

***Communion Song:** *Holy Child within the Manger* WOV638

- 1 Holy Child within the manger, long ago yet ever near; come as friend to ev'ry stranger, come as hope for ev'ry fear. As you lived to heal the broken, greet the outcast, free the bound, as you taught us love unspoken, teach us now where you are found.
- 2 Once again we tell the story-- how your love for us was shown, when the image of your glory wore an image like our own. Come, enlighten with your wisdom, come and fill us with your grace. May the fire of your compassion kindle ev'ry land and race.
- 3 Holy Child within the manger, lead us ever in your way, so we see in ev'ry stranger how you come to us today. In our lives and in our living give us strength to live as you, that our hearts might be forgiving and our spirits strong and true.

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Post-Communion Prayer: All: Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Benediction:** L: God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus and holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. C: Amen.

***Sending Song:** *All Bow Down*

- 1 You're arriving with the sound Of thunder and rain
You're arriving in the calm Of the wind and the waves
You're arriving in the glow Of a burning flame A burning flame
 - 2 Praise awaits You at the dawn When the world comes alive
Praise awaits You in the darkness And shines in the light
Praise awaits You with a song Of love and desire Love and desire
- Chorus** Here comes the King All bow down Lift up your voices Unto the Lamb
He is the King All bow down All bow down
- 3 You are coming again Like a thief in the night You are coming again With a shout from the sky
You are coming again To take away Your bride To take away Your bride

Bridge Yeah... You are the King. Yeah... You are the King. **Chorus x2**

***Dismissal:** L: Go in peace. Christ is near. C: Thanks be to God.

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Trinity Lutheran Church

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First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022 9:15 am Contemporary Worship

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

This service is being livestreamed to our neighbors near and far on Facebook and YouTube, with full sanctuary video coverage of all leaders and worshippers.

BLUE FORM ITEMS:

Please fill in the Blue Form inside this bulletin so we may record your attendance, know your desire to be involved in our activities and receive your prayer requests. Please provide your contact information.

Welcome to Trinity Gathering Meet with Pastor Bobbie and Vicar Kerri to learn more about the ministry and mission of our community of faith, become acquainted with new friends and explore joining our expression of God's love in the world! Choose Sun., Nov. 27th at 2pm, or Tue., Nov. 29th at 7pm.

Community Ministry Coordinating Team Meeting: Thursday, December 1st, 10am at Trinity. Come help us plan our monthly outreach emphasis!

Youth Group Service Project: Our Youth are sponsoring one of the families for the Angel Tree at Trinity this Christmas. Please help them raise funds by contributing crafts or cookies to be sold here at TLC following worship on December 3rd and 4th. Bring your items to the church by noon on Saturday, December 3rd. Indicate what you will donate on the Blue Form, please.

Children's Christmas Program: On Saturday, December 3rd, the 5:30pm Worship Service will include our Children's Christmas Program, followed by a Taco Bar! Sign up to attend or help.

S.T.R.E.A.M. Community Problems Assembly: Learn about the issues we'll be addressing in Manatee County, Monday, December 5th, 6:30pm, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Palmetto. Car pool available.

Christmas Angel Tree is up and once again this year, we are collecting funds to provide Christmas gifts for five families (including 33 children and moms and dads) through Parenting Matters, our community partner that works with families in need in Manatee County. We allocate \$50 to be spent on each child or parent. Volunteers at PM will shop and wrap. If you would like to help with this, please call Robin or Ashley at Parenting Matters to volunteer: 941-756-3007.

Contemplative Yoga: Connect breath and prayer and body movement, Saturday, December 3rd at 10:30am. Chair Yoga Sundays, November 27th and December 4th at 4pm.

J.O.Y. (Intergenerational Faith Sharing) for all ages is held in the Fellowship Hall: Sat. 4:30pm; Sun 10am

WORSHIP NOTES:

Communion: All are invited to take part. Please see the directions provided later in this bulletin.

Your Offering: Please place your offering in the plates at the back of the Sanctuary or use our E-Giving tool on the website: TLCbradenton.com.

Communion Servers: Please come forward and sanitize your hands and receive the elements you will be serving. After all in the congregation have communed, deposit your elements on the marble tables and receive communion from the Vicar and Pastor. Thank you for serving!

Songbook and Hymnal Abbreviations: **BB** = Blue Trinity Binder, **WP** = Worship & Praise, **ELW** = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal), **ACS** = All Creation Sings

Welcome and Announcements

**Please stand as you are able.*

***Greeting:** L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

***Gathering Song:** Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning ACS 949

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning (*sing 3 times*)
for this work's almost done.

Refrain Children, don't grow weary; (*sing 3 times*) for this work's almost done.

2 Darker midnight lies before us, (*sing 3 times*) for this work's almost done. **Refrain**

3 Lo, the morning soon is breaking, (*sing 3 times*) for this work's almost done. **Refrain**

4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, (*sing 3 times*) for this work's almost done. **Refrain**

Text: African American spiritual

***Call To Worship:** (based on Isaiah 2:1-5)

L: The Prophet writes: "In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

C: Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

L: God shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

C: They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

L: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

C: Neither shall they learn war any more.

All: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!"

Lighting of the Advent Candle, Week 1: Hope for Those Who Wait

**C: (*sing*) Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts. Shine in the darkness.
Christ, be our light. Shine in your church, gathered today!**

L: Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God's eternal time.

C: How long, O Lord, how long?

L: For those waiting for answered prayer:

C: Grant your steadfast patience.

L: For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

C: Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.

L: For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:

C: Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.

L: For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:

C: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

L: (as the candle is lit) This morning we light the first candle which reminds us that throughout history, God's people have spent time waiting, wandering and wondering about the timing of God's eternal plan. Like the people of old, we long for God's presence to illuminate the areas of life where we are called to wait. This morning we echo the words of the Psalmist, "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" (Psalm 27:14)

C: (*sing*) Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts. Shine in the darkness. Christ, be our light. Shine in your church, gathered today!

L: Let us pray. **C: God of all creation we declare that you are the Eternal One. We confess to you, O Lord, that we easily grow impatient, when your word to us is to wait. Ignite within us a new and everlasting hope. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***Gospel:** Matthew 24:36-44

Message Song: *Come To Us* BB27

1 Scattered and broken bent in our way We are Your people gathered to praise You
A vineyard uprooted narrow in sight Come Lord of glory come Lord of light

Chorus Come to us O Lord of glory and shine in our hearts

Come to us O Lord of glory and make us anew

Lord we wait for You Lord we wait for You

Lord we wait for You come Lord of glory

2 Come Lord our dayspring come from on high As we Your people gather to praise You
Unworthy to taste from Your heavenly vine But Your word will heal us come light divine

3 Come Root of Jesse come David's son Come Star of Morning we come to praise You
Hope of creation of all humankind Reign over body spirit and mind

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Sermon:

Pastor Bobbie Blackburn

***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:** *Each prayer concludes:* Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

***The Peace:** L: The peace of the Lord be with you always! **C: And also with you!**

***Offering Prayer:** L: Let us pray. **C: Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

***The Table:**

L: Come, Lord Jesus. **C: In this bread and wine, fill us with hope as we wait for you.**

***Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer**

To receive communion, use the center aisle to be given the bread in your hands.

After eating the bread, pick up an empty glass and an assistant will fill it with either wine or grape juice. Wine is in the silver chalices and grape juice is in the tan ceramic chalices.