

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



November 28, 2021  
1st Sunday of Advent

# Welcome to Trinity!

PRELUDE:

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN:

## *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 voice - 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.

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

<sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ADVENT PRAYER AND CANDLE LIGHTING

The candle of prophecy signifies the beginning of the time of waiting for the light that broke over the world that first Christmas.

**God, come to us, abide with us, and be our Immanuel.**

Through generations and centuries God kept the candle of prophecy burning, lighting the way for Christ, who was to come. The message of His coming must be ever new.

The candle of prophecy lighted the way for the wise men who came to worship and gave gifts.

And it lights the way for us. Lord, God, let your promises be fulfilled for us and in us.

**God, come to us, abide with us, and be our Immanuel.**

## ADVENT HYMN: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (ELW 257)*

**1 O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.**

**Refrain:**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.**

**2 O come, O Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things  
mightily; to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in its  
ways to go. *Refrain***

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

<sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be

blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

<sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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'ring 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!

## 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

*As the lector closes each petition:*

Hear us, O God.

*The people respond:*

**Your mercy is great.**

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect.  
Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OFFERING**

*Please place offering at the end of service as you leave the church.  
Offering plate is in the back of the sanctuary by the stained glass.*

# OFFERING HYMN: *What Child Is This* (ELW 296)



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

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.**



## 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.**

## LAMB OF GOD



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, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION

*White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.*

*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.

## DISTRIBUTION

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen  
you and keep you in God's 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

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN:

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing (ELW 543)*



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

**THOSE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS:** Please keep the following friends in your prayers this week: Marygrace Buckner, Jack Corson, Charis, Gerry & Jace Stockwell, Karen Johnson, Mike Boyd & Family, Emily Consonni & Bob Middleton. If there is someone that could be added to the Trinity Prayer Chain, please inform Jennie Lawrence by email at [missjennae@yahoo.com](mailto:missjennae@yahoo.com).

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

**2021 Year-To-Date as of October 31**

**Expenses** - \$171,258.69

**Income** - \$194,967.22



**Christmas Eve Worship**  
**Saturday, December 24th**  
**5:30 pm - Worship Lead by Trinity Band**  
**7:30 pm - Worship Service**

# Trinity Constitution



**PLEASE JOIN YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS IN  
REVIEWING TRINITY'S CONSTITUTION**

**SUN, DEC 5: AFTER WORSHIP**

**TUES, DEC 7: 7:00 PM ZOOM MEETING**

\*DRAFT COPIES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TELC WEBSITE

# Serving in Worship

TODAY — Nov 28, 2021

**Lector:** OPEN  
**Ushers and Greeters:** OPEN  
**Stewards:** OPEN  
**Altar Guild:** Mary Flores

NEXT SUNDAY — Dec 5, 2021

**Lector:** OPEN  
**Ushers and Greeters:** OPEN  
**Stewards:** OPEN  
**Altar Guild:** Lindsay Conyers

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