

# Trinity Lutheran Church



Stir up our hearts,  
Lord God,  
to prepare the way  
of your only Son.

**December 8, 2024**  
**Advent**

## GATHERING HYMN: *In the Bleak Midwinter* (ELW 294)



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;  
3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;  
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed  
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

## 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,  
receive the grace and forgiveness of God  
through ✚ Christ Jesus,  
whose day draws near.  
**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.**

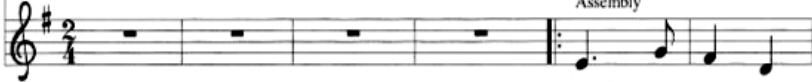
# KYRIE

Leader



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly



Lord, have mer - cy,


3rd time to Coda ⊕



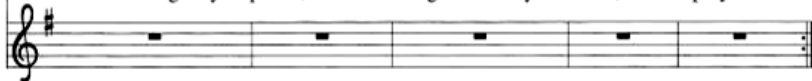
For the reign of God, and for  
For your peo - ple here who have



Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.



peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the



⊕ Coda



Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.



cy. A - men.

# NOW THE FEAST

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has  
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

*Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of  
God; to make all things new.

*Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: Congregation:

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.**

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

<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."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSIVE READING: Isaiah 12:2-6

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation;

**I will trust, and will not be afraid,**

for the Lord GOD is my strength and my might;

**he has become my salvation.**

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day:

**Give thanks to the LORD,**

call on his name;

**make known his deeds among the nations;**

proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;**

let this be known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>**Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,**

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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

<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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL VERSE

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

## GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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:

#### *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (ELW 254)



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



## APOSTLE'S 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

Let us offer our prayers of intercession to God.

*As the reader closes each petition:*

God, you are in our midst,

*The people respond:*

**renew us in your love.**

Surely, God, 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.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord 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: We Are an Offering (ELW 692)

The musical score is written on six staves of music. It begins with a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with many eighth and quarter notes. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) throughout the piece. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Creator God,**

**you made the whole world,**

**even the farthest stars,**

**and you draw near to feed us.**

**We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.**

**Strengthen us with this food**

**that we may live in expectation**

**for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*  
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God 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.**

# LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God,                      you take a - way the sin of                      the  
you break the chains of ha - tred                      and  
you are the way of jus - tice                      and  
you are the way of mer - cy                      and


*Congregation:*



world:                      have mer - cy on us,                      mer - cy on us,  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

**Final Stanza**

*Congregation or Assistant:*



mer - cy                      on                      us.                      Lamb of God,                      you

*Congregation:*



take a - way the sins of                      the world:                      grant                      us peace,  
grant                      us peace,                      grant                      us                      peace.

# 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.

## DISTRIBUTION: *Unexpected and Mysterious* (ELW 258)



1 Un - ex - pect - ed and mys - te - rious is the gen - tle  
2 In a mo - men - tar - y meet - ing of e - ter - ni -  
3 We are called to pon - der mys - t'ry and a - wait the



word of grace. Ev - er - lov - ing and sus - tain -  
ty and time, Mar - y learned that she would car -  
com - ing Christ, to em - bod - y God's com - pas -



ing is the peace of God's em - brace. If we fal - ter  
ry both the mor - tal and di - vine. Then she learned of  
sion for each frag - ile hu - man life. God is with us



in our cour - age and we doubt what we have known, God is  
God's com - pas - sion, of E - liz - a - beth's great joy, and she  
in our long - ing to bring heal - ing to the earth, while we



faith - ful to con - sole us as a moth - er tends her own.  
ran to greet the wom - an who would rec - og - nize her boy.  
watch with joy and won - der for the prom - ised Sav - ior's birth.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may 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.

**Generous God,**

**we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation.**

**We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace.**

**We thank you for showering us with mercy,  
for sending us into the world.**

**Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us**

**as we feed the hungry in your name. Amen.**

## BLESSING

God of endings and beginnings,  
God in the darkness and the light,  
God, our hope for the journey,  
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN:

### *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'ings 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!

## DISMISSAL

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

# Serving in Worship

## TODAY — Dec 8, 2024

**Altar:** Conyers Family

**Reader:** Connor Kunkel

**Communion Assistant:**

Connor Kunkel

**Fellowship:** OPEN

## NEXT SUNDAY — Dec 15, 2024

**Altar:** Conyers Family

**Reader:** James Apronti

**Preacher:**

Thom Edgar

**Fellowship:** OPEN

*The Advent Season altar paraments have been  
given in honor of Janet K. Talbott.*

## Trinity Happenings:

|                     |  |   |
|---------------------|--|---|
| Sun, Dec 8:         | 9:00am<br>10:15am                                | Advent 2<br>Fellowship in Gruver Rm   |
| <b>Mon, Dec 9:</b>  | <b>9:00am</b>                                    | <b>"Becoming" in Gruver Rm</b>  |
| Tue, Dec 10:        | 7:00pm   | Council in Gruver Rm  |
| <b>Wed, Dec 11:</b> | <b>10:00am</b>                                   | <b>Women's Bible Study &amp; Luncheon</b>   |
| Thu, Dec 12:        | 11:45am  | MUGG Campus Meeting<br>@ Rendezvous Café  |
| <b>Sun, Dec 15:</b> | <b>9:00am</b><br><b>9:00am</b><br><b>10:15am</b> | <b>Band Advent 3 w/ T. Edgar</b><br><b>Sunday School in Gruver Rm</b><br><b>Fellowship in Gruver Rm</b> |
| Mon, Dec 16:        | 9:00am<br>5:30pm                                 | <i>Becoming</i> in Gruver Rm<br>TheologyPUB<br>@ Front Street Tavern                                    |
| <b>Wed, Dec 18:</b> | <b>10:00am</b>                                   | <b>Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm</b>   |
| Thu, Dec 19:        | 11:30am  | NO MUGG Campus Meeting  |
| <b>Sun, Dec 22:</b> | <b>9:00am</b><br><b>10:15am</b>                  | <b>Advent 4: Lessons and Carols</b><br><b>Fellowship in Gruver Rm</b>                                   |
| Mon, Dec 23:        | 9:00am   | "Becoming" in Gruver Rm   |
| <b>Tue, Dec 24:</b> | <b>6:30pm</b>                                    | <b>Christmas Eve w/ Band, Choir, Organ</b>  |
| Wed, Dec 25:        | 10:00am  | NO Women's Bible Study  |
| <b>Thu, Dec 26:</b> | <b>11:45am</b>                                   | <b>NO MUGG Campus Meeting</b>   |
| Sun, Dec 29:        | 9:00am<br>10:15am                                | Worship Service<br>Fellowship in Gruver Rm  |



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*Financial Secretary* ..... **Alison Lebeda**  
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