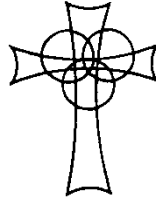


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**December 12, 2021**

***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 the wills of Your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in Your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; 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

“Hark the Glad Sound”

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 349*

“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 Invocation:

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

The Confession of Sins:

- P** The hour has come to wake from sleep.  
**C** **for salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.**
- P** The night is far gone; the day is at hand.  
**C** **So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

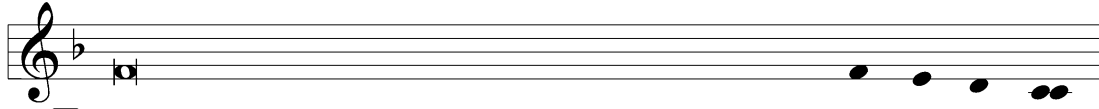
✠ The Service of the Word ✠

The Introit of the Day

*Psalm 146:5-8; antiphon: Philipians 4:4*

- P** Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, Rejoice.  
**C** **Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,**
- P** who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;  
**C** **who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.**
- P** The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.  
**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



**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

*Zephaniah 3:14-20*

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;  
he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall never again fear evil.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
“Fear not, O Zion;  
let not your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD your God is in your midst,  
a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing.

<sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,  
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

<sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal  
with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you in,  
at the time when I gather you together;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes,” says the LORD.

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

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

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- 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.**

The Holy Gospel

*Luke 7:18-28*

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

<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup>calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>20</sup>And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” <sup>21</sup>In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup>And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

<sup>24</sup>When John’s messengers had gone, 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? <sup>25</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. <sup>26</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup>This is he of whom it is written,

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

<sup>28</sup>I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

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

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

The Apostles' Creed:

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

*The Congregation is seated.*

The Hymn of the Day

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 347*

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

1 “Comfort, comfort ye My people,  
Speak ye peace,” thus saith our God;  
“Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
Of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover  
And her warfare now is over.”

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

- 2    **Yea, her sins our God will pardon,  
       Blotting out each dark misdeed;  
 All that well deserved His anger  
       He no more will see or heed.  
 She hath suffered many\_a day,  
 Now her griefs have passed away;  
       God will change her pining sadness  
       Into ever-springing gladness.**
- 3    **Hark, the Herald's voice is crying  
       In the desert far and near,  
 Calling sinners to repentance,  
       Since the Kingdom now is here.  
 O that warning cry obey!  
 Now prepare for God a way;  
       Let the valleys rise to meet Him  
       And the hills bow down to greet Him.**
- 4    **Make ye straight what long was crooked;  
       Make the rougher places plain.  
 Let your hearts be true and humble,  
       As befits His holy reign.  
 For the glory of the Lord  
 Now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
       And all flesh shall see the token  
       That His Word is never broken.**

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The Sermon

With Comfort for All

*The Congregation rises.*

The Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us come before the throne of God's grace and present our petitions with confidence in the Spirit through our Lord Jesus to His heavenly Father, for He is kind and full of compassion.
- P** King of Israel, You call us from lives of fear to rest in Your unfailing embrace and be comforted by Your jubilant song. Help all Your baptized people to cast off anxiety and turn to you quickly in prayer for every need, that they might know Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**



- P** God of Jacob, You sent Your Son into the flesh to gather Your people home to You. Strengthen all pastors and servants of the Church to speak Your mighty Word with clarity and passion, and by Your Spirit open the hearts of all who hear to trust Him who heals the sick, raises the dead and proclaims good news to the poor. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, You set the prisoners free. Your Son freed the disciples of St. John the Baptist from their fears and made them witnesses to His mighty deeds by commanding them to go and tell what they had seen and heard. Give to us, Your people, grace in these Advent days to proclaim boldly to all the world the mighty deeds of our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Ruler of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that fills them, remember in kindness all those called to public service in our world, in our nation, and in our communities, especially all who serve in our armed forces. Give them wisdom to know what is just and courage to pursue the same, that all people might be preserved from discord and be mightily protected against all enemies. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of all compassion, You lift up those who are bowed down. Remember in Your boundless love all who take treatments, the hospitalized, the lonely, and the ill, especially\_\_\_\_\_. Quiet them with Your love, comfort them with Your presence, let Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of time and eternity, You bless each and every day of our lives with Your love and mercy. Be with all those who rejoice in Your goodness to them, especially \_\_\_\_, and help us all to acknowledge You as the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of comfort, You sent Your Son to heal our griefs. Deal compassionately with all those who mourn the earthly loss of loved ones [*especially\_\_\_\_\_*]. Help them to see that You are the Lord of life who has triumphed over death and the grave and that You give eternal life to all who have fallen asleep trusting in Your grace and love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Tender Savior, You look with compassion and love upon all those You have redeemed. To Your care we commend all those who have asked for our prayers. Especially we remember before You \_\_\_\_ and all of the people and concerns which we name in the silence of our hearts... Hear all of these prayers, we beseech You, and answer them according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Faithful One, You keep Your promises and You give to the hungry food. Grant all who come to Your altar today to receive in joy and faith the gift of their Savior's Body and Blood that they rejoice in the Lord always. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** O Lord our God, Your Son lightens the darkness of our hearts by His gracious visitation. We give You thanks for Lucia, the Prophet Daniel and the Three Young Men, and all of Your servants who have departed this life in His fear and friendship. We beg You to keep us in communion with them and to strengthen in us the joyful and certain hope of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting as we await our Savior's glorious appearing. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** These things and whatever else You know us to need, most Holy Father, grant us for the sake of Him who is the King of Israel, the Lord who is in our midst, and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

**P** 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 # 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 Congregation rises.*

The Preface Dialogue:

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

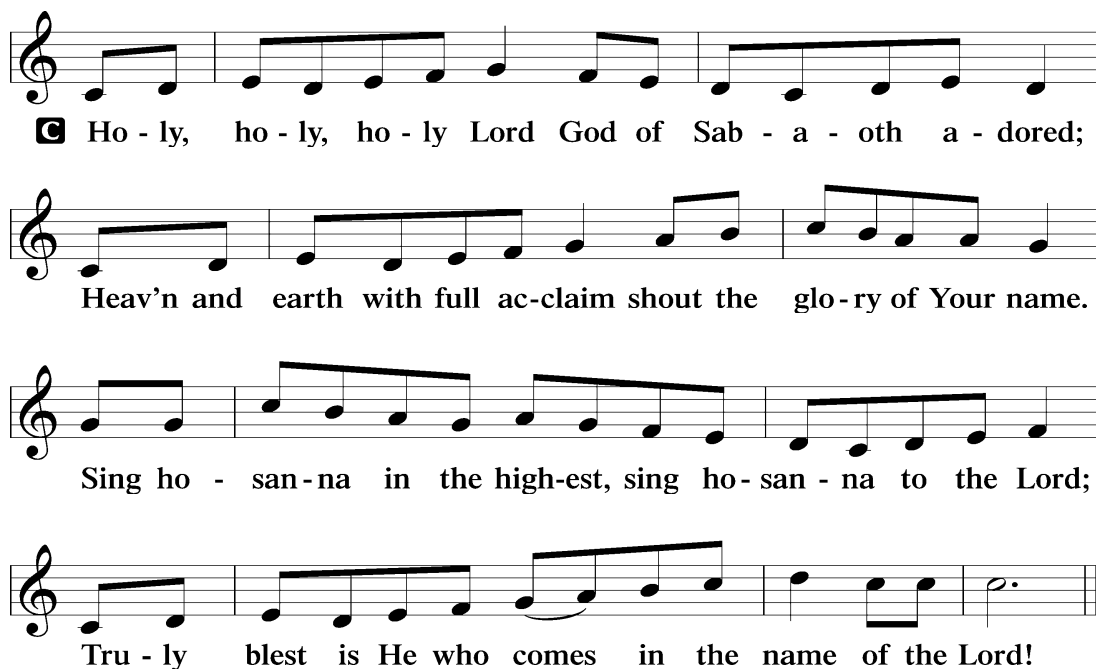
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**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: "Arise, O Christian 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 # 338*

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

- 1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel’s strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev’ry nation,  
Joy of ev’ry longing heart.
- 2 Born Thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

✠ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✠

*Those Who Serve Us Today*

The Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Peter A. Schiebel

The Parish Musician

Skip Hall



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## NOTES AND NEWS

The flowers on the altar are presented to the Glory of God by Skip Hall in honor of Rachel'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.

*THANK YOU!!!* ... to all those who lent us their helping hands yesterday to decorate the sanctuary for our coming Christmas celebrations. Everything looks wonderful thanks to you!

*ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING* ... Following worship **TODAY**, we will 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 have been delivered by email, and hard copies will be available at the meeting.

*CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES* ... are extended to Rick Hudson and his family on the passing of his father, Raymond Hudson, this past Monday. 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."

*PORTALS OF PRAYER*...The January – March 2022 Portals of Prayer are available in the narthex.

*2022 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 costs \$10.00 and the orders are due by December 19<sup>th</sup>. Order slips are available on the back page of today's bulletin, as well as 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.



*THE LUTHERAN HOUR...* The drama surrounding the first airing of "The Charlie Brown Christmas Special" 56 years ago, against all odds, it gave viewers the true story of Christmas and doomed aluminum Christmas trees to near extinction. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday December 19, 2021, for this message by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Charlie Brown Christmas Tree", on WMZQ 98.7 FM at 7:00 AM or on Sundays at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM on WFX 1220 AM. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen on line to WFX worldwide at WFX.com.

*UPCOMING DATES AS WE PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS:*

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 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.

**Peace Love JOY Peace Love JOY**

*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)). The chart for 2022 will be posted in the near future.

*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 Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 19, 2021

Scripture Readings: Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-56





## **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:

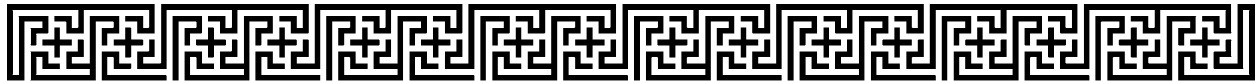
- Masks must be worn at all times
- Please observe social distancing
- Number of persons in the center at a time will be limited

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.

**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12 – 19**  
*May Be Subject to Change*

<b>Today</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)
<b>Monday</b>	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Tuesday</b>	9 AM – Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 AM - Noon	Church Office Open
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<i>The 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 5, 2021

Worship Attendance: 27; Communed: 26.



## ✠ O Christ, Hear Us! ✠

### Intercessions for the Week of December 12, 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; Barbara, relative 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**

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

#### **Those Who Mourn**

The Family of Raymond Hudson, father of Rick Hudson, who passed away on December 6<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.

## **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.*

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A list of donors and flowers given honor or memory of loved ones will be printed in the worship folders for our Christmas Services.



Poinsettias: Red \_\_\_\_\_

Each plant is in a 6 inch pot with 4-6 blooms at a cost of \$10.00

Please **print** the following as you would like it to appear in the bulletin:

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make all checks payable to **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.***

*Please contact the Church Office with any orders or questions.*