

# Trinity Lutheran Church



November 12, 2023

**PRELUDE: *Here I Am to Worship* (T. Hughes)**

**GATHERING SONG:**

***Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying* (ELW 436)**



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Gracious God,  
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.


**Amen.**

## **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

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

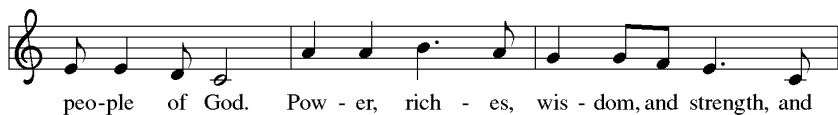
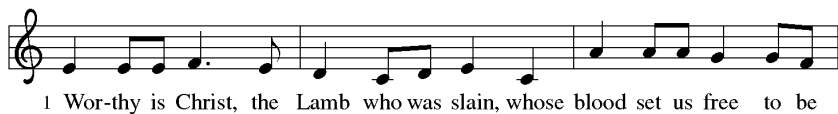
*Refrain*



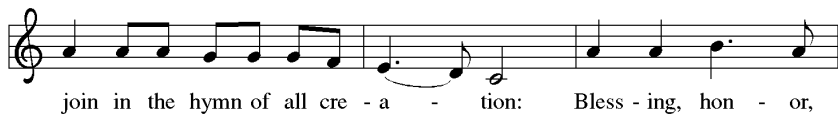
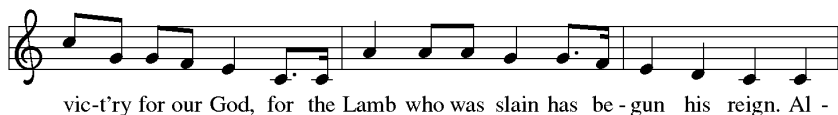
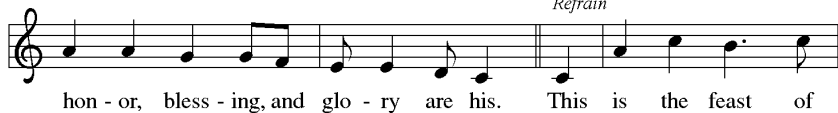
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



*Refrain*



*Final refrain*



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors — Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor — lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. <sup>3</sup>Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; <sup>14</sup>Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

<sup>19</sup>But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins." <sup>20</sup>If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." <sup>21</sup>And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" <sup>22</sup>Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." <sup>23</sup>He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." <sup>24</sup>The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." <sup>25</sup>So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **RESPONSIVE READING: Amos 5:18-24**

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

<sup>19</sup>**as if someone fled from a lion,**

**and was met by a bear;**

**or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,**

**and was bitten by a snake.**

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>**I hate, I despise your festivals,**

**and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.**

<sup>22</sup>**Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,**

**I will not accept them;**

**and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals**

**I will not look upon.**

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup>**But let justice roll down like waters,**

**and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

<sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



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



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



## **GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

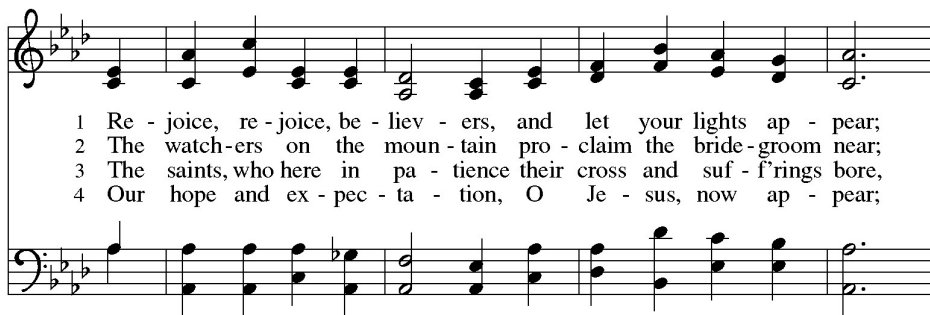
The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

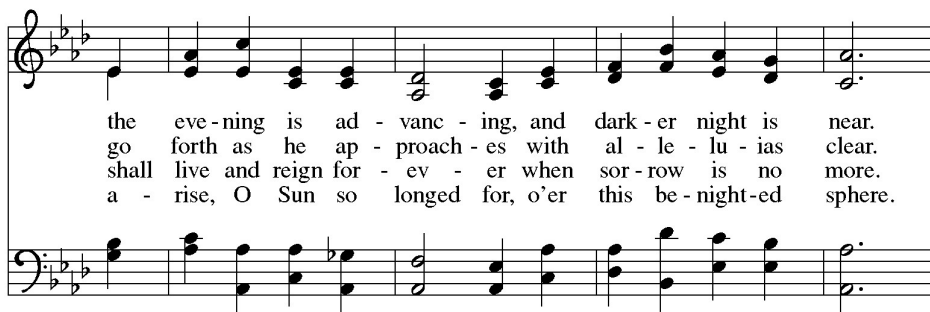
## **SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY:

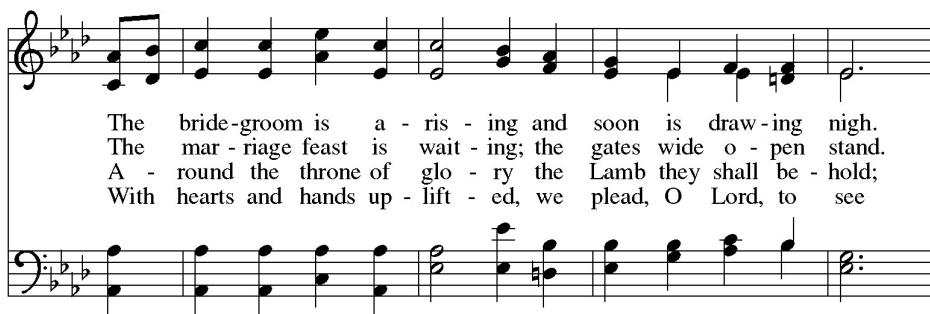
## *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (ELW 244)*



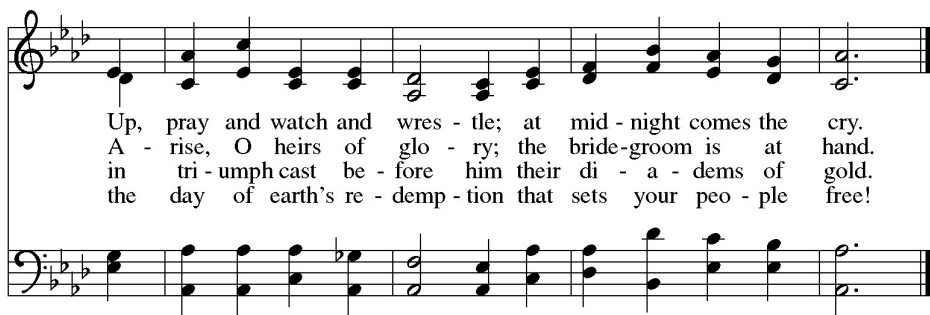
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

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

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

The musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff has a melody with eighth and sixteenth notes, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The musical notation continues from the first part, maintaining the same key and tempo. The melody in the treble staff concludes with a final cadence, and the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment.

*Let us turn our hearts to God, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals.*

*O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Send us out with your justice and truth.*

*O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation.*

*O God, in whom we hope, provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. We offer our prayers trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.*

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OFFERING**

*Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.*

## **OFFERTORY: *Keep Your Lamps* (Spiritual)**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

### **BENEDICTION**

Sisters and brothers,

let us be swift to listen, let us make haste to be kind.

Let justice roll down like waters,

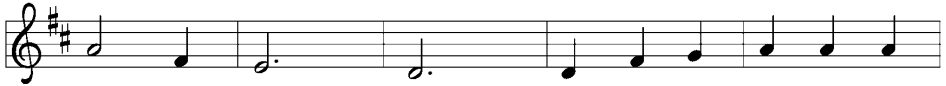
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

## SENDING SONG:

### *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW 815)*



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

#### *Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE:

*All the People Said Amen*

(M. Maher, P. Moak, T. Morgan)

# Serving in Worship

TODAY — Nov 12, 2023

**Altar:** Judy Moline

**Reader:** Trey Sherwood

**Preacher:** Thom Edgar

**Fellowship:** Judy Moline

NEXT SUNDAY — Nov 19, 2023

**Altar:** Judy Moline

**Reader:** OPEN

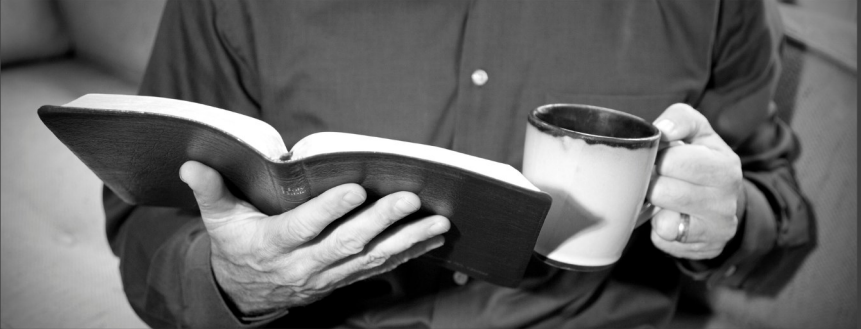
**Communion Assistant:** OPEN

**Fellowship:** Carry-In Brunch

## Trinity Happenings:

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|---------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Sun, Nov 12:        | 9:00am<br>10:15am            | Band Worship w/ T. Edgar<br>Fellowship in Gruver Rm  |
| <b>Mon, Nov 13:</b> | <b>9:00am<br/>5:00pm</b>     | <b>“Becoming” in Gruver Rm<br/>Theology PUB<br/>@ Coal Creek Downtown</b>                                    |
| Wed, Nov 15:        | 10:00am<br>6:00pm<br>6:30pm  | Women’s Study in Gruver Rm<br>Wednesday Supper in Gruver Rm<br>Wednesday Worship in Gruver Rm                |
| <b>Thu, Nov 16:</b> | <b>11:45am</b>               | <b>MUGG Campus Lunch<br/>@ Rendezvous Café</b>   |
| Sun, Nov 19:        | 9:00am<br>9:00am<br>10:15am  | Christ the King Worship<br>Sunday School behind Gruver Rm<br>Carry-In Thanksgiving Brunch                    |
| <b>Mon, Nov 20:</b> | <b>9:00am<br/>5:00pm</b>     | <b>“Becoming” in Gruver Rm<br/>Theology PUB<br/>@ Coal Creek Downtown</b>                                    |
| Wed, Nov 22:        | 10:00am                      | NO Women’s Study   |
| <b>Thu, Nov 23:</b> | <b>11:45am</b>               | <b>NO MUGG Campus Lunch</b>  |
| Sun, Nov 26:        | 9:00am<br>10:15am<br>10:30am | First Worship of Advent<br>Fellowship in Gruver Rm<br>Decorating in Sanctuary                                |
| <b>Mon, Nov 27:</b> | <b>9:00am<br/>5:00pm</b>     | <b>“Becoming” in Gruver Rm<br/>Theology PUB<br/>@ Coal Creek Downtown</b>                                    |
| Wed, Nov 28:        | 10:00am                      | Women’s Study in Gruver Rm   |
| <b>Fri, Dec 1:</b>  | <b>7:00pm</b>                | <b>Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary</b>  |
| Sun, Dec 3:         | 9:00am<br>9:00am<br>10:15am  | Second Worship of Advent<br>with Band and Choir<br>Sunday School behind Gruver Rm<br>Fellowship in Gruver Rm |

## New Monday Study: "BECOMING" 9-10AM



As God's people we are always becoming. As humans we are constantly growing, changing, adjusting...how and where do scripture and theology enter our journey?



NOW EVERY  
MONDAY



Mondays from 5-7pm  
Coal Creek Downtown  
5pm Fellowship  
6pm Faith Conversation

# Wednesday WORSHIP

6PM MEAL  
6:30PM WORSHIP  
GRUVER RM

FIRST AND THIRD  
WEDNESDAYS  
NEXT: NOVEMBER 15TH



# Theology on Tap

COME FOR AN  
ECUMENICAL  
CONVERSATION  
ON EUCHARIST

NOV 16TH  
6:30 PM

*Altitude Chophouse  
& Brewery*

With Fr. Rob Spaulding (SPNC),  
Pastor Michelle Bacon (United Presbyterian),  
and Pastor Nathan Keith (Trinity Lutheran)

ALL STUDENTS  
WELCOME! YOU  
DON'T HAVE TO BE  
21 TO ATTEND

Lutheran, Presbyterian,  
and Catholic teachings  
in dialogue with one another.  
Come think critically with us. What are  
your own beliefs?

9-9:30!

Oct 22nd!

Nov 5th!

Behind the Gruver Room!

**FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES!**

NOV 19TH!

Dec 3rd!

Dec 17th!

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# THANKSGIVING *Brunch!*

Carry-In!

november 19

10:15

rohr hall



HAPPY  
*Thanksgiving*

The Church Office  
will be closed  
November 23rd.



**MORE INFO:**  
**HAZLETT@UWYO.EDU**

# **Trinity CHOIR for Advent!**

***FIRST REHEARSAL:***  
**FRIDAY DECEMBER 1**  
**SANCTUARY 7PM**

***PERFORMING:***  
**DEC 3RD AND 17TH**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**

O come,  
let us ...



Decorate!

November 26th  
after Worship  
in the Sanctuary

**QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING?** If you ever have any questions about your financial gifts to Trinity, please contact Trinity's financial secretary, Alison Shaver, at [alebda@uwyo.edu](mailto:alebda@uwyo.edu). If you need an up-to-date statement of giving, please contact the church office.

**2023 Year-To-Date as of September 30**

**Income** - \$152,697.65

**Expenses** - \$158,348.03



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