



1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

YEAR A

• November 27, 2022 •
9:00 a.m. Service
(In-person & Zoom)

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Arendtsville, Pennsylvania

People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
You have put on ☩ Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.
Amen.

* **GATHERING SONG**

ELW # 436

'Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying'

1. Wake, awake, for night is flying,
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
Awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake; your lamps with gladness take!"
Alleluia! Rise and prepare the feast to share;
Go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.
2. Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
Her dear friend comes down, all glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious:
Her star is risen; her light is come.
Now come, O Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Sing hosanna! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
And follow to the banquet hall.
3. Gloria! Let heaven adore you!
Let saints and angels sing before you,
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,
Lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,
With angel choirs around your throne.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thundering might
Of such glory. There we will go: what joy we'll know!
There sweet delight will ever flow.

* **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**

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

THE READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44**

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN: ‘Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah’ ELW # 240

Verse 1: Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
Let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

PRAYER FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.
You call all nations to walk in your light
and to seek your ways of justice and peace,
for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near.
Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.
Rouse us from sleep,
that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes
and welcome him into our hearts and homes,
for he is our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God forever.
Amen.

* 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

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care, especially those on our prayer list and those we silently name in our hearts. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict. Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

*** PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Let us share signs of peace as we greet one another.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

*** OFFERTORY: 'Create in Me a Clean Heart'**

ELW # 186

('Offertory' Hymn on Next Page)



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

*** 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.**

SENDING

* BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

* SENDING SONG

ELW # 244

'Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers'

1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.
2. The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near;
Go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.
3. The saints, who here in patience their cross and sufferings bore,
Shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.
4. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907. Music: Swedish folk tune.

* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

* Postlude

The Ministers of Worship & Service

Presiding Minister	Pastor Ben Siebert
Pianist	Andy Pelc
Organist/Pianist	Ellie Vranich
Choir Director	Amanda Hollabaugh
Children's Choir Director	Josie Pelc
Children's Choir Accompanist	Andy Pelc
Administrative Assistant	Kathy Singley
Altar Guild	Audrey Ridinger & Nancy Costella
Head Usher	Jim Ridinger
Ushers/Greeters	(Volunteers)
Lector	Jan McQuaid
Acolytes	(Volunteers)
Sound Technician	(Volunteer)
Head Counter/Offering Counters	(TBD)

The Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of all my loved ones who are gone and in honor of all my good friends at Trinity, by Tonya White.

Welcome Visitors: It is a pleasure having you join us for worship today. If you would like to offer any comments on your worship experience at Trinity or have any type of request, please consider sending us a note to P.O. Box 309, Arendtsville, PA 17303 or office@trinityarendtsville.org.

Giving from 10/1/22 – 10/31/22

Current	\$8,035.07
Building	3,351.00
Benevolence	430.25
Total:	\$11,816.32

– Thank you for your offering contributions! –

MTD & YTD Income/Expenses as of October 2022:

	<u>October 2022</u>	<u>YTD 2022</u>
Income	\$11,848.07	\$ 92,551.42
Expenses	35,791.62	153,002.27
Excess Income/Expenses:	(\$23,943.55)	(\$ 60,450.85)

Weekly Attendance for October:

Oct. 2 - 27 Oct. 9 - 19 Oct. 16 - 42 Oct. 23 - 39

Calendar for 11/27/22 – 12/04/22:

Sunday 11/27

DUE: Poinsettia Orders

NO EIMI Confirmation Class

Thursday 12/1

Advent Service: Music & Prayer (Zoom) 6 pm

Sunday 12/4

'Hanging of the Greens' 8 am

(Sunday School Hour)

NOTICE: Congregational Meeting 10:15 am

(sanctuary – following the worship service)

EIMI Confirmation Class (Trinity) 6-7:30 pm

Sunday School. Sunday School classes for all ages meet at 8 a.m. each Sunday.

Children's Choir practices each Sunday from 8:00 to 8:15 a.m. in the Social Room. All youth are welcome to participate.

Services Available in Person and via Zoom. All are invited to join together in person or online (via Zoom) each Sunday to share in worship together. Regular worship with one service and singing is held at 9 a.m. (Masks are optional for participants of indoor worship and ministries.) For the appropriate link or additional information for worship, if participating by Zoom, go to the website at: trinityarendtsville.org.

Sermons and Worship Resources Available. Sermons are available via Trinity's podcast. Just search for "Trinity Lutheran Church: Arendtsville" in iTunes or find them on our Facebook page. The Trinity website also offers resources for worship. Go to: trinityarendtsville.org.

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"HANGING OF THE GREENS"



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 • 8 a.m.
(Sunday School Hour)**

All are invited to participate with the "Hanging of the Greens" on **Sunday, Dec. 4**, during the Sunday School hour. This activity was greatly enjoyed in past years by all in attendance, especially the children. So, plan to join us on Dec. 4, beginning at 8 a.m., as we decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season!

OFFICIAL NOTICE:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 • 10 a.m. ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Members will gather in the sanctuary following the 9 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, Dec. 4**, for the annual Congregational Meeting. The agenda will include the 2023 Proposed Budget and nominations and election of new Council members. If you are interested in serving on Council, please see the "Council Seat Openings" below.

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COUNCIL SEAT OPENINGS

The following Council seats are currently available. Please consider serving our congregation by volunteering your time to one of these areas! Feel free to ask any Council member for more details – or with any questions. Elections will take place during our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 4.

- **Council Secretary**
(Term to run 2023-2025, 3 years)
- **Worship & Music Committee Chair**
(Term to run 2023-2025, 3 years)
- **Outreach & Service Committee Chair**
(currently vacant) – (Term runs through 2024)
- **Youth Advocate (currently vacant)**
(Term runs for One Year)
- **UACT Youth Committee Chair**
(currently vacant) – (Term runs through 2024)



• PRAYER LIST •

November 27, 2022

Our Prayer List

James Altland & Beverly
Dayton & Blake Biesecker
Bob & Doreen
Doug Bower
John Brown
Reynolds Christman
Tim Clarenbach
Camden Colangelo
Charles Costella
Bonnie Dean
Ginger Deaver
Ann Eicholtz
Stella M. Fox
Janelle Garber
Sally Gardner
Sue Garretson
Rev. Bob & Pam Gray
Harold & Gayle Griffie
Dorothy Gulden
Jon Hall
Clarissa Hammar
Donny Hartzel
Mandy Hartzel
Maddie Hill
Patti Hockensmith
John Holcomb
Jay & Mary Jackson
Harold Kint
Catherine Leider
Kaedyn Lentz
Braden Leonard
Matt Livelsberger
Kevin Lochbaum
Dave Martin
Cole McCowen
Gary Lee McDannell

Nancy McFeaters
Cathy Miller
The Millers
Rev. Eugene Moore
Ike Moore
Anna Jane Moyer
David Owsley
Geraldine Phillips
Ferd Prehn
Jennifer Rauscher
Chuck Ritter
Glenda Rose
Amanda Rustad-Fogle
Kevin Sanders
Carl A. Seils
Carl Frederick Seils
Charlotte Seitz
Drew Seitz
Christine Sell
Charlotte Sites
Brave Michael Smith
Mike Sobotor
Sue Stuffle
Mike Trostel
Kitty Unrue
Shelly Vought & Family
Todd Waddell
Wilma Walker
Jude Walz
Judy Wegley
Everly Grace Williams
Bob Wright
Dan Wright
Cathy Yadlosky
Donald & Linda Yingling

Our Long Term Prayer List

Max Abraham
Bradon & Jace Arter
Dorothy Carey
Gage Cordero
Alyssa Eastridge
Kristi Ebbert
Luci Hartman
Tina Hollabaugh
Creta Jacobs
Anthony Kane
Crystal Kettle
Jason King
Sam MacPherson
Joanne May
Revs. Terry & Susan McCarthy
Shirley Menges
Lorenzo Moreno

Roy 'Chip' Plank III
Dick & Phyllis Price
Larry Riley
Daniele Serro
Brian Smith
Laura Starner
Ida Staub
Peggy Swartz
Dori Tillett
Robert Vogelsong
Barry Warrenfeltz
Derek Wolfe

★ *Grant Bailey, Jordan Trostel,
and All Our Service Men
and Women*



Prayer List Submission Guidelines

*Names on "Our Prayer List" will run for four weeks, unless otherwise requested. Those names with an (*) have been on the list for four weeks. If you wish to have them stay on, please let us know or the names will be moved to the "Long Term Prayer List." Names on the "Long Term Prayer List" run indefinitely. **Let us know when they should be removed.** To place someone on the list, fill out the following form and give it to an usher, place in the offering plate or give it to the church office.*

Person: _____

Which List? _____ *Our Prayer List* _____ *Long Term*

Your Name: _____



Time to Wake Up

Advent is a season of waking up. Even as the days grow darker, we are awoken to the light of truth about our lives, the world, and, ultimately, God. But no one really *likes* being woken from sleep, real or metaphorical. No one likes being pulled from a cozy blanket to a crowded commute, from dreams to reality, from what's comfortable and "always has been" to what's actually happening right now. It's why when we have pivotal, perhaps painful moments in our lives in which we become aware of something previously hidden, or about which we shed the veil of denial, we refer to them as "wake-up calls."

Yet it is never God's intent to hurt us by rousing us from sleep. It is not to punish us for our past mistakes, to expose our inner failings to the world, or to add to the already deep well of shame that so many of us carry. *It is for our good* that God comes to reveal that which was hidden, breaking into our world as human flesh and blood. And it is for our good that, through our baptism, we are able to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 13:14). The divine image is revealed in you, and in every friend and stranger. God knows, loves, and takes delight in each of us.

That is why nations will beat their swords into plowshares, their spears into pruning hooks, and their guns into gravel to build a highway for our God. We won't *need* to learn war anymore, as the prophet says (Isaiah 2:4), because you can't raise arms against your own kin, another person in whom the living Christ dwells.

This season is a time for us to awaken to this new reality: at any moment, and at every moment, Christ lives among and within us, helping us rub the sleep out of our eyes, and revealing a different way. Welcome to Advent.



Announcements for November 27, 2022

- ✚ **TODAY: Poinsettia Orders Due!** These festive flowers will beautify our sanctuary during the Christmas season. Cost: **\$9.50**. Place your orders with payment to Audrey Ridinger sometime **TODAY**. (See *insert/order form*.)
- ✚ **TODAY: 'NO' EIMI Confirmation Class.** "Thanksgiving Break." The EIMI Class will resume next **Sunday, Dec. 4**, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Trinity.
- ✚ **Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22: Advent Compline Services via Zoom.** Each Thursday in Advent, all may gather online via Zoom for a brief time of music and prayer, as we take this moment to give thought and pray for Emmanuel to come soon. We will gather at **6 p.m.** on the Thursdays of Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22. *All are welcome to participate!*
- ✚ **Dec. 3: "Come and See" – 5th Annual Live Nativity** will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 126 Church St., Bendersville, and is being hosted by the Bendersville Lutheran Parish. There will be animals, hot chocolate, goodie bags, and carols! (If rain or snow, event will be cancelled.) *Everyone is invited!*
- ✚ **Dec. 4: 'Bonnie's Mitten Tree' ... in memory of Bonnie Roth,** will be available in the upstairs vestibule (where the ushers are located) on Sunday, Dec. 4, during the "Hanging of the Greens". Your help is needed to decorate it. Bring your donations of mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and socks to the church in the upcoming Sundays through **Sunday, Dec. 11**, and place them on the table outside the sanctuary. These items of warmth and comfort will be used to decorate the tree. Later, they will be distributed locally by the schools and local charities to those in need this winter. (See *insert*.)
- ✚ **Dec. 7: Church Women United to Meet** on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 11:30 a.m. at Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Road. Whitney Myers, guest pianist, will lead the group in singing Christmas carols and presenting their stories. Appetizers and desserts will be provided by members. A special welcome to newcomers.
- ✚ **Dec. 11: Christmas Brunch at Trinity.** A Christmas Brunch will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11, following the 9 a.m. worship service. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. *All are invited!*
- ✚ **Dec. 21: What's Cookin' to Meet!** On Wednesday, Dec. 21, all youth from Pre-K to Grade 6 are invited to gather at Trinity from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for another great evening of What's Cookin'. The youth will have the opportunity to enjoy a light meal together, hear a Bible-themed lesson, and participate in a special activity. Bring a friend! (See *insert or bulletin boards*.)

Let's Heat Up TLC!



No matter how much warmth we have in our hearts, we still need a little help heating up TLC after an emergency boiler replacement following last winter that cost approximately \$24,000!

Please consider helping to heat a room or simply helping to bump the thermostat up a degree or two! Every dollar donated will go to offset these unexpected costs and will free up funds for other church needs!

Sure! I'll help heat things up!

Name: _____

_____ Giving Envelope Number

Here's the room I'll heat: (Check One)

___ Entire Church \$5,000

___ Sanctuary \$1,000

___ Social Room \$800

___ Adult Sunday School Room \$600

___ Nursery \$500

___ Kitchen \$250

___ Parlor \$100

___ Basement \$50

___ Other Amount \$ _____

Thank You!



What's Cookin'

Hey, Kids! It's time for What's Cookin' 2022-2023!

Preschoolers through 6th Graders are invited to join us at Trinity Lutheran Church (38 North High Street, Arendtsville) for our monthly What's Cookin' program! On the third Wednesday of each month from 6:00-7:30pm, we will gather for a light meal together, fun, and Bible-themed lessons and activities.

**Mark your calendars now,
so you don't miss out on the fun!**

December 15

January 19

February 16

March 16

April 20

Contact Ellie Vranich if you would like to volunteer to help or if your family/organization/committee would like to provide the meal for one of our monthly gatherings (evranich@comcast.net or 717-677-4431).

All local kids are WELCOME! Bring a friend!!

**HELP US DECORATE ...
'BONNIE'S
MITTEN TREE'**

• **In Memory of Bonnie Roth** •

With Your Donations of ...
**Mittens, Gloves, Scarves, Hats,
and Socks**



The tree will be decorated with donated items during the
“Hanging of the Greens” on Dec. 4 and the week to follow.

2022 Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

As the Christmas season rapidly approaches, it's time to place your order for Christmas Poinsettias! Poinsettias this year cost \$9.50 each.



Give the completed form with money to Audrey Ridinger or place in the offering plate **No Later Than** Sunday, November 27th. Donations can also be made to the Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund in lieu of a flower. Checks can be made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church (indicate LDRF donation in memo field).

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Please word the dedication **exactly** as you'd like it to appear in the Christmas bulletins. **Thanks for ordering by November 27th!!!**

Poinsettia #1 Dedication:

_____ by: _____

Poinsettia #2 Dedication:

_____ by: _____

Poinsettia #3 Dedication:

_____ by: _____

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Your Name _____ Phone _____

Total Poinsettias Ordered _____ Total Payment: \$ _____

*Your flowers can be picked up after the church service on Christmas Eve.