

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Eucharistic Matins

December 24th 2023

10:15

Prelude

+ Service of Preparation +

Please Stand

Call to Worship



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



G and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



G make haste to help me, O Lord.



G Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



G O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit; one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Epistle

Romans 16:25-27

²⁵ Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, ²⁶ but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith— ²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord,

People: Thanks be to God!

Please Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." ³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail." ³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

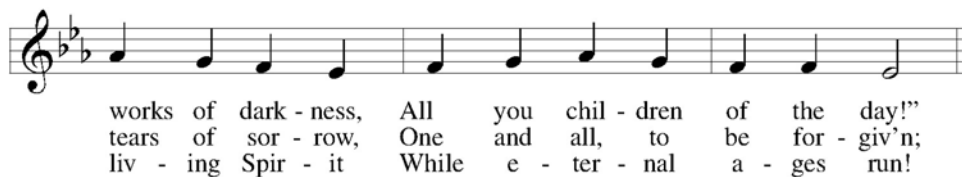
People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please Be Seated

Hymn ~ Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding (vv. 1, 3, & 5)

LSB 345

1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the
near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



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Message

Prayers of the Church

After Each Petition...

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Please Be Seated

Offering

Ways to Give

Giving a portion of the gifts God has given is, at its heart, an act of worship.

- Place your giving in the basket when you come forward for communion.
- Text to Give, simply text your gift amount ("i.e., \$25" be sure to include the \$ sign) to 314-310-0442.
- Online giving at <https://trinitystlouis.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving>.
- Mail your giving to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Souland St., St. Louis, MO 63104.

Connect with Your Church & Community!

If you're new to our neighborhood, worshipping community, or a invite you to connect with our ministry by filling out our online the QR Code to be taken to our online welcome, or navigate to the connect...

"trinitystlouis.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/107/responses/new"



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+ Service of the Sacrament +

We believe that in this Sacrament we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. All who wish to receive the sacrament are invited to come forward to receive the unending forgiveness of Jesus Christ;

to become together what we consume: The Body of Christ in and for the world.

Children and those who would prefer not to receive the sacrament are welcome at the altar to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Preface and Proper Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right... ..evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

(DS II)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Words of Institution

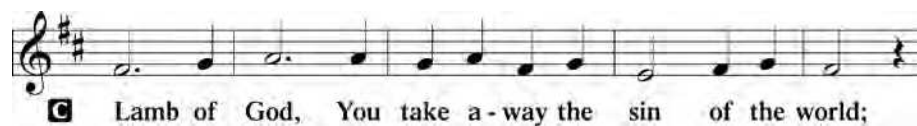
The Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

(DS II)



Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



Please Be Seated

Hymn ~ Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness With a lib-er-
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In-car-nate, Christ, who suf-fered
at-ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris-'ners,
gen-tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de-mons
in our place. Je-sus died and rose vic-to-ri-ous
Turn-ing blind-ness in-to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and
Gos-pel, Heal-ing ev-'ry dread dis-ease, Calm-ing
wa-ter To the des-ert's burn-ing sand; From this
glad-ness, See-ing what our God has done; Let us
storms, and feed-ing thou-sands With the ver-y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv-ing wa-ter, Quench-ing thirst in ev-'ry land.
praise the true Re-deem-er, Praise the One who makes us one.

Prayer

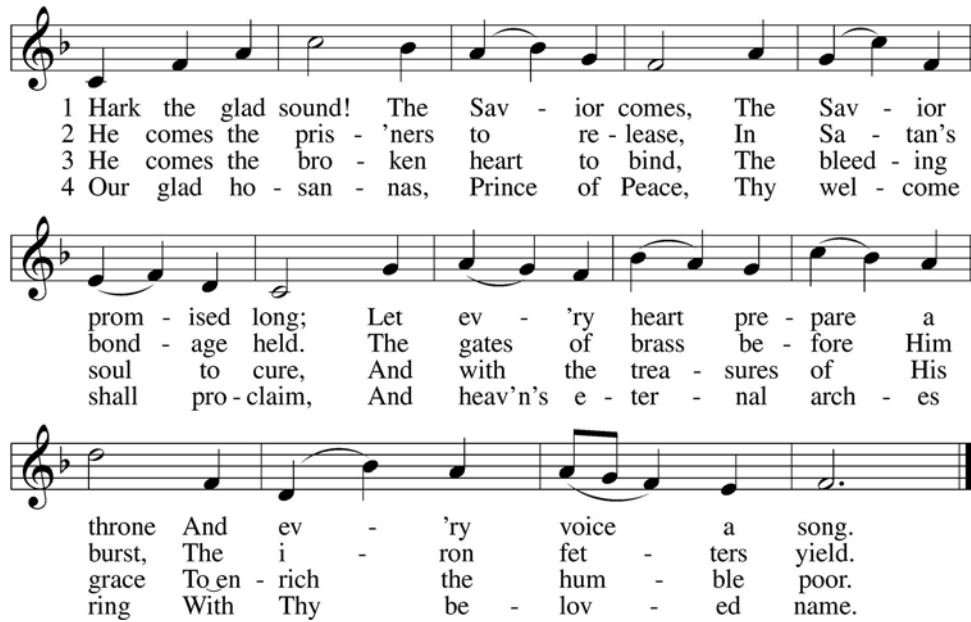
Pastor: ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Hymn ~ Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es

throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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Postlude

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Worship Leaders



Ministers: *The People of Trinity Lutheran Church*

10:15 a.m.

Preacher: *Travis Scholl*

Presider: *Travis Scholl*

Communion *Marti Freund,*

Servers: *Jake Lipe*

Lector: *Bob Kurtz*

Organist: *Jeff White*

Communion Prep: *Dianne Davis*

Greeter: *Melba Wetmore*

Usher: *John Carroll,*

Ken Horvath,

Kay Weber

Livestream: *Hayden Koeltzow,*
Paul Koeltzow

December 24, 2023

TRINITY TODAY

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!
We pray that your time with us today is uplifting
and encouraging as we follow Jesus together as
God's people.

Our ministry team and community of faith are here
to help you connect both with Christ Jesus and
with our ministry. If we can be of help to you in
any way, please don't hesitate to let us know.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

Worship Service - 10:15 a.m.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

No worship service on Saturday, December 23 at 5:00 p.m. or Sunday, December 24 at 8:15 a.m.
Regular Sunday Worship Service on December 24 at 10:15 a.m.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship services 3:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.
December 25 – Christmas Day Worship service, 10:15 a.m.

TUESDAY – SATURDAY

Soup Window 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Closed Monday, December 25, 2023 & Monday, January 1, 2024

MONDAY – THURSDAY

Office Hours closed ~ December 24, 2023 – January 1, 2024
Limited office hours January 2-4, 2024

CONGREGATION

Trinity Year End Financial Appeal

We're so thankful for your generosity this year! Your prayerful gifts have made it possible for us to begin renovation on our school building soon.

2023 has been a challenging financial year in many ways, including high inflation and a difficult investment marketplace. As a result, we're looking at a current shortfall for the year of over \$128,000.

We want you to know we're cutting expenses where we can, and prayerfully doing our best to be good stewards of God's gifts. We are not going broke, we have some backup reserves, but using them can be a slippery slope and those funds are not endless.

So, we're asking if you are able, to prayerfully consider an additional year-end gift to support Trinity's ministry, as a response to the gifts God has entrusted to you.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

	2023 YTD	2023 Budget	Variance	2022 YTD	2021 YTD
Member Contributions	\$511,860.	\$621,775.	\$(109,915).	\$556,361.	\$505,770
Community Care	9,146.	39,371.	(30,225).	19,526.	38,894.
TOTAL INCOME	\$521,006.	\$661,146.	\$(140,140).	\$575,887.	\$544,664

As of November 30th, church income is below budget by \$140,140 and is 10.2% and 8.4% lower than income for the comparable periods ending November 2022 and 2021, respectively. The current period net operating loss is \$100,071, slightly better than October.

Panhandling - Please DO NOT give money, food or other items to any unhoused neighbors who might ask when you are at Trinity. Panhandling will not be tolerated on Trinity's campus, if someone needs food, please tell them "Soup Alley is open Monday - Saturday from 9:30-10:30" or "It's Trinity's policy not to give things out on Sundays"

Ministry of the Month: Martin Luther once said: "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to us that we should proclaim the Word of God through music." This is what the Choirs and Musicians of Trinity strive to do through our singing, ringing, and playing of instruments. Even the hymns we sing every week are vehicles for prayer, praise, and even Christian education. Participation in the Choir only requires a heart willing to dedicate the time to learn the music in weekly rehearsals from Labor Day through Memorial Day. Musical experience is helpful, but not required, to ring in the handbell choir, and anyone who is able to play an instrument is invited to use that talent to God's glory by letting Jeff White know of your interest. Both the Choir and Handbells meet on Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary. Let us know if you would like to be part of providing your gift to proclaim and praise.

Panorama: To view Trinity's Panorama Christmas presentation go to YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjEsci3V3Hk>

COMMUNITY CARE

Community:

Soup Alley Food - 1,239 meals served at Soup Alley for the month of November. Daily average of 50 meals
Please consider how you can help, donate, or serve. Meals are served Monday-Saturday 9:30 -10:30 a.m. for our unhoused and hungry neighbors.

Items to donate:

- Bottled water
- Fruit (small oranges or bananas preferred)
- Chips/Pre-packaged snacks
- Pre-packaged snack cakes, desserts, etc.
- Large and X Large t-shirts, hoodies, and underwear.
- Winter gear

If you are able to bring any of these items to Trinity for distribution, please schedule your drop-off through the church office by emailing office@trinitystlouis.com. Donation drop off days are Mondays and Thursdays between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm by appointment.

New Community Care Donation Bins: Please place your Saturday/Sunday donations for Community Care in the marked bins in the "museum room." This will help us inventory items coming into Soup Alley.

Thrivent Action Team Grant: As the end of the year approaches make sure you apply for your Thrivent Action Team Grants, if you are a member of Thrivent. There is a step-by-step guide available to assist you in applying for a \$250 Thrivent Action Team Grant. Just email Kim at kimdannmessier@trinitystlouis.com for a copy and/or ideas for a project to fund. For more information go to <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>.

Grant Ideas for Community Care: Christmas Toys for Humboldt, Sammie Sunday, Winter Gear for Soup Alley: Hand warmers, long underwear, hats, waterproof gloves, etc.

GIVING

There are many ways to Give:

Online giving: Check Trinity Weekend ENews for the link or go to <https://trinitystlouis.com/give/>.

In Person: Gifts of cash or check payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church" can be given in all worship services.

Mail: You can send your gift to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Souland Street, St. Louis, MO 63104

2023 Year End Giving: Giving for 2023 must be given online no later than December 31, 2023.; given in person in the offering plate during the 2023 services or mail postmarked no later than December 31, 2023

2024 Giving Envelopes: will be available starting December 30 & 31 in the back of the sanctuary.

STUDENT MINISTRY

SONday School - For children 3 years to 5th grade, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish House, 1st flr., opens with music led by elementary school music teachers Katy Moll and Rebecca Carroll. Resumes January 7, 2024

Youth Confirmation Class - On break until January 7, 2024.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday Adult Bible Study - On break until December 31.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study - Resumes January 9 2024.

Wednesday Bible Study -Will resume January 24, 2024

PRAY

Birthdays ~ December 23 - 29

Jakob Aagaard	December 24
Paula Wike	December 24
Rory Moehlman	December 25
Melissa Brown	December 26
Alex Castro	December 27
Joshua Dehne	December 27
Quincy Johnson	December 27
Dorothy Brents	December 28
Sienna Haar	December 28
Darrow Washington	December 28
Emerson Guidry	December 29

Parish Community

Rita Dodson
Anthony & Jocelynn Dodson
Andrea & Jennifer Drescher
Anna, Ian, & James
Ted & Dottie Drewes
Janet Droege
Madeline Droege
Lynn Droege
Mike & Chelsey Duggar
Luke Eatherton
Larry & Tabitha Edger
Devin Erikson

OUR DEACONS



Allen Helms



Joyce Binder



Patrick Hendershot



Ginny Kuhlhoff



Mary Marth



Lorene Mazdra



Jeaninne Meyer



Kay Weber



Paul Weinhold



Melba Wetmore



Mike Ziemann



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