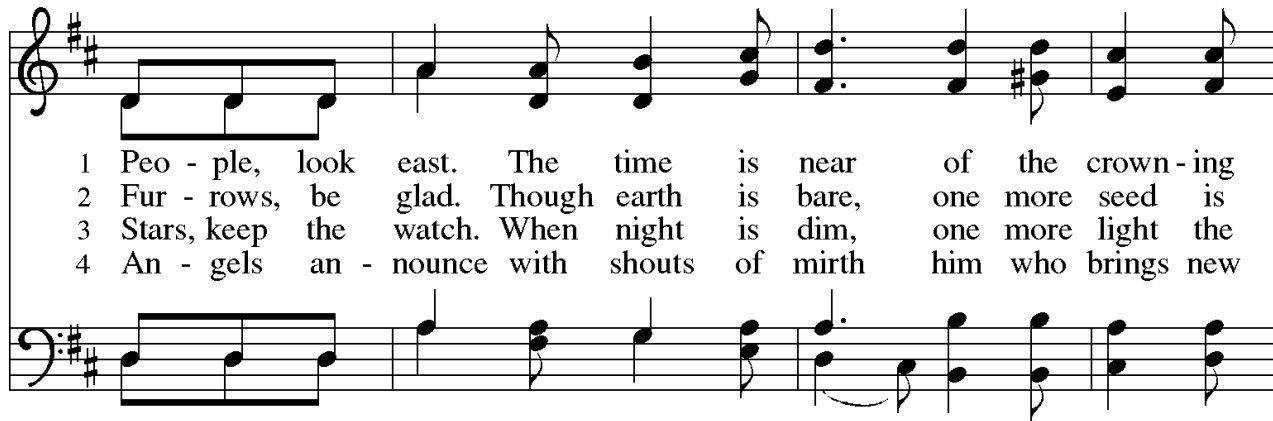
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**Amount Approved: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

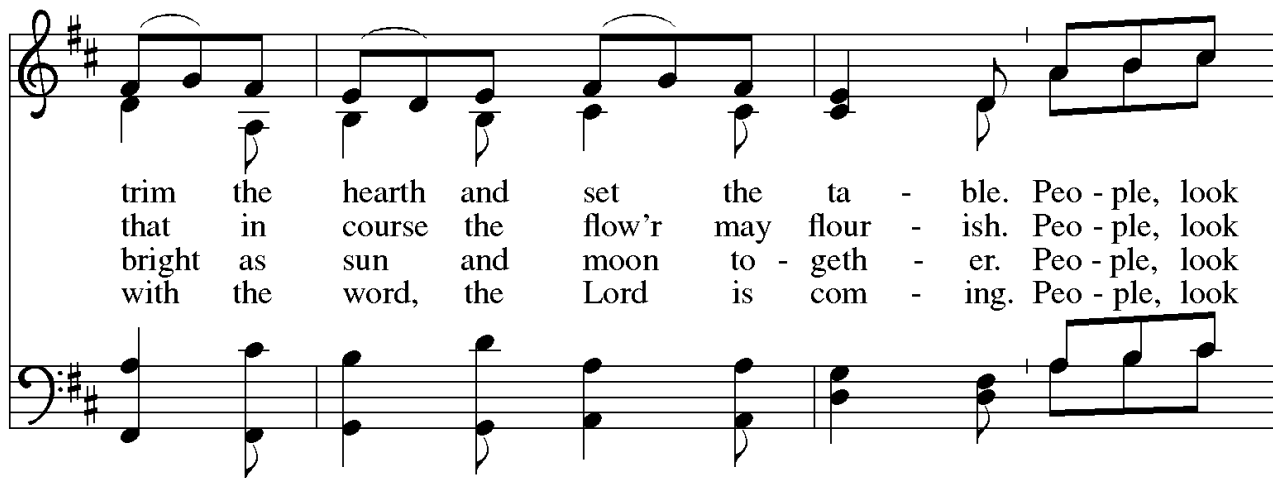
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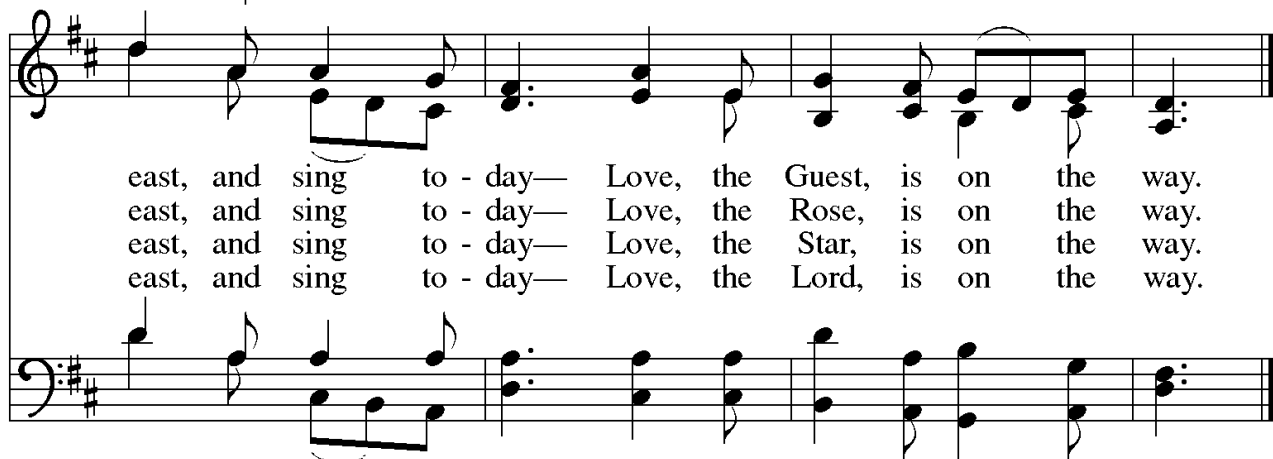
1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.



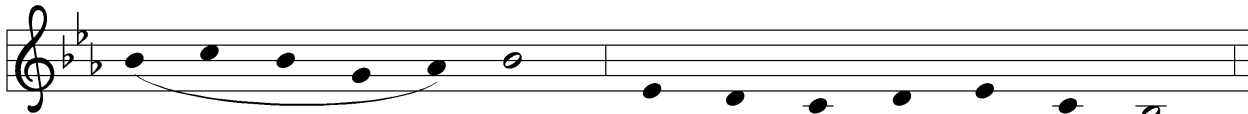
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,  
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with  
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -  
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.





1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

# MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

## *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

ELW 272

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
 dark - ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from  
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.



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



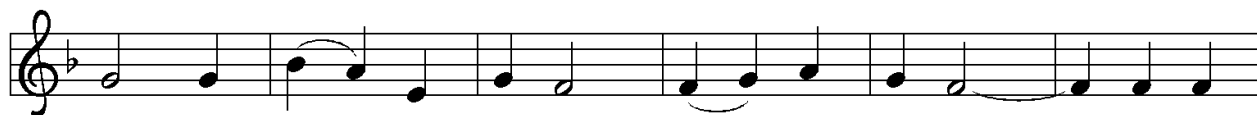
peace: your word has been ful - filled. My



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



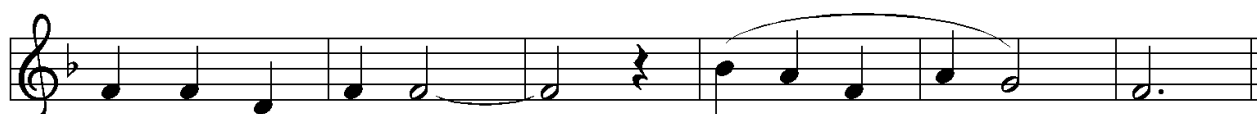
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther,



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 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,  
 3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child— from his throne, a vir - gin mild!  
 4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;

Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
 was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.  
 Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
 out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,  
 hallows night with newborn light.  
 Night cannot this light subdue;  
 let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
 virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
 To the holy Trinity  
 praise we sing eternally!