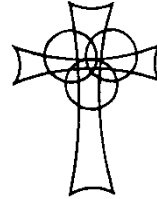
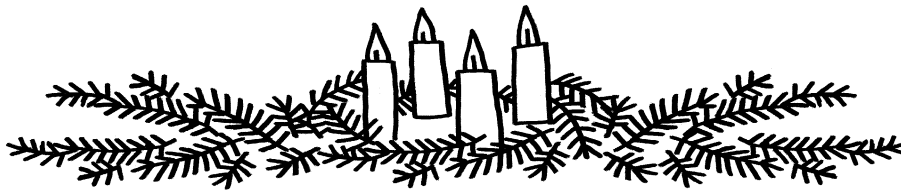


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*First Sunday in Advent*

**November 28, 2021**

***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.

***A PRAYER AS WE GATHER***

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. Amen.



## The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

*Divine Service, Setting Four*  
*Lutheran Service Book, Page 203ff*

✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

### ✠ **The Preparation** ✠

Advent Music for Meditation

The Prelude

“Hosanna Now Through Advent”

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.”

**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.**

“Hosanna Now Through Advent”

- 1 **Hosanna now through Advent**  
With loving hearts we sing,  
For Jesus Christ is coming  
To be His children’s King.  
**Hosanna! Blessed Jesus,**  
Come in our hearts to dwell,  
And let our lives and voices  
Your praise and glory tell.
- 2 **Hosanna! Let this welcome**  
Ring out from ev’ry heart;  
Draw near to us, O Jesus,  
And nevermore depart.  
So when we see You coming  
With angels in the sky,  
**Hosanna, loud hosanna**  
Shall be Your children’s cry.
- 3 **“Hosanna in the highest!”**  
That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heav’n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice!

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The Confession of Sins:

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

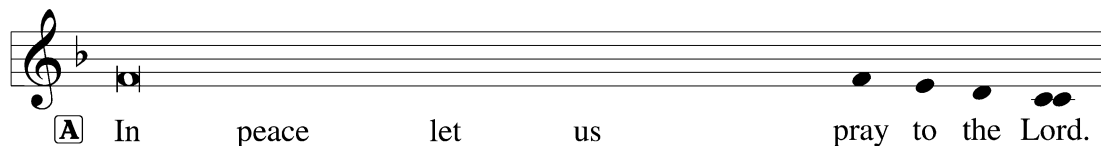
✠ **The Service of the Word** ✠

The Introit of the Day

*Psalm 89:6, 14-16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

- P** Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.
- C** **Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?**  
**Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?**
- P** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
- C** **Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,**  
**who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,**
- P** who exult in your name all the day  
and in your righteousness are exalted.
- C** **For our shield belongs to the LORD,**  
**our king to the Holy One of Israel.**
- C** **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*



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



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

**A** 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

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

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

The Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

<sup>9</sup>What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

- 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.
- C** **Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.**
  
- P** Blessed 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

*Luke 19:28-40*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup>And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” <sup>35</sup>And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup>And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” <sup>40</sup>He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed:

**C** 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 Congregation is seated.*



“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

- 1 O Lord, how shall I meet You,  
How welcome You aright?  
Your people long to greet You,  
My Hope, my heart's Delight!  
O kindle, Lord most holy,  
Your lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly  
All that may please You best.
- 2 Your Zion strews before You  
Green boughs and fairest palms;  
And I too will adore You  
With joyous songs and psalms.  
My heart shall bloom forever  
For You with praises new  
And from Your Name shall never  
Withhold the honor due.
- 3 I lay in fetters, groaning;  
You came to set me free.  
I stood, my shame bemoaning;  
You came to honor me.  
A glorious crown You give me,  
A treasure safe on high  
That will not fail or leave me  
As earthly riches fly.
- 4 Love caused Your incarnation;  
Love brought You down to me.  
Your thirst for my salvation  
Procured my liberty.  
Oh, love beyond all telling,  
That led You to embrace  
In love, all love excelling,  
Our lost and fallen race.
- 5 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.

*The Hymn concludes on the next page...*



**6 He comes to judge the nations,  
A terror to His foes,  
A Light of consolations  
And blessed 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 Sermon

Welcome the Lord!

*The Congregation rises.*

The Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us come before the throne of God's grace and present our petitions with confidence in the Spirit through our Lord Jesus to His heavenly Father, for He is kind and full of compassion.
- P** Father in heaven, You once sent Your Son to us as our King, righteous and having salvation. Help all Your baptized people to wait in joyful hope for His appearing in glory and, by a faithful use of the means of grace, to prepare themselves for the coming Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of our salvation, remember our Synod and district presidents, all pastors, teachers, deaconesses and servants of the Church. Strengthen each one to hold forth faithfully the hope that is ours in Christ Jesus. Grant our Trinity and Redeemer congregations and all Christians to increase and abound in love for one another and for all, that the schemes of the evil one may come to nothing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Holy One of Israel, the words of Your Son do not pass away, but abide forever. Grant Your people grace in these Advent days to set aside time from the busyness and hectic pace of our lives, to enter the quiet joy of Your presence that we might hear and ponder our Savior's words and so come to the Christmas feast with glad and joyful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Our God and Father, Your Son is the righteous Branch whom You sent to execute justice and righteousness on earth. Into Your loving hands we commend all entrusted with public service among us: our President, the Congress, the Justices, all state and local magistrates, and all who serve in our armed forces. Give them courage and wisdom in their duties and guide them in paths that please You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord, You teach the humble Your way. Remember in Your tender compassion all who pass through difficult and trying times: the hospitalized, the elderly, the lonely, and all who stand in need of Your compassionate care, especially\_\_\_\_\_. Bring them the comfort of Your mercy and steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of time and eternity, You bless each and every day of our lives with Your love and mercy. Be with all those who rejoice in Your goodness to them, especially\_\_\_\_, and help us all to acknowledge You as the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of comfort, You sent Your Son to heal our griefs. Deal compassionately with all those who mourn the earthly loss of loved ones [*especially\_\_\_\_\_*]. Help them to see that You are the Lord of life who has triumphed over death and the grave and that You give eternal life to all who have fallen asleep trusting in Your grace and love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Tender Savior, You look with compassion and love upon all those You have redeemed. To Your care we commend all those who have asked for our prayers. Especially we remember before You \_\_\_\_\_ and all the people and concerns which we name in the silence of our hearts... Hear all of these prayers, we beseech You, and answer them according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father of glory, Your Son was welcomed into Jerusalem amid cries of “Blessed is the King who comes in the Name of the Lord!” Grant that we may welcome Him anew today as He comes to us in His Body and Blood, bringing us the gift of peace with You and the promise of glory in the highest. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Loving King, receive our thanks and praise for Noah, St. Andrew, John of Damascus, and all whose hearts Your Son has established blameless in holiness before You, His God and Father: the faithful departed who even now abide in His presence and will appear with Him when He comes in glory, to raise the living and the dead. Grant that we, like them, may be faithful unto death and come at last to receive with them the crown of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** These things and whatever else You know us to need, most Holy Father, grant us for the sake of Him who is the Lord our Righteousness and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

- P** Blessed is the King who comes in the Name of the Lord. Peace 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 # 341*

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!  
Behold, the King of Glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring;  
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise  
Your joyful songs of praise.**
  
- 2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;  
His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness,  
His scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe He brings;  
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
To Christ the Savior raise  
Your grateful hymns of praise.**
  
- 3 How blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy homes  
To whom this King in triumph comes!  
The cloudless Sun of joy is He  
Who comes to set His people free.  
To God the Spirit raise  
Your happy shouts of praise.**

*The Hymn continues on the next page...*

**4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for Heav'n's employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
So shall your Sov'reign enter in  
And new and nobler life begin.  
To God alone be praise  
For word and deed and grace!**

**5 Redeemer, come and open wide  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine;  
Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
We offer to Thy Name.**

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*The Congregation rises.*

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.

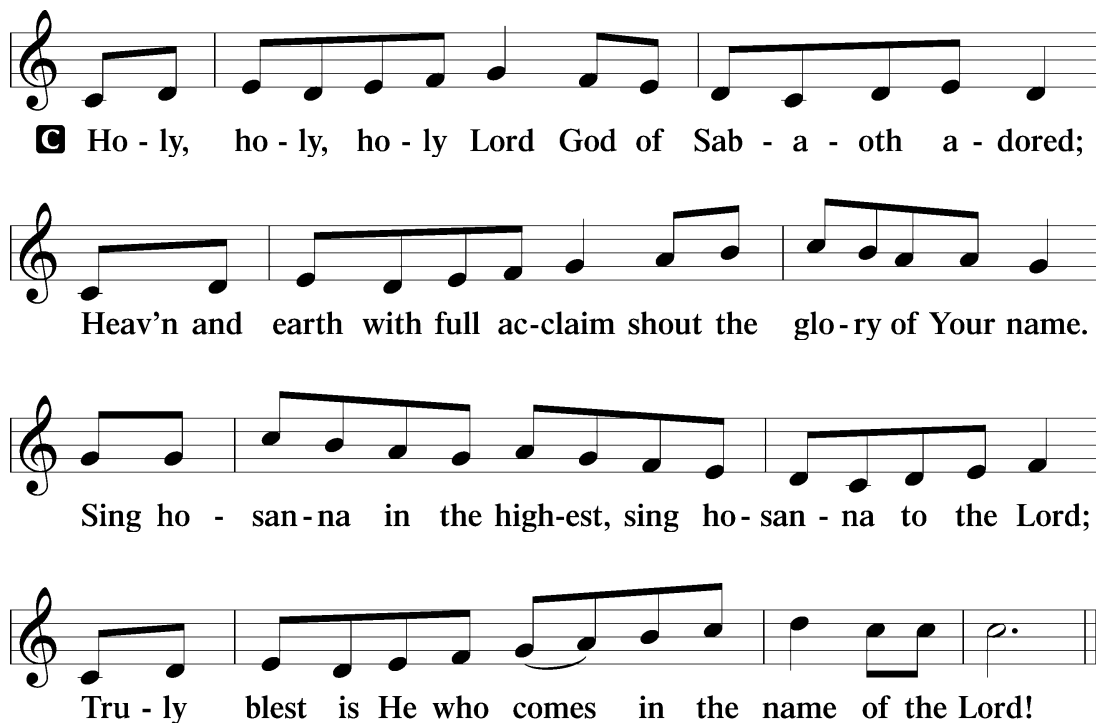
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give 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*:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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:
- 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.**

The Words of Our Lord:

- P** 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  $\text{✠}$  Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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:*

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*The Congregation is seated.*



## The Distribution of 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.*

*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 at the Distribution: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

*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*:

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

The Hymn to Depart

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 350*

“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”

**1** **Come, Thou precious Ransom, come,  
Only Hope for sinful mortals!  
Come, O Savior of the world!  
Open are to Thee all portals.  
Come, Thy beauty let us see;  
Anxiously we wait for Thee.**

**2** **Enter now my waiting heart,  
Glorious King and Lord most holy.  
Dwell in me and ne'er depart,  
Though I am but poor and lowly.  
Ah, what riches will be mine  
When Thou art my Guest Divine!**

**3** **My hosannas and my palms  
Graciously receive, I pray Thee;  
Evermore, as best I can,  
Savior, I will homage pay Thee,  
And in faith I will embrace,  
Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.**

**4** **Hail! Hosanna, David's Son!  
Jesus, hear our supplication!  
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown,  
Bring us blessing and salvation,  
That forever we may sing:  
Hail! Hosanna to our King.**

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”

✠ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✠



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## NOTES AND NEWS

*COVID UPDATE* ... As the County Executive has reinstated the indoor mask mandate in our area, we kindly ask those attending worship in person to once again wear their masks while inside the church building. Our prayer continues to be that the Lord will continue to look on us and our world in mercy and continue to keep us from harm even as we all do those things which we can to keep one another as safe and healthy as possible.

*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. There are also a limited number of extra devotional books available on the literature table in the rear of the sanctuary.

*CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES* ... are extended to the family of Paul Gilbertz, who passed away suddenly on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Paul was the husband of Kathy Gilbertz, who was a member here at Trinity for many years and served for a time as our church office secretary. Funeral arrangements have been made for visitation on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8 PM, and the Service of Victory at 11 AM on Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 11 AM. The visitation and service will both be held at Donaldson Funeral Home, 313 Talbott Avenue, Laurel, MD 20707.

*THE LUTHERAN HOUR*... The world tells us we must be useful in order to belong, but that's now how God sees us. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday December 5, 2021, for this message by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Because We Belong", on WMZQ 98.7 FM at 7:00 AM or on Sundays at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM on WFAX 1220 AM. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen on line to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com.

*ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING* ... We will hold our Congregation's annual meeting to attend to our Parish business following worship on **December 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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 11 at 11 AM	Decorating the Church Potluck Lunch to follow
Friday, December 24 at 7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Divine Service
Saturday, December 25 at 9:30 AM	Christmas Day Festival Divine Service
Sunday, December 26 at 9:30 AM	Divine Service with Christmas Carol Sing
Sunday, January 2 at 9:30 AM	Epiphany Festival Divine Service
Saturday, January 8 at 11 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.

*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 SAINTS...*

November 28	<b>Noah</b> , Old Testament Saint
November 29	<b>St. Andrew</b> , Apostle of the Lord
December 4	<b>John of Damascus</b> (c. 675-749), Theologian and Hymnwriter

Visit <http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/> 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. *Please note that the saints this week are listed under the headings for November (End of the Church Year), November (Advent), and December.*

*ALTAR FLOWERS ...* The flower chart for 2021 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](mailto:trinity-elc-office@verizon.net)).



*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.

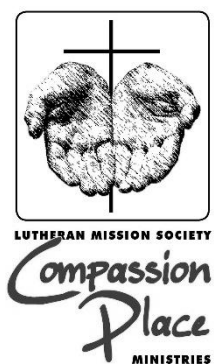
Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

*PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY ...*

The Second Sunday in Advent, December 5, 2021

Scripture Readings: Malachi 3:1-7b; Philippians 1:2-11; Luke 3:1-20





## **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**

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

Our operating hours will be:

**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.

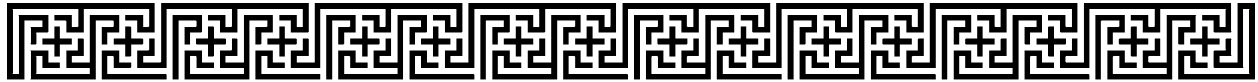
## **Trinity Stay-Safe Rules**

- ❖ 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.)
- ❖ As the county has reinstated the indoor mask mandate, we ask everyone to once again wear a mask while in the church building.
- ❖ 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.*

**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 5**  
*May Be Subject to Change*

<b>Today</b>	<i>The First Sunday in Advent</i>	
	8:30 AM	Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 PM	EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
<b>Monday</b>	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Tuesday</b>	9 AM – Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 AM - Noon	Church Office Open
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<i>The Second Sunday in Advent</i>	
	8:30 AM	Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	11:00 AM	Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	12:00 PM	EECMYM Worship (at church in person)



**CHURCH STATISTICS**

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Worship Attendance: 23; Communed: 23.





✠ O Christ, Hear Us! ✠

**Intercessions for the Week of November 28, 2021**

**Prayers for Continued Healing and Help**

*For Members of Our Trinity Family:*

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Elizabeth, Joseph, Diane, John Tyler, Elizabeth, Waymond, Alan, August, Clara, David, Owen, 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; Alan, cousin of Kim; Lisa, neighbor of Peter & Kim; Dennis & Caron, former Concordia Teachers; Zoila, mother of David; Jeff, husband of Mary; Jari, former Concordia Teacher; Joyce, friend of the Peeles; Cora, aunt of Tracy; Catelyn, step-grandaughter of Ernie; Ray, relative of Kim; Sandy, relative of Kim; Cherra, mother-in-law of Meghan; Jim, friend of Judy; Scott & Tori, friends of Matt; Ray & Barbara, relatives of Rick; Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy; John, father-in-law of Kristina; Susan, friend of Kim

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 Joynes, Claudette Mayes, Cecil Haney, Gunhild Redman, and Lynn Orchowski, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

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

**Those Who Mourn**

The Family of Paul Gilbertz, husband of Kathy Gilbertz, who passed away November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**We Keep In Our Prayers**

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ For 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 Elma Pervaiz, our Center Coordinator, and for the work of our Compassion Center.
- ✠ 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 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 the shedding of their blood.
- ✠ Prayers for peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or by acts of terror, and for those who find themselves in harm's way in the war on terrorism.
- ✠ All those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.