

**WELCOME!**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**

**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

**December 22, 2024**



- \* = Please stand if able
- = Please be seated

- **Prelude - *By Pam Sherman***
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**
- **Welcome**

# • Lighting The Advent Wreath

**R: O Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

**C: We light the 1<sup>st</sup> candle in the hope of your coming. *(Light 1<sup>st</sup> Candle)***

**C: We light the 2<sup>nd</sup> candle in love for you and our neighbors. *(Light 2<sup>nd</sup> Candle)***

**C: We light the 3<sup>rd</sup> candle with joy in the promise. *(Light 3<sup>rd</sup> Candle)***

# • Lighting The Advent Wreath

**R:** With Mary we hope for the peace the promised messiah will bring to all creation.

**C:** We light the 4<sup>th</sup> candle for peace on earth. *(Light 4<sup>th</sup> Candle)*

# \* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C:** Amen.

# \* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.**

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

# \* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.**

# \* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.**



# **\* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

# \*Gathering Song

**“Oh, Come, Oh,  
Come, Emmanuel”**

**LBW 34**



\*“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” LBW 34

1 Oh, come, oh, 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.

\*“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” LBW 34

2 Oh, come, oh, come,  
great Lord of might,  
who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times once gave the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

*Refrain*

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

\*“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” LBW 34

3 Oh, come, strong 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.

*Refrain*

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

\*“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” LBW 34

4 Oh, come, blest Dayspring,  
come and cheer  
our spirits by your advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death’s dark shadows  
put to flight.

*Refrain*

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

\*“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” LBW 34

5 Oh, 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.

*Refrain*

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

# \* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

**C: And also with you.**



# \* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray... Almighty God, like Mary, help us embrace humility and readiness as we navigate the unexpected. May we respond to your call with a willing heart, trusting in your guidance and love. In Jesus name we pray.

**C: Amen**



# •Luke 1:26-56

**L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the first chapter.**

**C: Glory to you O' Lord!**

- **Luke 1:26-56**

**<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.**

- **Luke 1:26-56**

**<sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will**

- **Luke 1:26-56**

be no end.” <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?”

<sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

<sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who

- **Luke 1:26-56**

was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God.” <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted

- **Luke 1:26-56**

**Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my**



- **Luke 1:26-56**

womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One

- **Luke 1:26-56**

has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; <sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich

- **Luke 1:26-56**

away empty. <sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.” <sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

- **Luke 1:26-56**

**R: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C: Praise to You, O Christ**

# Sermon



# Sermon



# Sermon



# Sermon





# Sermon



*Here I am, the servant  
of the LORD;  
Let it be with me  
according to your Word.*

*-Luke 1:38*

# Sermon



Magnificat



# Sermon



**Perplexed Or Terrified**  
**Probably both!**

# Sermon



# Sermon



# Sermon



# Sermon



# \* Special Music

## The Annunciation and The Magnificat

Pastor Mel  
&  
Lexie Angles





**My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,  
and my spirit rejoices in you,  
You have looked with love  
on your servant here,  
and blessed me all my life through.**



# \* **NICENE CREED**

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

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: 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.**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: 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.**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: 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

*Each petition will end with the words,*

**A: God, in your mercy,**

**C: Hear our prayer.**



# \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayer concludes...*

**P:** We lift up all our prayers, spoken and unspoken to you. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C:** Amen.

- **OFFERING**



# \* OFFERING PRAYER



# **\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

# \* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

# **\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P: Jesus, who came to fulfill Isaiah's prophecy, now invites you to the feast of freedom in his name. He meets us now in the bread and wine and proclaims to us good news for all creation. This good news is for you!**

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Church*  
*Announcements*

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# \* **SENDING BLESSING**

**P:** 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.

**C:** Amen.



# \* Sending Song

**“Prepare the Royal  
Highway”  
LBW 26**



**\*“Prepare the Royal Highway” LBW 26**

**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!**

# \*“Prepare the Royal Highway” LBW 26

2 God's people, see him coming:  
your own eternal king!

Palm branches strew before him!

Spread garments! Shout and sing!

God's promise will not fail you!

No more shall doubt assail you!

## *Refrain*

Hosanna to the Lord,

for he fulfills God's word!

**\*“Prepare the Royal Highway” LBW 26**

**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***

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

# \*“Prepare the Royal Highway” LBW 26

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*

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

# \* **DISMISSAL**

**P: ... Depart in Christ's Love.**

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving  
all. Amen!**

## **POSTLUDE**

**By**

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