

**\*Benediction:** L: God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **C: 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 The saints, who here in patience their cross and sufferings bore,  
shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;  
in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.
- 4 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!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907

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

**Postlude** *Finale on Wake, Awake* (Tune: WACHET AUF), setting by Wayne Wold

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## Trinity Lutheran Church

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# First Sunday of Advent

**November 27, 2022    10:45 am Traditional 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.

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.

### Blue Form Items:

**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. Carpool 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](http://TLCbradenton.com).

**Hymnal Abbreviations:** **ELW** = Evangelical Book of Worship (red hymnal), **ACS** = All Creation Sings (purple hymnal)

**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!

**Preservice Music** (piano) *I Wonder As I Wander & Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming* (Hayes)

**Prelude** (organ) *Pastorale on Wake, Awake* (Tune: WACHET AUF), setting by Wayne Wold

### Welcome/Announcements

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

L: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

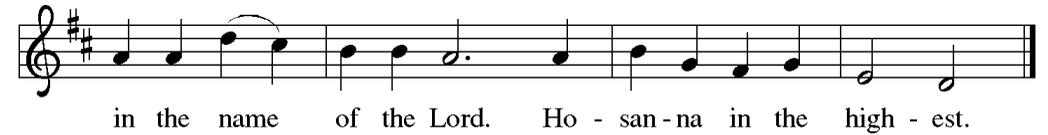
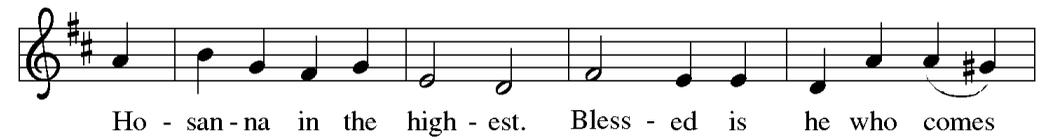
### \*Gathering Hymn: *Hark, the Glad Sound* ELW 239

- 1 Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;  
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,  
and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace, your welcome shall proclaim,  
and heav'n's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

### \*Apostolic Greeting

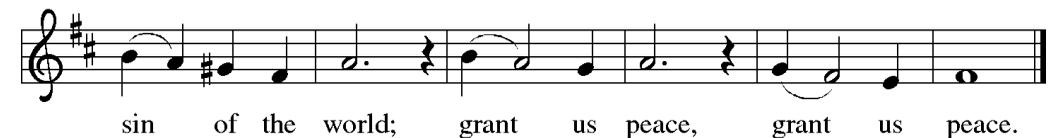
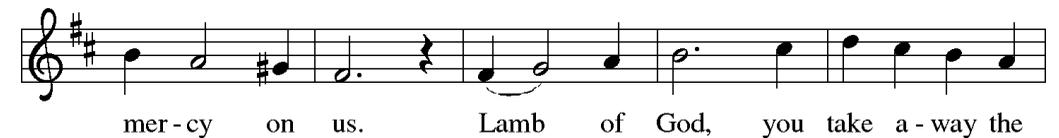
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you!**



### \*Words of Institution and 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.*

### \*Lamb of God (ELW Setting 12)



### Communion Hymn: *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* ELW 256

**\*Prayer after Communion:** L: Let us pray: **C: 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.**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving and Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW Setting 4)**

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

**\*Kyrie (ELW Setting 4)**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

C: A - men.

**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.**

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 2:1-5

L: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation (ELW Setting 4)**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

*The gospel is told*

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Message**

**Sermon Hymn:** *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* ELW 242

1 Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,  
he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.

2 To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing,  
his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing;  
music to heal the broken soul and hymns of lovingkindness,  
the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.

3 In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing,  
as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.  
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder,  
the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.

4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless,  
the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless.  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;  
may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Bobbie Blackburn**

**Musical Offering:** *Prepare the Royal Highway*, setting by Hal Hopson

Trinity Singers

**\*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 portion of the prayers concludes with words:*

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

**\*The Exchange of Peace**

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

**\*Offering Prayer:** L: Let us pray. **C: 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.**