

GATHERING MUSIC

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O God, there are times when we are good at waiting. We can wait for a baby to arrive. We can wait for the mailman to deliver the day's mail. We can even wait for Christmas. But we are not very good at waiting for you. We forget that there are preparations that are to be made before you come. We fail to realize the fullness of life you call us to live while we wait for you. As we gather to worship and to wait, we pray you will instruct us, prepare us, anoint us and inspire us, so that our waiting might be a holy time of preparation, worship, confession and rejoicing. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Waiting on God requires the willingness to bear uncertainty, to carry within oneself the unanswered question, lifting the heart to God about it whenever it intrudes upon one's thoughts.

-Elisabeth Elliot (Missionary and Author)

The people of God are not merely to mark time, waiting for God to step in and set right all that is wrong. Rather, they are to model the new heaven and new earth, and by so doing awaken longings for what God will someday bring to pass.

-Philip Yancey (American Author)

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Leader: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

People: Our God, in you we trust.

Leader: Make us to know your ways, O Lord.

People: Teach us your paths.

Leader: Lead us in your truth.

People: Teach us, for you are the God of our salvation. For you, we wait all day long.

PRAISE SONG

“Let This Be a Place”

Let this be a place, Lord where he - roes are fash - ioned;
filled with your fire, Lord, fueled with your pas - sion.
Ev - ery - day peo - ple, walk - ing with cour - age in - to the
1. night, bring - ing the light of a new day.
Lord you have called the young and na - ive, skep - tics and cyn - ics, who
hard - ly be - lieve. Lord, you have called the wea - ry and old,
mak - ing the tim - id, cou - ra - geous and bold.
Dar - ing to face all e - vil and wrong, tell - ing the truth with a
voice clear and strong; Dar - ing to live out the words that we say;
show - ing the world a more ex - cel - lent way Let this be a
2. night, bring - ing the light of a new day;
in - to the night, bring - ing the light of a new day.

THE CONFESSION

All: O God, there are times when we are good at waiting. We can wait for a baby to arrive. We can wait for the mailman to deliver the day's mail. We can even wait for Christmas. But we are not very good at waiting for you. We forget that there are preparations that are to be made before you come. We fail to realize the fullness of life you call us to live while we wait for you. As we gather to worship and to wait, we pray you will instruct us, prepare us, anoint us and inspire us, so that our waiting might be a holy time of preparation, worship, confession and rejoicing.

Pastor: God grants our spiritual requests as we focus on that which God would have us know. We are a forgiven people. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Reader 1: O come, Emmanuel, God-with-us, the One we have hoped for.

Reader 2: We are waiting for you, Emmanuel.

All: Yes, come to us, Emmanuel.

Light the first candle.

"An Advent Invitation" vs 1

1. Light the Ad - vent Can - dle, Let it shine with hope.
2. Light the Ad - vent Can - dle, Let it shine with peace.
5 3. Light the Ad - vent Can - dle, Let it shine with joy.

9 Soon a star will guide us to the One that was fore - told.
Behold a Prince is com - ing and His reign will ne - ver cease.
Soon the Earth will cel - e - brate sweet Ma - ry's lit - tle Boy.

12 To a lone - ly cat - tle stall, God will send the
To a pal - ace, not of might, God will send His
To the man - ger of this world, God will send His

15 Lord of all. Light the Ad - vent Can - - dle,
Ho - ly Light Light the Ad - vent Can - - dle,
Price - less Pearl. Light the Ad - vent Can - - dle,

Christ is com - ing soon.(vs2)
Christ is com - ing soon.(refrain)
Christ is com - ing soon.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE WORD: SPOKEN AND IN MUSIC

Waiting- CTP Singers

O Come Emmanuel- Rick Gilbertson

THE OFFERING Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to “share the love and promise of God” through its ministries.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

Leader 1: Our days are busy and our hearts are full.

Leader 2: Yet, something is missing.

All: Maranatha! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Leader 1: We put on our “successful, happy” faces out in the world.

Leader 2: Yet, we are empty and sad.

All: Maranatha! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Leader 1: The world shouts “buy,” “push ahead,” “get your own.”

Leader 2: Yet, the gospel whispers “share,” “there is enough,” “your life is already abundant and good.”

All: Maranatha! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Leader 1: Some yearning brings us here — for love, for comfort, for community

Leader 2: Yet, only you, O God, can ultimately fill that need.

All: Maranatha! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Leaders 1 & 2: So we speak these words from the final Book of Revelation, in our own language and in the language of much of the early church:

All: Maranatha! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Leaders 1 & 2: And we pray together.

All: Maranatha! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! There is room in our hearts and lives for you — room that only you can fill — happiness that only you can bring. Come, Lord Jesus! Maranatha! Amen!

Leader: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”
Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FAMILY MEAL. (Sit)

All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.

*When you receive the bread, you may either dip the bread in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice
Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.*

We also now have individually packaged gluten free wafer/wine in the front pews.

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

"Thy Word"

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

1. When I feel a - fraid_ think I've lost my way, still You're there right be -
2. I will not for - get Your love for me and yet my heart for - ev - er is

side_ me. And noth - ing will I fear as_
wan - der - ing. Je - sus be my guide and

long as You are near. Please be near me to the end_
hold me to Your side, and I will love you to the end_

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for the hymn "Thy Word". It consists of four staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first line is the opening line: "Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path." The second line contains two verses: "1. When I feel a - fraid_ think I've lost my way, still You're there right be -" and "2. I will not for - get Your love for me and yet my heart for - ev - er is". The third line continues the lyrics: "side_ me. And noth - ing will I fear as_" and "wan - der - ing. Je - sus be my guide and". The fourth line concludes the lyrics: "long as You are near. Please be near me to the end_" and "hold me to Your side, and I will love you to the end_".

"More Precious Than Silver"

Lord, You are more pre - cious than sil - ver;

Lord, You are more cost - ly than gold.

Lord, You are more beau - ti - ful_ than dia - monds, And

noth - ing I de - sire com - pares with You._____

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for the hymn "More Precious Than Silver". It consists of four staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first line is: "Lord, You are more pre - cious than sil - ver;". The second line is: "Lord, You are more cost - ly than gold.". The third line is: "Lord, You are more beau - ti - ful_ than dia - monds, And". The fourth line concludes the lyrics: "noth - ing I de - sire com - pares with You._____".

Take My Life That I May Be

Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;
 let them flow in cease - less praise.

1. Take my hands and let them move
 2. Take my sil - ver and let my gold,
 3. Take my voice and let me sing
 4. Take my will and make it thine;

at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no long - er mine;

take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and them ev - 'ry
 take my lips, and let them be filled with
 take my heart, and it is thine own; it shall

beau - ti - ful for thee
 pow'r as thou shalt choose. (Chorus)
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne. (Chorus)

THE BLESSING (stand)

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: We bless you, O God, because by your word all creation came to be. Hear our praise today and help us to use our voices only for uplifting and caring for others.

All: **Amen.**

THE SENDING SONG

“We Are Praying in the Light of the Lord”

1. We are pray - ing in the light of the Lord, we are
pray - ing in the light of the Lord. We are
pray - ing in the light of the Lord, we are
pray - ing in the light of the Lord. We are
pray - ing _____ Oh, _____ we are
pray - ing in the light of the Lord. We are
pray - ing, _____ Oh, _____ we are
pray - ing in the light of the Lord. _____

2. We are trusting in the light of the Lord ...
3. We are living in the light of the Lord ...

THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please join us for a coffee hour after the 9:30 worship service.



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WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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Coffee Hour:

Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Ho-Chunk and Potawatomi people. As such, we wish to give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home. It is our sincere desire that this acknowledgement initiates an ongoing instructive, and constructive journey toward respect, truth and healing regarding colonialism, the church community, and inclusivity for all children of the Great Spirit. We commit ourselves as God's children to pray for our indigenous siblings, to pray for God's blessings on them and for strength for them and for us as we work together for justice, dignity, respect and peace for all the diverse people of the land.

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