Hope That Waits



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 29, 2026
9:00 am Service

Order of Worship

**stand as you are able*

Prelude Karla Keller

Welcome

Lighting the Advent Wreath

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **Hymn #257**

verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

... The weary world is waiting.
Come, Lord Jesus. You are our hope.

Gathering Hymn** ***Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding! **Hymn #246**

1. Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding!
   "Christ is near," we hear it say.
   "Cast away the works of darkness,
   all you children of the day!"

2. Wakened by the solemn warning,
   from earth's bondage let us rise;
   Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
   shines upon the morning skies.

3. See the Lamb, so long expected,
   come with pardon down from heav'n.
   Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
   one and all, to be forgiv'n;

***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.**

***Kyrie Eleison** *To the tune of "Infant Lowly, Infant Holy"*

Lord, have mercy on your people.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Shine your light into our darkness.
Fill us with your holy love.
Be our strength in times of trouble.
Set us free from chains that bind.
Breathe new life into our spirits.
Purify our hearts and minds.

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Heal all conflicts between nations.
Teach us how to live as one.
Show us how to love our neighbor.
Run to those who cry for help.
Word made flesh who lives among us;
Christ our Lord, Emmanuel.

***Hymn of Praise** *To the tune of "Angels We Have Heard on High"*

Glory be to God on high.
Peace, good will to all the earth.
Let us sing a joyful song
to the Christ, the Living Word.

Refrain:
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Love has come to dwell with us.
Light now shines on ev'ryone.
Hope has lifted up our hearts.
Joy has made in us a home. *(Refrain)*

Children's Moment Pastor Adam

***Gospel Acclamation** *To the tune of "What Child is This"*

What Word is this on printed page, proclaimed and lived among us?
O Living Christ, the nations rage; what hope and truth will you bring us?
Peace, peace is what we pray for; all creation is groaning.
Come, Lord, and renew our hearts, the world with its tears overflowing.

***Gospel**

The good news according to Habakkuk
Glory to you, O Lord

...Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.
Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

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

Message

Hymn of the Day** ***O Come, All Ye Faithful **Hymn #283**

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the king of angels:

Refrain:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

2. The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! *(Refrain)*

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest: *(Refrain)*

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *(Refrain)*

***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 the Church**

... Come, Lord Jesus.
You are our hope.

***Sharing of the Peace / Announcements**

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

Offering

Thank you for your continued financial support.
An offering plate can be found in the back of church as you leave worship. Or give online at www.trin.org/give.

Offertory Response **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** **Hymn #254**

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
   from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
   Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
   dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king;
   born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
   By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
   by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Offertory Prayer

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 the God of hope hold you steady at the watchpost.
May Christ, who is coming, meet you in the waiting.
May the Spirit be your strength when the fig tree is bare.
And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn** ***Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers **Hymn #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.

Go in peace to practice faithful living and to join God in changing lives.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude ***Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (reprise)*** Karla Keller

In Our Prayers:

Wilbur Light, Mary Siefert, Elvina Nelson, Steve Boylan, Frank Fritzke, Stacey Lewandowski, Gloria Raguse (sister of Sandy Beckman), Veronica White (sister of Liz Hirsch), Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson)

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Announcements

Poinsettia Sale Purchase a poinsettia to adorn Trinity's Christmas Eve altar. Order online at **trin.org/poinsettia** or find a paper order form at the Trinity Welcome Center. Order deadline is today, November 29.

Help Decorate Trinity for Christmas Let's decorate Trinity for Christmas today, November 29 following worship. All are welcome to help. Meet Robyn Behrens and Sue Magnuson in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am for instructions.

Midweek Advent Suppers & Worship Join us on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16 for a light supper from 5:30 - 6:30 pm and *Holden Evening Prayer* worship at 7:00 pm.

Advent Devotional Pick up an Advent devotional and join us in exploring "A Thrill of Hope" through simple scripture, prayer, and reflection—available in print in the Narthex and at the Welcome Center or as a digital download at **www.trin.org/advent**.

Giving Tuesday at Trinity Thrivent Financial will match online gifts to Trinity on Giving Tuesday, December 1! Visit **trin.org/givingtuesday** to learn more about how your donation supports our church ministries and to find the link to give.

Saint Lucia Tea Open House Join us at our annual Saint Lucia Tea on Saturday, December 12, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers. Learn more and sign up to volunteer at the Welcome Center or **www.trin.org/lucia**.

Adopt-a-Family Gifts Help make Christmas a little brighter for local families. Choose gift requests at **trin.org under EVENTS**. Return gifts to church by December 13.

Reverse Advent Calendar Food Drive Give back this Advent season by donating food and personal items to Gather and Grow Food Shelf. Pick up a paper grocery bag and a calendar list in the Gathering Hall and drop off your donations any time in December.