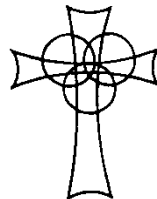




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Third Sunday in



**December 13, 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 the wills of Your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of Your prophets, that, anointed by Your Spirit, we may testify to Your light; 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

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 344*

“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.**

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.**

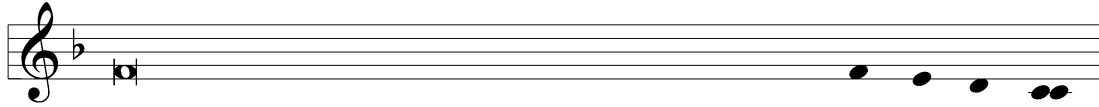
✠ **The Service of the Word** ✠

The Introit of the Day

*Psalm 85:8-9, 12-13; antiphon: verse 7*

- P** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.
- C** **Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.**
- P** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.
- C** **Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.**
- P** Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.
- 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** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.

The Kyrie Eleison



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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

**A** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



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

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

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.*

The Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup>to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.  
<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations. ...  
<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrong;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
<sup>9</sup>Their offspring shall be known among the nations,  
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge them,  
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.  
<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.

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

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

The Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup>Abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

**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** Blessed 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.**



**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ...

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup>He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." <sup>22</sup>So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup>He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

<sup>24</sup>(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup>They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" <sup>26</sup>John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup>even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." <sup>28</sup>These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**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.*

“Hark the Glad Sound”

- 1 **Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev’ry voice a song.**
- 2 **He comes the pris’ners to release,  
In Satan’s bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.**
- 3 **He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace  
To enrich the humble poor.**
- 4 **Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav’n’s eternal arches ring  
With Thy belovèd name.**

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The Sermon

Anointed and Clothed with Gladness

*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 all the baptized, that they may greatly rejoice in the gifts that God has given them through the sacred washing of water and the Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all servants of the Church—for pastors and missionaries; for teachers, directors of Christian education and outreach; deaconesses and other Church workers; for congregational leaders and all who volunteer their service—that God would grant His favor in their vocations and grant them energy and zeal to carry out their responsibilities with diligence and faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**



- P** Let us pray for our Trinity congregation, the Mekane Yesus congregation, and for all congregations during this season of Advent, that they may be places free from grumbling and that they would remain steadfast in God's Word as they patiently wait for the coming of the Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those that God has appointed to civic leadership, that they would govern wisely, administer justice fairly and not abuse the authority that has been granted them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those seeking employment, that God would grant them suitable and fulfilling employment and that He would lead them to see their employment as a gift from Him, by which He takes care of their bodies and lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for the hungry and homeless, that God would provide food and shelter for them, and that those with plenty would give and use their resources generously to assist them in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those sick and suffering in any way (*especially* \_\_\_\_\_), that in the midst of their afflictions, the good news of God's salvation from sin and death may lead them to rejoice in Him and trust Him for deliverance and healing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those who mourn the death of loved ones (*especially* \_\_\_\_\_), that the Lord would comfort them with His victory over death and with the assurance that their loved ones who have departed in the faith join the whole company of heaven in singing praises to the living Lamb. 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* \_\_\_\_\_) 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 the other petitions) 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 who today receive the true Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus in the fellowship of this altar, that they may remember Christ's once-for-all sacrificial death on their behalf and receive its benefits as they eat and drink His Holy Supper. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Together with all the saints, especially with Lucy, Daniel and the Three Young Men, Adam and Eve, 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 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 # 353*

“Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”

*Sung to Alternate Tune: “Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”*

**1** **Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,  
Came with peace from realms on high;  
Jesus came to win redemption,  
Lowly came on earth to die;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Came in deep humility.**

**2** **Jesus comes again in mercy  
When our hearts are worn with care;  
Jesus comes again in answer  
To an earnest, heartfelt prayer;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Comes to save us from despair.**

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

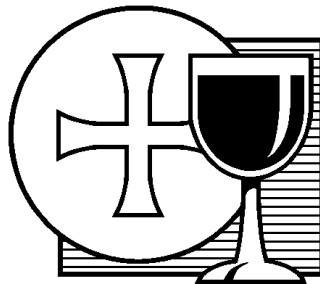
- 3 **Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,  
Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;  
Jesus comes with words of gladness,  
Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Hope to all the world is giv'n.**
- 4 **Jesus comes in joy and sorrow,  
Shares alike our hopes and fears;  
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us,  
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Comforts us in failing years.**

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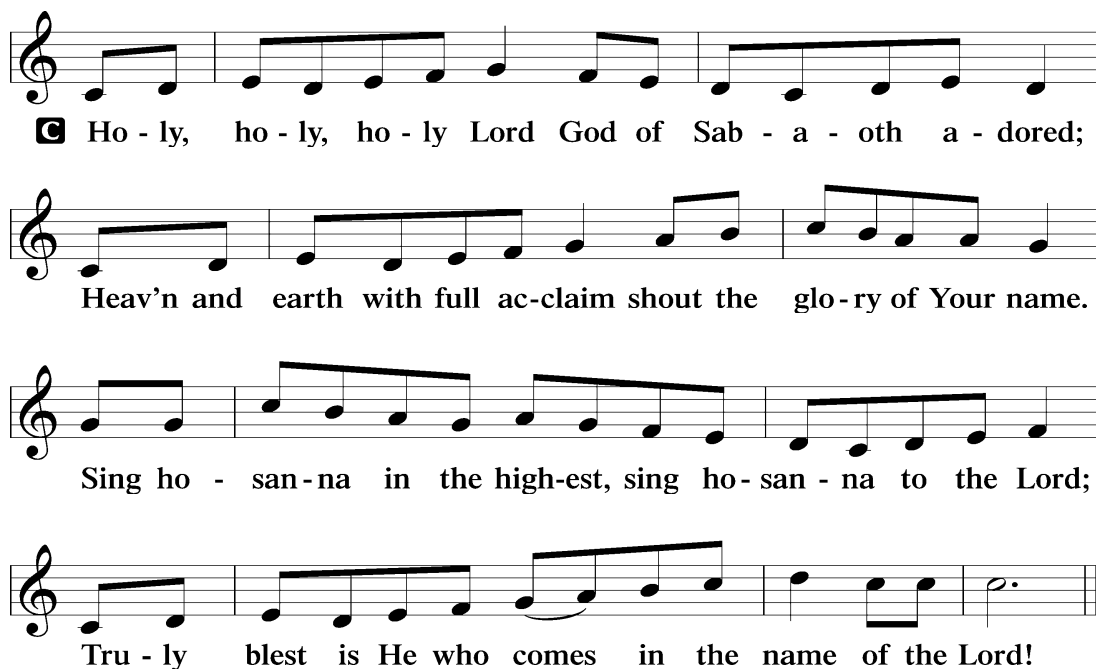
*The Congregation rises.*

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: "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"

*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 # 354*

“Arise, O Christian People”

- 1 Arise, O Christian people!**  
Prepare yourselves today;  
Prepare to greet the Savior,  
Who takes your sins away.  
To us by grace alone  
The truth and light were given;  
The promised Lord from heaven  
To all the world is shown.
- 2 Prepare the way before Him;**  
Prepare for Him the best.  
Cast out what would offend Him,  
This great, this heav’nly guest.  
Make straight, make plain the way:  
The lowly valleys raising,  
The heights of pride abasing,  
His path all even lay.

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

- 3 The humble heart and lowly  
God raises up on high;  
Beneath His feet in terror  
The haughty soul shall lie.  
The heart sincere and right,  
That heeds God's invitation  
And makes true preparation—  
It is the Lord's delight.**
- 4 Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus;  
Turn not from me aside,  
And help me to receive You  
This blessed Adventtide.  
From stall and manger low  
Come now to dwell within me;  
I'll sing Your praises gladly  
And forth Your glory show.**

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry”

✘ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✘



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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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## NOTES AND NEWS

The flowers on the altar are presented to the Glory of God by Sylvia Royal in honor of Cheyenne, Amaya, & Galen's birthdays.

*CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES* ... are extended to Rick Parker and his family on the passing of his sister, Margaret Smith, this past Tuesday. We pray for them Christ's peace and comfort found in the hope of the Resurrection. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

*2021 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 the Sunday after Christmas. Each poinsettia cost \$10.00 and the orders are due by December 20<sup>th</sup>. Order slips are available on the literature table in the rear of the nave for you to let the church office know how you would like to dedicate your flowers.

*PORTALS OF PRAYER*...The January – March 2021 Portals of Prayer are available in the narthex.

*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.

*THE LUTHERAN HOUR*... We will never fully grasp the idea of God, but that doesn't keep us from experiencing God's love for us in Christ. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday December 20, 2020, for this message by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Experience God ", 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

*LMS MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS ...* This Wednesday, there will be 12 client families served by our Compassion Center who will be receiving the blessing of gifts and food to aid them in having a happy Christmas celebration this year through the Lutheran Mission Society's "Miracle of Christmas" program. Thank you for your continued support of this mission in caring for our neighbors in need, and please keep these families and all of our center's clients in your prayers asking that the Lord will continue to bless them and provide for their physical and spiritual needs.

*PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY ...*

The Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 20, 2020

Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38





## **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.

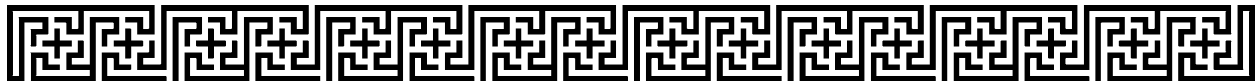
**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13 – 20**  
*May Be Subject to Change*

<b>Today</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
<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
		<i>Miracle of Christmas</i> Distribution
	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 Fourth Sunday in Advent</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)

**CHURCH STATISTICS**

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Worship Attendance: 22; Communed: 19.



## ✠ O Christ, Hear Us! ✠

### Intercessions for the Week of December 13, 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; 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

Quacey Elias, Katherine Hines, Rachel Hall, Alex Joynes, and Jack Redman, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Emily & William Baldwin, who were joined in Holy Matrimony on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Those Who Mourn

The family of Margaret Smith, sister of Rick Parker, who passed away December 8<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.