

# Trinity Lutheran Church



**December 22, 2024  
Advent Lessons and Carols**

*The season Advent, like the season of Lent, is traditionally a time of preparation. From the sixth century, meditations on the themes of judgment and the last things were featured for each of Advent's four Sundays. This service has been adapted from that tradition, particularly from a service celebrated at Saint John's College, Cambridge.*

## WELCOME

### GATHERING HYMN:

*Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* (ELW 436)

- 1 Wake, awake, for night is flying,  
the watchmen on the heights are crying;  
awake, Jerusalem, at last.  
Midnight hears the welcome voices,  
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:  
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.  
The bridegroom comes! Awake;  
your lamps with gladness take!"  
Alleluia! Rise and prepare the feast to share;  
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.
- 2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,  
and all her heart with joy is springing.  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.  
Her dear friend comes down, all glorious,  
the strong in grace, in truth victorious:  
her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
Now come, O Blessed One,  
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.  
Sing hosanna! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
and follow to the banquet hall.
- 3 Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!  
Let saints and angels sing before you,  
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.  
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,  
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,  
with angel choirs around your throne.  
No eye has caught the light,  
no ear the thund'ring might  
of such glory. There we will go: what joy we'll know!  
There sweet delight will ever flow.

## ADVENT 1

*The message of the season: after the warning of God's judgement, the people of God are urged to "put on the armor of light".*

## LITANY

And all flesh shall see it together.  
Our help standeth in the name of the Lord  
**The glory of the Lord shall be revealed**  
**Who hath made heaven and earth.**



*Rockwell Kent, 1882-1971*

## COLLECT FOR ADVENT 1

Let us pray together.

**Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.**

## LAY: *O Wisdom, O Lord*

**O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
embracing all things far and nigh:  
in strength and beauty come and stay;  
teach us your will and guide our way.**

**O come, O come, O Lord of might,  
as to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times you gave the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.**

## FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:1-6

*God's judgement and salvation declared.*

**CAROL: *Once in Royal David's City* (ELW 269)**

- 1** Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ, her little child.
  
- 2** He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor and meek and lowly,  
lived on earth our Savior holy.
  
- 3** And our eyes at last shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle  
is our Lord in heav'n above;  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.



*Albrecht Durer, 1471-1528*

## SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:8-14

*The responsibility of faith.*

### **CAROL: *Prepare the Royal Highway* (ELW 264)**

- 1 Prepare the royal highway;  
the King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley  
a level road appear!  
Then greet the King of glory,  
foretold in sacred story:**

***Refrain:***

**Hosanna to the Lord,  
for he fulfills God's word!**

- 3 Then fling the gates wide open  
to greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev'ry nation  
its tribute too may bring.  
All lands will bow before him;  
their voices join your singing:**

***Refrain***

- 4 His is no earthly kingdom;  
it comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
and justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
for kindness so abounding:**

***Refrain***

## ADVENT 2

*The word of God: God's Word in Scripture will be fulfilled, and eternal life in Christ is promised.*

## LITANY

O people of Sion, behold the Lord is night at hand  
to redeem the nations, and in the gladness of your heart  
the Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard.

**Declare His honor unto the heathen  
And His wonders unto all people.**

## COLLECT FOR ADVENT 2

Let us pray together.

**Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written  
for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them,  
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience  
and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold  
fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou has given us  
in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## LAY: *O Branch, O Key*

**O come, O Branch of Jesse, free  
your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.**

**O come, O Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.**

## THIRD LESSON: Romans 15:4-13

*The Scriptures proclaim Christ.*

## PSALM: Psalm 19: 1-10

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork
- <sup>2</sup> **One day telleth another; and one night certieth another.**
- <sup>3</sup> There is neither speech nor language; but their voices are heard among them.
- <sup>4</sup> **Their sound is gone out into all lands; and their words into the ends of the world.**
- <sup>5</sup> In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun; which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.
- <sup>6</sup> **It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again; and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.**
- <sup>7</sup> The law of the of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.
- <sup>8</sup> **The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart; the commandments of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.**
- <sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
- <sup>10</sup> **More to be desired are they than god, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.**

## GLORIA PATRI

Let us say together.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen.**

## FOURTH LESSON: Saint Luke 4:14-21

*The fulfillment of the Word.*

### CAROL:

*Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* (ELW 435)

- 1 Lo! he comes with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
join to sing the glad refrain:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ the Lord returns to reign.
- 2 Now redemption, long-expected,  
comes in solemn splendor near;  
all the saints this world rejected  
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
See the day of God appear!
- 3 Those dear tokens of his Passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture  
Gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 3 Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,  
claim the kingdom as thine own.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!



*Rockwell Kent*



## ADVENT 3

*The ministry of the church: the people of God are commissioned to give service.*

## LITANY

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?  
Or who shall rise up in His holy place?  
Even he that hath clean hands and a pure heart,  
and that hath not lifted up his mind unto vanity.

**Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest  
That He will send forth laborers into His harvest.**

## COLLECT FOR ADVENT 3

Let us pray together.

**O Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

## LAY: *O Dayspring, O King*

**O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight.**

**O come, O King of nations, come,  
O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
refresh the hearts that long for you;  
restore the broken, make us new.**

## FIFTH LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9

*Israel is commissioned as the servant of God.*



**CAROL:**

*Lo, How a Rose (ELW 272)*

- 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung,  
it came, a flow'r so bright,  
amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.
- 2 Isaiah had foretold it, the rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
she bore to us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.
- 4 O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, king of glory, who dost our weakness know:  
bring us at length, we pray,  
to the bright courts of heaven and into endless day.

**SIXTH LESSON: Isaiah 40: 1-9**

*Christ's ministry is foreseen by Isaiah.*

**CAROL: Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus (ELW 254)**

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
joy of ev'ry longing heart.
- 2 Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a king;  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

## ADVENT 4

*The preparation for the advent of Christ: the people of God hear of the human condition of sin, forgiveness in Christ, and His coming again.*

## LITANY

Drop down, ye heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour down righteousness;  
let the earth open and bring forth a Savior.

**The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR ADVENT 4

Let us pray together.

**O lord, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us,  
and with great might succor us; that whereas, through our sins  
and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race  
that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily  
help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy son our Lord,  
to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honor and glory, world  
without end. Amen.**

## LAY: *O Emmanuel*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.**

## SEVENTH LESSON: Saint John 3:1-17

*Birth into the Kingdom of God.*

## **RESPONSIVE MAGNIFICAT: *Holy Is His Name* (J. Talbot)**

*Please join in the bolded refrains at the cantor's signal.*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
and my spirit exalts in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with mercy on this lowly one.

And my name shall be forever exalted:  
for the Mighty God has done great things for me  
and his mercy endures from age to age,  
and holy, holy, holy is his name

**for the Mighty God has done great things for me  
and his mercy endures from age to age,  
and holy, holy, holy is his name.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and filled the hungry with good things.

He has come to the aid of his servants,  
and remembered his promise of mercy:  
for the Mighty God has done great things for us  
and his mercy endures from age to age,  
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Holy, holy, holy is God's name.

## **EIGHTH LESSON: Philipians 4:1, 4-8, 19-20**

*Joyful expectation of Christ's coming.*

**CAROL: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (ELW 257)**

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.**

***Refrain***

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

**2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
embracing all things far and nigh:  
in strength and beauty come and stay;  
teach us your will and guide our way.**

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**3 O come, O Branch of Jesse, free  
your own from Satan's tyranny;  
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# THE ADVENT OF CHRIST

## LITANY

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,  
and the King of Glory shall come in.  
**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**  
**Whom then shall I fear?**

## COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS

Let us pray together.

**Almighty God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

## CAROL: *On Christmas Night* (ELW 274)

- 1 On Christmas night all Christians sing  
to hear the news the angels bring.  
On Christmas night all Christians sing  
to hear the news the angels bring:  
news of great joy, news of great mirth,  
news of our merciful king's birth.
- 3 When sin departs before his face,  
then life and health come in its place.  
When sin departs before his face,  
then life and health come in its place.  
Angels rejoice with us and sing,  
all for to see the newborn king.
- 4 All out of darkness we have light,  
which made the angels sing this night.  
All out of darkness we have light,  
which made the angels sing this night:  
"Glory to God in highest heav'n;  
peace on earth, goodwill. Amen."

# EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

### 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.

### SENDING HYMN: *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* (ELW 244)

- 1 **Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing,  
and darker night is near.  
The bridegroom is arising  
and soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
at midnight comes the cry.**
- 2 **The watchers on the mountain  
proclaim the bridegroom near;  
go forth as he approaches  
with alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
the gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
the bridegroom is at hand.**
- 3 **Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, O Sun so longed for,  
o'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption  
that sets your people free!**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Serving in Worship

## TODAY — Dec 22, 2024

**Altar:** Conyers Family

**Readers:**

Zoey Wine

Ariane Guarneri

**Fellowship:** Kelsey Wine

## CHRISTMAS EVE

**Altar:** Conyers Family

**Reader:**

Martin Greller

**Assistants:**

OPEN

## Trinity Happenings:

<b>Sun, Dec 22:</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>10:15am</b>	<b>Advent 4: Lessons and Carols</b> <b>Fellowship in Gruver Rm</b>
Mon, Dec 23:	9:00am	<i>Becoming</i> 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 NO Office Hours
<b>Thu, Dec 26:</b>	<b>10:00am</b> <b>11:45am</b>	<b>NO Office Hours</b> <b>NO MUGG Campus Meeting</b>
Sun, Dec 29:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service Fellowship in Gruver Rm
<b>Mon, Dec 30:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b><i>Becoming</i> in Gruver Rm</b>
Wed, Jan 1:	10:00am <b>10:00am</b>	NO Women's Bible Study <b>NO Office Hours</b>
<b>Thu, Jan 2:</b>	<b>11:45am</b>	<b>NO MUGG Campus Meeting</b>
Sun, Jan 5:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service Fellowship in Gruver Rm

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