

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



**December 12, 2021
3rd Sunday of Advent**

THANK YOU TO OUR YOUTH FOR LEADING WORSHIP THIS MORNING

PRELUDE: *Prepare Ye (Stephen Schwartz)*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN:

All Earth Is Hopeful: Toda la tierra (ELW 266)



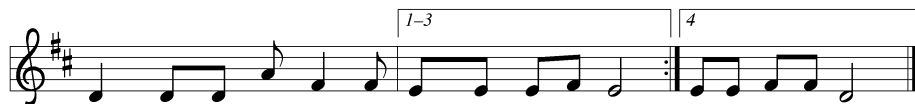
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra, al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y, el sur - co - a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task; this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
¹⁸as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

ADVENT PRAYER AND CANDLE LIGHTING

The Shepherds' candle, the candle for the 3rd week in Advent is symbolic of the act of sharing Christ.

After the angels told the shepherds about the birth of the Messiah it is written that they returned glorifying and praising God. We too are shepherds. We too have our paths.

Sometimes they are smooth and sometimes the way is long and rough and difficult.

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

We too, like the shepherd's need the Gospel of God's coming. We too need the forgiveness and mercy of God presence.

God of light, as we light this candle light our way like you did with the shepherds to the manger.

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

ADVENT HYMN: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (ELW 257)*

5 O come, O Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home; Make safe for us the heavenward road and bar the way to death's abode. *Refrain*

Refrain:

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

6 O come, O Bright and Morning Star, and bring us comfort from afar! Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: Isaiah 12:2-6

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not ¹be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become
my salvation.

³**With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.**

⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's
name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations;
proclaim that this name is exalted.

⁵**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.**

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your
gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry
about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the
peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your
hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 3:7-18

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.”

¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - *Youth Pastor Jacob Burnett*

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (ELW 254)



1 Come, thou long-ex - spect-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.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

As the lector closes each petition:

Hear us, O God.

The people respond:

Your mercy is great.

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect.
Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Please place offering at the end of service as you leave the church.

Offering plate is in the back of the sanctuary by the stained glass.

OFFERING MUSIC: Create in Me (*Maranatha Singers*)

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.

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



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.

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:

Keep Your Lamps! (A. Thomas)

They'll Know We Are Christians (P. Scholtes)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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.

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, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN:

People, Look East (ELW 248)



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Joy (A. Grant/W. King)*

TRINITY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, December 12:	9:00 am Worship Service with Trinity Band 10:15 am Fellowship & Sunday School
Wed, December 15:	10:00 am Women's Bible Study
Thurs, December 16:	11:30 am MUGG Campus Ministry @ Rendezvous Café
Sunday, December 19:	9:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am Fellowship (No Sunday School)
Wed, December 22:	10:00 am Women's Bible Study
Thurs, December 23:	11:30 am MUGG Campus Ministry– Not Meeting

THOSE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS: Please keep the following friends in your prayers this week: Marygrace Buckner, Jack Corson, Charis, Gerry & Jace Stockwell, Karen Johnson, Mike Boyd & Family, Emily Consonni & Bob Middleton. If there is someone that could be added to the Trinity Prayer Chain, please inform Jennie Lawrence by email at missjennae@yahoo.com.

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

2021 Year-To-Date as of October 31

Expenses - \$171,258.69

Income - \$194,967.22

Thank You Youth & Band

FOR LEADING WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY



MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO BRING
POINSETTIAS
TO DECORATE THE SANCTUARY

Rohr Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Remodel Gifts



Trinity's church council has approved an Ad Hoc committee to start finding bids to update the Rohr Fellowship Hall and the downstairs kitchen. Both of these spaces are in desperate need of updating. As we near the end of the year, please consider an extra gift towards this much needed improvement to enhance Trinity's ministry

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Friday, December 24th

5:30 pm - Worship Led
by Trinity Band

7:30 pm - Worship
Service

CAMPUS CABINET WISH LIST

Here are some current needs for our food pantry:

Toiletries

- Toilet Paper
- Soap - Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Feminine Hygiene
- Toothbrushes/Razors

Pantry Staples

- Fruit & Jello Cups, Granola Bars
- Ramen Noodle Soups, Corned Beef
- Canned Meat - Chicken, SPAM, etc
- Shelf stable meals - Heat & Eat
- Butter, Eggs, Coffee

*The Campus Cabinet is Used by the Community DAILY!
YOUR Donations Make it Possible! Thank you!*

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Dec 12, 2021

Lector: Molly Bredehoff
Ushers and Greeters: OPEN
Fellowship: The Grellers
Altar Guild: Lindsay Conyers

NEXT SUNDAY — Dec 19, 2021

Lector: Lily Conyers
Flowers: Janet Talbott
Fellowship: Phil Rabon
Altar Guild: Lindsay Conyers

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