

## Advent at Trinity

### December 4 2nd Sunday in Advent

9:30am Worship

2pm *GroundBreakers* Shut-In Visits

4pm St. Olaf Christmas Concert, live stream in Parish Hall

### December 7 5:30pm Community Holiday Meal

### December 9 7pm *The Vision*, youth Christmas party

### December 10 8am-10am Food Drive for Christmas baskets

3-5pm Trinity Choir caroling @ Lynn Care

### December 11 3rd Sunday in Advent

9:30am Worship

*Noisy Offering* benefits WATTS (Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter)

11am Annual Congregational Meeting

12pm Birthday celebration with Lonnie Cullers

5pm Evensong Candlelight Concert and Worship, bassoon quartet

### December 12 Angel Tree gifts due

### December 13 5:30pm, LCW Christmas dinner

### December 17 9am Christmas baskets and gifts delivered

### December 18 4th Sunday in Advent

9:30am Worship

5pm Evensong Candlelight Concert and Worship, flutist and pianist



### December 24 Christmas Eve

4pm Family Worship

11pm Candlelight Holy Eucharist

### Christmas Day **NO MORNING WORSHIP**

December 26-January 1, Church Office closed

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH [ELCA]



Fairfax at Valley Pike • Stephens City, Virginia  
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"A CREATIVE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY"

**Second Sunday In Advent** ▪ December 4, 2016 ▪ 9:30am

THANKS FOR WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY!  
VISITORS AREN'T ONLY *EXPECTED*...THEY'RE *ANTICIPATED*

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*Before worship — speak to the Lord* ❖ *During worship — let the Lord speak to you* ❖ *After worship — speak to each other!*

## 9:15am Welcome!

### Prelude

*Make High the Door, Make Wide the Gate*

Adolf Hesse (1809-1863)

*The Confession is omitted throughout Advent*

*Stand*

### Introit

[P] We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son [†], and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

[P] The voice of one crying in the wilderness declares, "*Prepare the way of the Lord!*"

[C] **Even so come, Lord Jesus. Even so quickly come!**

### Sanctus Bell

*The bell is sounded three times to remind us of God's Triune Presence with us now and forever*

## 246 Processional

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*The Bethlehem/Peace Candle, The Greene family*

[R] The prophet Isaiah declares: "The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den... for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea."

[C] **Our peace comes from God, who became one of us in Jesus.**

[R] As we wait for God's time, in faith we light the candles of hope and peace, and walk in the light of the LORD!

*Two Candles of Advent are lit*



Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.

### 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!**



The Rev. Mr. Cameron P. Keyser

Ricky Gearhart

Brenda Boldin

William Edmonson

Theresa Horn

Joe Hollis, Ralph Gregory, Bill Herrell

Jerry Rogers

Chuck Stern

Anne Vermillion

Mark Greene, Stacey Gonzales-Herrera, Carolyn Gregory, Sid Dailey, Jerry Rogers, Damion Yowell

Pastor

Choirmaster/Organist

Parish Administrator

Parish Treasurer

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Property Manager (vol.)

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Vestry Vice-Chair

Vestry Members

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

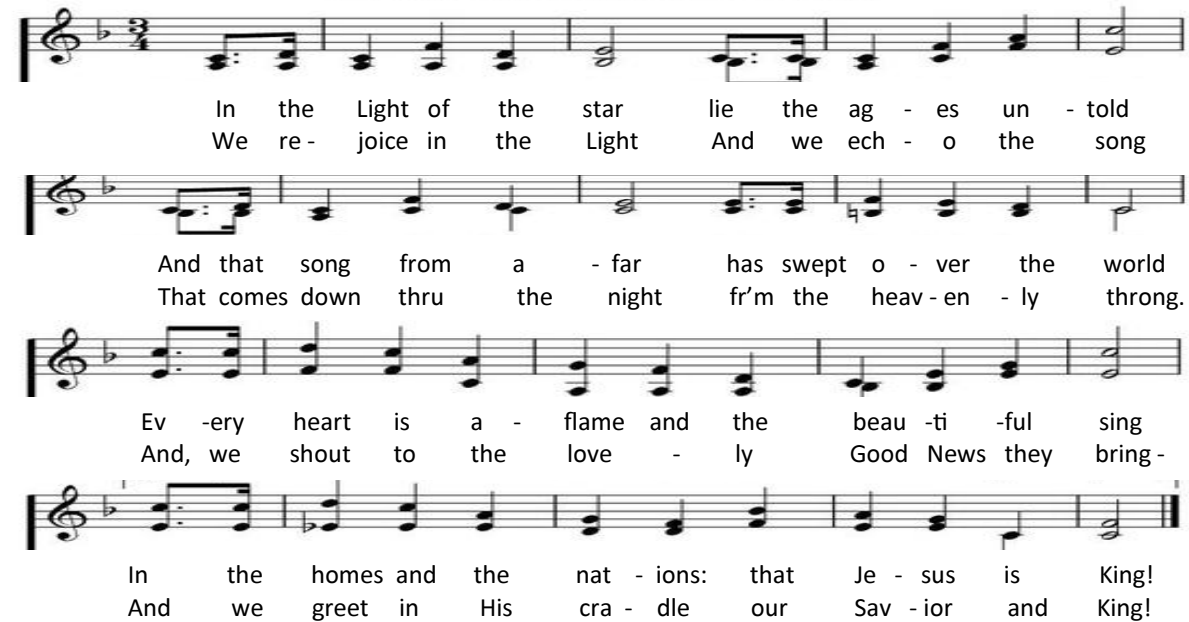
The Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr. James Mauney, Bishop  
Virginia Synod ELCA

The Rev. Martha Sims, Dean  
Northern Valley Synod Conference

## The Collect

- [P] Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- [C] Amen

## Canticle of Thanksgiving



In the Light of the star lie the ag - es un - told  
 We re - joice in the Light And we ech - o the song

And that song from a - far has swept o - ver the world  
 That comes down thru the night fr'm the heav - en - ly throng.

Ev - ery heart is a - flame and the beau - ti - ful sing  
 And, we shout to the love - ly Good News they bring -

In the homes and the nat - ions: that Je - sus is King!  
 And we greet in His cra - dle our Sav - ior and King!

Sit

## Just for KIDs!

### Children's Procession

Away In a Manger

*All children follow the Crucifer to the Nursery and Children's Church. They will return in time for The Eucharist*  
*The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.*  
*I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

## The First Lesson

See Insert

## The Psalmody

See Insert

## The Second Lesson

See Insert

Stand

## The Gradual



Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.

## The Holy Gospel

See Insert

- [P] The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the third chapter  
 [C] **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**The Gospel is read**

- [P] The Gospel of the Lord!  
 [C] **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sit

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### Today (December 4)

- Greeter** Mike & Monica Lambert  
**Lector** Amy Hall  
**Advent Wreath** Greene Family  
**Eucharistic Assts.** Mike Lambert, Carole Pfisterer  
**Acolyte/Crucifer** Cody & Will Wolf

### Next Week (December 11)

- Greeters** Sid Dailey  
**Lector** Ray Struehmeier  
**Advent Wreath** Hall family  
**Eucharistic Assts.** Lynn Downs, Barry Hockenberry  
**Acolyte/Crucifer** Mike Perry, Sarah Chichester

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Catty; Denny; Lonnie; Charlie & Louise;  
 Robert & Frances; Jeff & Winston; Febra;  
 Ashley; Jeller family  
**To add a name to the prayer list please  
 contact the church office**

## Our Stewardship

**November 27, 2016**

Received \$3885

Required \$4619

**Deficit \$743**

**Our Attendance**

71



**Vestry members:** please pick up your packets in your boxes today for this Tuesday night's meeting.

**The Ground Breakers** will be making visits to our shut-ins today starting at **2PM**.

**Welcome in the season** by gathering in the Parish Hall on **today at 4PM** when we'll live stream the **St. Olaf College Christmas Festival** — one of the oldest musical celebrations of Christmas in the nation. It features more than 500 student musicians who are members of five choirs and the St. Olaf Orchestra. St. Olaf, an ELCA college, is widely acclaimed for its choirs and ensemble groups which have had a long creative influence on the a cappella choral tradition. This is an event you don't want to miss! Refreshments will be served. **This replaces our Advent concert and Evensong worship.**

**The Vision Youth Christmas Party** is Friday the 9th from 7-9. Remember to bring your Secret Santa gift and snack food pot luck.

**The Angel tree is in the Narthex.** Choose the angels you wish, being sure to sign them out in the book adjacent to the tree, so we know who has what angels. Purchase your gifts, wrap it, place the tag on the wrapped gift and bring it back to church by **next Sunday, December 11.**

**OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** follows worship **NEXT Sunday**. After the meeting there will be a special Celebration Coffee Time rejoicing with Lonnie Cullers as he celebrates his 70th birthday (Dec. 10).

**A Sign up list for our Holiday Community Meal** is in the Parish Hall. The meal will be on **Wednesday, December 7;** we will serve turkey, sweet potatoes, green beans and dessert.

## THANK YOU!

to **EVERYONE** who stepped up to bat - *literally with less than 10 hrs. notice* -to help worship flow so smoothly last Sunday in my absence. The sudden and unexpected Thanksgiving Day infection seems to be healing slowly but surely—and I am feeling better. What a wonderful group of committed lay leaders we have at Trinity. Special thanks to Vestry Chair **Chuck Stern** for coordinating, and **Rev. Robert Clark** for his meaningful message. Someone told me it was the "*best sermon you never preached, Cam!*" I take that as a compliment!

## Invitation

- [P] Alleluia! Christ is our sacrifice—therefore let us keep the feast for Christ has given us a new commandment: that we love one another as he has first loved us. So, come and eat: the bread of life, the cup of salvation: the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.
- [C] **Thanks be to God.**

*Sit*

## The Distribution

**ALL Christians are invited to share in The Eucharist!**  
*Communion can be received by individual glass, or drinking from the Common Cup.*  
*If you desire only a blessing, please come and cross your arms over chest.*  
Hymns During Communion: 243 / 552 / 253

*Stand*

## The Blessing

- [P] May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen us – and keep us in his grace!
- [C] **Amen.**

## Advent Acclamation

TUNE: *Angels We Have Heard On High!*

Refrain  
Glo - ri - a  
in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -  
- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- [P] Lord God,
- [C] **you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Benediction

- [P] The Lord bless us and keep us.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon us—and be gracious to us.  
The Lord look upon us with favor, and give us peace.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son (**†**), and of the Holy Spirit.
- [C] **Amen.**

## 264 Recessional

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

## Sending

- [P] ...Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- [C] **We will! Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

## A Little 'Good News'

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Cameron P. Keyser

*Stand*

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## Hymn of the Day

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

## Nicene Creed

- [P] We believe...
- [C] **in one God the Father, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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 People

- [P] Remembering God's marvelous work, and living in hope, let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their needs...

*Sit*

- [P] God of peace – your world remains in such turmoil, such anger and hostility – economic distress, unemployment, hunger, and poverty seem to be never-ending. We feel trapped in a system which is abused by those in authority, manipulated by those whose goal is greed, and blindsided by those in whom we have placed our trust. How long, O Lord? How long must your children suffer want, endure hardships, and suffer? Even so, come, Lord Jesus: with your power of love and reconciliation; your Spirit of counsel and might – that we may find relief and rest in you. Lord, in your mercy...
- [C] **hear our prayer.**
- [P] We pray that you would keep this nation under your care. Bless our leaders that we may be a people of peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Help us support the visions of trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve you faithfully in our generation. Lord, in your mercy...
- [C] **hear our prayer.**
- [P] As your advent approaches once again, send your Spirit of peace and hope to us, breaking down the walls that separate us, uniting us in bonds of love, and – through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth that – in your good time – all nations and races may serve you in harmony. Lord, in your mercy...
- [C] **hear our prayer.**
- [P] As this season so often reminds us – you are the God of possibilities. Help us imagine new opportunities to serve our brothers and sisters – especially those who it would be so easy to forget: showing us new and innovative ways of responding, as you strengthen us, equip us, and enable us. Lord, in your mercy...
- [C] **hear our prayer.**
- [P] as we open our hearts, praying for those we know in need this morning...  
*(pastoral petitions are offered)*  
And, adding our personal prayers -both in our hearts and on our lips...  
*(congregational petitions may be offered aloud)*



Lord, in your mercy...

[C] **Hear our prayer.**

[P] As the days hasten on toward the celebration of your birth, calm our frantic wanderings; slow us down to hear your still, small voice; grant us your peace that passes all understanding, and deliver us to a new dawn of hope and reconciliation, for it is into your hands, O Lord, that we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through the grace of the babe of Bethlehem, the Savior on a cross, and our victorious Lord: Emmanuel – God with us.

[C] **Amen**

*Stand*

### Sharing God's Peace

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always!

[C] **And also with you!**

[P] Please feel free to move about and share the joy of God's peace!

*Sit*

### Offering

*A Message of Hope* Austin C. Lovelace

Trinity Choir

*Stand*

### The Presentation

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.  
We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

### Offertory Prayer

[P] God of abundance,

[C] **we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## † THE HOLY EUCHARIST †

### The Great Thanksgiving

TUNE: *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*

[P] The Lord be with you!

[C] **And, also with you!**



[P] Lift up your hearts, your voi - ces raise [C] **to God e - ter - nal sing our praise!** [P] Lift up your heart, your



mind, your soul [C] **we give our thanks, God we ex - tol!**



All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



has our free - dom won! Whom with the Fa - ther



we a - dore; and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more!

### Words of Institution

[P] On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave **thanks**, broke it and gave it, saying: This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat - and remember me. And, later he took the cup of wine and said: This is the new relationship with **God** made possible by my death. Take and drink from this cup – all of you – and remember me. For as long as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we remember our **Lord's** death until he comes, declaring the mystery of our faith:

### Memorial Acclamation *(Celebrant sings first; congregation repeats)*

Ricky Gearhart



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain

[P] Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Christ shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the Church say, "Amen!"

[C] **Amen!**

[P] Send down, O Lord, your Holy Spirit on these gifts of wine and bread to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the Church *shout* "Amen!"

[C] **Amen!**

[P] And, Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to be so bold as to pray:

### The Lord's Prayer

[C] **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.**