

# The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

Romans 13:12



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#### **NOVEMBER 27, 2022**

#### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome! The Pastor and People of Trinity Lutheran are glad that you are joining us in worship today. During this Advent Season we rejoice in the coming of Jesus Christ among His people, not only in His birth as a man, but also as we receive Him as even now He comes to us in His Word and Sacraments and as we wait for His coming again in glory. We pray that you will meet your Savior in our worship today as we joyfully celebrate Him who comes among His people, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

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.. Amen.

#### CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



#### THE DIVINE SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT IN THE SEASON OF ADVENT

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**№** In the Name of Jesus Christ **№** 

**▼** The Preparation **▼** 

The Music for Meditation

The Prelude

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Blessing of the Advent Wreath:

- **P** In the Name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord, as we begin the season of Advent, let this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. As the prophet Isaiah says, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined."

  Isaiah 9:2
- **P** Our Help is in the Name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the true Light who comes into the world to enlighten all people, bless us as we light the candles of this wreath in preparation for Your coming, and enkindle in our hearts the fire of Your love that we may receive You with joy and gladness and evermore remain steadfast in the faith; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

- P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the 

  → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this wreath for use in His Church throughout this holy season of Advent.
- C Amen.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 350

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"



Text: Johann Gottfried Olearius, 1635-1711; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.

Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, 1699, Darmstadt

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The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

- **P** The hour has come to wake from sleep,
- **©** for salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.
- **P** The night is far gone; the day is at hand.
- So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

From Romans 13:11-12

- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

#### **▼** The Service of the Word **▼**

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 118:25-28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

- Behold, your king is coming to you;righteous and having salvation.
- Save us, we pray, O LORD!
  O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- P Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

- P You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

#### The Kyrie Eleison:

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.
- **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.
- P 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.



- P 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; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Congregation is seated.

#### The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days

that the mountain of the house of the LORD

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be lifted up above the hills;

and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup>and many 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 the law,

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,

and shall decide disputes for many peoples;

and 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 anymore.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Romans 13:8-14

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

The Congregation rises.

The Gradual and Verse:

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt. Psalm 24:7

- P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
- **©** Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.
- P Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- **C** From the house of the Lord we bless you.
- P Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
- **C** that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Say to the daughter of Zion,

'Behold, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>10</sup>And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

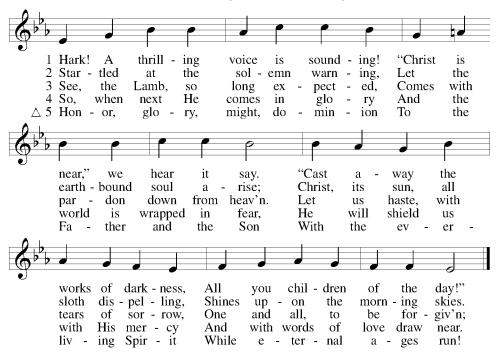
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 345

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"



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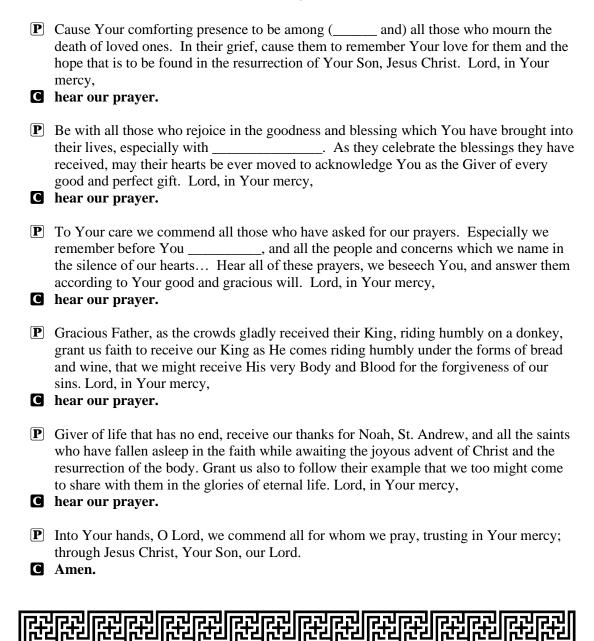
The Sermon New Year Resolutions

The Congregation rises.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P Gracious Father, as You sent Your beloved Son riding humbly on a donkey into Jerusalem to give His life for all mankind, so bless us in this penitential season with Your gifts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, that we might live lives wholly given to others. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- P Almighty God, as You have promised to raise Your mountain above every other mountain and to draw all nations to Yourself, gather the nations to the Church, that together with all Your elect, all would receive Your saving Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, as You bless us with the start of another year of grace, awaken us from the sleep of sin. Grant us faithfulness amid temptations, knowing that salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Everlasting God, shine the light of Your Word into the dark corners of our lives, enabling us by Your grace to cast off the works of darkness. Preserve us from covetousness and greed, that in a world that values the accumulation of possessions, we might delight to remain the people of Your possessing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P God of peace, with wisdom and power You govern the nations of this world. Guide all who serve in positions of authority that they may turn away from acts of hatred and bloodshed, follow the paths of peace, and choose good things for their people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Grant wisdom to our president, our governor, the members of Congress, our judges and magistrates, and all those in authority over us at every level of our government, that they may govern with good judgment and serve the welfare of all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Graciously attend with Your mercy all those who travel during this holiday season, and cause Your holy angels to accompany them, that their ways may be safe and their arrivals and homecomings may be joyful. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, even as Your Son bore in His body our sins and suffering, hear our prayers for those who suffer afflictions of the body or of the mind. In mercy, remember those who have requested our prayers, especially \_\_\_\_\_\_, that by Your Son's visitation, they might have hope for healing and restoration. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.



The Sharing of the Peace:

- Pace in heaven and glory in the highest.
  The Peace of the Lord be with you always!
- C And also with you.

The Congregation is seated.

#### **▼** The Service of the Sacrament **▼**

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 334

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"



The Hymn continues on the next page...

- Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
   Cannot His love erase;
   Your guilt the Lord will pardon
   And cover by His grace.
   He comes, for you procuring
   The peace of sin forgiv'n,
   His children thus securing
   Eternal life in heav'n.
- He comes to judge the nations,

   A terror to His foes,

   A light of consolations

   And blessèd hope to those

   Who love the Lord's appearing.

   O glorious Sun, now come,

   Send forth Your beams so cheering,

   And guide us safely home.

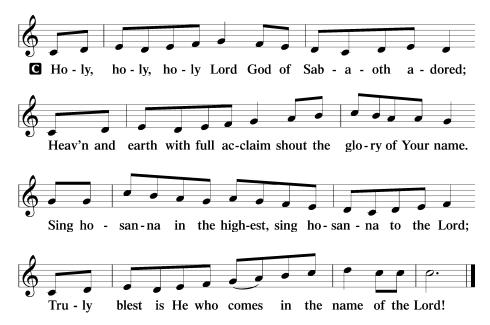
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#### The Preface Dialogue:

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus:



Text: Stephen P. Starke

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer:

- P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks that You sent Your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us in Him heirs of everlasting life; that when He comes again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold His appearing. With thankful hearts we lift our prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His Body and Blood, given us to eat and to drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes in glory. Hear us as we pray in His Name and as He has taught us:
- 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.

#### The Words of Our Lord:

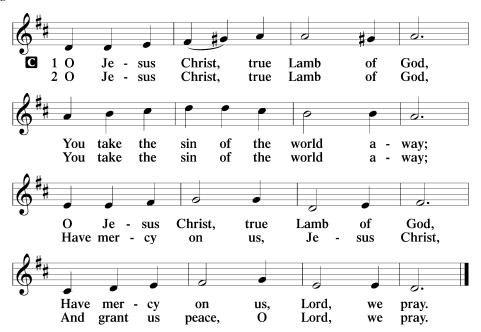
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My +Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### The *Pax Domini*:

- **P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

The Agnus Dei:



Text: Stephen P. Starke

The Congregation is seated.

#### The Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation in a continuous manner in front of the altar. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. The Sacrament is distributed in the following way...Please extend your hand to the Pastor to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood is then received from individual cups from the assistant (wine and white grape juice are available). After receiving, please place your empty cup into the tray at the end of the communion rail and return to your seat by way of the side aisle. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

Music During the Distribution: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

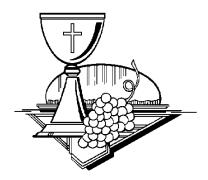
After all have communed, the Pastor continues:

The Eucharistic Blessing:

- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 

  → in peace.
- C Amen.

The Congregation rises.



#### The Nunc Dimittis





#### The Post-Communion Collect:

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord our God, in the celebration of Your Sacrament You have given us the true Body and Blood of Your Son; grant that this Holy Supper may make us strong in the hope of our salvation, that we may joyfully await the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ in power and majesty; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Benedicamus and Benediction:

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- C Amen.

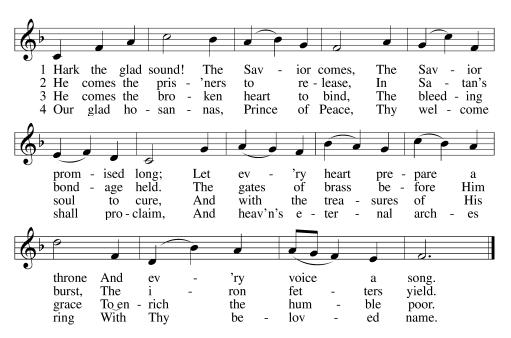




#### The Hymn to Depart

### Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 349

"Hark the Glad Sound"



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### The Silent Worship

#### The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

"Hark the Glad Sound"

▼ To God Be All Praise and Glory! ▼



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#### THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

The Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel

The Lector George Kurtzweil

The Communion Assistant Paul Ritter
The Worship Assistant Paul Ritter
The Parish Musician Skip Hall

#### **NOTES AND NEWS**

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Gus Kruelle in memory of his wife, Betty's, birthday.

COVID UPDATE ... With the current uptick of COVID metrics in our local area, our County officials have made the recommendation to residents in our area to wear masks while indoors. The wearing of masks while in the church building remains optional, and you are free to wear or not wear them as you choose, or as your personal needs determine. We ask, in love for one another, that everyone continue to observe our "Stay Safe Rules" as printed in the bulletin and posted at the church entrances. Thank you all for your continued patience and loving concern for our Trinity Family during this time.

A NEW CHURCH YEAR ... begins today with the First Sunday in Advent. As we keep this season of preparing ourselves once more for the yearly remembrance of Christ's Birth, we have provided devotional materials for our Trinity Families to observe this sacred time at home. The devotions were mailed to member homes last week, and we hope you received them. If you did not, please contact the church office to let us know.

TRINITY'S MINISTRY PLANNING GROUP (MPG) ... will be meeting following worship today to tend to the affairs of our life together as a congregation. If you have any questions or concerns which you would like to have the MPG address, please speak with any of the members of the MPG: Helen & Waymond Joynes, Gus Kruelle, Michael McCoyer, Vincent Peele, and Paul Ritter.

THANK YOU ... to all those who generously contributed toward the making of the "Miracle of Christmas" baskets for the family we are sponsoring through our Compassion Center. May these gifts help this family to have a happy Christmas and fill their home with the joy and peace found in the Christ Child.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... If God is love, what are we to make of His wrath? Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, December 4, 2022, for this message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, The Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Paradise Restored", on WFAX 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen on line to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at lhm.org, under "Media" and "The Lutheran Hour".

ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING ... We will hold our Congregation's annual meeting to attend to our Parish business following worship on **December 11**th. We hope that all voting members will be able to attend as we look forward to another year of ministry together. If you have any questions or concerns in advance of the meeting, please speak with Helen Joynes, our congregation president, or with any member of the Ministry Planning Group,

#### UPCOMING DATES AS WE PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS:

Saturday, December 10 at 10 AM	Decorating the Church
Saturday, December 24 at 7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Divine Service
Sunday, December 25 at 9:30 AM	Christmas Day Festival Divine Service
	No Bible Class
Sunday, January 1 at 9:30 AM	Divine Service with Christmas Carol Sing
	No Bible Class
Sunday, January 8 at 9:30 AM	Epiphany Celebration Festival Divine Service
Saturday, January 14 at 10 AM	Church Undecorating

OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for 2022 is available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is \$30.00. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

THIS WEEK'S FEAST AND COMMEMORATION...

November 29 Noah, Old Testament Saint

November 30 **St. Andrew**, *Apostle* 

Visit <a href="http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/">http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/</a> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.



COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is once again serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. Please see the full page announcement in the bulletin for more information. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this time of great need in our community we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken; Canned Fruit; Soup.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

#### PREPARING FOR THE COMING SUNDAY ...

The Second Sunday in Advent, December 4, 2022 Scripture Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12



### **Trinity Stay-Safe Rules**

- ❖ If you are sick, PLEASE STAY HOME, and please get under a doctor's care.
- ❖ If you are over 65 or immunocompromised, please be careful, follow the rules here at church, or feel free to stay home with God's blessing and ours. (We'll be here when you are ready to come back to worship.)
- While in the church building, wearing of a mask is optional. In love and care for one another, use your best judgment with regards to current health guidelines as to whether or not you wear a mask.
- Physical Distancing Requirements have been lifted, so you are free to sit where and as you wish. Use your own best judgement as to how close you wish to sit to others.
- ❖ Wash your hands often. 20 seconds with soap and water. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use as well. Try not to touch your face.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow.
- Please, no handshaking. Use an elbow bump or wave for now.
- All Worship materials are printed for each service. As we will not be reusing them, please take them home with you to recycle.
- Offerings will not be collected during the service. Please place your offering in the basket on the table in the rear of the nave, or continue to mail in your offering to the church office.
- Holy Communion will be distributed in a continuous fashion using individual wafers and cups. Please follow the direction of the usher to go forward and receive the Sacrament, and please keep a distance in line between persons.

Thank you all for your continued patience and concern for one another during this time.



# Hyattsville Compassion Center

A shared ministry of Redeemer & Trinity Congregations and the Lutheran Mission Society

Ms. Elma Pervaiz, Center Coordinator Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

Located on the campus of Redeemer Lutheran Church 3799 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland

We are happy to announce that our Compassion Center has reopened!

Our operating hours are: **Monday: 10 AM – 4 PM** 

Tuesday: 10 AM – 4 PM Wednesday: 10 AM – 2 PM

Food and Clothing Ministry is available by appointment during the center's open hours.

Please call Elma to make arrangements for us to assist you.

The thrift center will be open during our operating hours with the following safety guidelines:

- Masks must be worn at all times.
- Please observe social distancing
- Number of persons in the center at a time will be limited

In-Kind Donations for the thrift center are limited at this time owing to reduced staffing at the center.

If you have donations, please contact Elma at the center before bringing your items during center hours.

# PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 4 May Be Subject to Change

Today	The First Sunday in Advent		
	8:30 AM	Bible Study	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion	
		(at church in person and via Facebook Live)	
	10:45 AM	Ministry Planning Group (MPG) Meeting	
	12:00 PM	EECMYM Worship (at church in person)	
Monday	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open	
	10:00  AM - 4:00  PM	Compassion Center Open	
Tuesday	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open	
	10:00  AM - 4:00  PM	Compassion Center Open	
Wednesday	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open	
	10:00  AM - 2:00  PM	Compassion Center Open	
Next Sunday	The Second Sunday in Advent		
	8:30 AM	Bible Study	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion	
		(at church in person and via Facebook Live)	
	10:45 AM	Trinity Singers Rehearsal	
	12:00 PM	EECMYM Worship (at church in person)	

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### **CHURCH STATISTICS**

Sunday, November 20, 2022 Worship Attendance: 18; Communed: 18.





## **※** O Christ, Hear Us! **※**

#### Intercessions for the Week of November 27, 2022

#### **Prayers for Continued Healing and Help**

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Joseph, Diane, John Tyler, Elizabeth, Waymond, Alan, August, Clara, David, Ernie, Paul, and Angela

#### For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;

Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda;

Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty;

Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers; Jari, former Concordia Teacher;

Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie; Ray, relative of Kim;

Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy; Bernie, friend of Trinity;

Randy, friend of Pepper; Jim, friend of Judy; Jennifer, friend of Matt;

Andrew & Family, student at HES; Joan, friend of Tracy; Charlotte, aunt of Kim;

Joseph, friend of Rona; Sally, SED Staff

All those affected by or who are in fear of the Coronavirus Outbreak.

For our Medical Community, First Responders, and other Workers who aid us in this time.

### Thanksgivings and Blessings

Susan Quisenberry, Karsyn Vada Joynes, Claudette Mayes, and Cecil Haney, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Cullen & Roxanne Elias, who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week.

### We Keep In Our Prayers

- **♣** Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ♣ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland.
- ★ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be Ablaze! with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.

- For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.
- Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- For an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.



#### Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

 $4000-30^{\rm th}$  Street at the intersection of  $30^{\rm th}$  Street and Bunker Hill Road Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712

### Sunday Mornings:

Adult Bible Study – 8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live For more information, please visit the church website.

Church Office Phone: 301-864-4340 Church Web Site: www.tlcmr.org The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor



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