


Trinity Lutheran Church



*Stir up your power,
Lord Christ,
and come.*

**December 15, 2024
Advent**

WELCOME

PRELUDE: *Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone* (J. Newton/J. Rees/E. Excell/C. Tomlin)

GATHERING SONG: *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!

LITANY

Not in the mighty places of power,
but in little Bethlehem,
in a room out back:

The Messiah is coming.

Not born in nobility and wealth,
but of Mary and Joseph,
who pondered and planed wood:

The Messiah is coming.

Not announced by prophets, priests, and kings,
but by two women,
who were the first to know:

The Messiah is coming.

Nothing will be impossible for God,
but when and where we least expect it,
look among the straw and the stars:

The Messiah is coming.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another. We pray together,

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned.

We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned.

We plead: come to us.

Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
we receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through Christ Jesus,
whose day draws near.

Amen.

CONFESSIONAL HYMN:

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (ELW 611)



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

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. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

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HYMN OF PRAISE:

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:

Refrain



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

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7

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 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.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

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: Luke 1:68-79

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

- ⁶⁸ Blessed 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.
- ⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from
our enemies,
- ⁷¹ from the hands of all who hate us,
- ⁷² to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.
- ⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
- ⁷⁴ to 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.
- ⁷⁶ And 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.
- ⁷⁸ In 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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Blessed Be the God of Israel (ELW 250)



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

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;

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

Lord of Life, you call us to prepare the way for your reign by bearing fruit worthy of repentance. You lift up a vision before us of a world that is shared and fair, where needs are met and no one is outcast. Baptize us afresh in your Spirit as we pray.

Lord of Life, make yourself known to us all, that all the peoples of the earth may live in justice and peace. For those who suffer from natural disasters, from hunger and cold, lead us to share our food and our coats with them.

Lord of Life, we pray for the frail, the sick, those who are facing surgery or are recovering from surgery, and all those who grow weak with worry. Lead us to help them with gentleness. Change their pain into praise and give them courage face each new day.

Lord of Life, we know that we can trust in you and not be afraid. Lead us in songs of praise and shouts of joy, for you are in our midst. We pray through the One who baptizes us not only with water but with the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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.

OFFERING ANTHEM: *I Love You, Lord* (L. Klein)

OFFERING HYMN: *All Earth is Hopeful* (ELW 266)



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra, al Sal - va - dor
1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



yel sur - co, a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task; this, the
"A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Creator God,

you made the whole world, even the farthest stars,

and yet you draw near to us. We praise you for these gifts.

Now strengthen us,

that we may live in expectation

for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our 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

God of endings and beginnings,

God in the darkness and the light,

God, our hope for the journey,

bles and keep us now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: *People Look East* (ELW 248)



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Awesome God* (M. Smith)

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Dec 15, 2024

Altar: Conyers Family

Reader:

James Apronti

Preacher: Thom Edgar

Fellowship:

Samantha Weatherstone

NEXT SUNDAY — Dec 22, 2024

Altar: Conyers Family

Readers:

Ash Guarnieri

Zoey Wine

Fellowship:

Kelsey Wine

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Dec 15:	9:00am 9:00am 10:15am	Band Worship w/ T. Edgar Sunday School in Gruver Rm Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Dec 16:	9:00am 5:30pm	<i>Becoming</i> in Gruver Rm TheologyPUB @ Front Street Tavern
Wed, Dec 18:	10:00am	Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm
Thu, Dec 19:	11:45am	NO MUGG Campus Meeting
Sun, Dec 22:	9:00am 10:15am	Advent 4: Lessons and Carols Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Dec 23:	9:00am	<i>Becoming</i> in Gruver Rm
Tue, Dec 24:	6:30pm	Christmas Eve w/ Band, Choir, Organ
Wed, Dec 25:	10:00am	NO Women's Bible Study
Thu, Dec 26:	11:45am	NO MUGG Campus Meeting
Sun, Dec 29:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service Fellowship in Gruver Rm



LESSONS &
CAROLS
for Advent

Trinity Sunday Worship: 12.22.24



Christmas Eve

6:30pm

*Band
Choir
Organ*



Wishing you and your family a

Merry Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Trinity Office Closed December 25th and 26th

Return to Lisa! _____



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