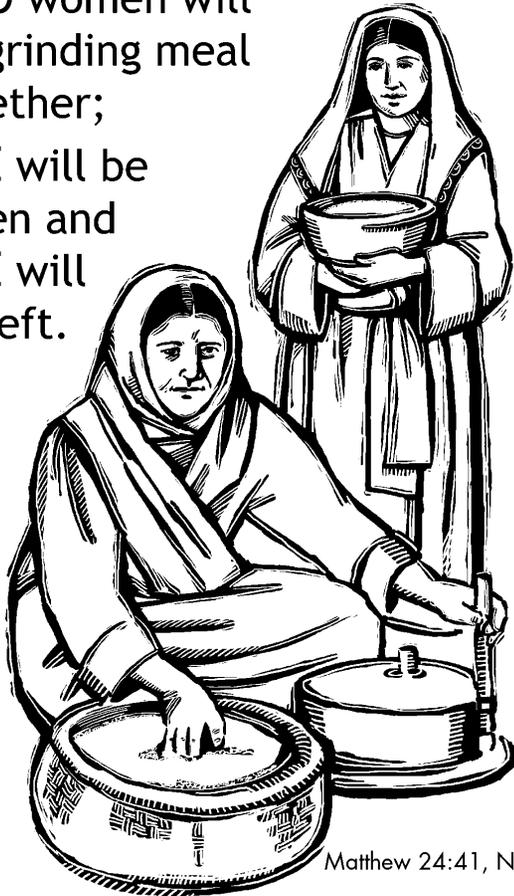


TWO women will
be grinding meal
together;
ONE will be
taken and
ONE will
be left.



Matthew 24:41, NRSV

First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2016 Service of the Word

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pam Illick, Pastor



Welcome to worship as we start preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register at the rear of the nave and join us for worship again. We have a transport chair available to members and guests when needed. Please ask an usher for assistance.

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

We welcome Seminarian Kathleen Stump to TELC as she leads us in worship today.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The assembly stands and faces the font (if you are able).

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

☛ Amen.

☞ Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of all time,

C we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

P Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In † Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Soon and Very Soon* (ELW 439)

GREETING

P Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis deo;
gloria in excelsis deo.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

A We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C Amen.

Light the first candle.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG: *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* (ELW 240 - st. 1)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in that light of that Lord now!"

L A reading from Isaiah..

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!

℣ The word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

²Now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built as a city

that is at unity with itself;

⁴to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,

the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment,

the thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

“May they prosper who love you.

⁷Peace be within your walls

and quietness within your towers.

⁸For the sake of my kindred and companions,

I pray for your prosperity.

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God,

I will seek to do you good.”

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

℣ A reading from Romans.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than

when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

℣ The word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Assembly stands.*)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, unexpected event that will bring salvation or judgment upon people caught up in the usual affairs of daily life. He urges people to be alert and expectant.

℣ The holy gospel according to Matthew.

☩ 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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

The assembly remains seated for the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Lord, What a Morning* (ELW 438)

The assembly stands.

CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

C 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 As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need.

A For the church and its leaders, and for all who work for the unity of the gospel; that the compassion of Christ break down all divisions, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the well-being of creation, for mountains and hills, lakes and rivers, snow and sunshine, plants and animals, and for all who care for the earth; that God raise up stewards to protect this good creation, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For peace among nations, for those who lead all levels of government, for judges and magistrates, and for those who speak for the voiceless; that all are treated with equity and fairness, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For those who are anxious and worried, for the sick and bereaved, for the homeless and imprisoned, for those in any need (especially); that the compassion shown by Christ be embodied in caregivers and advocates, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A Reveal yourself to this congregation and to our community, gracious God. Bring those who are looking for your love and peace to our church and prepare our hearts to welcome them. Deepen our love for one another. In this season, give us compassion for all who suffer, and keep us from selfish excess. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For those who gather for word and sacrament, for those who travel, and for our holiday preparations; that in all our activities we give thanks to the Lord, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A In thanksgiving for those who have died and are at rest; that their witness to the gospel serve as examples of living the life of faith, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to you, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior..

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

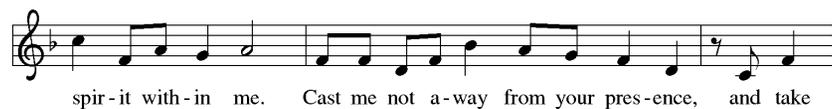
OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

SPECIAL MUSIC

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands.

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING



THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

A Let us pray.

C O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

BLESSING

P May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* (ELW 244)

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share God's message of love through your words and actions with others

C We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship is ended; our service begins.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

– PRAYER AND SUPPORT –

Remember to write the name(s) of persons for whom prayer is needed on the pad in the rear of the church! The names will be included in the Intercessory Prayers this morning. If you forget to put someone's name on the list, there is an opportunity to say the name during the prayers.

Special prayers for: Workers and volunteers at Waynesboro Human Services.

College Students: Remember Madi Kreitz in your prayers!

Shut ins: Please remember our members who are unable to come to worship as you send out your Christmas greetings:

- Jean Benedict: 11766 Pen Mar Rd., Waynesboro, PA 17268
- Edna Kost: 246 Topper Rd., Fairfield, PA 17320
- Laura Lentz: 2256 Shanks Church Rd., Heritage Hills, Greencastle 17225
- Pearl Minnich: Quincy Home, Room 167, 6596 Orphanage Rd., Waynesboro, PA 17268

– UPCOMING EVENTS –

Lunch Bunch goes out on Sundays after worship for lunch (except on Sundays when we have Coffee & Conversation). Join us today at Café del Sol. We invite all to be with us for this time of fellowship as we enjoy a meal together.



– FAITH FORMATION –

Adult Forum is currently studying the life of Mary, mother of Jesus. Join us at 9:30 each Sunday morning in the first floor meeting room.

Holy Moly!! Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Room!! Open to all children.

Faith Study: We are currently using a study called “Heaven on Earth” (a study of the beginning of Matthew). The remaining date for the class is December 6 at 7 p.m. Then we will take a break for Advent. Join us at 7 p.m. for this interesting look at Matthew.

A DAY-TIME STUDY!!!! On Wednesdays, December 7, 14, and 21, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. the Brown Bag Lunch group meets. Bring your lunch and enjoy discussion and study while we munch! We are using the “Heaven on Earth” study of Matthew!

– STEWARDSHIP –

Sharing the abundance of God's gifts to us of time, talents and wealth with others

Donation envelopes for the **Air Conditioning Fund** are available on the windowsill at the rear of the sanctuary.

Flower, Bulletin and Candle Sponsor Charts: Are you thinking of a way to honor a loved one's birthday, anniversary, accomplishment, baptismal anniversary, or to just say, “I love you?” Is there a special person whose life you would like to memorialize? Sponsoring flowers, bulletins and/or candles is a great way to do that! Check out the bulletin board in the hallway off the narthex for more information. The charts for 2017 will be posted next week.

We need **plastic icing tubs** for the distribution of altar flowers after the service. Please place on the counter in the altar room.

Save the Date!!!! Advent Luncheon and Christmas Decorating on Sunday, December 4. Sign up on the Trinity News bulletin board for the luncheon.

Save the Date!!! Congregational Meeting on December 11 right after church.

Save the Date!!!! **Baby Shower for Jesus** on December 15 at 7 p.m. in our Social Hall. All items collected will be donated to Pregnancy Ministries, Inc. in Waynesboro.

Don't forget: Drop off your **Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education**, as well as your all occasion **cards** for St. Jude's' recycled card program, in the appropriate container at the back of our worship area.

A free **transport chair** with a wide seat in good condition is available to anyone who needs one. If you know of someone, friend, neighbor, or relative who could use one, let Sondra Musser know (762-4373).

– TELC MISSION WORK FOR NEAR AND FAR –

Trinity's Encourager Ministry provides encouragement and outreach to our faith community. If you know of someone who could use a card, phone call, etc., let one of the members of the Evangelism Committee know. Contacts are made for special occasions/accomplishments in our lives such as an anniversary, new baby, baptism, first communion, confirmation, get well, graduation, retirement, sympathy, thinking of you, volunteer, wedding, etc. Members are Earl Duffey, Charlotte Kuhs, Sondra Musser, Judi Rice, and Donna Swauger.

Thursday in the Subway at Walmart is every Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00. Pastor Pam is available to anyone who is seeking prayer or someone to talk to. The invitation extends to our people here at TELC to stop by too. Please pray that this ministry will help TELC to take Jesus into the world. These sessions will resume in December when pastor Pam returns.

Our **adopted Christmas family**, received by way of the Waynesboro Community and Human Services, is a family of three—two children and one adult female. Their Christmas wishes are listed on the pew at the back of the nave. Please put your name beside the item you will purchase. Gifts should be brought to the church and put in the appropriate box by December 11. Food items should be at the church before worship on December 18. If you wish to donate money towards the food and/or gifts, you will find an envelope labeled "Adopted Christmas Family" on the windowsill at the back of the nave. Fill out the front of the envelope, put the money inside, and put the envelope in the offering plate. The Evangelism Committee will deliver the gifts after worship on December 18.

"New Neighbor Baskets" are now available for pickup at the church any Sunday morning. All you need to do is pick up the basket, deliver it, and have good conversation with your new neighbor. God is sending us out to do a new thing—help us reach out to our community!

– COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES TELC SUPPORTS –

Need a stocking stuffer? The SpiritTrust Lutheran™ Auxiliary is still selling **tickets for subs** from the Butcher Shoppe in Chambersburg at a cost of \$5 per ticket for a 12-inch sub. For tickets, contact Linda Beaver at 264-0737 or lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org. This fundraiser will continue through the month of December.

It's a Boy!!!



You are Invited to Celebrate the Birth of Jesus of Nazareth at a
Baby Shower
Given in His Honor!
Come to Enjoy Light Refreshments and Fun
Invite a Friend!

When: December 15, 2016 at 7:00pm
Where: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (TELC)
PO Box 240, 12043 Old Route 16, Rouzerville, PA 17250

All Gifts will be Donated to the
PMI Pregnancy Resource Center in Waynesboro, PA

Items Needed for the Center (Unwrapped):

Baby vinyl books	Baby clothes:
Diapers (sizes 1,4,5,6)	Newborn girls - winter, 0-3, 3-6 mo.
Baby thermometers	Onesies and sleeper
Baby nail clippers	Sleep sack- 0-3, 0-6 mo.
Teething rings	Winter girls: 3-6 mo., 18 mo.
Pacifiers	Winter boys: 18 mo.
Baby-safe rattles/plush toys	Summer girls: 3-6 mo., 18 mo.
Baby wipes (unscented)	Summer boys: 18 mo.

Would you or your organization like to make a monetary donation?
Please bring your check, or mail it, to TELC payable to:
PMI Pregnancy Resource Center

For more information, please call the church office at 762-1228.
RSVP at: admin@trinityrouzerville.org by December 12

If you are unable to attend, but would like to contribute,
please contact TELC to arrange for drop-off of your gifts,
Or mail your check to TELC to the PO address above.



- November 27–December 3 -

Sunday.....12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Café del Sol
 Wednesday.....7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies

- December 4-10 -

Sunday.....9:30 a.m. - Holy Moly & Adult Forum
 Sunday.....10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
 Sunday.....12:15 p.m. - Advent Luncheon & Church Decorating
 Tuesday.....7:00 p.m. - Faith Study
 Wednesday.....11:30 a.m. - Brown Bag Faith Study
 Wednesday.....7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
 Thursday.....6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council
 Friday.....6:00 p.m. - Dinner at Monterey Pass Pub & Eatery



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$487
Year to Date	\$45,625
Attendance Last Sunday -35	
Does Not Include E-Giving Offerings	

**- Current Income/Expenses -
To October 31**

Income	\$46,540
Expenses	\$76,152
Deficit	\$29,612

**- Air Conditioning Fund -
To October 31**

Cost	\$9,284
Received to Date	\$7,010
Balance Needed	\$2,274



The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are provided by Trudy gift in honor of Trinity congregation.

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

Ministers.....The Disciples of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
 (1 Peter 2:4-10)

Seminarian Kathleen Stump..... Presiding Minister
 Ruth Strausbaugh.....Assisting Minister
 Amy Dennis.....Lector
 Katherine Dennis.....Crucifer
 Linda Weddle.....Nursery
 Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice.....Musicians
 Sherri Kayhoe.....Usher
 Carol Snyder.....Usher
 Donna Swauger.....Usher
 Sherri Kayhoe.....Altar Care
 Amy Dennis & Linda Fleagle.....Offering Tellers

- SERVING DECEMBER 4 -

Pastor Pam Illick..... Presiding Minister
 Charles Strausbaugh.....Assisting Minister
 Teresa Papoutsis.....Lector
 Taylor Sherman.....Acolyte
 Hailey Sherman.....Crucifer
 Judi Rice.....Nursery
 Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice.....Musicians
 Sherri Kayhoe.....Usher
 Carol Snyder.....Usher
 Donna Swauger.....Usher
 Anita Bingman, Cindy Sherman, Barbara Stefanic.....Altar Care
 Sherri Kayhoe & Carol Snyder.....Offering Tellers

Seven Faith Practices

**Pray
 Study
 Worship
 Invite
 Encourage
 Serve
 Give**

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- Our Mission -

The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rouzerville, Pennsylvania is to build, strengthen, and increase our faith community to better love and serve God – and the world community – with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



- Our Vision -

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a flourishing, Spirit-filled, Christ-centered home for all.



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.