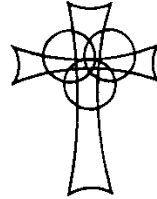


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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!!!

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 Your power, Lord Christ, and come. With Your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive You in joy and serve You always, for You live and reign with the Father 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** ✠

The Flute & Piano Prelude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 333

“Once He Came in Blessing”

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

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The 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** ✠

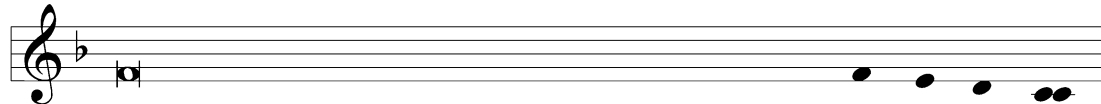
The Introit of the Day

1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b-7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47

- P** My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
C **My mouth derides my enemies,**
because I rejoice in your salvation.
- P** There is none holy like the LORD;
there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.
C **The barren has borne seven,**
but she who has many children is forlorn.
- P** The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
C **The LORD makes poor and makes rich;**
he brings low and he exalts.
- 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 My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

The Kyrie Eleison



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; 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

Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

⁵ And he shall be their peace.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle

Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵ When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law),

⁹then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Trinity Singers

“Alleluia for Advent”

The Congregation rises.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

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

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

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

⁴⁶And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent empty away.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

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 # 332

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

- 1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.
- 3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.
- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

**5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.**

**6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.**

**7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.**

**△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our King,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.**

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The Sermon

And He Shall Be Their Peace

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 Almighty God, we praise You that by Your Holy Spirit, Elizabeth greeted Mary as “the mother of my Lord” while the unborn John leaped with joy in the presence of Your Son in Mary’s womb. Increase in us Your Spirit, that our faith may bear fruit in abundance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, we praise You that, from their conception, You prepared prophets to proclaim Your truth. Even so, we pray that You would prepare servants of the Word today to preach and teach Your saving Gospel with faithfulness and power. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, we enjoy the many and rich blessings You have showered upon our nation. Grant to us wise and faithful leaders who will help us use Your bounty for good. Establish Your peace among the nations, and bring to nothing the plots of those who delight in evil, terror and violence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Almighty God, we praise You that You are Father to the fatherless and that You provide for the poor when all others have forgotten them. Graciously watch over the hungry, the poor and the unemployed. Move us to serve You in showing mercy to all those in need, near and far. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, You sent Your only Son into our world to be our peace. Grant peace to all those who are sick, hospitalized, undergoing treatments or therapy, especially as we remember _____. Give them all strength and patience in their afflictions as they look to You as the God who will indeed deliver them. Lord, in Your mercy.
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, we receive from Your loving hand so many blessings. We give thanks along with _____ and all those who rejoice in Your generous kindness. Always give us thankful hearts which acknowledge You as the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, we know that You turn Your ears to hear our prayers. We lift up our prayers for _____ and for all of the other people and concerns that have been committed to us which we raise before You from the silence of our hearts ... Graciously hear and receive these our prayers and answer them all according to Your good will and pleasure. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, we praise You that You feed those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, desiring to receive the Body and Blood of Your dear Son. By Your Holy Spirit, prepare us again to receive His Sacrament in true faith for the forgiveness of sins and the strength for our service to You and one another. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, we give You thanks and praise for our first parents Adam and Eve, Katharina von Bora Luther, St. Thomas, and all of Your saints whom You kept and preserved by faith in this life, leading them to come to share in the bliss of eternal life with You in the glory of Your kingdom. Grant to us the same faith as theirs, bless us with the strength and courage which You alone can give, and keep us ever faithful that we too may come to share with them in the feast of life in Your presence eternally. 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 In the tender mercy of our God, the Dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 # 357

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain**

**Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord’rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain**

**3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai’s height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain**

**4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse’s tree,
Free them from Satan’s tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow’r to save,
And give them vict’ry o’er the grave. Refrain**

**5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav’nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. Refrain**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

**6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain***

***Refrain* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain***

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The Congregation rises.

The Preface Dialogue:

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

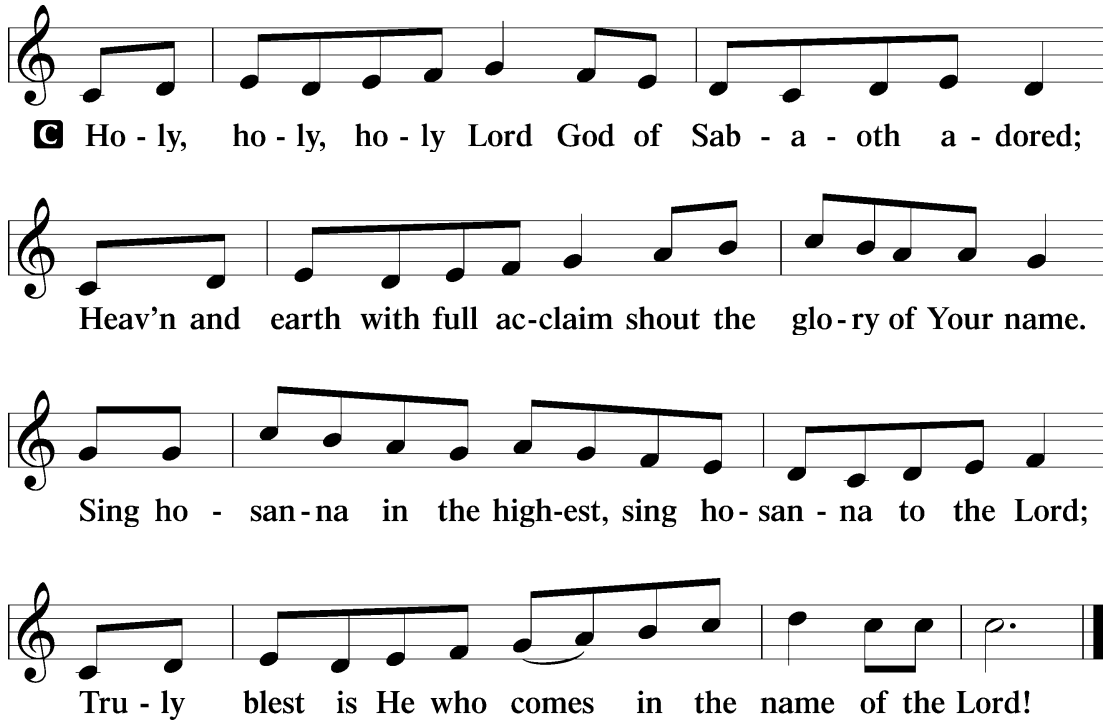
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.

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. We give You thanks because His future coming was proclaimed by the prophets. The Virgin Mother bore Him in her womb with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was His herald and made Him known when at last He came. In His love, Christ has filled us with joy, as we prepare to celebrate His birth, so that when He comes He may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise. As we wait, we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His Body and Blood, given us to eat and to 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*:

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: "All Earth Is Hopeful" – The Trinity Singers

After all have communed, the Pastor continues:

The Eucharistic Blessing:

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

The Congregation rises.



The *Nunc Dimittis*:

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 # 352

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

- 1** Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner’s Help and Friend.
- 2** What the fathers most desired,
What the prophets’ heart inspired,
What they longed for many_a year,
Stands fulfilled in glory here.
- 3** Abram’s promised great Reward,
Zion’s Helper, Jacob’s Lord—
Him of twofold race behold—
Truly came, as long foretold.
- 4** As Your coming was in peace,
Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me
Which is Yours eternally.
- 5** Bruise for me the serpent’s head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.
- 6** Then when You will come again
As the glorious King to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

✧ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✧

Those Who Serve Us Today

The Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Peter A. Schiebel

The Choir

The Trinity Singers

The Flutist

Susan Kennedy

The Parish Musician

Skip Hall



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NOTES AND NEWS

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.

*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 **TODAY**. 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.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY ... Over the coming holiday weekends, we will not hold our Bible Study time together for the next two Sundays. Our Bible Studies will resume on Sunday, January 9th.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR... Life proceeds in stages marked by rites of passage. Dr. Zeigler talks about the changes we go through, and the Savior Who goes with us. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday December 26, 2021, for this message by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Rite of Passage", 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.

UPCOMING DATES AS WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS:

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 19 **Adam & Eve**, First Parents (see Genesis 1-5)
December 20 **Katharina von Bora Luther**, wife of Martin Luther
December 21 **Saint Thomas**, Apostle of the Lord

Visit <http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for 2022 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).

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 WEEK ...

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021
Scripture Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day, December 25, 2021
Scripture Readings, Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-18

The First Sunday after Christmas, December 26, 2021
Scripture Readings: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:22-40



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE



*Please join us for worship either in person or by livestream
as we greet the Lord who comes again to us.*

*Livestream Worship is available on our Church Facebook Page
either live at the scheduled time or at any time from the Facebook Page under "Videos".
The link to the Facebook Page is available on the Church Website: www.tlcmr.org
Also available are the orders of service on the Church Website.
Just scroll down on the homepage to the section "Livestreaming Worship"*

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Eve – December 24, 2021 – 7:00 PM
Candlelight Eucharist

Join us for this celebration of Word and Sacrament on the night of the Savior's birth that will include the Blessing of the Creche, Candlelighting, the hearing of St. Luke's Christmas Story, a Christmas Message from Pastor, Carol and Hymn Singing, and sharing in Holy Communion.

*For those watching online, we invite you to have a candle to light wherever you are
as we sing "Silent Night" and hear the Christmas Gospel.*

Christmas Day – December 25, 2021 – 9:30 AM
Festival Eucharist

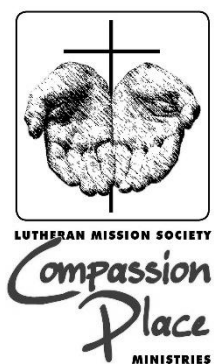
As we greet the Lord on the happy morning of Christmas, join us for this time of worship celebrating Jesus, the Word made flesh for us.

The First Sunday after Christmas – December 26, 2020 – 9:30 AM
Divine Service with Christmas Carol Sing

Join us for this opportunity to sing the well-loved songs of Christmas as we sing out our joy in the Savior's birth.

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord – January 2, 2022 – 9:30 AM
Festival Eucharist

Let us go with the Magi to Bethlehem to greet the One who is our King and as He gives us His gifts of grace which come through His Word and Sacraments.



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 19 – 26
May Be Subject to Change

Today	<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)
Monday	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	9 AM – Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Wednesday	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Thursday	9:00 AM - Noon	Church Office Open
Friday	<i>The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve</i>	
	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
Saturday	<i>The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day</i>	
	9:30 AM	Christmas Day Festival Eucharist (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
Next Sunday	<i>The First Sunday after Christmas</i>	
		<i>No Bible Study this morning</i>
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Christmas Carol Sing and Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 PM	EECMYM Worship (at church in person)



CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Worship Attendance: 26; Communed: 26.



✠ O Christ, Hear Us! ✠

Intercessions for the Week of December 19, 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-grandaughter 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; Kathy, co-worker of Joyce; Sherri, co-worker of Joyce

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

Jack Redman, Sr., Baine Casto, Sarah McCoy, and Patrick Sanga, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

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.

CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY 2021

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 services on either Christmas Day or the Sunday after Christmas. **Orders are due by December 19th.**

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.