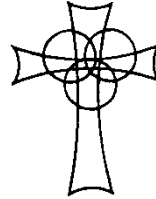


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*Second Sunday in Advent*

**December 5, 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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of Your only Son. By His coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of Your salvation; 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 Flute & Organ Prelude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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.

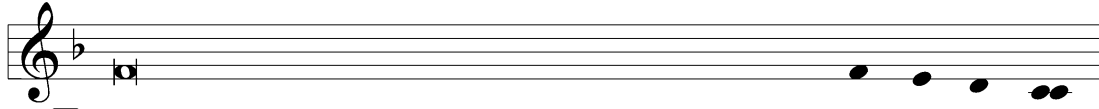
✠ **The Service of the Word** ✠

The Introit of the Day

*Psalm 81:8, 10-11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

- P** The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”
- C** **Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!**  
**O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**
- P** I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- C** **But my people did not listen to my voice;**  
**Israel would not submit to me.**
- P** Oh, that my people would listen to me,  
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 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** The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

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

*Malachi 3:1-7b*

<sup>1</sup>“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

The Trinity Singers

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

*The Congregation rises.*

The Holy Gospel

*Luke 3:1-20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall become straight,

and the rough places shall become level ways,

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

<sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

**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.*



“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

- 1 **On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!**
- 2 **Then cleansed be ev’ry life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.**
- 3 **We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,  
Our Refuge and our great Reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow’rs that wither and decay.**
- 4 **Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in ev’ry place.**
- △ 5 **All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.**

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The Sermon

Not the Messenger We Want, But the Message We Need

*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, 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 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** ✠

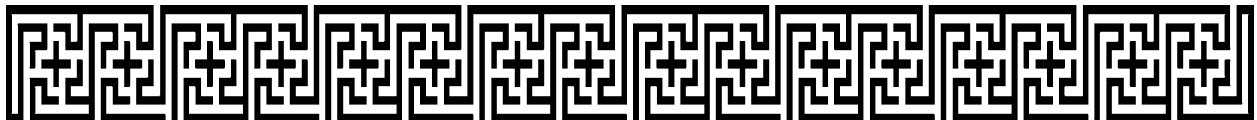
The Hymn of Preparation

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 346*

“When All the World Was Cursed”

- 1 **When all the world was cursed  
By Moses’ condemnation,  
Saint John the Baptist came  
With words of consolation.  
With true forerunner’s zeal  
The Greater One he named,  
And Him, as yet unknown,  
As Savior he proclaimed.**
- 2 **Before he yet was born,  
He leaped in joyful meeting,  
Confessing Him as Lord  
Whose mother he was greeting.  
By Jordan’s rolling stream,  
A new Elijah bold,  
He testified of Him  
Of whom the prophets told:**
- 3 **Behold the Lamb of God  
That bears the world’s transgression,  
Whose sacrifice removes  
The devil’s dread oppression.  
Behold the Lamb of God,  
Who takes away our sin,  
Who for our peace and joy  
Will full atonement win.**

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



- 4 O grant, dear Lord of Love,  
That we receive, rejoicing,  
The word proclaimed by John,  
Our true repentance voicing,  
That gladly we may walk  
Upon our Savior's way  
Until we live with Him  
In His eternal day.**

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*The Congregation rises.*

The Preface Dialogue:

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

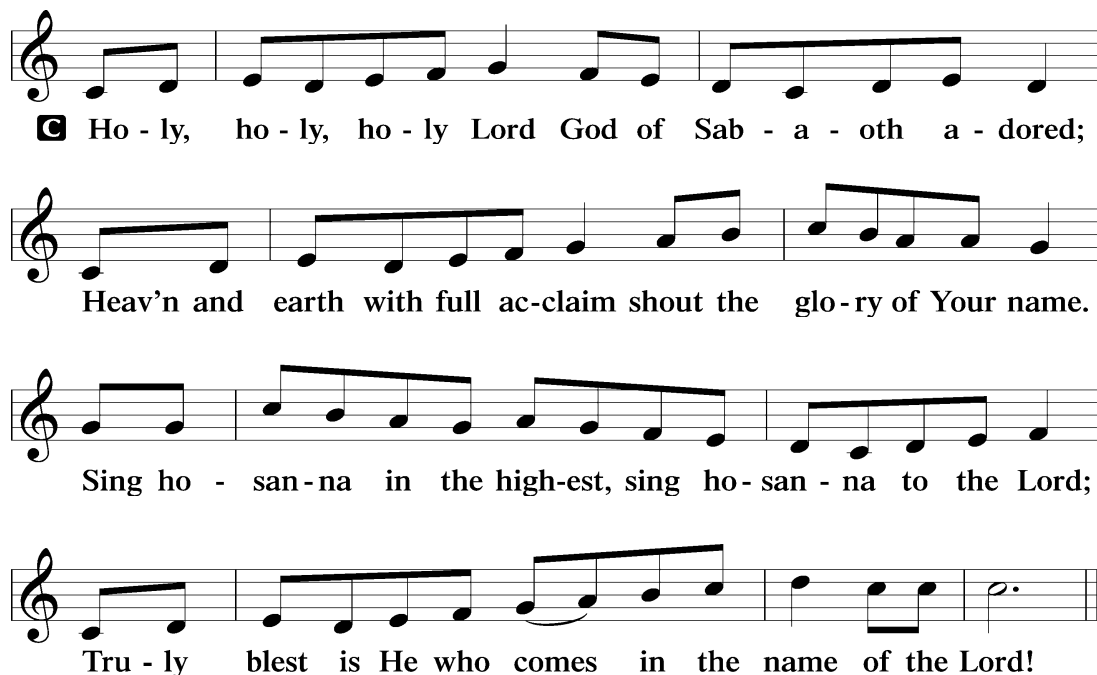
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

- 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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: “Alleluia for Advent” – The Trinity Singers

*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*:

**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

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

✠ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✠



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## NOTES AND NEWS

The flowers on the altar are presented to the Glory of God by Jennée Maxwell in honor of her Fiancé, Joseph Ryan's birthday

*COVID UPDATE* ... As the Prince George's County Council has chosen to retain the current indoor mask mandate in our area through January 23, 2022, we will continue to follow their guidelines. We kindly ask those attending worship in person to continue to 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.

*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 season of Advent is about living in the middle of a story that is still unfolding, between what is already and what is yet to come. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday December 12, 2021, for this message by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "When You're Expecting", on WMZQ 98.7 FM at 7:00 AM or on Sundays at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM on WFAZ 1220 AM. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen on line to WFAZ worldwide at WFAZ.com.

### *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...*

December 6                    **Nicholas of Myra** (d., c. 342), Bishop & Patron of Children  
December 7                    **Ambrose of Milan** (340-397), Bishop & 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.

*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.

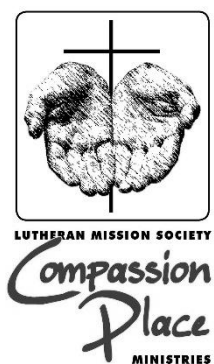
Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

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

*PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY ...*

The Third Sunday in Advent, December 12, 2021

Scripture Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 7:18-28



## **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.

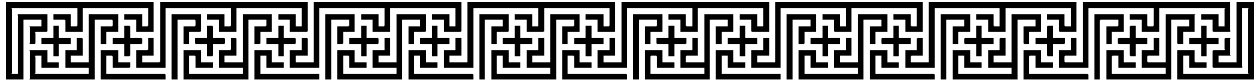
## **Trinity Stay-Safe Rules**

- ❖ 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.)
- ❖ 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 DECEMBER 5 – 12**  
*May Be Subject to Change*

<b>Today</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)
	10:45 AM	Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	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>Saturday</b>	11:00 AM	Church Christmas Decorating
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<i>The Third 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)
	10:45 AM	Annual Voters Meeting
	12:00 PM	EECMYM Worship (at church in person)



**CHURCH STATISTICS**

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Worship Attendance: 20; Communed: 20.



## ✠ O Christ, Hear Us! ✠

### Intercessions for the Week of December 5, 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-granddaughter 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; Jim, uncle of Paul

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**

Joseph Ryan, and Amaya McNear, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

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

#### **Those Who Mourn**

The Family of Joyce Coverston, aunt of Paul Coverston, who passed away on November 30<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.