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Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13  
December 17, 2023



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## GATHERING

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- **Prelude** **Roxanne Groff**
- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**
- **Welcome** **Pr Mel Musser**
- **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**R:** Ezra writes of the rebuilding of God's holy temple; after their exile, God's people are restored.

**C:** *(light candle 1)* **This is the candle of hope, and it illuminates God's promise.**

**R:** *(light candle 2)* This is the candle of love, and its light leads us in God's way.

**C:** *(light candle 3)* **This is the candle of joy, and it shows us God's healing and wholeness.**

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**P:** Ever-present God,

**C:** **We come before you in need of grace. Too often our thoughts are judgmental and condemning of others. Too often our words are sarcastic or harsh, as harmful as weapons. Too often our actions are motivated by selfishness and we do not recognize the hurt or need in others. Forgive us, O God, and draw us back into right relationship with you, our neighbors, and your creation.**

**P:** The promise is sure: Christ's advent is near, and in Christ we are forgiven all our sin. Know that you are a beloved child of God, and be strengthened in all goodness.

**C: Amen.**

\* **GATHERING SONG** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” **LBW 30**



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

\* **APOSTOLIC 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.**

\* **KYRIE**

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

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\* **HYMN OF PRAISE**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... Gracious God, as creator of all that is, you lay the foundation of our faith. Help us to build on that foundation through your holy word and meal, this day and always.

C: Amen.

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## WORD

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### • CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



**Theme:** What Is Broken God Restores

**Materials:** A Broken Toy

**Scripture:** Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13

Hello girls and boys! I hope you had a great week. (SLIDE) Have you ever had a favorite toy you played with every day until one day that favorite toy got broken. What did you do? When something gets broken at our house I'm usually the one they call on to fix it. I have a cupboard at home with 4 or 5 different kinds of glue and of course lots of Duct Tape. This year I ordered a ceramic Cookie Jar from EBay on the internet. When it arrived it was in a million pieces. The lid was in so many pieces I couldn't imagine where to begin glueing it all back together.

Sometimes things in our lives get broken. Sometimes our sin causes things to break. Other times it's the sins of someone else that hurt us. Still other times we can't understand why some things get broken. In the Bible the people of God had committed great sins against God. As a result, the relationship between God and the people was broken. After a long time God decided the relationship with his people needed to be restored. So, God brought the people back to their promised land and provided for them so they could rebuild their Church in Jerusalem.

God wants to fix the broken stuff in your life and in all the world. Can you imagine how wonderful it will be when God makes everything brand new? That will be a day of pure joy. Do you know God already began the process of repairing the world. He did it when He sent his Son Jesus to earth for you and for me. Jesus is the only person who ever lived who had no sin. When someone has no sin we call that person righteous. Jesus is our righteous, sinless Savior.

I was pretty certain the cookie jar I bought was beyond repair, but my son in law, Jake had the patience to fit all the broken pieces back together again. In the Old Testament days God used people like Ezra to restore some of what was broken, but only Jesus can restore everything. That includes you and me. Jesus gives us his righteousness and that restores us and our relationship with God. Because of Jesus we are a forgiven people. Because of Jesus we are restored into God's good grace. That's why we celebrate the Birth of Jesus. It's like God's gift to us every day until forever!

Let's Pray... Dear God, Thank you for the gift of Jesus. Thank you for your promise to repair everything that's broken here on earth. Thank you for coming to earth to show us your love for all people! Amen.

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• **SCRIPTURE READING: Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13**

P: Our scripture reading for this day is from Ezra, Chapters 1 and 3

**1** In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in order that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom, and also in a written edict declared:

<sup>2</sup>“Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem in Judah. <sup>3</sup>Any of those among you who are of his people—may their God be with them!—are now permitted to go up to Jerusalem in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem; <sup>4</sup>and let all survivors, in whatever place they reside, be assisted by the people of their place with silver and gold, with goods and with animals, besides freewill offerings for the house of God in Jerusalem.”

**3** When the seventh month came, and the Israelites were in the towns, the people gathered together in Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> Then Jeshua son of Jozadak, with his fellow priests, and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel with his kin set out to build the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as prescribed in the law of Moses the man of God. <sup>3</sup> They set up the altar on its foundation, because they were in dread of the neighboring peoples, and they offered burnt offerings upon it to the Lord, morning and evening. <sup>4</sup> And they kept the festival of booths, as prescribed, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number according to the ordinance, as required for each day.

<sup>10</sup> When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the Lord with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel; <sup>11</sup> and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, “For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel.”

And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. <sup>12</sup> But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many shouted aloud for joy, <sup>13</sup> so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the

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joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted so loudly that the sound was heard far away.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ (*Spoken*)**

- **SERMON**

**Pr Mel Musser**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, amen.

A couple of years ago PJ and I went on a mini-trip back to our old stomping grounds. We visited Kent State where we both graduated back in 1979. (SLIDE) We went to the town where PJ grew up. (SLIDE) I've heard about Lake Milton for many years, but that was my first time seeing the childhood home and places where PJ hung out. On that trip we also made a point to attend worship services at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Brookpark on the west side of Cleveland. (SLIDE) My parents were founding members of that congregation back in 1957. I have vague memories of that place. I remember Pastor Minich and I remember he had a daughter, Jeannine, who was my age. They lived four or five houses down the street from us. My sister tells me I was in love with her and we planned to get married someday... My father got transferred with the company he worked for from Cleveland to a brand-new plant in Ashtabula. The only other time I ever returned to Redeemer was when my sister Jr married her first husband. They have



a newer sanctuary since we moved away. On the week we attended worship there several people spoke to us. (SLIDE) One was the sister of a neighborhood playmate of mine and another was an elderly lady who remembered my mom. Returning back to the places of our college days and our youth was bittersweet for me. As much as I loved seeing all the old places, so much had changed. We were older. A lot older for me, PJ hasn't really aged a day since I've known her... I realized I wasn't the same person I was all those years ago. The changes I saw in and around Kent State and my First Church seemed huge to me. I wanted Redeemer to be that same safe place it was for me when I was 5 years old. What I discovered was a congregation barely hanging on to existence. There were maybe 20 people in attendance on that Sunday morning. I remember 20 kids in my Sunday School Classroom.

In our Scripture reading for today the remnant of the people of God have returned from captivity in Babylon to Jerusalem. (SLIDE) Judah and Jerusalem had been defeated in 587 BC. The city walls had been torn down, all her defenses taken away. Even their precious Temple had been utterly destroyed. The fields had been burned and salted to ensure no crops could be harvested for many years. Now time has passed and a new King is in charge. The Babylonian Empire was replaced by the Assyrian Empire and most recently by the Persian Empire. In a

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strange twist of fate, the God of the Hebrew people spoke to the Persian King, Cyrus. (SLIDE) God moved Cyrus to release the remnant of the Hebrew people. It was more than just a release from captivity. His decree was really a command. It would have to be a command, because the captives, after 50 or more years in Babylon had become accustomed to their captivity. Cyrus commanded them to return and to rebuild, not just the Temple, but also the city of Jerusalem and the defensive wall that surrounded her. So, the people made the return trip back to Judah. After more than 50 years the place was still nothing but rubble. In a scene that reminds me of the final Exodus out of Egypt the ruling empire provided the food, money and resources to make the trip. In the case of Cyrus, he also paid for the materials needed to rebuild Jerusalem.

So, it's now the spring of 536 BC and construction has finally begun on the Temple. The foundation has been set and the Altar put back in its proper place. It's time to celebrate! (SLIDE) The priests are in full vestment. Musical instruments are ready and tuned up. The people are in attendance. Let the celebrations begin. This was supposed to be the happiest time for these returning Israelites. They were finally back in the Promised Land and free to Worship Yahweh as their parents and grandparents had done for generations before them. Some in the crowd were not feeling it. Some of those worshippers were a bit older

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and could still remember the First Temple. (SLIDE) That was the temple built by King Solomon, David's son. By all accounts the first Temple had been one of the marvels of the ancient world. This place for those people was still little more than a heap. (SLIDE) I mean, it had been more than 50 years since the Hebrew people had been defeated and most of them taken away into captivity. When they returned, those who were children are now returning elders. In the years in between, many had lost their parents and loved ones. Returning to the Temple only brought back memories of better times. For many of the returning remnant, the Temple only brought back memories of family and loved ones who were no longer there. So, while so many were celebrating this wonderfully happy occasion, others were hurting. (SLIDE)

It's not so different for us around here at Christmas time. Lots of people return here during the Christmas, er Advent Season. Maybe some of the changes we've made around here don't set so well with the returnees. Maybe things just aren't the same as they were when they grew up in this Congregation. Perhaps you come here filled with memories of Christmases past with all your family and all your loved ones. I've been guilty of only wanting to recognize the happy times at Christmas. I usually get so caught up in preparing for the big day that I forget some of us are hurting too. As I thought about my return to Redeemer Lutheran

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Church in Brook Park Ohio, I remembered being there all those years ago. Back then I didn't know the pain of losing my mom or dad or any of my sisters. I felt completely safe and joyful. I think we all want to return to those days when we felt safe and secure and when Christmas time was filled with comfort and joy.

Worship for Christians today isn't all that different than all those years ago. I mean we don't sacrifice animals on our Altar, but we do offer the Body and Blood of God's Sacrifice, Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Good News for us today is that we don't have to mourn the loss of our loved ones like those who have no faith. We know the promises of God are meant for us. We know the life we have here on this earth is not our permanent home. We know Jesus has already come to earth and blessed all God's children with eternal life and that He has gone ahead to prepare a room especially for you in our Father's house. We know we will see all our loved ones again when Jesus finally returns, just as He promised He would.

I know I'm supposed to be preaching on the Book of Ezra, but our Scripture for today only describes our human condition from a pre-Jesus paradigm. As we also know, Jesus really has changed everything! Because of Jesus we know God's love for us is immeasurably great. We know Jesus' promise to return again in glory. We know our salvation is secure, but even better, we know the salvation of all those we've loved is also secure. (SLIDE) One of the many reasons I love the

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Sacrament of Holy Communion so much is the way it unites us with all the Saints of all times and all places. Because of the righteousness of our Savior Jesus Christ, when we celebrate Holy Communion, the highest form of Worship, we're, at least temporarily, reunited with all our departed loved ones and with all the hosts of heaven. So, if coming to Worship this Christmas Season is difficult for you because too many things have changed or because it brings back too many memories, you are not alone. Returning to Worship has been bittersweet for well over 2500 years.

I can't take away the sting of death nor the despair of change, but I can bring you this good news. God's love endures forever and the changes Jesus brings about in you are for the better. We already know there will come a time when God will make all things new, but what are we to do *and* who are we to be in the meantime. For now, we're stuck here in this broken world where it's getting harder and harder to tell the difference between right and wrong. So many are claiming sin is no longer relevant. Wars and rumors of wars rage on, but this I know for sure, God wins in the end. We can all rest safe and secure in the promise from God that everything that is broken by sin will be reconciled and God's justice will prevail.

Until that day, may we press on worshipping and serving God like He's returning tomorrow. There will be times when the memories will flood our minds and our hearts will overflow. That's okay. Let your heart overflow... Even as you weep for the past, realize your actions today will become your bittersweet memories of tomorrow. May the sweetness always outnumber the bitterness, until we can all take our seat at the banquet with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To God be all the honor and glory, amen.

*Silence may be kept for meditation...*

- **SPECIAL MUSIC**      **“Welcome to Our World”**      **Larry Harter**

**\* NICENE CREED**

*The Nicene Creed is said on all festivals and on Sundays in the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Apostles' Creed is said at other times. The Creed is omitted here if the service of Holy Baptism or another rite with a creed is used.*

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, 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 man. 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 worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy**

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**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.**

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*\*Or, He descended to the dead.*

**\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: In anticipation of the coming messiah, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: God of the nations, you worked through Cyrus to bring healing to your people in their work of rebuilding the temple. Continue to bring restoration to your world through those we might least expect. God of Promise,

**C: In mercy, hear our prayer.**

L: Commit us to the work of stewardship of the beautiful world you have created, that we might bring restoration to damaged ecosystems. God of Promise,

**C: In mercy, hear our prayer.**

L: Inspire our leaders to work for the restoration of the communities they serve, that all might live fully in joyful interdependence. God of Promise,

**C: In mercy, hear our prayer.**

L: Equip and strengthen all who work in the medical profession that their collaborative efforts might lead to restoration of health and the best outcomes for those they serve, (*especially...*) God of Promise,

**C: In mercy, hear our prayer.**

L: Sustain social workers and all those who work with vulnerable and oppressed populations, so that they might continue to offer hope and help to those most in need without burning out. God of Promise,

**C: In mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: We thank you for the saints who worked diligently to maintain unity and rebuild trust following challenges in our faith communities. Inspire us by their example to live in harmony with one another. God of Promise,

**C: In mercy, hear our prayer.**

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L: We lift all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, into your loving arms, trusting in your love and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

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## MEAL

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### • OFFERING

P: As we collect our offering here in person, those worshipping with us through the internet, may you go to our website located at [www.pitsburgtlc.org](http://www.pitsburgtlc.org) where you'll find a button labeled "Give to Trinity." You can make your offering to God through our secure website.

### \* OFFERTORY PRAYER

*When the congregation is standing say:*

P: So, let's pray for the offerings we receive this day.... God of all, even King Cyrus, a gentile, responded to you with gratitude and gave of his riches to rebuild your holy temple in Jerusalem. With Cyrus, we offer these gifts to your work of justice and peace in the world.

C: Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING


### \* DIALOGUE



♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.



♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.



♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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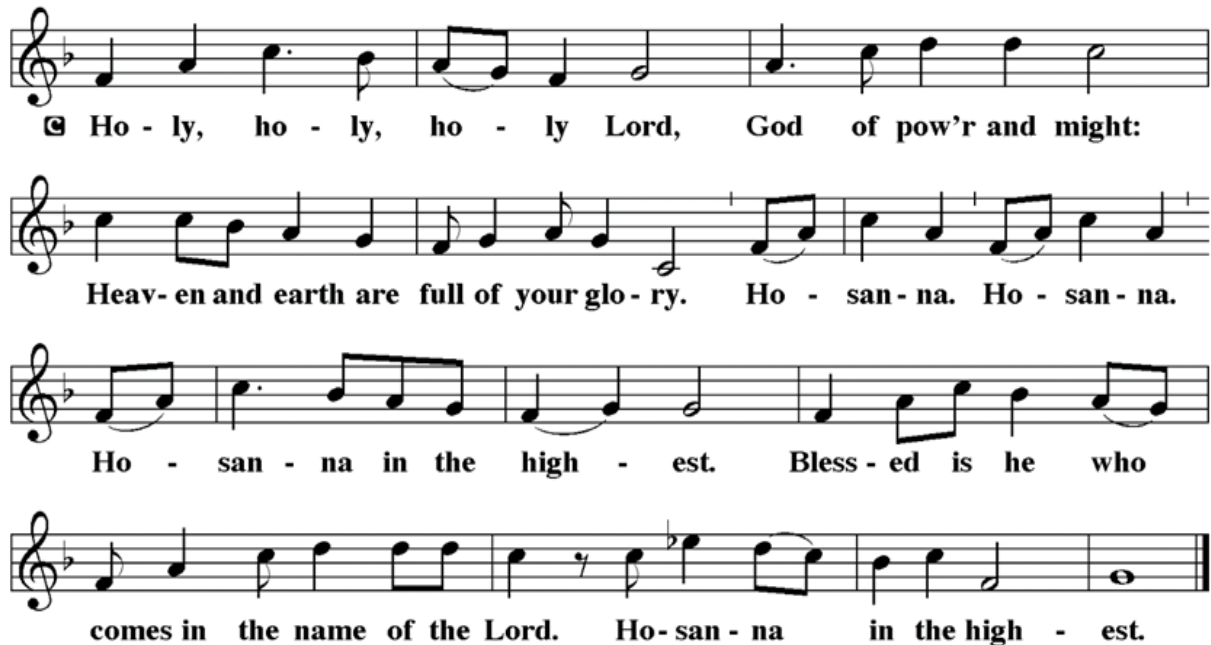
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\* **THE PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. 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 again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

\* **THE SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

\* **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty. When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy. At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace. Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: We are united together by this heavenly food, which is the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. So, let us pray as Jesus taught...

**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.**

**\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come feast at the table of life, where Jesus meets us in the bread and wine, and rejoices with us in his promise of everlasting life. All is prepared for you. Receive this gift of love.

**• COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*Communion is by "Station". Please come down the center aisle and return to your seats by the side aisles. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they may say these words to each communicant:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: Amen.*

**\* POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unity us, now and forever, amen.

\* **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re- calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al- le - lu - ia. Al- le - lu - ia.

\* **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen**

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**SENDING**

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• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* **SENDING BLESSING**

P: The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit remain upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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\* **SENDING HYMN**

**“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”**

**LBW 25**



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

\* **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Until the next time we gather together as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love.

**C:** **Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!**

\* **POSTLUDE**

**Roxanne Groff**

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Lector	Larry Harter
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Altar Flowers	


***This Week @ Trinity – December 17 thru December 24, 2023***

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>Sun, Dec. 17</b>	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Communion
<b>Mon, Dec. 18</b>	7:30 pm	Dartball at Trinity vs. Oakland C.O.B. #2
<b>Tues, Dec. 19</b>	<b><i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i></b>	
<b>Wed, Dec. 20</b>	9:30 am	GRCC Soup Kitchen
	6:30 pm	Advent Soup Supper/Devotion
<b>Thurs, Dec. 21</b>	11:30 am	Ladies & Gents Luncheon at Company 7 BBQ
		Bell Ringing at Walmart
<b>Fri, Dec. 22</b>	3:30 pm	FISH Choice Food Pantry
<b>Sun, Dec. 24</b>	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at Trinity
	10:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at Trinity

**TRINITY TRUMPET NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** is this Tuesday, Dec. 19!

- \* Please stand if able
- Please be seated

**Health Tips for the Week**  
**MIND:** Make a paper snowflake.  
**BODY:** Take time to pamper yourself.  
**SPIRIT:** Remember the reason for this season.

 Scripture readings  
for next Sunday,  
December 24<sup>th</sup>  
Luke 1:5-13, 57-80

**\* Youth Quake is coming!**

- Jan 4-6, 2024
- Cincinnati Holiday Inn
- Ages 7<sup>th</sup> Grade-12<sup>th</sup> Grade
- See Pr Mel or PJ if interested



**Holy Communion Delivery Available to ALL:**

If you or anyone you know would like to have Holy Communion delivered to a home or place of business, please call Pastor Mel at 937-626-7100. He will bring a prefilled communion chalice including both sanctified wine and a morsel of bread all prepackaged from the Concordia True Vine company. This is a safe way to stay connected to your brothers and sisters in Christ.



**Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3**

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.

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