



How does a  
weary world  
rejoice? We sing stories  
of hope

Madison, South Dakota

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 22, 2024

PRELUDE "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming" arr. Carolyn Hamlin

WELCOME AND CENTERING

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES John & Kristin Morse

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #257, stanzas 1 & 4

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN "Savior of the Nations, Come" #263, stanzas 1–3, 6

GREETING & KYRIE p. 138

CANTICLE OF PRAISE "Glory to God" p. 139

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING Micah 5:2–5a

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Luke 1:46b–55

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Stand*) p. 142

GOSPEL Luke 1:67–80

P: The Holy Gospel... C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

**"Blessed Be the God of Israel"**

**#250**

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 INTERCESSION

**P: Lord, in your mercy,**

**C: receive our prayer.**

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.**

PEACE

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.**

OFFERING

**"Magnificat (Mary's Song)"  
Tami Christiansen, vocalist**

**Marty Haugen**

OFFERING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

**"Canticle of the Turning"**

**#723**

DISMISSAL

**P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

“O Come, Little Children”

arr. Robert W. Thygerson

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## WELCOME TO TRINITY

The people of Trinity Lutheran Church believe that Christ welcomes ALL people to himself, as beloved children of God. This means that we embrace the full inclusion of all people into the life and ministry of this faith community. Whether you have been a lifelong member of Trinity or just discovered us, you are welcome. If you are certain of what you believe or are immersed in doubts, you are included. No matter how you may have previously been excluded, you belong. You are welcome to worship with us. You are welcome to the table to share in Holy Communion with us. You are welcome to join us for Bible studies, book studies, small groups, and other opportunities to explore your faith. You are welcome to participate in coffee hours, potlucks, and all the other gatherings we have as a faith community to celebrate and build relationships. You are welcome to serve with us, as we do our best to embody Christ's love in the world. We welcome YOU...just as Christ welcomes you...just as you are!

If you would like to be a part of what God is up to here at Trinity, if you would like to become more involved, or if you are feeling called to take on a formal leadership role in this faith community, we invite you to connect with Deacon Koren or Pastor Steve.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Remember in Prayer:** Krystal Draper, Joanne Boomgarden, Sally Olson, Fay Dimick, Deanna Bergheim, Georgia Bellinger, Tim Schut, David Hanson, Virginia Oas, Mendy Herke, Maci Johnson, Kendra Paulson, Kelly LaValliere, Barb Feige, Larry Mitchell, Jean Mitchell, Nancy Gilbert  
Family of Justin Walker on his death
- **Christmas Eve:** Candlelight worship is at 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Dec. 24.
- **Christmas Day:** Join us for Christmas carols, coffee/cider, and treats on Dec. 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Invite others to attend this casual event to celebrate Jesus's birth.
- **Office Closed:** The church office will be closed Dec. 24–26 for the Christmas holiday.
- **Dec. 29:** We will only have one worship service next Sun., which will be at 9:30 a.m.
- **Thank You:** Thank you to Susan Williams, Wade & Jennifer Briggs, Jon & Mary Hunter, Karen Kalvig, Karen Giles, and Ron & Bobbi Janke for delivering Home Communion in Dec.
- **Support Group:** Trinity's support group for women who have lost their husband will meet at 11:00 a.m., Dec. 23 at Nicky's for the last time at that location. Come with ideas for a meeting place for 2025.
- **Preschool Registration:** Registration opens to Trinity members on Jan. 13. E-mail Miss Beth with questions or to get paperwork.
- Please check the newsletter for the current summary of the financials.

*Please see Trinity's eNews for weekly calendar and more detailed announcements.*

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