

24 NOV 24: CHRIST THE KING

Waiting for Wonder

Advent



Nativity of Our Lord
Wonder

*We have seen your
star in the East,
and we have come to
worship the Lord.*



Epiphany

ELCA World Hunger's 40 DAYS of Giving

Even in the most challenging times, we trust in God and hope for the work God is doing in the world. This Lent, join ELCA World Hunger as we journey with our neighbors toward a just world where all are fed.



Resurrection of Our Lord



Pentecost

*On this Christ the King Sunday we journey
through the church liturgical calendar in
thanksgiving for Christ's continued presence
through all our earthly experiences.*

PRELUDE:

Kyrie Eleison

(C. Tomlin, M. Redan, M. Maher, J. Ingram)

WELCOME

GREETING

Grace to you and peace from the one who is
and who was and who is to come,
**and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of God's glory.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray together.
**Sovereign God,
come to us now in silent, holy power.
Still our distracted minds, our bruised hearts, our longing bodies.
Then speak the power of Jesus' name
in such a way that we might hear it,
in such a way that we might bear it into the world—
as a people who seek not to preserve what we know
but to make palpable who you are—
for we move and pray by the gift of your breath within us. Amen.**

ADVENT

Advent means arrival. We spend the season of Advent preparing for the arrival of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

ADVENT READING: Luke 3:1-6

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:

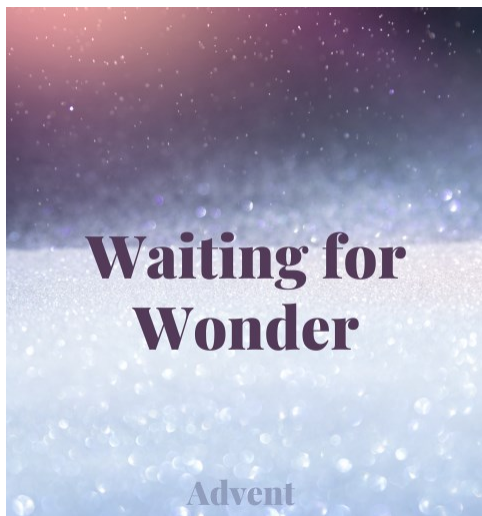
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

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."

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR ADVENT:

Prepare Ye (S. Schwartz)



CHRISTMAS

During the season of Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We tell and retell the stories of the angels and shepherds and the birth of our Savior.

CHRISTMAS READING: Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

HYMN FOR CHRISTMAS:

Go Tell It on the Mountain (ELW 290)

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*
- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*
- 3 Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*



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EPIPHANY

The word epiphany comes from the Greek word meaning 'to reveal', as when the baby Jesus was 'revealed' to the world by the wise men who searched for and found the baby Jesus.

EPIPHANY READING: Matthew 2:1-12

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

HYMN FOR EPIPHANY:

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky (ELW 301)

- 3 Sages from the East afar,
when they saw this wondrous star,
went to find the king of nations
and to offer their oblations
to the child, the newborn king,
to the child, the newborn king.
- 4 Him they found in Bethlehem,
yet he wore no diadem;
there they saw a maiden lowly
with an infant pure and holy
resting in her loving arms,
resting in her loving arms.
- 5 Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us,
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.
- 6 And this star, as bright as day,
that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing,
is the word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

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Epiphany

LENT

Lent is the observance of the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert and being tested by Satan. During Lent we focus on simple living and prayer in order to grow closer to God.

LENT READING: Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

HYMN FOR LENT:

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (ELW 325)

- 1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Jesus loves us and frees us from our sins;
therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

**Holy God,
how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers
instead of the power of your love;
help us to turn our hearts toward you.
Restore us in your love, and set us free
to forgive as we have been forgiven,
by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, ✚ God loves us, forgives us,
and frees us from our sins;
therefore be at peace.

SERMON



EASTER

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. His death and resurrection paid for the sins of all people.

EASTER READING: John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

HYMN FOR EASTER:

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia! (ELW 364)

- 1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!

- 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo,
and in its conquest his might did show. *Refrain*

- 3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the graveclothes are lying there." *Refrain*

- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*

- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free.
Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*



Resurrection of Our Lord

PENTECOST

The season of Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and followers of Jesus teachings in Jerusalem, as foretold by the prophet Joel.

PENTECOST READING: Acts 2:1-18

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

HYMN FOR PENTECOST:

Spirit of Gentleness (ELW 396)

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

Refrain

- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

Refrain

- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

Refrain

- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.

Refrain



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The image shows a musical score for two systems of music. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system of music has the lyrics: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;". The second system of music has the lyrics: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace." The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes in the treble staff and chords in the bass staff.

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation. Cultivate humility in your church. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses.

You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need. Prosper the work of peacemakers.

The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made.

O God, in whom we hope, provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, 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.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God of all goodness,
generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

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.

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.

DISTRIBUTION:

The Table (C. Tomlin, E. Cash, W. Jolley)

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.

Faithful God,

**you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.**

**Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

And may the blessing of God, Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: *Shout to the Lord* (ELW 821)

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *Send Us Out* (Dakota Road)

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Nov 24, 2024

Altar: James Apronti
Reader: Molly Bredehoff
Communion Assistant:
Lillian Conyers
Fellowship: Pie Festival!

NEXT SUNDAY — Dec 1, 2024

Altar: Conyers Family
Reader: OPEN
Communion Assistant:
OPEN
Fellowship: OPEN

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Nov 24:	9:00am	Christ the King Worship w/ Band
	9:00am	Sunday School behind Gruver Rm
	10:15am	Pie Festival in Gruver Rm
Mon, Nov 25:	9:00am	"Becoming" in Gruver Rm
Wed, Nov 27:	10:00am	NO Women's Bible Study
Thu, Nov 28:	11:45am	NO MUGG Campus Lunch
Sun, Dec 1:	9:00am	Advent 1: Fear Not!
	9:00am	Sunday School behind Gruver Rm
	10:15am	Decorating in Sanctuary



Mon, Dec 2:	9:00am	"Becoming" in Gruver Rm
	5:30pm	TheologyPUB
		@ Front Street Tavern
Wed, Dec 4:	10:00am	Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm
Thu, Dec 5:	11:45am	MUGG Campus Meeting
		@ Rendezvous Café
Sun, Dec 8:	9:00am	Advent 2
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm

AUTUMN

A TIME OF TRANSITION

AS THE LEAVES DIE.

THERE IS BEAUTY IN THE

LEAVING. LEAVING A

SACRED SPACE FOR GOD

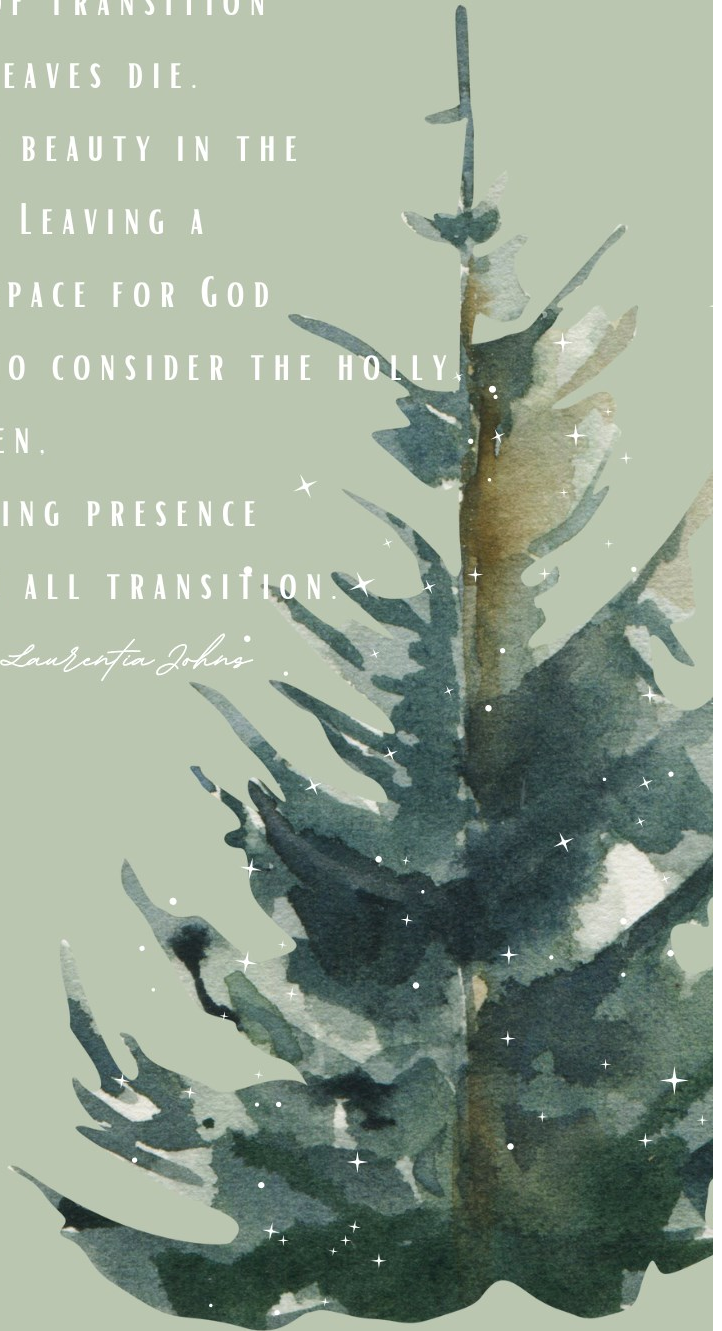
A TIME TO CONSIDER THE HOLLY,

EVERGREEN.

HIS ABIDING PRESENCE

THROUGH ALL TRANSITION.

Dame Laurencia Johns





HAPPY Thanksgiving

The Church Office
will be closed
November 28th.

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

2024 Year-To-Date as of October 31

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