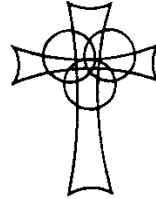




“Then the  
glory of the LORD  
shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together.”  
Isaiah 40:5, NRSV

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Second Sunday in



December 6, 2020

***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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of Your only Son. By His coming strengthen us to serve You with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 345*

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

- 1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!**  
“Christ is near,” we hear it say.  
“Cast away the works of darkness,  
All you children of the day!”
- 2 Startled at the solemn warning,**  
Let the earthbound soul arise;  
Christ, its Sun, all sloth dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 See, the Lamb, so long expected,**  
Comes with pardon down from heav’n.  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all, to be forgiv’n;
- 4 So, when next He comes in glory**  
And the world is wrapped in fear,  
He will shield us with His mercy  
And with words of love draw near.
- △ 5 Honor, glory, might, dominion**  
To the Father and the Son  
With the ever-living Spirit  
While eternal ages run!

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The Confession of Sins:

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: verse 3*

**P** Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**C** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

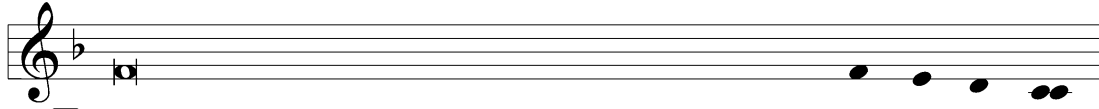
**P** You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
it took deep root and filled the land.

**C** Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**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** Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

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 our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*The Congregation is seated.*

The Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades  
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, fear not;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
“Behold your God!”  
<sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
<sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

*2 Peter 3:8-14*

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

**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.; Luke 3:4b, 6*

- 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. Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight;
- C** **all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:1-8*

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

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way,

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

- 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.*

The Hymn of the Day

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 347*

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

- 1 “Comfort, comfort ye My people,  
Speak ye peace,” thus saith our God;  
“Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
Mourning ’neath their sorrows’ load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
Of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover  
And her warfare now is over.”
- 2 Yea, her sins our God will pardon,  
Blotting out each dark misdeed;  
All that well deserved His anger  
He no more will see or heed.  
She hath suffered many\_a day,  
Now her griefs have passed away;  
God will change her pining sadness  
Into ever-springing gladness.

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



- 3 Hark, the herald's voice is crying  
In the desert far and near,  
Calling sinners to repentance,  
Since the Kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet Him  
And the hills bow down to greet Him.**
- 4 Make ye straight what long was crooked;  
Make the rougher places plain.  
Let your hearts be true and humble,  
As befits His holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord  
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
And all flesh shall see the token  
That His Word is never broken.**

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The Sermon

“Glorious Comfort”

*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** Lord, You send messengers to tell forth the coming of Your appearing among us. Grant that Your Church may continue to lift up its voice, crying out in the wilderness of this world so that the Your glory may be revealed to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, You sent John the Baptist as Your messenger to preach the coming of Your Son. Continue to send pastors, teachers, missionaries, and other workers to Your Church who will be heralds of good news, faithfully calling people to repentance, and proclaiming the Gospel of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, You are patient and do not wish that anyone should perish. We give You thanks that in Your great mercy, You continue to allow the Gospel to go forth so that all might reach repentance. Help us to live lives worthy of Your call, and keep us ever faithful as we wait for the new heavens and the new earth You have promised. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord, Your rule extends over all creation. Bless with Your wisdom the leaders of the nations. Aid them to know and to do Your will, especially to defend the weak and vulnerable, and to seek and pursue peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, You are the God of all comfort. Look favorably upon \_\_\_\_\_ and all who suffer from any infirmity of body or soul. Grant them healing and patience in the face of affliction, and never let them forget that You are ever with them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, You promise rest to Your faithful ones. Be present with Your comfort and peace with all those who mourn, especially \_\_\_\_\_, that they may have hope in Your Son's return to give resurrection and life at the appearing of Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, You are the Giver of every good gift. Grant Your continued blessing to \_\_\_\_\_ and to us all that we may all rejoice in the great things You do for us each day of our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, You graciously hear the prayers of Your children. Hear us now as we make intercession to You for \_\_\_\_\_ and for all those people and things we lift to You from the silence of our hearts ... Receive all of our petitions, and grant what we ask for the sake of Your Son and according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, You invite us again to Your table today, that we might receive the medicine of immortality in the Body and Blood of Your Son. May we receive this Sacrament rightly, so that with faith strengthened and sins forgiven our lives might be lived in holiness and godliness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, as we in the Church on earth wait for the coming of Your Son, we remember Andrew, John of Damascus, Nicholas, Ambrose, and all the saints who have gone before us and now rest in Your presence. Keep us all safe in Your arms until that day when You will gather all Your people to that place where righteousness dwells. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

- P** May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
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 # 333*

“Once He Came in Blessing”

- 1** **Once He came in blessing,  
All our sins redressing;  
Came in likeness lowly,  
Son of God most holy;  
Bore the cross to save us;  
Hope and freedom gave us.**
- 2** **Now He gently leads us;  
With Himself He feeds us  
Precious Food from heaven,  
Pledge of peace here given,  
Manna that will nourish  
Souls that they may flourish.**
- 3** **Soon will come that hour  
When with mighty power  
Christ will come in splendor  
And will judgment render,  
With the faithful sharing  
Joy beyond comparing.**
- 4** **Come, then, O Lord Jesus,  
From our sins release us.  
Keep our hearts believing,  
That we, grace receiving,  
Ever may confess You  
Till in heav’n we bless You.**

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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:

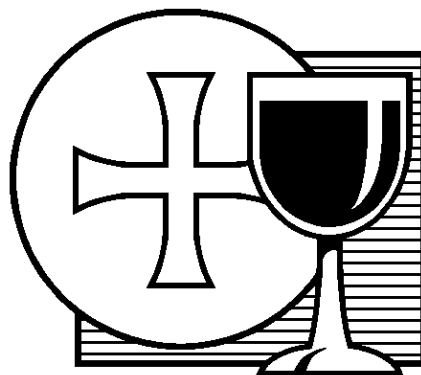
- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near. With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His Body and Blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again 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 ✠ 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:

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: "Once He Came in Blessing"

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 # 343*

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

- 1 Prepare the royal highway;  
The King of kings is near!  
Let ev’ry hill and valley  
A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of Glory  
Foretold in sacred story: *Refrain***
- Refrain: Hosanna to the Lord,  
For He fulfills God’s Word!***
- 2 God’s people, see Him coming:  
Your own eternal King!  
Palm branches strew before Him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God’s promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain***

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



**3 Then fling the gates wide open  
To greet your promised King!  
Your King, yet ev'ry nation  
Its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before Him!  
All nations, now adore Him! *Refrain***

***Refrain:* Hosanna to the Lord,  
For He fulfills God's Word!**

**4 His is no earthly kingdom;  
It comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
For kindness so abounding: *Refrain***

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Hosanna Now Through Advent”

✠ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✠



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## NOTES AND NEWS

*PERSONAL SCRIPTURE STUDY* ... Even though we are not able to hold our Sunday Morning Bible Class at this time doesn't mean that you can't continue to be "in the Word" on your own. Pastor has provided parts of our Bible Study guide, "A Longer Look at the Lessons", for your use during the Advent and Christmas Seasons. These materials are posted on the church website, and can be found at: <http://tlcmr.org/our-ministries/christian-education/online-bible-study-materials/> (The link can also be accessed off of our church website home page.)

*ADVENT MIDWEEKS* ... During the remainder of Advent, the Midweek Devotions and Bible Study will be looking at the background behind the well-known Advent hymn, "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel". Join Pastor for these times in the Word and prayer livestreamed on the church Facebook Page, or at any time by viewing the archived video. Check the weekly calendar in the bulletin for day and time of the live showings.

*ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING* ... Following worship next Sunday, we are scheduled to hold our annual Voters Assembly, which will primarily be to place members onto the Ministry Planning Group and approve the budget for the coming year, as well as other business for the good of our congregation's life and ministry. Materials for your preparation and review will be delivered by email or as hard copies upon request. Whether you are able or unable to attend, and you have questions or concerns to raise in advance of the meeting, please contact Congregational President Helen Joynes.

*THE LUTHERAN HOUR*... The prophet Daniel illustrates how to face the facts while never losing faith in how the story ends. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday December 13, 2020, for this message by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "The Prophet's Paradox", 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.

*LOST PHONE* ... A cell phone was recently found in the church kitchen, for which we do not know whose it is. If it might be yours, please speak with Pastor so we can get it back to you.

*OUR PRAYER LIST* ... The weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin is a listing of those we remember in prayer during worship at Trinity and for whom you are invited to pray for in your own personal prayers during the week. In the version of the weekly bulletin that is published online, we only list the persons we are praying for by their first names because of privacy concerns and laws, while we continue to lift them up by full name in our spoken prayers. Pastor continues to keep the list current and invites you to send him by email any new prayer requests, or to let him know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. The "full text" version of the Prayer List, as it would ordinarily be found in the bulletin, can be made available to Trinity members who request one by sending an email to Pastor.

*FROM YOUR CHURCH'S PUBLISHER ...* Concordia Publishing House is assisting congregations and their members with materials to help sustain us spiritually during this time of quarantine that many find ourselves in. Please visit [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org) and check out the new and free content available on their homepage which contains many free resources for devotion, learning, and worship.

*ALTAR FLOWERS ...* If you had scheduled a Sunday to donate Altar Flowers during the time when we were away from our church building, and have already paid for them in advance, we would like to still honor your gift by purchasing those flowers for a Sunday service now that we've returned. Please let the church office know which Sunday you would like to sponsor. We also welcome other donors for other available Sundays as well. 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.

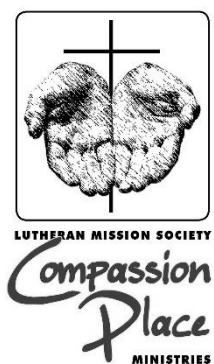
Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

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

*PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY ...*

The Third Sunday in Advent, December 13, 2020

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28



## **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.)
- ❖ While in the church building, please wear a mask as much as possible for the sake of your neighbors.
- ❖ Please spread out in church in order to do the recommended distancing (six feet). In addition to the pews in the nave, you may also be seated in the balcony or church overflow. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Limit your socializing indoors after the service; or better yet, use distanced visiting with one another outside.
- ❖ 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.

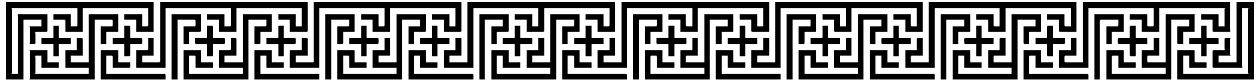
**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6 -- 13**  
*May Be Subject to Change*

<b>Today</b>	<i>The Second Sunday in Advent</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
<b>Monday</b>	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
	4:00 PM	Midweek Devotions and Bible Study (via Facebook Live)
<b>Thursday</b>	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<i>The Third Sunday in Advent</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	<i>Following Worship</i>	Annual Voters Meeting

**CHURCH STATISTICS**

Sunday, November 29, 2020

Worship Attendance: 23; Communed: 20.



## ✠ O Christ, Hear Us! ✠

### Intercessions for the Week of December 6, 2020

#### Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

*For Members of Our Trinity Family:*

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Elizabeth, Joseph, Diane, Evelyn, Waymond, Alan, August, Clara, David, Ernie, Paul, Sylvia, Angela, Priscilla, and David, Sr.

*For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:*

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; John, relative of Pastor; Dina, niece of Sylvia; Betty, mother of Helen; Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Kristie, co-worker of Joyce; Giovanna, co-worker of Joyce; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Sue, co-worker of Joyce; Rosemary, sister-in-law of Sylvia; Nicole & daughter, Anya, co-worker of Joyce; Eric, homeless; Mary, cousin of Pastor; Alan, cousin of Kim; Danielle, neighbor of Kim; Shirley, aunt of Kim; Lisa, neighbor of Peter & Kim; Dennis & Caron, former Concordia Teachers; Tasha, and her son Layton, friends of Kristina; Bill, brother of Peter; Robin, friend of Kristina; Zoila, mother of David; Alex, friend of Margaret; Richard, son of Art, Jeff, husband of Mary

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

Amaya McNear, Patricia Ramdass, and Cheyenne Royal, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Charles & Jean Reichelt, who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week.

Emily Ritter & William Baldwin, who will be joined in Holy Matrimony this week.

#### Those Who Mourn

The family of Chuck Sinkoske, husband of Sharon, former Concordia Teacher, who passed away November 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Family of Edith Damron, former Concordia Teacher, at the passing of her mother on November 26<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.