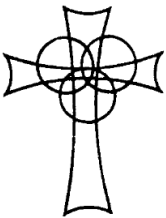


Say to those who are of
a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God."

Isaiah 35:4, NRSV



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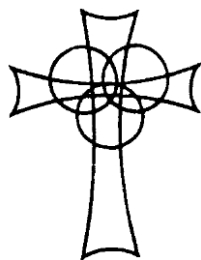
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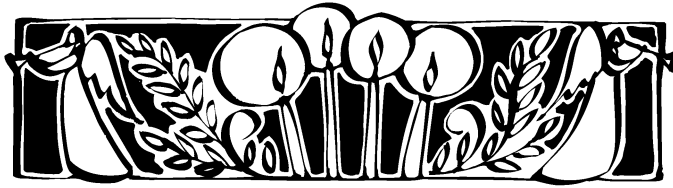
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Third
Sunday
in Advent



DECEMBER 11, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

Stir up the wills of all who look to You, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in Your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in Your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

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

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



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

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✘ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✘

✘ **The Preparation** ✘

The Music for Meditation

The Prelude

“The Advent of Our King”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 331

“The Advent of Our King”



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

The Invocation:

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

- 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.**

From Romans 13:11-12

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

- 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 71:14-18; antiphon: Philipians 4:4

- P** Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.
- C** **I will hope continually
and will praise you yet more and more.**
- P** My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,
for their number is past my knowledge.
- C** **With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;
I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.**
- P** O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
- C** **So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those
to come.**
- 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** Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

The *Kyrie Eleison*:

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



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

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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

- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



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

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



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

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

- P** The Lord be with you.

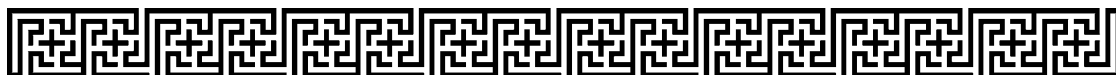
C **And also with you.**

- P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Congregation is seated.



¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
²it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.
³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.”
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.
⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle

James 5:7-11

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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.
Matthew 11:10b*

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 Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

P Alleluia. Behold, I send my messenger before your face,

C **who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

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

²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

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

¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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

Tune: Tempus Adest Floridum

“When the King Shall Come Again”

- 1** When the King shall come again
All His pow'r revealing;
Splendor shall announce His reign,
Life and joy and healing:
Earth no longer in decay,
Hope no more frustrated;
This is God's redemption day
Longingly awaited.
- 2** In the desert trees take root,
Fresh from God's creation;
Plants and flow'rs and sweetest fruit
Join the celebration.
Rivers spring up from the earth,
Barren lands adorning:
Valleys, this is your new birth;
Mountains, greet the morning!
- 3** Strengthen feeble hands and knees;
Fainting hearts, be cheerful!
God who comes for such as these,
Seeks and saves the fearful.
Deaf ears hear the silent tongues
Sing away their weeping;
Blind eyes see the lifeless ones
Walking, running, leaping.
- 4** There God's highway shall be seen
Where no roaring lion,
Nothing evil or unclean
Walks the road to Zion:
Ransomed people, homeward bound,
All your praises voicing,
See your Lord with glory crowned,
Share in His rejoicing.

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The Sermon

Signs of the New Beginning

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 Let us pray for Christ's faithful people throughout the world, that they may find hope and joy as they celebrate the Lord who has come as their Redeemer, as the One who comes still in His Word and Sacraments, and the One who will indeed come again as Lord and King of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for Matthew, our Synodical President; and William, our District President; and for all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and ministers that they faithfully instruct those entrusted to their care and exhort them to remain steadfast in the one true faith, and that the Lord would keep them faithful to the Holy Word and Sacraments and preserve them from the temptations of the evil one. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders, that the Lord might grant such unity among all peoples that we might see peace in our day. Let us also pray for our nation, for our president, for our governor, for all lawmakers and judges, and for all military personnel, that God would grant them health, safety, and integrity so that they may serve this land according to His will, enabling us to lead quiet and peaceable lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for those who hunger, those unemployed, those destitute, and those without homes, that the Lord would give them faith to cast their cares upon Him, and that the Lord would give His people everywhere a ready willingness to share their blessings with those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for all those suffering from sickness and disease, the elderly, and the lonely, especially remembering _____, that the Lord would strengthen the weak with His baptismal promise that they belong to Him and that nothing can remove them from His love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for the families of those whom God has delivered from this vale of tears, [*especially for _____,*] that the Lord will comfort the sorrowful with everlasting joy and lift up their hearts to the God who became flesh to redeem their loved ones from sin and eternal death. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for those who give thanks for the wondrous blessings that God has showered on them, especially to _____, that they may ever return thanks to the Giver of all good gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for all the people and other concerns that are committed to our thoughts and prayers, especially _____, and all of the other prayers which we present to the Lord from the things unspoken and hidden in our hearts..., and we pray that God who knows all and sees all would give His gracious and wise attention to our needs and desires, conforming all things to His holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for those receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus this day, that in the miracle of our Lord's continual advent in this Holy Sacrament, they would repent of all sins and cling to the forgiveness, life, and salvation that our Lord here delivers. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Together with Lucia, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and all the faithful who now rest from their labors, we praise and honor Christ's glorious Name. And we pray that as we continue through life, we like them may have a firm faith in His salvation for us and come to share with them in the feast of joy which has no end. 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 Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 # 347

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”



1 “Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace,” thus
 2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
 3 Hark, the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
 4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; “Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
 dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no
 far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the
 plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



’neath their sor - rows’ load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
 more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,
 King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
 fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
 Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
 Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys shall
 Now o’er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver.”
 pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
 see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann Olearius, 1611–84; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

The Congregation is seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

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

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

Music During the Distribution: “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

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 # 515

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
 Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
 Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
 A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.
 In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

*Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907, alt.**Tune: Swedish**Text and tune: Public domain*

The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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Waymond Joynes
Helen Joynes
Paul Ritter
Skip Hall

Third Sunday of Advent



NOTES AND NEWS

COVID UPDATE ... The wearing of masks while in the church building remains optional, and you are free to wear or not wear them as you choose, or as your personal needs determine. We ask, in love for one another, that everyone continue to observe our “Stay Safe Rules” as printed in the bulletin and posted at the church entrances. Thank you all for your continued patience and loving concern for our Trinity Family during this time.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ... Thanks to a loving and generous gift by Carole Dingess, Trinity now has available four copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* in Large Print for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING ... Our Congregation’s annual meeting to attend to our Parish business follows worship **Today**. 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,

PORTALS OF PRAYER...The January – March 2023 Portals of Prayer are available to pick up on the literature table in the rear of the nave for your devotional use at home.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES ... have arrived! This annual aid to stewardship is available for you to pick up on the literature table in the rear of the nave. If you do not see a set prepared for you and would like to have one for your use, please speak with Pastor and he will be sure that a set is ready to be given to you. The envelope in the front of the box marked Initial Offering is to be used to help offset the cost of the envelopes for the church. A suggested offering is \$12.00.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS...Help us to beautify our church by purchasing poinsettias to adorn our Lord’s Altar as we celebrate His Birth. The poinsettias will be placed on the Altar for our Christmas services, and you may take them to decorate your home after service on either Christmas Day or New Year’s Day. Each poinsettia costs \$10.00 and the order forms and dedication information are due **Next Sunday, December 18th**. Order slips are available on the literature table in the rear of the nave.



CHRISTIAN CONDOLENCES ... are extended to the family of Lloyd “Dougie” Gaines, Jr., who passed away suddenly on November 26th. He was the oldest son of Pastor Lloyd Gaines, Sr., who serves as Pastor at Peace Lutheran in Washington, DC and as 1st Vice President of our Southeastern District. Funeral Arrangements have been made for **Saturday, December 17th**, with a Family Hour from 10-11 AM, followed by a Memorial Service at 11 AM, to be held at Redeemer Lutheran in Hyattsville.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... Even the smallest acts of kindness can go a long way, by God's grace. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, December 18, 2022, for this message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, The Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Gestures of Hope", on WFAX 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen on line to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at lhm.org, under “Media” and “The Lutheran Hour”.

UPCOMING DATES AS WE PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS:

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

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

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for **2023** is now 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 **\$35.00** (this is an increase from previous years). If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

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

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS...

December 13 **Lucia (Lucy)** (280-304), *Martyr*

December 17 **Daniel**, *Old Testament Prophet*, and

The Three Young Men, *Old Testament Saints*

(Hananiah [Shadrach], Mishael [Meshach], & Azariah [Abednego])

See Daniel 1-3

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

PREPARING FOR THE COMING SUNDAY ...

The Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 18, 2022

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 7:10-17; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Trinity Stay-Safe Rules

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

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



Hyattsville Compassion Center

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

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

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

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

Our operating hours are:
Monday: 10 AM – 4 PM
Tuesday: 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesday: 10 AM – 2 PM

Food and Clothing Ministry is available by appointment
during the center's open hours.
Please call Elma to make arrangements for us to assist you.

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

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

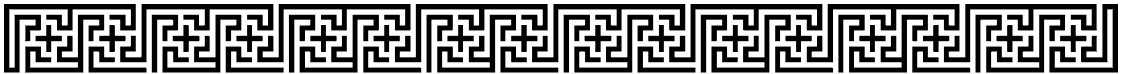
In-Kind Donations for the thrift center are limited at this time
owing to reduced staffing at the center.

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

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11 – 18

May Be Subject to Change

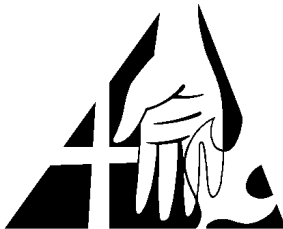
Today	<i>The Third Sunday in Advent</i>
	8:30 AM Bible Study
	9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:45 AM Voters Assembly Meeting
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
Monday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Wednesday	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Thursday	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open
Next Sunday	<i>The Fourth 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)

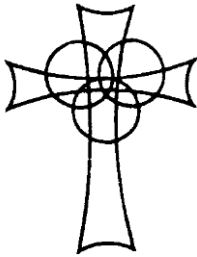


CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Worship Attendance: 26; Communed: 26.





✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of December 11, 2022

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

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

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;
Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda;
Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty;
Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers; Jari, former Concordia Teacher;
Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie; Ray, relative of Kim;
Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy; Bernie, friend of Trinity;
Randy, friend of Pepper; Jim, friend of Judy; Jennifer, friend of Matt;
Andrew & Family, student at HES; Joan, friend of Tracy; Charlotte, aunt of Kim;
Joseph, friend of Rona; Sally, SED Staff

All those affected by or who are in fear of the Coronavirus Outbreak.
For our Medical Community, First Responders, and other Workers who aid us in this time.

Thanksgivings and Blessings

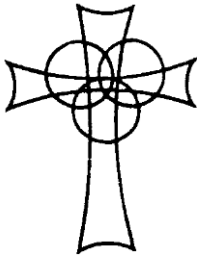
Patricia Ramdass, Cheyenne Royal, Quacey Elias, Katherine Hines and Rachel Hall,
who celebrate their birthdays this week.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland.
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.
- ✠ For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.

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





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

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

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The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor



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