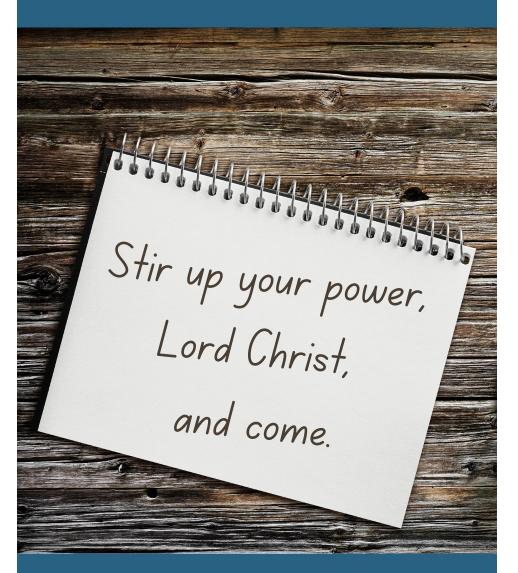
Trinity Lutheran Church



December 15, 2024 Advent

WELCOME

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

GATHERING SONG:

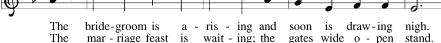
Rejoice, Rejoice Believers (ELW 244)



- 1 Re joice, re joice, be liev ers, and let your lights ap pear;
- 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'rings bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex pec ta tion, O Je sus, now ap pear;



a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be-night-ed sphere.



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.

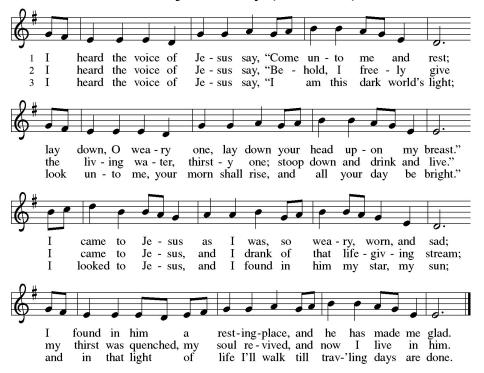
God in our midst, we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

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)



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

let us

pray to the Lord,



let us

pray

to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

Prepare the Royal Highway (ELW 264)



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.

⁴ And 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.

⁴O Lord God of hosts,

how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

- ⁵ You have fed them with them 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.

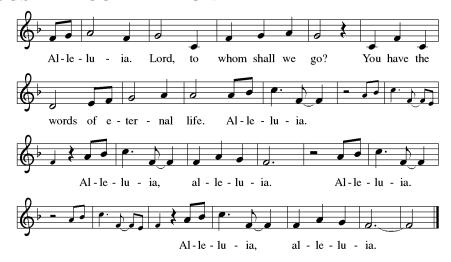
SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

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



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.

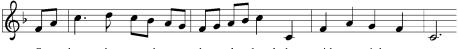
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Blessed Be the God of Israel (ELW 250)





and rais - es up new the oath once sworn to to tell God's peo - ple 

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



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

APOSTLES' CREED

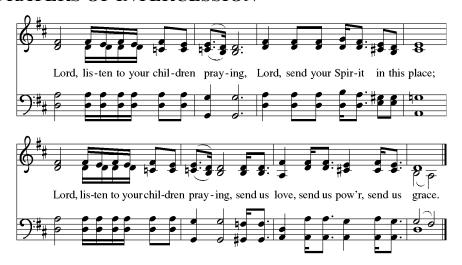
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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 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.

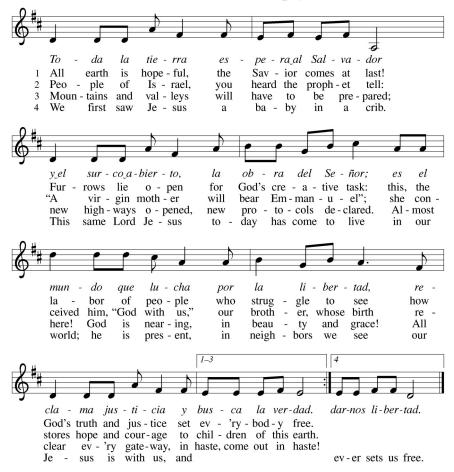
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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)



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.

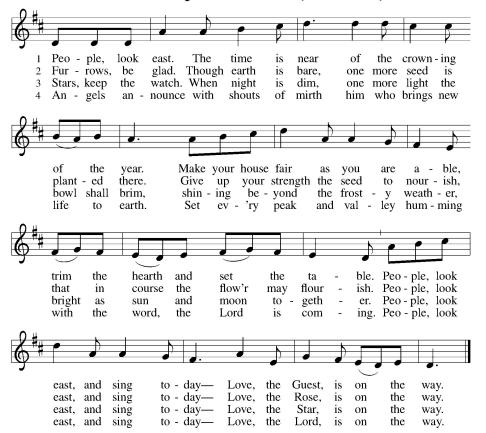
BENEDICTION

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey,

bless and keep us now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: People Look East (ELW 248)



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:

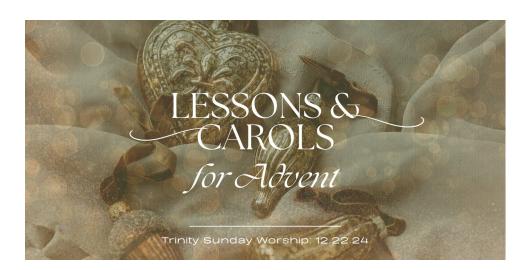
Kelsey Wine

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	Becoming 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	Becoming 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: 45 am	NO MUGG Campus Meeting
Sun, Dec 29:	9:00am	Worship Service

10:15am

Fellowship in Gruver Rm









TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

107 South 7th + Laramie, WY 82070 + www.telclaramie.com

Office: (307) 745-4222 + telcofficemanager@gmail.com

Pastor Nate: (307) 231-5371 + pastornate3421@gmail.com

IF YOU WOULD LIKE OR NEED A VISIT FROM PASTOR NATE PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL!

Congregation President Adam Huck
Pastor Pastor Nathan Keith
Accompanist Trinity Band
Financial Secretary Alison Lebeda
Financial Director Linda Lebeda
In the Office Lisa Guarnieri

Copyright © 2019 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS017696. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Used by license.