

Happy 1st week of Advent!



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Sunday, November 30th, 2024 First Sunday of Advent Service of Word & Prayer

Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us into a community of prayer.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Long-expected God,
**we confess that we look to ourselves
for the peace and security only you can provide.
We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.
We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake.
Free us from self-reliance,
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.
Increase our trust in God's timing,
and awaken us to your advent among us,
that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**
God judges us not as we deserve,
but according to God's own righteousness.
✝ You are freed and forgiven,
saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior. **Amen.**

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



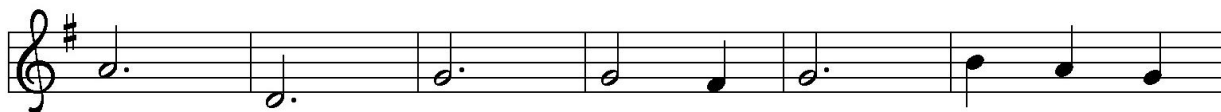
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

In the beginning was the Word,
And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In the Word was life,
And the was life was the light of all people.

The Word became flesh and lived among us,
And we have see his glory, full of grace and truth.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Advent Litany – Finding Awe in the Ordinary

Advent 1 – Waiting

L: How can we find awe in the ordinary task of waiting? We wait in store lines that seem endless. We wait our turn to order food, to use the bathroom, or just for the kids to get their shoes on. We wait, and it often feels far from holy. Yet even in boredom and delay, you meet us. Even in waiting, we can find a moment to be in awe of your gifts.

A: Help us to see the awe of you even in our moments of waiting this week. Open our eyes to your presence with us. Amen.

L: We light one candle and look for ways to find the awe of you, O God, in the ordinary things of life.

(The advent wreath is lit.)

Hymn of the Month: We Are Waiting for Jesus

No. 905

We Are Waiting for Jesus



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



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We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



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Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, silence, reflection, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² 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.

³ 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."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.



Psalm: Psalm 122

¹ I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

² **Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.**

⁷ Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

⁸ **For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

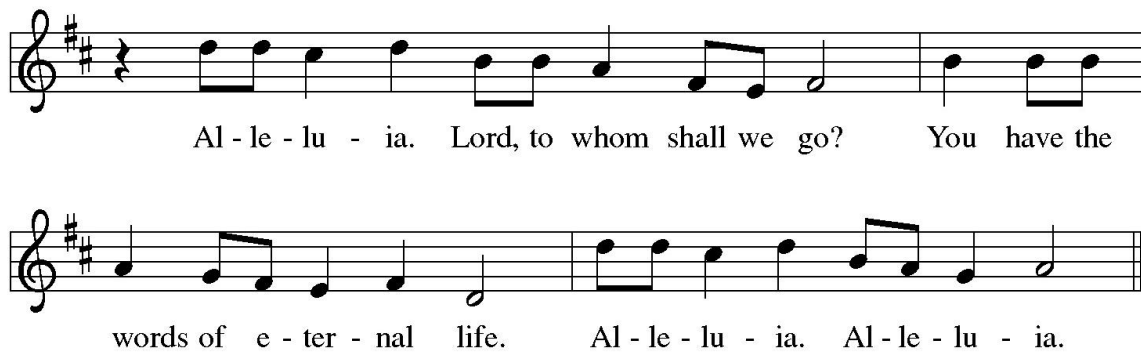
¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near.

Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to Matthew,

Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

Sermon

Pastor Jen Herrmann

Hymn of the Day: My Lord, What a Morning

No. 438

My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un - der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



Refrain

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Thanksgiving for the Word:

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Offertory (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

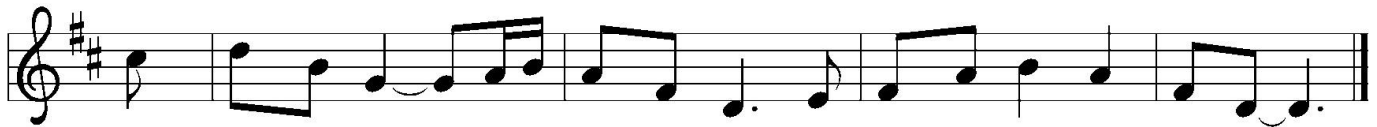
Offertory Song – Accept O Lord the Gifts We Bring

No. 691

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

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 was 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 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.**

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness
And bears the wounds of the world.
Therefore, let us be bold as we pray,
Trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

Prayers of Intercession

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your
promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction. Uphold and
strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Teach us your
ways and lead us in your paths. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges, and mediators. Cast out words of hate and transform them into words for building up community. Remake implements of war to sow peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing. Surround all with care and consolation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another. Nurture therapists, counselors, and sponsors in their care for others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last, bring us with all the saints to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Blessing

May God who comes among us,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,
and good news to share today and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

No. 244

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



- 1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
- 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Dismissal.

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.

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AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Carrie Wiedenheft
Usher:	Fred Wobser & Kent Miller
Acolyte:	Tyler Wiedenheft

At 10:30...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Cathy Wobser
Usher:	Bonnie Lieb & Denny Sessler
Acolyte:	Mason Russell

November Altar Care:	Betty Miller & Cathy Wobser
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PRAYER CONCERNS

To all affected by the war in Ukraine; FAITH members, including, Marilee Werner, the Roman Catholic parishes of Sandusky; the Victory Kitchen ministry serving hot meals to those in need.

Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or jen.herrmann@gmail.com

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft's anniversary on December 5th from Tyler, Carlie, & Ryan.

THE MEMORIAL FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Linda Gantz in memory of her husband's birthday on December 1st.

ATTENDANCE

52 + 28 = 80

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

General Fund – \$3,052.50

Building Improvements – \$125.00



This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Service of Word & Prayer Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am
MONDAY	V8 @ V1	7:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Communion Service Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am



Anyone singing on Christmas Eve, please stay after service for a short practice if you're able. Thank you!



TODAY you are invited to celebrate the Hanging of the Greens at **11:30am**. We'll be decorating the church interior and any help would be appreciated!



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD! Our Sunday school students have been working very hard to bring some joyful noise to you during their annual Christmas program on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH** during both worship services! Come listen to various instruments such as clarinets, boom whackers, bells, chimes, and even a steel drum. Your support of the students will not go unnoticed!



IT'S CHRISTMAS PICTURE TIME! On **Sunday, December 14th**, enjoy refreshments in the upstairs gathering room and a chance for you to get your family or single picture taken with an outdoor backdrop. There will also be "Make a Joyful Noise!" costumes and props for your picture, to accompany the youth program theme. Each will receive a 4x6 print and a special Christmas bell to make your own joyful noise at home! Come have fun with your church family and smile for the camera!



GET OUT THOSE UGLY and FUNNY CHRISTMAS garments and join in the fun by wearing them on **Sunday, December 21st**. And this year, you'll have no excuse to not participate as Congregational Life will have ties for the men and corsages for the women. We hope you get in the spirit of Christmas with us!



The HELPING HANDS TREE is up and ready for you to help a family in need. As in the past, please wrap your presents and make sure to put the corresponding symbol on the tag. Please have all gifts returned no later than **Sunday, December 14th** so we have time to get them to the family. Your help is greatly appreciated!

POINSETTIA order forms are located next to the bulletins. Please submit it by **Monday, December 8th**.



OUR ELCA GOOD GIFTS TREE is back again this year. This is our annual wider church mission support event and is now out for you to purchase items from.

This is how this works:

Pick an ornament from the tree which you would like to support.
Take it and an envelope with you, fill out the information needed on the envelope.

Place the money in the envelope.

Bring it back next week with you or mail it to the church office.

You get to keep the ornament or give it to the person you have honored or a family member of someone you have memorialized.

All memorials or honoraria will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.