

Order of Worship November 30, 2025

## Welcome

In the name of Jesus, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whomsoever will come.

We are glad that you have joined us to worship the Living God! Please stay after the service and get to know others in our community who are calling Trinity "home." If you have any questions about our church, feel free to contact us using the information in the back of the bulletin. We would also love to connect with you through a physical visitor card or through the QR code below.



**Our Worship Service** has an intentional structure designed to reflect our belief that worship is a conversation between God and His people. The service begins as we all respond to God's **calling** us to worship Him. But upon responding to that call, we realize that we must be reminded of the **cleansing** given to us through Christ. God then gives us His **charter** as we hear Him speak through Scripture. This is followed by the heavenly feast called **communion**. Finally, God dismisses us with His blessing in the **commission**.

There are a few options for your children. Whole families worshipping together is one of the chief values of Trinity. While our kids may not grasp everything that takes place, their hearts are being formed through participating in the weekly act of worship and observing the people of God singing, praying, and giving their hearts to God! We have children's bulletins and Bibles available in the foyer. For our youngest kids, a staffed nursery is available, Room 101 is a dedicated cry room for nursing mothers, and children ages two through five are given the choice of attending children's worship in Room 104; dismissal is before the sermon.

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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 every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high appear; come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!

O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:

"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end; by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.

Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall; this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

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.

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

## **Calling**

\* Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:1-5

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended.

All: Cry to her that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

Leader: A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

All: "And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Hymn of Praise

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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

#### Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high, and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. (Ref.)

O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. (Ref.)

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (Ref.)

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\* Prayer of Invocation and Adoration

# **Cleansing**

### The Law of God

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, we confess that we have often received your blessings with thankless hearts. We have been slow to cast all our cares on you who cares for us. Forgive us for allowing faithless fears and worldly anxieties to drive our decisions. Work in our hearts so that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of your love, which is immortal, and which you have revealed to us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Zephaniah 3:16-17

Leader: On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

"Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;

he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing."

Are you weary, heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down;
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you; rest in him.
He is gentle, he is lowly, he delights to bring us peace;
tender Shepherd, mighty Savior: rest in him.

(Refrain)

How sure his compassion for us!

Oh how deep is his love;
so come, come to Jesus and rest in him.

Are you hopeless, are you guilty? Caught in shame for all your sin?

He pursues you to forgive you; rest in him.

He has paid for every failure, mercy flows in endless streams;

come and follow, freedom calls you: rest in him. (Ref.)

Are you waiting in your sorrows for this broken world to heal?

He is coming, soon returning; rest in him.

We will see him, we will know him, oh what heights of grace revealed; from his kindness ev'ry promise then fulfilled;

Trust in Jesus, he will keep us to the end. (Ref.)

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## Old Testament Reading

Psalm 2

## Pastoral Prayer (concluding with 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## Offering

Children's Church (ages two through Kindergarten) may dismiss at this time.

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, he the Source, the Ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race. And the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, Evermore and evermore!

This is he whom heav'n taught singers sang of old with one accord, Whom the Scriptures of the prophets promised in their faithful word; Now he shines, the long expected; let creation praise its Lord, Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing; All dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring, Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be, Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, Evermore and evermore!

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## Charter

## \* Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

# **Sermon Notes**

He Is Alpha and Omega | Rev. Robert Recio

# Communion

### Confession of Faith

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell.†
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

† "descended into hell" means his literally experiencing God's wrath ‡ "catholic church" means the universal church

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We welcome to the table all baptized Christians who are trusting in Christ alone for their salvation, have made a public profession of faith, and are accountable members of a Gospel-believing church.

The bread and wine will be passed to you.

Please hold the elements so that we partake of them together.

All bread is gluten free.

Please note that grape juice is in the grape-colored cups and wine is in the clear cups

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King. He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity. In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come! Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: he the perfect Son of Man, in his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.

See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man, Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: Christ the Lord upon the tree. In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory!

See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold, bringing many sons to glory: grace unmeasured, love untold!

Come behold the wondrous mystery: slain by death, the God of life. But no grave could e'er restrain him; praise the Lord, he is alive! What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope. Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes.

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## \* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him, above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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## Commission

\* Benediction

## **Announcements and Contact**

### This Week:

12/3 Prayer Meeting at 5:45PM

Youth Group at 6:30PM

12/6 Ladies Christmas Luncheon at Noon

## **Upcoming Dates:**

12/7 Installation of Brandon Wilcox as Associate Pastor

12/14 High School Bible Study

12/21 No Sunday School

12/24 Christmas Eve Service

12/28 No Sunday School

**All ladies, ages 5 and older, are invited to a Christmas Luncheon** this Saturday, December 6, Noon – 2PM. Soup will be provided; please sign up to bring a salad or dessert to share. Also, please bring along an ornament (new or used) to exchange.

**ABCCM Christmas Angel**: With the support of our local community, ABCCM, a church-founded volunteer-led nonprofit, was able to provide 600+ families with gifts for nearly 1,600 children in 2024. This year, they are anticipating even more. For more information about being a participant and an angel for a family in need, see our display in the foyer or contact Events Director Jordan Linkston: <a href="mailto:christmasangel@abccm.org">christmasangel@abccm.org</a> or (828) 259-5337.

### **OFFICERS**

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