

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

New Service Times:       8:15 am – Drive-In Service  
                                  9:30 am – Facebook Live Service  
                                  10:30 am – Burhenn Zoom Bible Study  
                                  11:00 am – Worship in the Sanctuary

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - TODAY after the 11:00 am service** (around 12:00 noon.) Members of the congregation may attend either in person or via Facebook Live. Please bring a mask if planning on attending in person. During the meeting we will look to ministry in the coming year by approving a budget for 2021 and electing members to our Congregation Council and the Missions and Ministry Endowment Committee.

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS** – We will once again be decorating our church with Poinsettias as part of our celebration of our Lord’s birth. Poinsettias may be placed in memory or in honor of loved ones. The cost is **\$8.00** a poinsettia. For your convenience an envelope will be included in an Advent mailing sent to all parish homes. You may mail them or drop them off at the office with your payment included. Call the office if you have any questions. Poinsettias may be picked up after our Christmas services. You can also arrange to pick them up at another time as well.

**OWLS** - Bible Study will meet via ZOOM on Tuesday, **December 1**, at 10:00 am. We'll be reading Galatians 4. Please contact Herb Burhenn (886-4167 or Herbert-Burhenn@utc.edu) if you wish to be added to the invitation list.

The Sunday morning Bible study meets at 10:30 am and is reading Genesis. Contact Herb Burhenn if you wish to be added to the invitation list.

**ST NICHOLAS PARTY ANNOUNCEMENT** - Our annual St. Nicholas Party at Dupont Elementary will take place **Tuesday, December 15th** from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Here is how you can help brighten a child’s life at Christmas:

- Select a ticket from the tree in the narthex. Cut and take your portion of the ticket while writing your name and phone number on the part still attached to the tree. (Or Call into the office and ask for a child to be assigned to you.)
- Next shop for the requested gifts on the back of your ticket, and return them, wrapped, to the church by **Sunday, December 13th**. In order to maintain fairness, we ask that you purchase 5 gifts per child, no more and no less.
- If you are uncomfortable shopping during the pandemic, you can also make a monetary donation and volunteers will do the shopping and wrapping for you! Just note that your donation is for St. Nicholas party.
- If you have a Thrivent Action Team yet to be used in 2020 and you are willing to use it for St. Nicholas, please let Pastor Stan know. You can also help with the party itself as we need folks to stage the party, help with the party itself and clean-up following. Because of the pandemic the event is

scheduled to be held outdoors this year and masks will need to be worn.  
Let's share the spirit of Christmas in a year when Christmas is so very much needed!

**CONDOLENCE CARDS FOR BERTIE** – If you would like to send a card to Bertie for the death of her daughter, her new address is: Bertie Rotureau, C/O The Oaks at Pooler, 125 Southern Junction Blvd #800, Pooler, GA 31322. Her son wanted to let her friends know... “We were allowed a visit into mom’s assisted living facility apartment to break this sad news to her. While she is a strong lady, she took this news pretty hard. Due to COVID and her overall health

we decided not to carry her up for the service. We will visit her again Monday and show her the service via a Facebook stream the church produced.”

**ONLINE DIRECTORY** – The Trinity Online Directory has been updated and new members added. This directory can be found at [chattanooga.lutheran.org](http://chattanooga.lutheran.org), at the bottom of the “Links We Like” page. Please email or text me for the code. You should only have to enter this once; it keeps our information safe.

**CAREGIVERS** – will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, in the Paul George Room.

**SACK SUPPER SAINTS** – meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month, via ZOOM.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** – Please continue to send in your prayer requests via E-mail, phone message, or text. Thanks so much! We are still here for you and miss you all.

**VENMO**– Our username is **@trinitylutheran**. Thank you to our members who use this service. We hope it is useful to your family.

# Advent Schedule

Prepare Ye the way of the Lord!

November 29<sup>th</sup> - The First Sunday in Advent

December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Advent Midweek Event: *"Ponder."* – Advent is a time of preparing. We will explore some of the themes of Advent during our time together. Time: 6:00-6:30 pm via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 829 9784 2805 Password: 046021

December 6<sup>th</sup> - The Second Sunday of Advent *Hanging of the Greens.*

December 9<sup>th</sup> - Advent Midweek Event 2: *"Pray."* Time: 6:00-6:30 pm via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 829 9784 2805 Password: 046021

December 13<sup>th</sup> - The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15<sup>th</sup> – **ST NICHOLAS PARTY.** Join us as we bring Christmas to the children of Dupont Elementary. 5-6:30 pm

December 16<sup>th</sup> - Advent Midweek Event 3: *"Praise."* Time: 6:00-6:30 pm via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 829 9784 2805 Password: 046021

December 20<sup>th</sup> – The Fourth Sunday of Advent. The children's Christmas Program will be debuted at the 11:00 am service. It will then be released on Facebook and online for all to enjoy.

December 23<sup>rd</sup> - Advent Midweek Event 4: *"Proclaim."* Time: 6:00-6:30 pm via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 829 9784 2805 Password: 046021

December 24<sup>th</sup> -CHRISTMAS EVE

12:00 p.m. – Early Christmas Service – Sanctuary

4:30 p.m. – Family Christmas Service - Gym

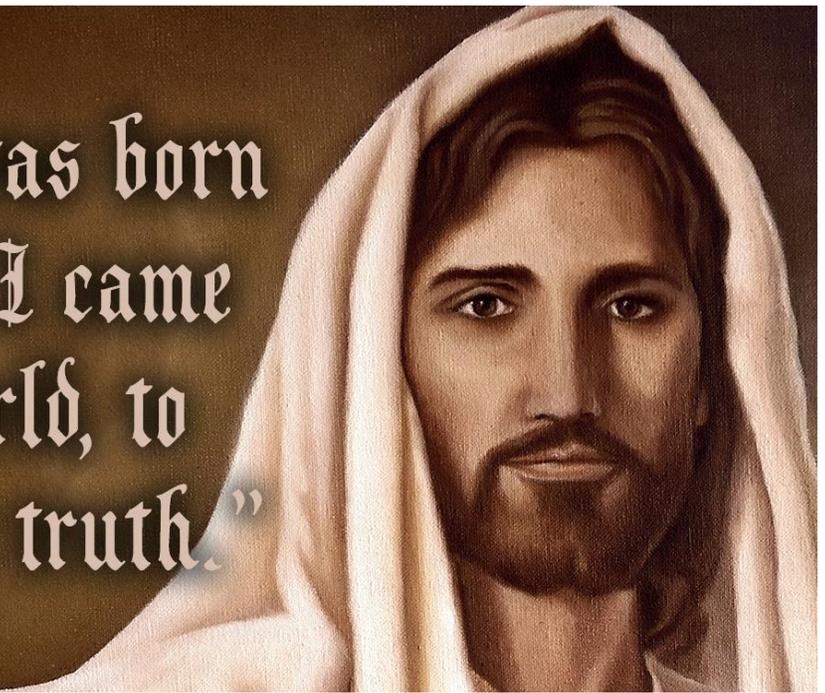
7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Sanctuary

(Reserve your spot online or call the office.)

December 27<sup>th</sup> – The First Sunday of Christmas: 9:30 pm – A pre-taped service of Scripture and Carols will be available on Facebook at *Trinity Lutheran – Worship Central!*

There will be no in-person services this day.

*"For this I was born  
and for this I came  
into the world, to  
testify to the truth."*



***Trinity Lutheran Church  
Christ the King Sunday  
November 22, 2020  
All Services***

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

**WELCOME/PRELUDE**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *(stand)*

**Pastor:** What sort of king are you, O Lord?

**People:** Your royal steed is a donkey.

Your scepter is a spike through the palm.

**Your throne is a cross.**

Your right-hand man is a condemned criminal.  
**You are the destroyer of death.**

You are the God who sought His people.  
**You are the Lord of mercy.** (*Kneel or Sit*)

What kind of subjects are we, O Lord?  
**We do the things we should not do.**

And we do not do things we should do.  
**We have been known to gossip and lie.**

We have been known to curse and offend.  
**We have been known to cheat and deceive.**

We have been known to hurt and to harm.  
**We have forgotten to care for others.**

We have forgotten to share your love.  
**We have forgotten your kindness to us.**

What kind of subjects are we, O Lord?  
**We are subjects who need a king.**

We are subjects who need a savior.  
**Forgive us for the sake of Jesus our King.**

God does indeed forgive you for the sake of His Majesty Jesus Christ.

**Amen. All honor and glory be to Christ our King.**

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON (sit) Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with

your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 95:1-7a** (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7a</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture  
and the sheep of God's hand.

## **SECOND LESSON      Ephesians 1:15-23**

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL                                  Matthew 25:31-46**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand

and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

**Children's Message**

**Pastor Elise Anderson**

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**HOD** (*stand*)

***Crown Him With Many Crowns***

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.**

**Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**

**Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn;  
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love-- behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes  
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us raise our prayers before the royal throne as we lift up the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all those who are in any need. *(kneel or sit)*

**AM:** Lord Jesus Christ, we proclaim you our friend and king; never let us forget how and why you are worthy of being these. To the eyes of some, you appeared a failure. We grieve to remember the ways in which you were mocked and scorned. To those with eyes to see the truth of God, you were doing what no one else could do.

Your death on the cross has brought peace and joy to all people of faith. Give us eyes of faith to turn to you in times of need. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**AM:** King Jesus, you lived out an entirely different way of appealing to the loyalty of others than do the rulers of this world. You do not make promises of material gain for your followers, nor of ease and privilege for those who support you. Your appeal is in calling people to service, as you yourself were willing to serve. Make us who are your people willing to follow where you lead. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**AM:** King of Kings, We ask your blessing upon the leaders of this country and of the world, that they might govern with wisdom and compassion. Especially do we pray for the President of this nation and the Governor of this state. We also pray for all those who serve in the military of this country that they might be kept safe as they perform their duties. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**AM:** Gracious Sovereign, your majesty knows no bounds. Bring your kingdom to violent places. Send us out to share your peaceable kingdom in our homes, our community and our world. Give shelter to the homeless and food to the hungry until that time when we are all together in your royal palace feasting on your heavenly banquet. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**AM:** Lord of Compassion, we pray for all those who suffer in mind, body or spirit. Especially do we lift up to you..... **Kim** Hencke (father's death), **Dave** Buelow, **Jamie** Holloway (Laura Dahlke), **Gloria** Helgeson (Pastor Elise), **Doris** Harsman, **Mary** Blackburn, **Faye** Purcell (Kathy Behling), **Nick**, **Brooke**, & **Teagan** Celentano (Distasio family), **Missy** & **Morris** Hilton (Kathy Behling), **Barbara**

Haar, Gary Hayde, June Hoover (Fran Balsis), MaryAnn Jackson, Hope Kimble, Rebecca Krause, Andy Kunz (Sharon Will), Larry Lee (Penticuff family), Sherry McKinney (Fran Balsis), Britt McPherson, Art Minninger, Barbara Montgomery, Simon Moss (Nichols family) ..... as well as all those whom we name in our hearts or out loud before you now. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Into to your majestic hand we entrust all for whom we pray giving thanks always for our Lord and King, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen**

**PEACE** (*stand*)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (*stand*)

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For with the oil of gladness you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son, to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures, that he might bring before your infinite majesty a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord  
God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

There is a place for you at the banquet.

Come and feast at Jesus' table. **Thanks be to God.** *(sit)*

### **COMMUNION BLESSING (remain seated)**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (remain seated)**

*A - Let us pray together:* **Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING (stand)** May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL** - Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Go in peace, Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**