

***TRINITY EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH***



**December 21, 2025  
4th Sunday of Advent**

**Good Morning and welcome! We invite you to worship with us often, and ask if you need any assistance! If you are visiting us today, please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex, please include your address and phone number. Please place your offering envelope in the plate in the Narthex. Thank You!**

**Remember in your prayers:**

Lynn Wolfgang, Oscar & Angie Smith, Erika Zaiser, Brandon Stauffer, Betty Moore, Barbara Stewart, Kathy Gamler, Bill Brensinger, Richard Eck, Becky Yescavage, BillyRay Pearce, Sr., Kathy Sell, Dennis Brooke, Donna Day, Linda Allmendinger, Elaine Dotterer, Jeff Reitnauer, Ralph Rothenberger, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Goode, Pete Schmoyer, John Logan, Carole Mest, Bob McElwee, Tammy Strunk, Mary Snyder, Wendy Bowers, Linda Bewley, Sherri Schaeffer, Tammy Kemp, Mike Wyda, Marcia Auge, Millie Merkel and Sandy Schaffer.

**Friends & Family:**

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Martha Van Parys, Joyce Kemp, Linda Gilbert, Dennis Weller, Dennis Groves, Ariel Kim, Tanner Antalosky, David Turner, Scott Thomas and Rev. Michael Ware.

**Families of:**

Donald Hays, John Moore and Jean Daily.

**Also members, relatives and friends in the community who are serving in the military including:**

Christopher Heffner, BillyRay Pearce, Jr., Noah Heydt, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic, Seth Kurtz, Clinton Bowen, Eli Abner and Johnne Knepp.

**Our sister congregation, the Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.  
(Website: [Kirche-bornaer-land.de](http://Kirche-bornaer-land.de))**

**Please note, names of friends and family will be kept on the bulletin prayer list for one month. If still in need of prayers, these names will then appear in the newsletter prayer list. Names on the friends and family list will normally be kept on the newsletter prayer list for one year if needed. If you wish for names to remain longer, please speak to Pastor Gene, Linda Ritter or contact the church office. Thank you for helping us keep the prayer list current!**

**This morning we share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.** We invite everyone to the Lord's table who recognizes Christ's presence in His holy sacrament. We will be communing using the continuous method this morning. When the time comes, the ushers will direct you forward-simply receive the bread from the Pastor and move to the side to the communion server to receive the wine (or grape juice). When you have received both elements, please return to your seat by the side aisle.

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**The Altar Flowers** are presented to the glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Leiby, in Memory of Loves Ones and also by Mr. Chester Heydt, in Memory of Esther, Lester & Janet Heydt.

**The Bulletins** are presented to the glory of God in Memory of Jerry & Carolyn Bryce.

**The Eternal Flame Candle** is presented to the glory of God by Chester Heydt, in Memory of Esther, Lester & Janet Heydt.

### **This Morning's Worship Assistants:**

Assisting Minister: Jenn McCarron  
 Server: Linda Ritter  
 Ushers: Kay McGowan\* & Linda Brunner  
 Lector: Sheila Eddinger  
 Acolyte: Erika Zaiser

- (those who are able may stand)

**Prelude** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
*A. Cather*

### **Announcements and Concerns**

#### **• Confession and Forgiveness**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son,  
 and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
 all desires known, and from whom no secrets are  
 hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
 inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
 perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy  
 name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

- **Processional Hymn** LBW# 22  
"The Advent of Our God"

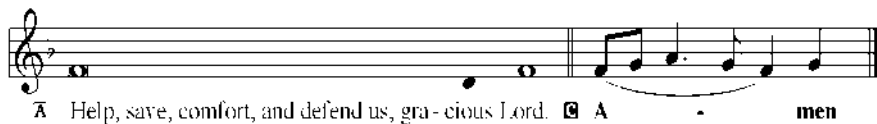
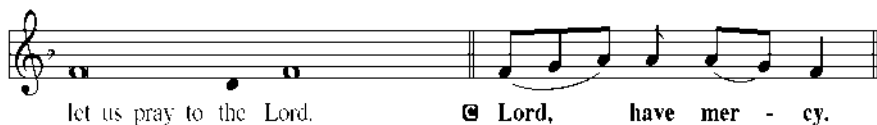
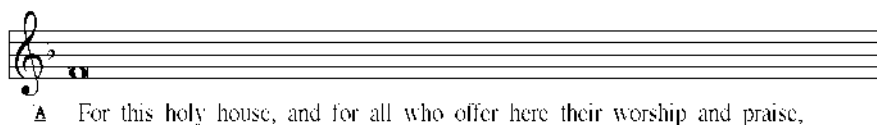
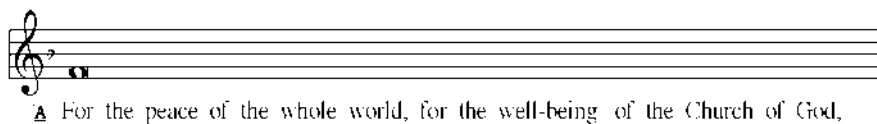
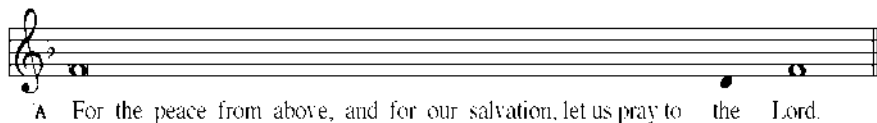
### **Greeting**

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

**C And also with you.**



## • Kyrie



• Prayer of the Day



P Let us Pray . . .

**C** 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

**Lighting the Advent Wreath**

WOV# 630

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” (vv. 1–4)

**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!*

<sup>10</sup> The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup> “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” <sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> 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.”

**PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

- <sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph <sup>1</sup> like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- <sup>1</sup> on the cherubim.
- <sup>2</sup> **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, <sup>1</sup> and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and <sup>1</sup> come to help us.**
- <sup>3</sup> Restore <sup>1</sup> us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we <sup>1</sup> shall be saved.
- <sup>4</sup> **O LORD <sup>1</sup> God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your <sup>1</sup> people pray?**
- <sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the <sup>1</sup> bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of <sup>1</sup> tears to drink.
- <sup>6</sup> **You have made us the derision <sup>1</sup> of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh <sup>1</sup> us to scorn.**
- <sup>7</sup> Restore us, O <sup>1</sup> God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we <sup>1</sup> shall be saved.
- <sup>17</sup> **Let your hand be upon the one at <sup>1</sup> your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong <sup>1</sup> for yourself.**
- <sup>18</sup> And so will we never turn a- <sup>1</sup> way from you;  
give us life, that we may call up- <sup>1</sup> on your name.
- <sup>19</sup> **Restore us, O LORD <sup>1</sup> God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we <sup>1</sup> 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.*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup> the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> 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, <sup>5</sup> 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, <sup>6</sup> including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

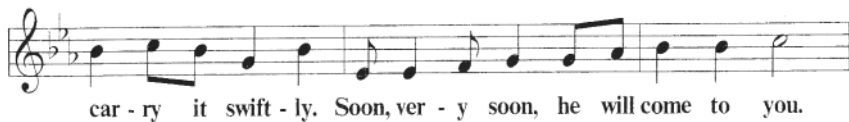
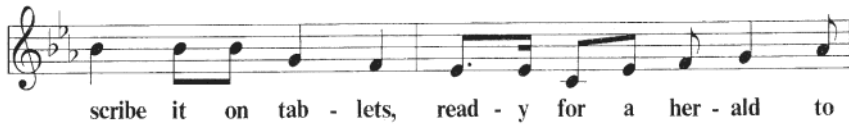
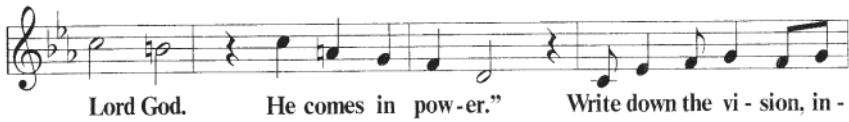
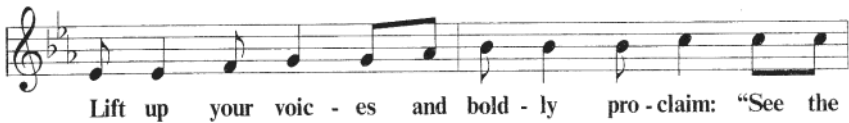
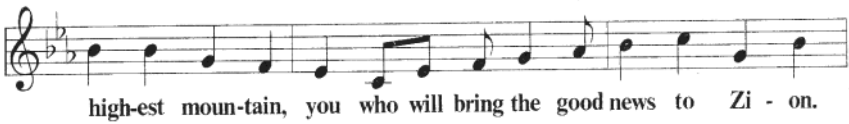
<sup>7</sup> To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**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."*

**"CLIMB TO THE TOP OF THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN"**

*Advent*





P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter



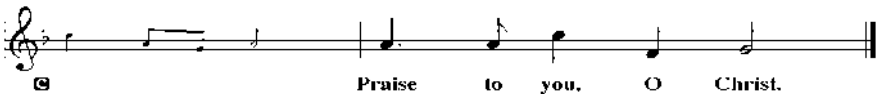
**Presentation of the Gospel by Heart**

<sup>18</sup> 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 pregnant from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” <sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



**Senior Choir Anthem**

“Come, Emmanuel, Come”  
*Price/Besig*

**Sermon**

• **Hymn of the Day**

LBW# 33

“The King Shall Come”

- Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

- **The Prayer of the Church**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God, in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of prayers:*

P Lord, in your mercy.

**C hear our prayer**

The prayers conclude:

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

- **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

# • The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

# • The Proper Preface

P It is indeed right and salutary...  
 (Here the minister continues with the preface  
 appropriate to the day or season,  
 concluding) ...we praise your name and join their  
 unending hymn:

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

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

- **Eucharistic Prayer**

P        Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only  
          Son, that all those who believe in him  
          should not perish, but have eternal life.  
We give thanks to you for the salvation you have  
          prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that  
          we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
          as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C        Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P        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.

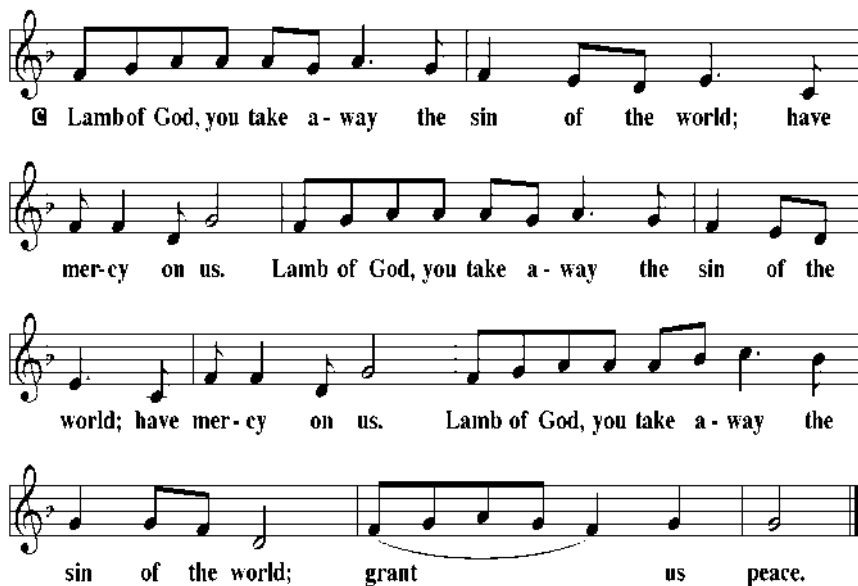
Do this for the remembrance of me.

• The 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.



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

## Communion

### Communion Hymn

LBW# 35

"Hark, the Glad Sound"

#### • Post-communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

#### • Post-Communion Canticle



© Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

- **Post-Communion Prayer**

P     God of light, with our eyes we have seen  
       your salvation in this holy feast you have  
       prepared for us. Send forth into the world  
       to be your holy people, revealing your glory  
       made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C     **Amen**

- **Our Mission Statement**

P     People of Trinity, what is our mission?

C     We shall, as individuals and as a  
       congregation, strive through word, worship, and  
       witness to further the kingdom of God by knowing  
       and sharing Christ's Love in our hearts, in our  
       homes, in His church, in the community, and in  
       the world.

- **Benediction**

P     The Lord bless you and keep you.  
       The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
       and be gracious unto you. The Lord look  
       upon you with favor and give you peace.

C     **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

- **Recessional Hymn** LBW# 28  
       "Savior of the Nations, Come"



•      **Dismissal**

P      Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C      **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**      "From Heaven Above to Earth, I Come"  
G. "Bohm

*Reprinted from Sundays & Seasons*

## **December Update on Church Financial Status From The Finance Committee:**

The latest monthly report from the Treasurers' shows:

- The General Fund has a Negative Balance

- During November 2025, the General Fund decreased \$2,532 from \$949 to -\$1,583.

Please see the report and additional details including suggested action items from the Finance Committee in the Newsletter, which is available by mail or on the church website.

Questions or input? Kindly reach out to a Finance Committee member as listed in the monthly newsletter, or chairperson Kurt Yescavage.

**THANK YOU to Dennis Brooke and Shelly Fullwood and Family for sponsoring the Christmas Tree in Memory of Ruth Brooke and in Honor of Brady, Sallyann, and William Fullwood. Thank You to Bobby Eshbach, Howard Shafer, and Dennis Schaeffer for transporting and setting up the tree and to everyone who helped to decorate the church for Christmas. Please join us on Monday, January 5 at 6:00PM to take down Christmas decorations.**

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO FOR THE Christmas Card Bags for our Homebound Members:** Richard Eck, Kathy Gamler, Janet Kehl, Dorothy Romig, Ralph Rothenberger and Becky Yescavage. If you are able, please take the bag to a Homebound Member, they would love to see you and visit.

**Christmas Eve Services: Please join us for services of candlelight and Holy Communion at 3 PM and 8 PM.**

**December 28, 2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas — Please join us at 10:30 for a sermon-in-song by Pastor Gene.**

**Please join us for an Encore Presentation of our Christmas Cantata, on Sunday, January 4th at 3PM.**

**The deadline for the Annual Report is Sunday, January 4th, please submit your report to Karen in the Church Office.**

**You may sponsor Altar Flowers, the cost is \$32.00 for one vase and \$64.00 for 2 vases, please contact Mary Snyder. If you wish to sponsor flowers and that date is not available, you can always sponsor an extra bouquet of flowers for \$40.00. When sponsoring flowers, please use a flower envelope found in the rack in the narthex or clearly mark the envelope “Flowers”. If you sponsored flowers in the past but no longer wish to, please let Mary Snyder 610-473-8885 or the church office know. You may also sponsor the bulletins for \$15.00 per week, this helps offset the cost of printing them.**

**Trinity's Gift Card Program** - Gift card orders are accepted before and after the church service the first Sunday of each month and distributed the second Sunday. Order forms for Redners, Giant and Raise Right (for other retail gift cards) are available in the narthex. The Raise Right order form is also available for download on Trinity's website. Payment must be submitted with your order. **Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and include your phone number on your order form.** If you have any questions regarding this fund raising program please see Sharon Kemp, Kathy Kuser or Kurt Yescavage.

**WAWA Hoagie Coupons** Available 1st Sunday of the month at the Scrip Table. Coupons are also available in the church office Monday—Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00PM. Tickets are \$5.00. This project benefits the Social Ministry.

**Scout Troop 511 Hoagie Sales: Orders are due by Tuesday, January 6th and pick up will be Wednesday, January 14th.** 8” hoagies are made from Dan’s Deli, **Cost is \$7.00.** There are ham w/onion, ham no onion, turkey w/onion, turkey no onion, Italian w/onion, Italian no onion, cheese hoagie w/onion, cheese hoagie no onion, mayo, Italian dressing, no tomatoes, no lettuce, no cheese. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**Winter Weather** In the event of inclement winter weather, news of cancellations or postponements of church activities will be posted on the following: 1) Channel 69 2) Online at WFMZ.com, or log on to the Trinity’s website: [www.trinitybech.com](http://www.trinitybech.com)

**Coffee Hour** - Volunteers are needed to host Coffee Hour for January & February. Please sign up for this time of Fellowship. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**The 2026 General Fund Envelopes are on the table in the Parish Hall, please pick up your envelopes.**

**The Updated Church Directory is on the table in the Narthex, please take one.**

**Bibles are available in the rack in the Narthex for you to reference during worship. You may also take home to reference, please return when you are finished.**

**HOSPITAL INPATIENT STAY:** Please contact Pastor Gene if you are admitted to the hospital and would like a visit, due to privacy laws, the hospital no longer contacts the church.

**Social Ministry provides meals for shut-ins/members who are in need of meals. If a meal is needed, please contact Kathy Kuser at 610-754-6293.**

**Need a ride?** We have volunteers in the congregation who are willing to provide transportation to medical appointments, etc., for those who can’t find a ride. Please contact Pastor Gene 610-322-0901 if you need a ride or would like to volunteer as a driver.

### Monthly Free-will Offerings 2025

December - No free-will offering. Thank you for supporting the various Christmas giving opportunities.

### Trinity's events for the upcoming week:

Sunday, December 21st- 8:00 Cont. Worship Service  
 9:15 Sunday School  
 10:30 Worship Service w/Communion

Monday, December 22nd- 6:30 Scouts

Tuesday, December 23rd- 6:30 Scouts

Wednesday, December 24th- **Christmas Eve**  
 3:00 & 8:00PM  
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services w/Communion

Sunday, December 28th- 9:15 Sunday School  
 10:30 Worship Services

### **LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 12/14/2025**

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
<u>Worship</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>
88	\$2,208.00	0
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>
	0	\$125.00

**Christmas Eve 3:00PM Worship Assistants:**

Assisting Minister: Diane McElwee  
Server: Jenn McCarron  
Ushers: Kay McGowan\* & Randy Kehl  
Lector: Mardell Blanford  
Acolyte: Jenn McCarron  
Crucifer: Bob McElwee  
Polo Candles: Rich Deskie & Dennis Schaeffer  
Banner Bearer: Mark Sheetz

**Christmas Eve 8:00PM Worship Assistants:**

Assisting Minister: Erika Zaiser  
Server: Diane McElwee  
Ushers: Dennis Schaeffer\* & Bob McElwee  
Lector: Sheila Eddinger  
Acolyte: Vicki Mest  
Crucifer: Bob McElwee  
Polo Candles: Connor & Drevyn Deskie  
Banner Bearer: Jenn McCarron

**Next Week's Worship Assistants:  
Sunday, December 28th**

Ushers: Sharon Renninger\* & Mardell Blanford  
Lector: Janice Sheetz  
Acolyte: Mark Sheetz

**The Community Clothing Rack  
Schedule**

**1st Wednesday**  
Donations Accepted

**2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays**  
Shoppers Welcome

**2nd Thursday**  
Shoppers Welcome  
6:00PM-8:00PM

**5th Wednesday**  
CLOSED

**Hours**  
**1:00PM-4:00PM**

**Summer Hours Only**  
**June-August**  
**9:00AM-12:00PM**

Closed on all major holidays.  
In the case of inclement weather,  
Refer to Boyertown Area School district closure.  
CCR is a ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Church  
Our mission is to serve Jesus Christ by providing  
necessary clothing to the underserved.

[www.StLukeGilbertsville.org](http://www.StLukeGilbertsville.org)

## Readings for Personal Devotion



M	Isaiah 9:2-7
T	Isaiah 62:6-12
W	Luke 2:1-20
Th	Isaiah 9:2b-7
F	Psalms 96
Sa	Genesis 1:1--2:4a

### **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

The Rev. Dr. Eugene C. Zaiser, DMin.,  
Pastor

Ms. LaRue Sheetz, Director of Music

Mrs. Karen J. Smith, Parish Secretary

Mrs. Catherine M. Yoder, Sexton

The Members of this Congregation are its  
Ministers

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
(Or by Appointment)

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## HYMNS

### The Advent of Our God

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- 1 The ad - vent of our God Shall be our theme for prayer;  
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate stoops to be,  
3 Come, Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly king,  
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain,



- Come, let us meet him on the road And place for him pre - pare.  
Him - self the ser - vant's form puts on To set his peo - ple free.  
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace he comes to bring.  
And all his scat - tered saints u - nite With him on high to reign.



- 5 Before the dawning day  
Let sin be put to flight;  
No longer let the law hold sway,  
But walk in freedom's light.

- 6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

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1 *Toda la tierra espera al Salvador  
y el surco abierto, la obra del Señor;  
es el mundo que lucha por la libertad,  
reclama justicia y busca la verdad.*

2 *Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel:  
"De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel,"  
será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será,  
con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.*

3 *Montes y valles habrá que preparar;  
nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.  
Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar,  
y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.*

4 *En una cueva Jesús apareció,  
pero en el mundo está presente hoy.  
Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está;  
y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.*

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946  
Music: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; arr. Skinner Chávez-Melo, b. 1944-1992

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## Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah 630



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!



Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954  
Music: Yiddish folk tune, arr. Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954  
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praise our God and Lord,  
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a - tor of the world,  
praise your ho - ly name,

Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.  
For sav - ing us from wrong.  
Our on - ly strength for good.  
From age to age the same!

© Text: Georg Weissel, 1590-1635; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943  
Tune: J. A. Freylinghausen, Geistreiches Gesang-Buch, 1704

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## The King Shall Come

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Chords: Fm Cm Fm Bb Cm Fm Cm Fm Cm Fm Bb C

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

Chords: Fm Cm Db Ab Eb Fm7 Cm Fm Cm Fm Eb Fm

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.

- 5 The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
Come quickly, King of kings.

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Tune: A. Dattsson, Kentucky Harmony, 1816

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- 5 Oh, come, O Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. *Refrain*

Text: Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.  
Tune: French processional, 15th cent.

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## Hark, the Glad Sound!

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1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come

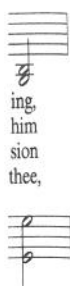
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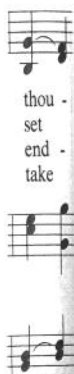
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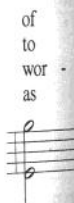
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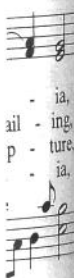
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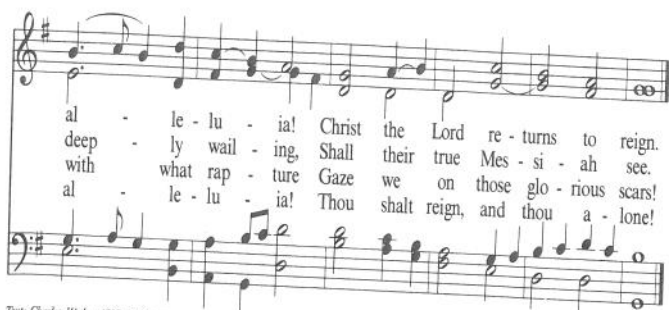
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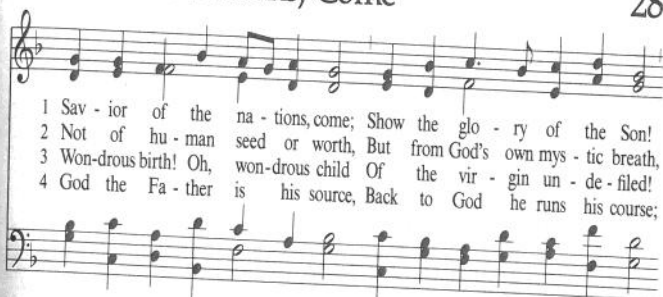


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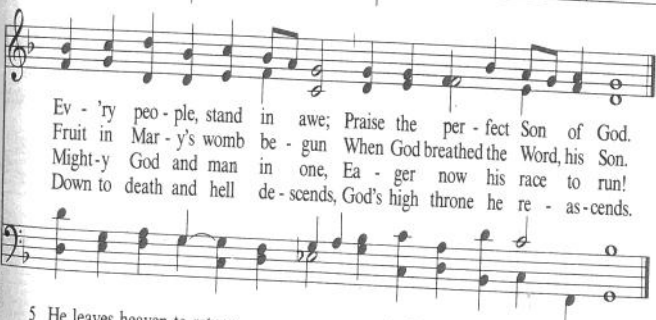
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## Savior of the Nations, Come

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- 1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Show the glo - ry of the Son!
- 2 Not of hu - man seed or worth, But from God's own mys - tic breath,
- 3 Won-drous birth! Oh, won-drous child Of the vir - gin un - de - filed!
- 4 God the Fa - ther is his source, Back to God he runs his course;



Ev - 'ry peo - ple, stand in awe; Praise the per - fect Son of God.  
Fruit in Mar - y's womb be - gun When God breathed the Word, his Son.  
Might-y God and man in one, Ea - ger now his race to run!  
Down to death and hell de - scends, God's high throne he re - as - cends.

- 5 He leaves heaven to return;  
Trav'ling where dull hellfires burn;  
Riding out, returning home  
As the Savior who has come.
- 6 God the Father's precious Son  
Girds himself in flesh to run  
For the trophies of our souls,  
Longer than this round earth rolls.
- 7 Shining stable in the night,  
Breathing vict'ry with your light;  
Darkness cannot hide your flame,  
Shining bright as Jesus' name.





