

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Sunday, December 23, 2018
4th Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: *Savior of the Nations, Come* (ELW 263)

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-19

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

ADVENT PRAYER AND CANDLE LIGHTING

The fourth candle of Advent is the Angel's candle.

And this candle is the symbol of love and of the final coming.

The angels brought word to Mary that she will bear a Son. The angels told the shepherds that the messiah was born. And the angels were also there at the empty tomb.

God, come to us, abide with us, and be our Immanuel.

As we light the fourth candle we are reminded of the brightness of our savior coming into the world.

And we proclaim along with the angels and with all of God's people, "Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth."

God, come to us, abide with us, and be our Immanuel.

ADVENT HYMN: *People, Look East* (ELW 248, all verses)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

O Mighty One, who scatters the proud and fills the hungry, by your Holy Spirit let your word leap in us and bring to our yearning the joy that comes with new beginnings and renewed lives.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55

The psalm is sung responsively.

^{46b}My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,

⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,

⁴⁸**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will | call me blessed:

⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me
and holy | is your name.

⁵⁰**You have mercy on | those who fear you,
from generation to | generation.**

⁵¹You have shown strength | with your arm
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,

⁵²**casting down the mighty | from their thrones
and lifting | up the lowly.**

⁵³You have filled the hungry | with good things
and sent the rich | away empty.

⁵⁴**You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,**

⁵⁵the promise made | to our forbears,
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from Hebrews.

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.

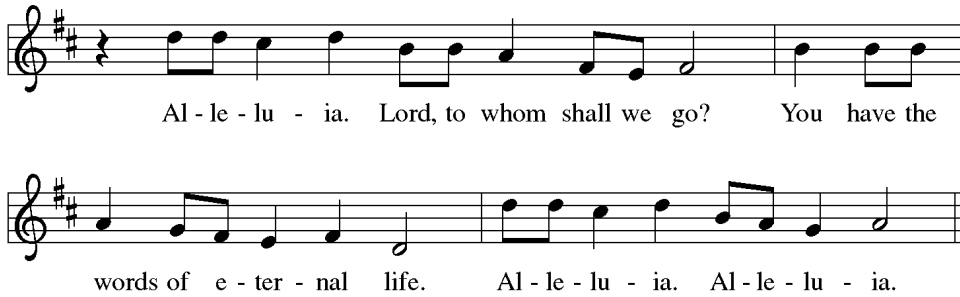
¹⁰And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



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.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (ELW 257, verses 1-4)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM OF ASHLEY DEAN BOCK

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.

Let us rejoice with our sister in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Faithful Lord, you keep your promises. Move your church to sing like Mary and rejoice like Elizabeth. Teach us to sing of your faithfulness all our days. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ancient of Days, with joy you danced over the waters and birthed creation. Give us joy in caring for the soil beneath us, the water around us, and the sky above us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Prince of peace, your sacrifice gives abundant life to all. Raise up leaders in every nation whose goals are health and well-being for all people and creation. Grant them wisdom and compassion to serve as you would have them serve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Good Shepherd, you feed your flock. Fill the hungry with good things. Lift up the lowly. Accompany the refugee. Comfort the lonely. Heal the sick. Send us in haste to surround them with your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Love Incarnate, you are with us at the manger, on the cross, and on the resurrection road. Walk with all who live with depression, grief, or heartache in this season. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Ever-living God, you are Alpha and Omega. We thank you for all who sing now in the heavenly choir, especially those dear to us. Join our voices with theirs in praise of the Christ child. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements will be made by the presiding minister and thanks given for what our offerings provide towards the church's mission.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* (ELW 182)

The assembly stands for the presentation of the gifts.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

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.

PREFACE

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,

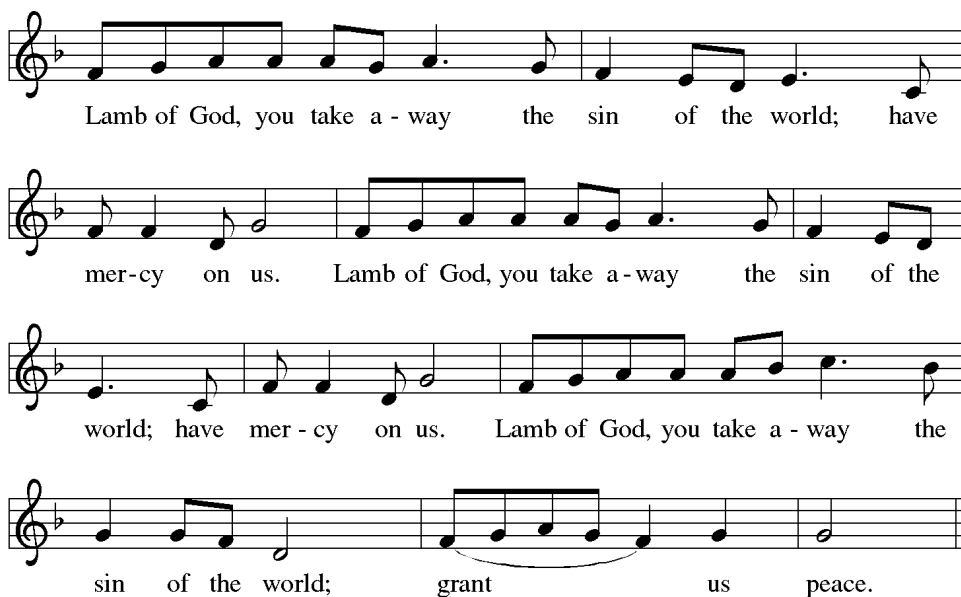
thy will be done,

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.**

The assembly is seated.

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.

COMMUNION

White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

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 MUSIC: *Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)*

(Amy Grant and Chris Eaton)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands to receive the blessing.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, keep you in his light and truth and love now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Joy to the World* (ELW 267)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Trinity Happenings

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| Sunday, December 23 | 9:00 am 10:15 am | Worship Fellowship |
| Monday, December 24 | 4:30 pm 6:00 pm 9:00 pm | Christmas Eve Worship—led by the Trinity Band Traditional Christmas Eve Worship Reflective Christmas Eve Worship |
| Tuesday, December 25 | OFFICE CLOSED | |
| Sunday, December 30 | 9:00 am 10:15 am | Worship Fellowship |
| Tuesday, January 1 | OFFICE CLOSED | |

THOSE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS: Please keep the following members in your prayers this week: Ed Dolan, Bob Thymian, Jane Kidwell, Addie Hopper, Marilyn Moen, and JoAnn Merrill. If there is someone that could be added to the Trinity Prayer Chain, please inform Jennie Lawrence by email at missjennae@yahoo.com.

TRUMPET DEADLINE: Please submit any items for the weekly Trinity Trumpet *in writing* by 9 am on Wednesday. The Trumpet is emailed at noon each Wednesday.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY: Trinity will be welcoming new members into our community of faith on Sunday, January 13, 2019. If you would like to officially become “one of us”, please talk to Pastor Nate.

LEADERSHIP LAB REGISTRATION: Youth entering their freshman year of high school through young adult are invited to sign up for this year’s Leadership Lab, which will take place July 22-27th, 2019. Please sign up at The Hub by January 15 so that we can start fund raising for this wonderful ministry.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE: Family Promise has been one crucial way Trinity Lutheran lives out the gospel of Christ. Thank you to Mike Nutter who has led this ministry with grace and compassion. Mike has been our congregational leader with Family Promise and his leadership has led to a successful first year of empowering families with life skills along with the goal of helping these families find sustainable housing. Trinity generously shares our space with these families and Family Promise empowers and enables them to live self-sustainable lives. At this time Trinity will need to form a Family Promise Committee to manage this ministry. We are hoping to put together a group of 6 people to assist with this program. If you would like to be a part of this fulfilling ministry please sign up at The Hub bulletin board.

FUNERAL COMMITTEE: Death is a part of our faithful journey and Trinity Lutheran needs to create a Funeral Committee to meet the needs of our grieving families. We need a list of people who are able to assist with the funeral luncheon to provide deep Christian care for our members who are grieving. Please consider sharing your time with our families navigating the difficult waters of death. If you have previously expressed interest in this ministry, please sign up again so we can have an accurate list of willing leaders and helpers.

CAMPUS CABINET: Trinity's Campus Cabinet is open to all! Our Cabinet is currently housed in the church library. Feeling hungry? Need a snack? Been a while since you've been to the grocery store? Come help yourself! Have extras at home to share? Please contribute unopened, in-date non-perishable foods, personal items, and paper goods. The Cabinet is visited regularly throughout the week. We are welcoming contributions of grocery gift cards in larger amounts to restock the shelves as needed, and also gift cards in smaller amounts to share. Items most in need are toilet paper, dish soap, and liquid laundry detergent.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 pm Led by the Trinity Band

6 pm Traditional

9 pm Reflective



SAVE THE DATE

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 27, 2019
after worship

Serving the Church

THIS WEEK — December 23, 2018

NEXT WEEK — December 30, 2018

Lector: Andrea Toven
Ushers and Greeters: The Conyers Family
Nursery: OPEN
Stewards: Carolyn Hazlett
Judy Moline
Altar Guild: Laura Buckner
Marie Frick
Sara Muhsman
Fellowship: OPEN
Flowers: OPEN

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