Trinity Staten Island



ADVENT

1 st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity Lutheran Church is a diverse Christian community committed to sharing and teaching the Word of God. We welcome all people and serve to provide Christian education, witness and outreach. In response to God's grace, we are called to address the needs of our changing community, care for others, worship God, develop leaders in our faith, and manage our gifts.

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INFORMATION FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING

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PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES WHILE WE GATHER

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY: Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 AM DECEMBER 1ST, 2024

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER

Prelude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Alex Ayoub, trumpet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Advent Responsory

John Brooks

I look from afar, and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel. High and low, rich and poor, one with another. Go ye out to meet him and say: Hear O thou shepherd of Israel. Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. I look from afar, and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy,

C we confess that we have sinned.

We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might, we confess that we have sinned.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

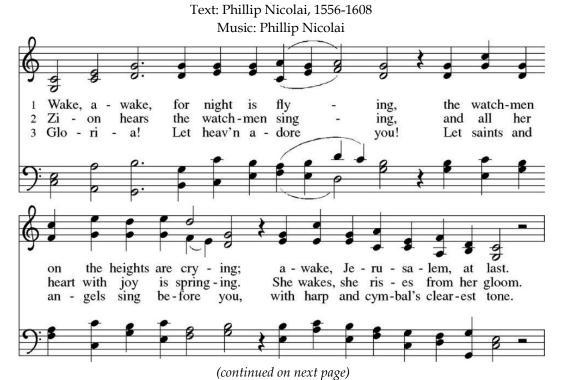
We have trusted false promises.

- P God in our midst,
- C we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.
- P A righteous branch springs forth:
 it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
 in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
 By the power of the Holy Spirit,
 receive the grace and forgiveness of God
 through + Christ Jesus,
 whose day draws near.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN, ELW 436

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying





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.

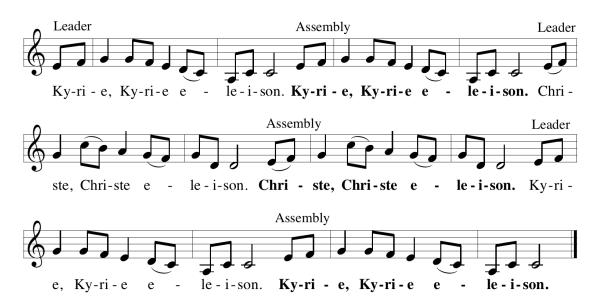
KYRIE

Kyrie

Text: traditional

Music: Daniel E. Schwandt, 2017

The assembly repeats the verse sung first by the cantor.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

A Let us pray.

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.

The first candle is lit.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, READING, PREACH AND SONG

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

- A Word of God, Word of Life.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 25 (vs 1-10)

The choir sings the refrain; the congregation then repeats.

Refrain



Tone



The choir sings the non-bold verses; the congregation joins on the bold verses.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. (Ps. 25:1)

- ¹To | you, O LORD,
 - I lift | up my soul.
- ² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.
- ³ Let none who look to you be | put to shame; rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
- ⁴ Show me your | ways, O LORD, and teach | me your paths.
- ⁵ Lead me in your | truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.
- ⁶ Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love, for they are from | everlasting.
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
 - 8 You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners | in your way.
 - ⁹ You lead the low- | ly in justice and teach the low- | ly your way.
 - ¹⁰ All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

Sing the refrain a final time

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

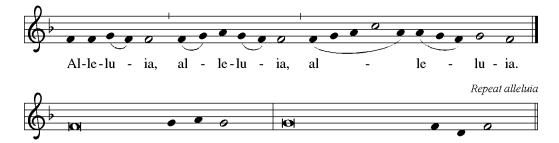
Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

- A Word of God, Word of Life.
- C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (WHEN CHILDREN PRESENT)

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, ELW P.160



All sing and then repeat the Alleluia:

Stand up and | raise your heads — * your redemption is | drawing near. (Luke 21:28)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21: 25-36

- P The holy gospel according to Luke, the 21st Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:]"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

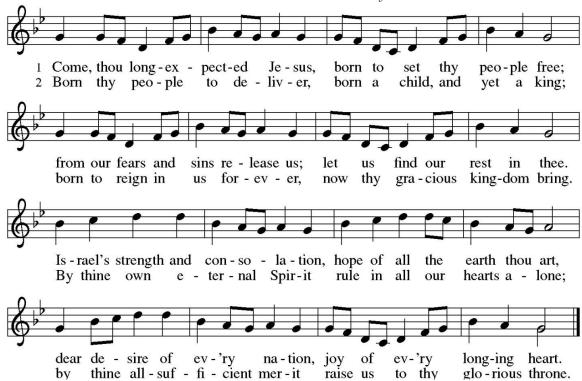
Please be seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY, ELW 254

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835



NICENE CREED

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became 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,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 INTERCESSION

We begin our prayers by singing the prayer response "Come, Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Hear Our Prayer." We will then sing the response after each petition. The pastor closes the prayers, after which the congregation replies: "Amen."



PEACE

We greet one another with the peace and love of Jesus Christ.

P The peace and love of Jesus Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace and love with one another, and then be seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS (SEE BACK OF BULLETIN)

MUSICAL ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Thou Shalt Know Him

Michael Larkin (b. 1951)

Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by any din of drums, nor his manners, nor his airs, nor by anything he wears. Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by his crown or by his gown, but his coming known shall be by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee. Thou shalt know him when he comes.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING, ELW 247

Come Now, O Prince of Peace (Vs. 1 & 2)

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope Music: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947



OFFERING PRAYER

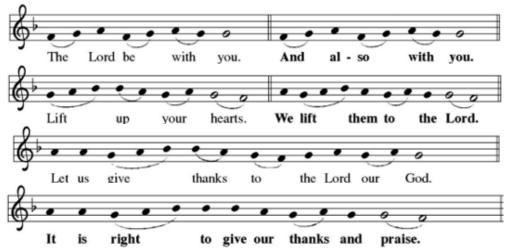
A Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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.

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.

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.

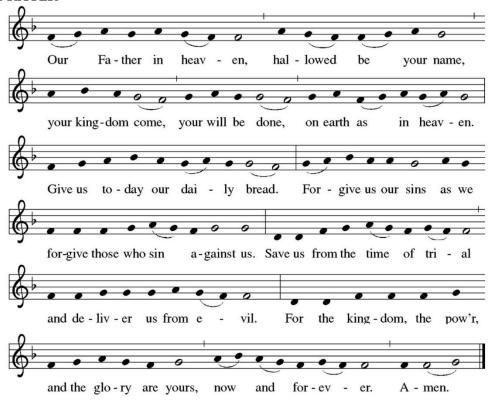
P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

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.

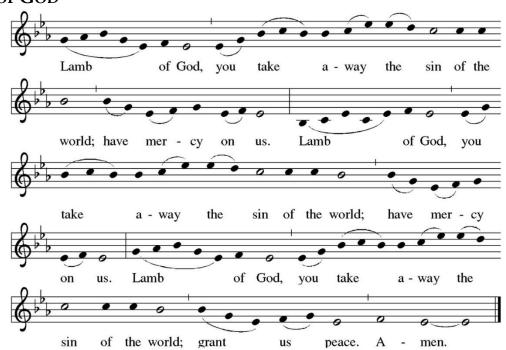
LORD'S PRAYER



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN, ELW 266

All Earth is Hopeful

Text: Alberto Taule, b. 1932, tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946 Music:Alberto Taule



COMMUNION HYMN, ELW 262

Wait for the Lord

Text: Taize Community Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994



TABLE BLESSING

- P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Generous God,
we thank you for the gift of life,
for the bread of salvation.
We thank you for coming among us,
for leading us into peace.
We thank you for showering us with mercy,
for sending us into the world.
Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us
as we feed the hungry in your name.

C Amen.

SENDING

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

P Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

BLESSING

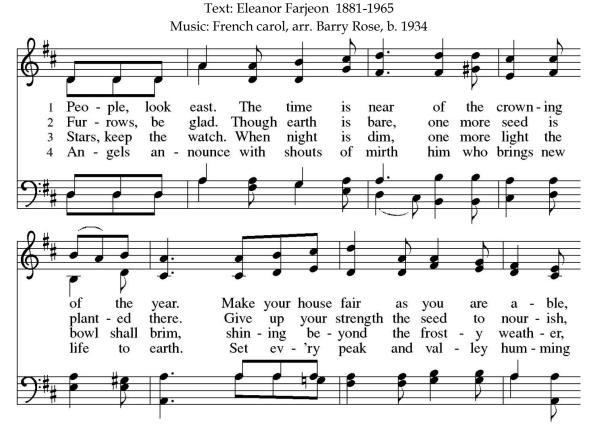
P God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey,

+ bless and keep you now and forever.

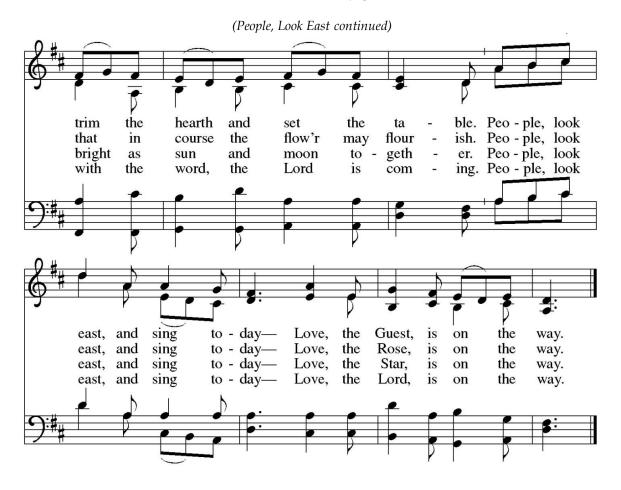
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN, ELW 248

People Look East



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DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

 $IV.\ Allegro\ from\ Sinfonia\ con\ Tromba$

Giuseppe Torelli (1658-1709)

Alex Ayoub, Trumpet

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Altar Guild	Nancy Meisner
Assisting Minister and Lector	Roy Danischewski
Organist and Music Director	Trent Whisenant
Ushers	Kim Ryan & Henry Granda
Counters	Richard and Lorraine Schrader
Preacher/Presider	Rev. Dr. Stephanie Jaeger

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR OUR PRAYERS ~ Please contact us with names to be added or removed.

Marjorie Lawrence, Family and Friends of Dave Jaeger, Nico Velez, Nicholas Volpe,
Family and Friends of Sawyer Sherk, Reath Edwards, Steven Chase and the Chase
Family, Ronald Campbell, Carmen Acosta, Elizabeth N. Beyan, Roe Regan, Kim Russell,
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Stack, George Skilbred, Jessica Desens, Migdalia Jimenez, Laura Lupo, Ruth Dowling,
David Dowling, Lura Hellem, Bobbie Wood & her daughter, Elizabeth Martin, Virginia
Gill & Family, Roald & Marlies Meyer, Victor Mistretta, Carol Vikse, Steven Tercovich,
Laura Konczynski, May Moore, Marlin Campbell, Ka-Ka, Kashief Campbell, Dianne
Bombardi, Ian Grande, Edie Piazza, Christopher Jarrett, Laura Bunnell, Tony
Leonardi, John Niemiec, Steve, Sonia Nunez, Ellen Nelson, Darlene Nellis, Cynthia
Marsh Crowell, Pastor Wolfgang Laudert, Jackie LaMorte, the Pennington Family,
Kristine Klumbach, Maryann, Frank and Dawn Fazio, Barbara Sanders and those who
are suffering from the effects of the 9/11 attacks.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Joshua Lentini, Sgt George E Turner, US Army, Cpl Brendan Jocsak, US Marines.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Bible Study: Understanding the Israel-Gaza War in Biblical and Historical Context

Sunday, December 1 | noon-1pm | Pastor's Office Join Pastor Stephanie in Bible study and theological learning most first and third Sundays of the month.

NEXT WEEK

Feeding with TLC

Every Saturday | 9:30am | Volunteer Arrival

Trinity's robust Feeding Ministry welcomes volunteers every Saturday to assist in feeding and providing food to our community members. Volunteers are especially needed on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Saturdays of the month. Contact the church office for more info.

Confirmation

Sunday December 8 | **noon-2:30pm** Youth will start out in the auditorium focusing on what it means to be church.

Advent Lessons and Carols Sunday December 8 | 4pm

We hear the stories leading up to the birth of Christ, accompanied by carols and anthems.

UPCOMING WEEKS

Christmas Toy Drive

Now Through December 5 | Narthex & Online Donate new unwrapped toys for the Van Duzer Civic's annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Toy Giveaway in Tappen Park on Saturday December 7th. There is a bin located in the Narthex to leave donations or scan the QR code for the Amazon shopping list.



Hat, Glove and Scarf Drive

Now Through December 15 | Narthex & Online Donate warm hats, gloves and scarves as a holiday gift for Feeding with TLC participants. Place donation in bin in narthex, or scan the QR code for the Amazon shopping list.



2024 HOLIDAY SERVICES

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, Nov 27 7pm

We will bless the bread used for Thanksgiving meals and collect canned goods and donations for Feeding with TLC.

Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 8 4pm

One of the most special services of the year, we hear the stories leading up to the Birth of Christ accompanied by carols and anthems.

Compline on the Longest Night

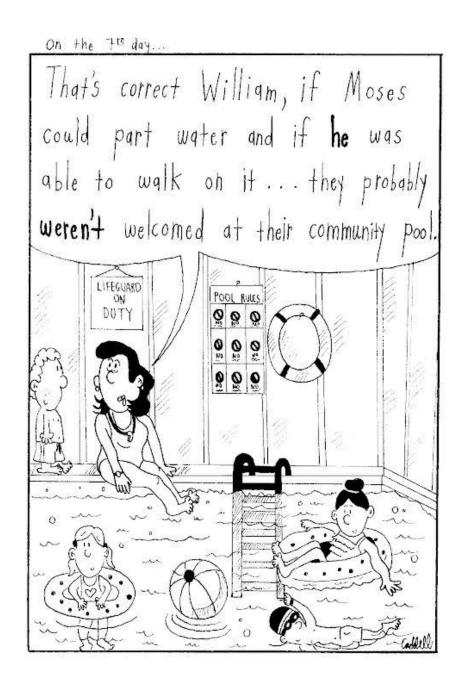
Sunday, December 22 6pm

Chants, candlelight, and ethereal beauty help us mark the longest night of the year, leading up to Christmas.

Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24 5pm

Our grand Christmas liturgy, we celebrate the birth of baby Jesus with familiar hymns, candlelight, communion, and sermon.



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