

# Trinity Lutheran Church & School

## Fourth Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 21, 6 PM | Sunday, December 22, 9 AM

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*(The ringing of the bell signals the beginning of worship. Please direct your attention to the Prelude offered for your personal worship preparation. Please also silence all electronic devices.)*

### PRELUDE

(6:00) **Rejoice, Rejoice Believers -arr. Ashdown**  
*Marilyn Mark, Associate Organist*

(9:00) **In the Bleak Midwinter -arr. Hayes**  
*Hope Muehler, cello*

### WELCOME and GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

**HYMN** **Arise, O Christian People** LSB 354

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### ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

#### INTROIT

*1 Sam. 2:1b, 2, 5b-7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47*

Pastor: My soul magnifies the Lord,

**People: and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

Pastor: My mouth derides my enemies,

**People: because I rejoice in your salvation.**

Pastor: There is none holy like the LORD;

**People: there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.**

Pastor: The barren has borne seven,

**People: but she who has many children is forlorn.**

Pastor: The LORD kills and brings to life;

**People: he brings down to Sheol and raises up.**

Pastor: The LORD makes poor and makes rich;

**People: he brings low and he exalts.**

Pastor: My soul magnifies the Lord,  
**People: and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

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*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent.*

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING** **Micah 5:2-5a**

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose coming forth is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of his brothers shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5a</sup> And he shall be their peace.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Psalm 118:26; Zechariah 9:9*

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.  
**People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

Pastor: Behold, your king is coming to you;

**People: righteous and having salvation.**

Pastor: Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

## **EPISTLE**

**Hebrews 10:5-10**

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body have you prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,  
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

<sup>8</sup> When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **ALLELUIA and VERSE** (*Stand*)

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## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 1:39-56**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> and

she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my 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 from 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 on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> And 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 mighty from their thrones

and exalted those of humble estate;

<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> as he spoke to our fathers,

to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

<sup>56</sup> And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

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## OFFERING

(6:00)

**People, Look East -arr. DeJong**

(9:00)

**Rose of Bethlehem -Lowell Alexander***Emily Gibson, vocalist**Hope Muehler, cello*

There's a Rose in Bethlehem With a beauty quite divine  
 Perfect in this world of sin On this silent holy night  
 There's a Fragrance much like hope That It sends upon the wind  
 Reaching out to ev'ry soul From a lowly manger's crib

O Rose of Bethlehem How lovely pure and sweet  
 Born to glorify the Father Born to wear the thorns for me

There's a Rose in Bethlehem Colored red like Mercy's Blood  
 'Tis the Flower of our faith 'Tis the Blossom of God's Love  
 Though Its Bloom is fresh with youth Surely what will be He knows  
 For a tear of morning dew Is rolling down the rose

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

*Out of love for our members and guests, and with sincere concern for the spiritual welfare of all, and in the desire to honor Christ our Lord and to be faithful to His Word, Trinity Lutheran Church abides by the ancient and biblical practice of closed Communion. All who are communicant members in good standing of Trinity Lutheran Church or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to come in true repentance to receive Christ's body and blood in the fellowship of this altar. All others are welcome to gather at the altar rail with arms folded across your chest, indicating your desire to receive a word of blessing from the pastor.*

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*Rejoice:*  
**THE LORD IS AT HAND**



**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:** 4 PM and 6 PM  
*Holy Communion and candle lighting at both services*

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE:** 9 AM  
*with Holy Communion*



# PRAY

*without ✦ ceasing*

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.  
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

**JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THESE GENERAL & SPECIFIC NEEDS AT TRINITY**

## **SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS AT TRINITY**

- For grateful hearts as we recall God's mercies to Trinity during 140 years, & for bold faith that confidently relies on God's promised mercies as we embrace the future
- For the Lord of the Church, Jesus Christ, to raise up and send out laborers into His harvest
- Guidance and support for Trinity's School Board—and that God would in due time bless us with a new principal
- For relatives & friends of Trinity on active military duty

## **GENERAL CHURCH & WORLD CONCERNS**

- For the people of Liberia and the school project there
- Thanks for God's care for us through Word & Sacrament
- For opportunities to share Jesus with others
- For the Spirit-empowered readiness to love, confess, forgive, and be reconciled
- For persecuted Christians throughout the world
- For the well-being of pregnant mothers and their preborn children, in both body and soul
- For an end to racism, terrorism, and every evil
- For our national, state, and local government leaders
- For all those who are chronically ill and suffering

## **PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

- *Faye Allen's nephew, Joel*
- *Darrell Axtell*
- *Heidi Baumert's uncle, Jim*
- *Steve Blockhus*
- *Chuck & Pat Campbell*
- *Laura Drzycimski's dad, John*
- *Karen Flint*
- *Mike Humphrey*
- *Don Maeder*
- *Ervene Nothwehr*
- *Del Runquist's son, Randy*
- *Carol Stellwagen*
- *Eloise Weiss*
- *Doran Welch*
- *LeAnna Williams*
- *Pamela Wilson*
- *Ed & Judy Wiseman*