Emmanuel Trinity Lutheran Church

November 29, 2026 at 10am
First Sunday in Advent
Worship Service

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

For those joining worship via Zoom, we are celebrating Holy Communion today. If you wish to participate, please get something to represent the wine and the bread. We invite you to participate in worship by sharing your prayers in the ***Chat box.*** *Write your prayers there and press "enter." You will be muted during the service so that you don't hear reverberations, but please speak and sing as you desire. You can unmute yourself if you wish to speak at the end of the service.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who calls out the weary, whose word endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord!" We are called to confess our sin and turn back toward God's love.

Silence is kept for reflection

Comforting God,

C: we are your people, but we have neglected to call on your name. We are your people, but we have not remembered your ways. We are your people, but we have forgotten your hold on us. We are your people, but now we fade like a leaf, and our sins, like the wind, take us away. Restore us as your people. Cleanse us from our sin, and clothe us in your righteousness. Amen.

P: "Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God, who has clothed you with the garments of salvation and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness. God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. In the name of ☩ Christ, your sins are forgiven: Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice in the Lord!

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

HYMN **Christ, Be Our Light** **ELW 715**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

A: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

C: those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

A: Even though the world seems dark and cold, we know that the light of Christ is coming. The face of our Lord will shine, and we shall be saved!

C: Testifying against all suffering and darkness, we kindle this light. Together, we proclaim to the world that, in Christ, we have hope.

A: Today, we light the candle of Hope.

The first Advent Candle is lit.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah ELW 240

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

C: By your merciful protection awaken us to 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.

FIRST READING Isaiah 64:1-9

[1]O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—[2]as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! [3]When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. [4]From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. [5]You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. [6]We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. [7]There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. [8]Yet, O Lord,

you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

A: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

C: In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

A: Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C: O Lord God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

A: You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

C: You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

A: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C: Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.

A: And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

C: **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—6just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—7so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL READING **Mark 13:24-37**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 13:24-37

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: 24"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 28"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. 33Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 34It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at

midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, [36]or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.
[37]And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

THE MESSAGE **Pastor Kim Hintzman**

HYMN **My Lord, What a Morning** **ELW 438**

My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall

You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us profess our faith in the words of the 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

A: In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: Strengthen your church in this season of anticipation. Nourish all people who gather around word and water, bread and cup. Reassure any whose faith feels dry that you are always near. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Come and restore the earth. Give rest to weary lands and renewed life to species at risk. Make us wise stewards of the places we call home. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Bring peace among all nations and communities. Embolden leaders to seek creative and sustainable resolutions to war and conflict. Show us new possibilities in places where peace has been elusive. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Sustain all who are heavy with weariness, grief, illness, or worry *especially*. . . Comfort families who are estranged from one another and any who are separated from loved ones. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Inspire liturgists, preachers, musicians, and all who lead our worship and prayer. May we be prepared as we await Christ's coming this Advent season. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You embrace all the saints from the far reaches of the earth. We remember with care all who have died and now abide in their eternal home. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to you, most holy God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

We bring our offerings of our time, our talents and our treasures to serve God's mission.

P: Holy Creator,

C: we are the clay and you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Receive these gifts shape them and our lives for your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: 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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND WINE

This is the Body of Christ, given for you.

This is the Blood of Christ, shed for you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Jesus, Still Lead On **ELW 624**

Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless; guide us by your hand to the promised land.

If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faithless fears o'ertake us,
let not faith and hope forsake us; safely past the foe to our home we go.

When we seek relief from a long-felt grief, when temptations come alluring
make us patient and enduring; show us that bright shore where we weep no more.

Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'nly leader, still direct us, still support,
console, protect us, till we safely stand in the promised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Providing God, you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your people in your arms. We praise you for the care and sustenance you give at this meal and always.

C: As we leave your table, carry us near your heart, and send us with confidence in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

HYMN **Soon and Very Soon** **ELW 439**

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King,

No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King,

No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King,

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

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BLESSING

P: God our provider, God our feast, God our companion, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Bring good news to the brokenhearted.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week at ETLC

November 29 – Got Questions? 9am
November 29 – Worship Service, 10am
December 1 – Outreach, 10:30am
December 2 – Worship & Music Meeting, 10:30am
December 2 – Encountering the Word, 7pm
December 3 – Executive Committee, 5pm
December 5 – Food Bank, 10am-noon
December 6 – Got Questions? 9am
December 6 – Worship Service, 10am
December 6 – Caroling at Autumn Lake, 2:30pm

Upcoming at ETLC

December 9 – Encountering the Word, 7pm
December 10 – Council Meeting, 5pm
December 13 – Got Questions? 9am
December 13 – Worship Service, 10am
December 16 – Encountering the Word, 7pm

The altar flowers this month are in honor of our granddaughter, Katie Looff's, wedding on Nov 20, and in honor of Ginny Houck's birthday on Nov 15. Given by Margaret and Edgar Hawker.

FOOD BANK

On the first Sunday of each month, we invite you to bring non-perishable food donations. ***Updated list of food bank needs***: *Razors, Feminine products, Sugar, Flour, Cooking oil, Mustard, Mayo, Ketchup, Cream of mushroom soup, Condensed milk, Cake mix, Crackers, Cookies, Canned fruit, Salt, Pepper*

CAROLING AT AUTUMN LAKE

If you would like to help fill stockings, we will be meeting on December 1st at 12:30pm in the gathering space at church. Caroling is **December 6th at 2:30pm** – meet at the Autumn Lake Braddock Heights parking lot at **2:15pm**. If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Houck.

GOT AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE?

Please send a *descriptive* write-up of what you'd like included in the weekly announcement to Kerry at office@emmanueltrinity.org by noon on Tuesday to be included in the following Sunday's announcements.

GOT QUESTIONS?

Join Pastor Kim in the gathering space or on zoom (using the worship link) at 9am on Sundays. Bring your questions or come to hear other people's questions. This week: what about the book of Daniel? All are welcome. Want to see previous discussions? Check out our YouTube channel: http://www.youtube.com/@Emmanueltrinity

2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Executive Committee members of the church council are: Ruth Cramer, President; Angelee Mullins, Vice-President; Emily O'Hara, Secretary; MaryAnne Golling, Treasurer; and Lasse Syversen, Mission & Outreach Chairman. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact any one of the Council members.

PRAYER LIST

Need a name placed on the prayer list? If there is someone who you want us to include just on the current Sunday, you may write it on the prayer book on the podium currently in the front of the church near the gathering space door. If you have any questions about the prayer list and how it is determined or maintained, feel free to ask Pastor Kim.

REMEMBER

Never send cash or gift cards in response to online, text, or phone requests. Pastor Kim will never reach out asking for gift cards or money by email, text, video message, or phone call - even if it might look like or sound like her. Don’t get scammed.