Trinity Lutheran Church



November 29, 2026
First Advent

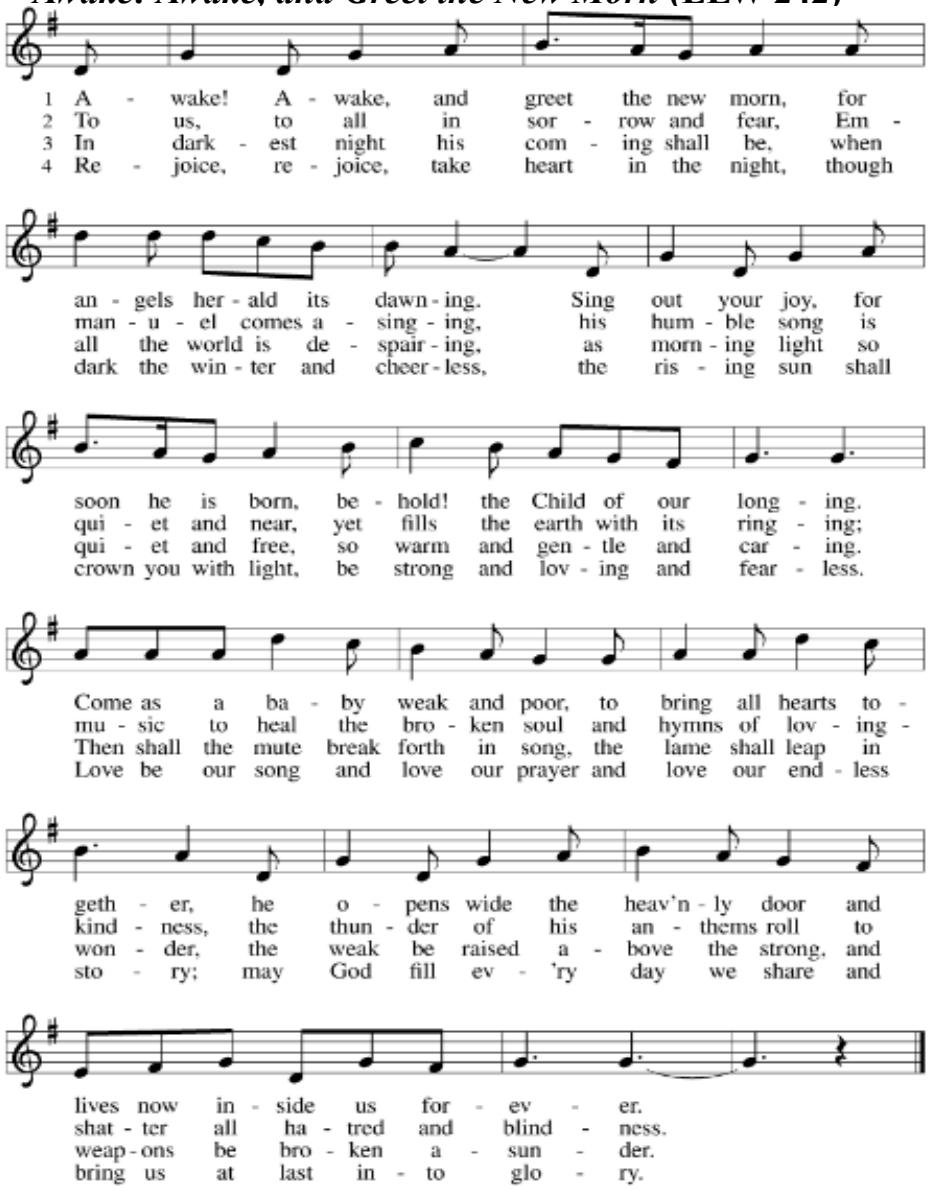
WELCOME

OPENING LITANY

It is now time to wake;
the night is far spent.
God is doing awesome things we do not expect.
and Christ is coming near with great power and glory,
and with tenderness.

OPENING HYMN:

***Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* (ELW 242)**



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who speaks through the prophets,
who comes to us in Jesus Christ,
and who makes a home among us.

Amen.

In this season of Advent as in the wilderness, John proclaimed,
"Prepare the way of the Lord."

With Mary the mother of Jesus, we wait in hope
for the One who is coming into the world.

Trusting in God's mercy,
let us confess our sin.

God of promise,

John calls us to prepare the way,
yet we confess that our hearts
are not always ready for you.

We become comfortable with the way things are.
We resist the paths you ask us to walk.
We fill our lives with noise
and struggle to hear your voice.

Mary heard your unexpected word
and answered, "Let it be with me
according to your word."

Yet we confess that we are often afraid
to trust where you are leading.

Forgive our fear.
Forgive our resistance.
Forgive the ways we have failed
to prepare a place for Christ
in ourselves and in our world.

Clear away what keeps us from you.
Give us the courage of John
to prepare your way
and the faith of Mary
to say yes to your presence among us.

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The One for whom John prepared the way
has come among us.

The One whom Mary carried within her
has entered our human story.

Jesus Christ comes not because
we have perfectly prepared ourselves,
but because God is gracious and merciful.

God is making a way through the wilderness,

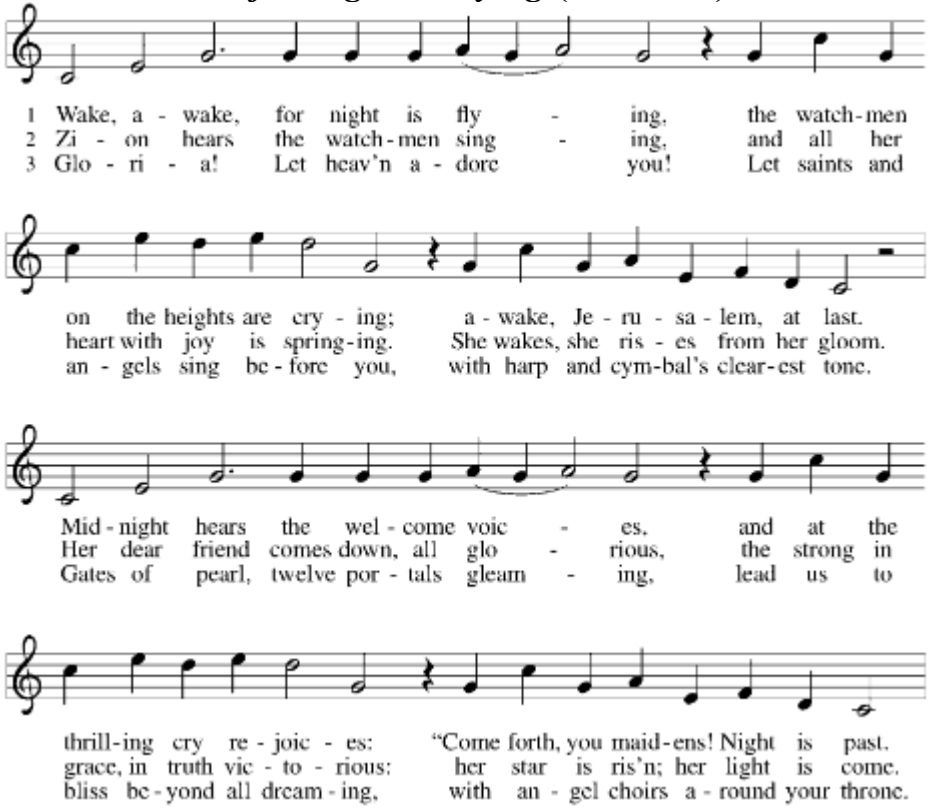
bringing hope where there is fear,
light where there is darkness,
and new life where we least expect it.

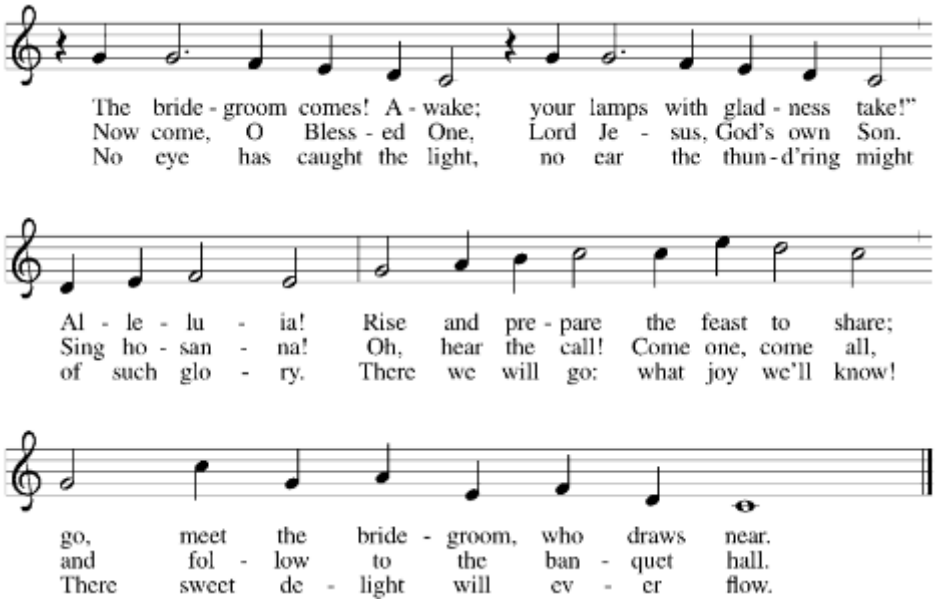
With John, prepare the way.
With Mary, trust the promise.
And with all creation, wait in hope:

Amen.

CONFESSIONAL HYMN:

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
As darkness falls, may we watch for your light.
Keep us awake and alert to your coming
and strengthen us to the end.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1–9

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

PSALM: Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19

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

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

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

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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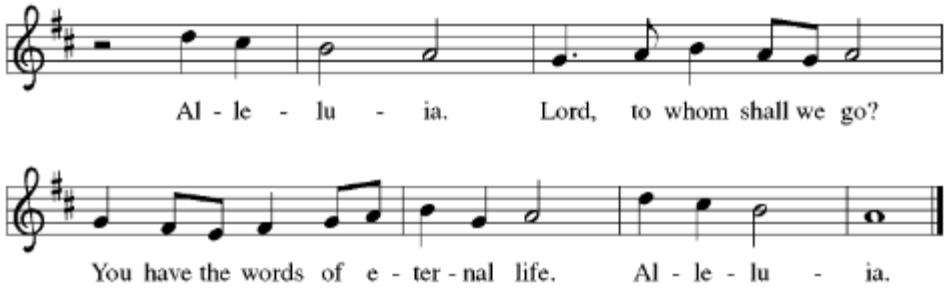
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 13:24–37

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

24 "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26 "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes
tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So
also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near,
at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away
until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass
away, but my words will not pass away.

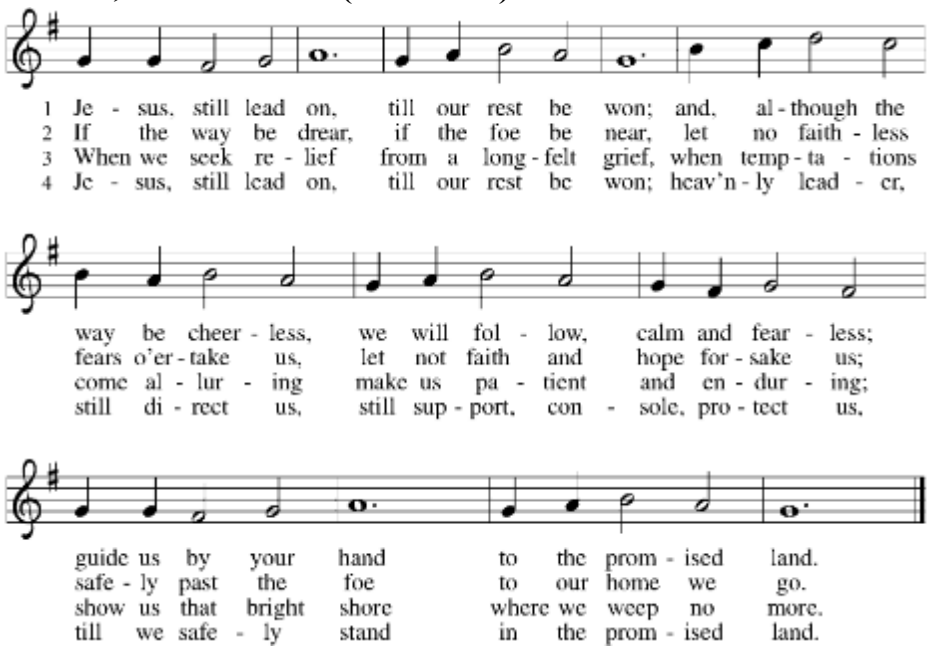
32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in
heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you
do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a
journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with
his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.
35 Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the
house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at
dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.
37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Jesus, Still Lead On **(ELW 624)**



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth.
The one who is full of patience,
who is not afraid of silence,
who does not need to fill each moment with activity and noise.
The one who is beyond bluster and flurry,
and who does not jostle for attention.

We believe in God the Son, Savior of creation,
who slipped into Bethlehem one night, mostly unnoticed,
who lived thirty years without headlines or hurry,
who frequently took time alone with his patient Father,
who waited for the right time to become the suffering servant,
who stood quietly before the noise of his accusers,
whose silence overpowered their words,
who died, then rose again on a quiet Sunday morning.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens, empowers, renews and refreshes,
sometimes arriving with obvious power,
sometimes with the quiet breath of a whisper.

We believe in one God
who patiently waits for us,
and who longs for us to do the same.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Based on Isaiah 64:3, 7–9; Psalm 80:3, 7, 19; and Mark 13:26, 33.
God of power and glory,
we remember your awesome deeds across the ages—
the times you saved us and brought us home.
Yet, we also remember times
when we felt alone and afraid.
O God, we are your people,
the work of your hand.
Look upon us with your shining face,
especially in the time of need.

As the reader closes each petition:
Let your face shine upon us, O God,
The people respond:
and we shall be saved.

Let your face shine upon the church
and all this weary world, we pray;
in the name of the One born in a manger
and coming again on clouds of glory.
Amen.

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.

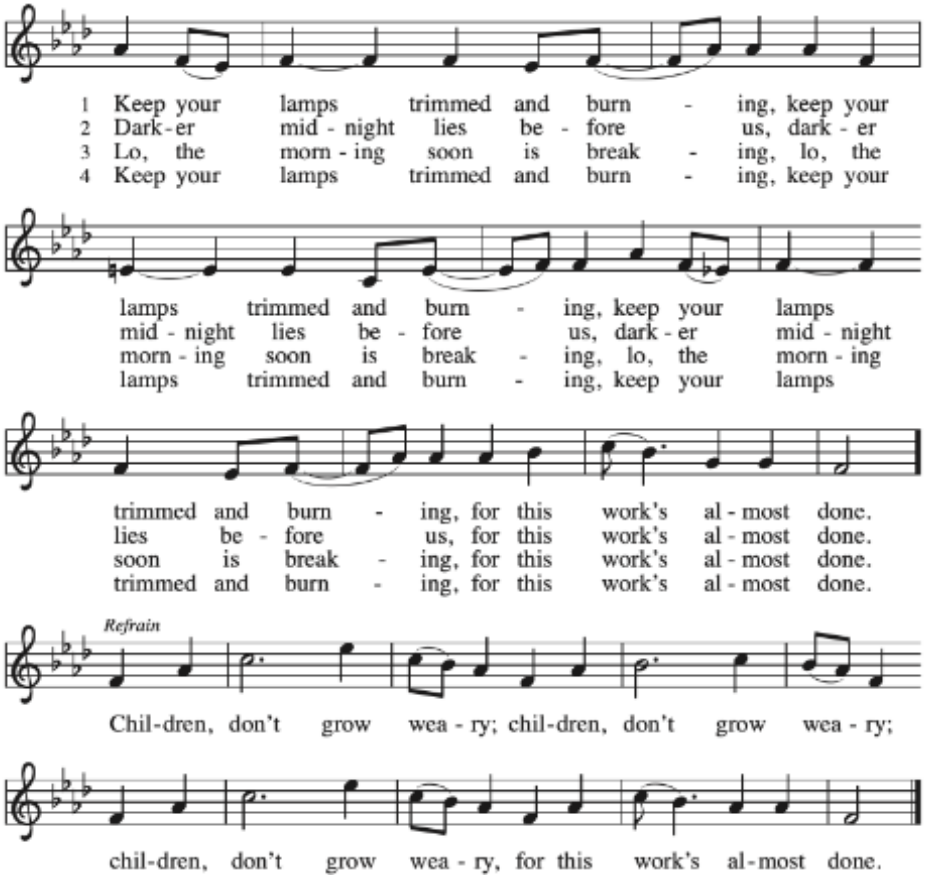
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Trimmed and Burning* (ACS 949)**



OFFERING PRAYER

Based on 1 Thessalonians 5:18, 23b.

Let us pray together.

Gracious God,
teach us to give thanks in all circumstances,
for you are always with us.
Thank you for the privilege
of sharing what we have with others,
of giving ourselves away in love,
and of receiving the gifts that others share with us.
With our whole being,
spirit and soul and body,
we rejoice in you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to join in the gift of Holy Communion.
White grape juice is available and all altar bread is gluten-free.
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

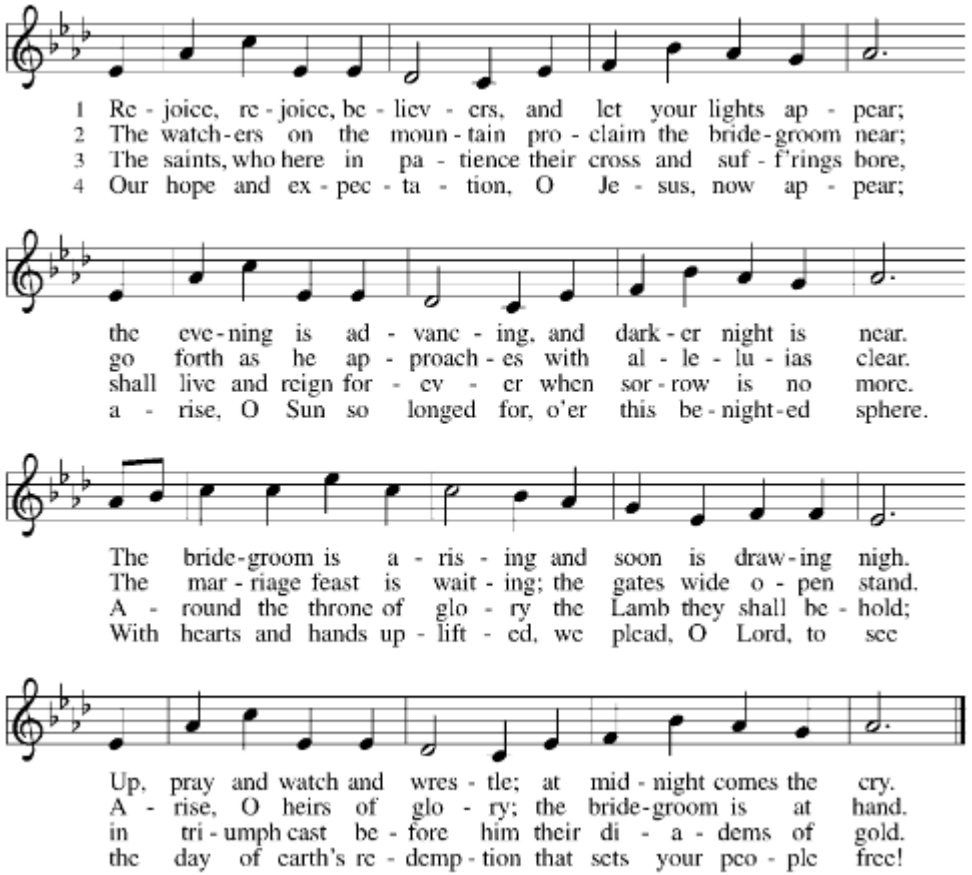
Let us pray together.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* (ELW 244)



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Flourish with creation.
Thanks be to God!



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An Advent Devotional



By Andrea Toven

AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE SANCTUARY!

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Nov 29:	**9:00am** **10:15am** **10:30am**	**First Advent Worship Service** **Fellowship in Gruver Rm** **Christmas Decorating**
Mon, Nov 30:	9:00am	*Becoming* in Gruver Room
Tue, Dec 1:	**11:00am** **5:30pm**	**Cabinet/Closet Hours til 1:00pm** **TheologyPUB** **@ Front Street Tavern**
Wed, Dec 2:	11:30am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
Thu, Dec 3:	**11:30am**	**Campus Ministry Lunch**
Sun, Dec 6:	9:00am 10:15am	Second Advent Worship w/ S. Barrett Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Dec 7:	**9:00am**	***Becoming* in Gruver Room**
Tue, Dec 8:	11:00am 6:15pm	Cabinet/Closet Hours til 1:00pm Church Council in Gruver Rm
Wed, Dec 9:	**11:30am**	**Women's Study in Gruver Rm**
Thu, Dec 10:	11:30am	Campus Ministry Lunch
Sun, Dec 13:	**9:00am** **9:00am** **10:15am** **10:30am** **10:30am**	**Third Advent Worship w/ the Band** **Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm** **Fellowship in Gruver Rm** ***Christmas for Kids* Wrapping Party** **Things Hidden Book Study**
Mon, Dec 14:	9:00am	*Becoming* in Gruver Room
Tue, Dec 15:	**11:00am** **5:30pm**	**Cabinet/Closet Hours til 1:00pm** **TheologyPUB** **@ Front Street Tavern**
Wed, Dec 16:	11:30am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
Thu, Dec 17:	**11:30am**	**Campus Ministry Lunch**
Sun, Dec 20:	9:00am 10:15am	Fourth Advent Worship Service Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Dec 21:	**9:00am**	***Becoming* in Gruver Room**
Tue, Dec 22:	11:00am	Cabinet/Closet Hours til 1:00pm
Wed, Dec 23:	**11:30am**	**NO Women's Study**
Thu, Dec 24:	11:30am 6:30pm	NO Campus Ministry Lunch Christmas Eve Worship

Serving in Worship

THIS SUNDAY — Nov 29, 2026

Altar: **Al & Bobbie Schimek**
Livestream: **Larry Oolman**
Reader: **Thom Edgar**
Assistant: **Thom Edgar**
Fellowship: **OPEN**

NEXT SUNDAY — Dec 6, 2026

Altar: **Conyers Family**
Livestream: **OPEN**
Reader: **OPEN**
Preacher: **Steven Barrett**
Fellowship: **OPEN**

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Expenses - $182,580.27

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