

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



**December 5, 2021
2nd Sunday of Advent**

WELCOME TO TRINITY

PRELUDE:

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: *Prepare the Royal Highway* (ELW 264)



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

FIRST READING: **Malachi 3:1-4**

A reading from Malachi.

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings

to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

ADVENT PRAYER AND CANDLE LIGHTING

Today we light the Bethlehem Candle. The candle of Bethlehem is a symbol of making ready to receive the Baby Jesus into our hearts and homes. We come again to this humble place, to the manger, to the stable of Bethlehem. None among us comes from a humbler place. Here the young and old, the rich and poor, are at home.

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

God of light, let the light of the Advent Candle illuminate our hearts to see this God born unto us. Then let that light reflect off our lives and be spread to the ends of the earth, showing all people from all places the hope that is coming.

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

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

3 O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height; in ancient times did give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

Refrain:

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

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem, unto your own and rescue them; From depths of hell your people save, and give them victory o'er the grave. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM: Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, ⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies.

Free to worship you without fear,

⁷⁵**holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11

A reading from Phillippians.

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (ELW 249)



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

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 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.**

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.

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: *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!* (MERTON) (ELW 246)



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,
let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,
down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,
wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy
and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!"
shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
one and all, to be for - giv'n;
and with words of love draw near.
while un - end - ing a - ges run!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Trinity Happenings:

Trinity is hosting Family Promise Dec 5-12.

To Bring Meals contact Family Promise at 742-6480.

Sunday, December 5:	9:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am Fellowship & Sunday School 10:15 am Constitution Review Meeting
Tuesday, December 7:	7:00 pm Constitution Zoom Meeting
Wed, December 8:	10:00 am Women's Bible Study
Thurs, December 9:	11:30 am MUGG Campus Ministry @ Rendezvous Café
Sunday, December 12:	9:00 am Worship Service with Trinity Band 10:15 am Fellowship & Sunday School
Wed, December 15:	10:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Confirmation Class
Thurs, December 16:	11:30 am MUGG Campus Ministry @ Rendezvous Café

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.

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. 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

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



Christmas Eve Worship

Friday, December 24th

5:30 pm - Worship Led by Trinity Band
7:30 pm - Worship Service



MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO BRING
POINSETTIAS
TO DECORATE THE SANCTUARY

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Dec 5, 2021

Lector: Lisa Guarnieri

Ushers and Greeters: OPEN

Fellowship: OPEN

Altar Guild: Lindsay Conyers

NEXT SUNDAY — Dec 12, 2021

Lector: Molly Bredehoff

Ushers and Greeters: OPEN

Fellowship: The Grellers

Altar Guild: Lindsay Conyers

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