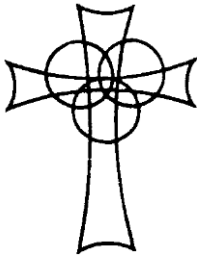
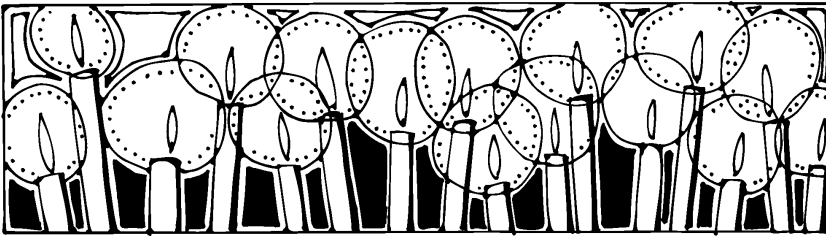


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First Sunday in Advent

DECEMBER 3, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

Stir up Your power, Lord Christ, and come. By Your merciful protection waken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of Your new day, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

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

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



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

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✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Flute & Piano Prelude

“Give Thanks”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Blessing of the Advent Wreath:

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord, as we begin the season of Advent, let this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. As the prophet Isaiah says, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.”

Isaiah 9:2

P Our Help is in the Name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the true Light who comes into the world to enlighten all people, bless us as we light the candles of this wreath in preparation for Your coming, and enkindle in our hearts the fire of Your love that we may receive You with joy and gladness and evermore remain steadfast in the faith; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this wreath for use in His Church throughout this holy season of Advent.

C Amen.

The Opening Hymn

“Hosanna Now Through Advent”
Tune: *Ellacombe*

- 1 **Hosanna now through Advent**
With loving hearts we sing,
For Jesus Christ is coming
To be His children’s King.
Hosanna! Blessed Jesus,
Come in our hearts to dwell,
And let our lives and voices
Your praise and glory tell.
- 2 **Hosanna! Let this welcome**
Ring out from ev’ry heart;
Draw near to us, O Jesus,
And nevermore depart.
So when we see You coming
With angels in the sky,
Hosanna, loud hosanna
Shall be Your children’s cry.
- 3 **“Hosanna in the highest!”**
That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heav’n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!

Text (sts. 1–2): Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-98, alt.; (st. 3): Jeannette Threlfall, 1821-80, alt.

Tune: Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle, Wurttemberg, 1784; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

Text and Tune: Public domain



The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

P The hour has come to wake from sleep,
C **for salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.**

P The night is far gone; the day is at hand.
C **So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.**

From Romans 13:11-12

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

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**



✠ The Service of the Word ✠

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 25:1-3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

- P** Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.
- C** **To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.**
- P** O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.
- C** **Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**
- 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** Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

The *Kyrie Eleison*:

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



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

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, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; 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 64:1-9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—
⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Trinity Singers

“Something Special”

The Congregation rises.



The Holy Gospel

Mark 11:1-10

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

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

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

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 # 334

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"



1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
 2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;
 3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.
 4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
 And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast
 My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new
 A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
 And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.
 That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.
 In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

- 5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
 Cannot His love erase;
 Your guilt the Lord will pardon
 And cover by His grace.
 He comes, for you procuring
 The peace of sin forgiv'n,
 His children thus securing
 Eternal life in heav'n.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 6 He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations
And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering,
And guide us safely home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Text and tune: Public domain

The Sermon

Advent Words of Grace: Hope

Text: Isaiah 64:1-9

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, when You come down, the nations tremble and the mountains quake because our sin angers You and causes You to look upon us in wrath. Yet for the sake of Your Son, You turn Your wrath away from us and promise to remember not our iniquity forever. We thank You for looking upon us in mercy and making us Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father of our Lord Jesus, as Your Son once came in humility, riding on a donkey, to bring salvation, we await His future powerful and glorious return. Help us not forget His promised coming but instead lead us to live each day in repentance as we await His second advent. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, bless the work of Your servants who proclaim Your salvation, especially our pastors, missionaries, teachers, and all other ministers. For those who are already members of Your Kingdom, sustain them in the true faith as they receive Your Gospel and Sacraments through these servants. For those presently outside Your kingdom, use the work of Your servants that they may repent of their sins, trust Your merciful goodness, and rest in the peace of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Eternal God, as we begin a new Church Year that marks the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Your Son and His teachings for us, open our ears to Your Holy Word so that we may cling to Your forgiveness, life, and salvation, hold Your Son's words and works sacred, and grow in faithfulness to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of peace, with wisdom and power You govern the nations of this world. Guide all who serve in positions of authority that they may turn away from acts of hatred and bloodshed, follow the paths of peace, and choose good things for their people. We ask You especially to grant wisdom to all those in authority over us at every level of the government of our nation, that they may govern us with good judgment and serve the welfare of all. And bless also the men and women of our armed forces, as well as the civilians who assist them, that they may be kept safe from harm in the performance of their duties. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, look with kindness upon all who are sick and suffering, the homebound and elderly, and those suffering from terminal disease and chronic pain, especially _____. Assure them of Your mercy, and comfort them with the awareness of Your goodness. If it please You, restore them to health and strength, or give them grace to accept their afflictions and anticipate the eternal healing You will bring when You come again. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of peace, cause Your comforting presence to be among all those who mourn the death of loved ones. In their grief, cause them to remember Your love for them and the hope that is to be found in the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of life and joy, be with all those who rejoice in the goodness and blessing which You have brought into their lives, especially with _____. As they celebrate the blessings they have received, may their hearts be ever moved to acknowledge You as the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Loving God, to Your care we commend all those who have asked for our prayers. Especially we remember before You _____ and all 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 O Lord, as Your Son once entered Jerusalem in great humility, riding on a colt, He also enters our presence under the bread and wine of His holy Meal. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy Name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, keep us in communion with John of Damascus, Nicholas of Myra, Ambrose of Milan, and all your saints of every time and every place, who bore witness to Your appearing, and who now rest in the blessed peace of Your presence. Rejoicing in their fellowship, may we, like them, keep faith in You and Your Word and come also at last to share with them in the joys of the life of the world to come. 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 Blessed is the King who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.
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 # 350

“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
 2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
 3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
 4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
 Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
 ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,
 sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
 Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
 Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I
 Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
 will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!
 will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.
 we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

Text: Johann Gottfried Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, 1699, Darmstadt

Text and tune: Public domain

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 that You sent Your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us in Him heirs of everlasting life; that when He comes again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold His appearing. With thankful hearts we lift our prayer, "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 in glory. Hear us as we pray in His Name and as He has taught us:

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord:

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The *Pax Domini*:

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



The Agnus Dei:

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

The Congregation is seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

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

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of two ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, or 2) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Music During the Distribution:

“Somebody’s Knockin’ at Your Door” – The Trinity Singers

The Congregation rises.

The Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The Post-Communion Collect:

P Let us pray.

O Lord our God, in the celebration of Your Sacrament You have given us the true Body and Blood of Your Son; grant that this Holy Supper may make us strong in the hope of our salvation, that we may joyfully await the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ in power and majesty; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The *Benedicamus* and Benediction:

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.



The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 349

“Hark the Glad Sound”



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51
Tune: Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820
Text and tune: Public domain

The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Hark the Glad Sound”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠



ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING ... We will hold our Congregation's annual meeting to attend to our Parish business following worship, **Next Sunday, December 10th**. We hope that all voting members will be able to attend as we look forward to another year of ministry together. If you have any questions or concerns in advance of the meeting, please speak with Helen Joynes, our congregation president, or with any member of the Ministry Planning Group,

THANK YOU ... to all those who generously contributed toward the making of the "Miracle of Christmas" baskets for the family we are sponsoring through our Compassion Center. May these gifts help this family to have a happy Christmas and fill their home with the joy and peace found in the Christ Child.

UPCOMING DATES AS WE PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS:

Saturday, December 9 at 10 AM	Decorating the Church
Sunday, December 24 at 7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Divine Service
Monday, December 25 at 9:30 AM	Christmas Day Festival Divine Service
Sunday, December 31 at 9:30 AM	Divine Service with Christmas Carol Sing <i>No Bible Class</i>
Sunday, January 7 at 9:30 AM	Epiphany Celebration Festival Divine Service
Saturday, January 13 at 10 AM	Church Undecorating

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 following. Each poinsettia costs \$10.00 and the order forms and dedication information are due **Sunday, December 17th**. Order slips are available on the literature table in the rear of the nave.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for 2023 is available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is \$35.00. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuo), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuo), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuo).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Advent music begins this week, and the 12 Days of Christmas runs December 24 – January 6. Study 1 Corinthians 10-11 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. ET), study Micah 3-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. ET), and Melancthon’s Greeting to the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (December 9 at 11:00 a.m. ET). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... A wilderness can be scary, but if someone is with you who knows the way out, you're not really lost. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, December 10, 2023, for a message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "A-T Walker", locally on WFAX 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station’s range you may listen online to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com. The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on KFUE.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at lhm.org, under “Media” and “The Lutheran Hour”.

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

THIS WEEK’S COMMEMORATIONS...

December 4 **John of Damascus**, *Theologian and Hymnwriter*

December 6 **Nicholas of Myra**, *Pastor*

December 7 **Ambrose of Milan**, *Pastor and Hymnwriter*

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

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. 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 ongoing time of 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.

Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' and men's clothing, especially pants.

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 they are delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

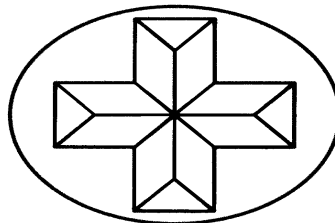
Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

PREPARING FOR THE COMING SUNDAY ...

The Second Sunday in Advent, December 10, 2023

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8



PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3 – 10

May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The First Sunday in Advent: The Beginning of a New Church Year</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	ECCMYM Worship (at church in person)
Monday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open	
Tuesday	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open	
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open	
Wednesday	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open	
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open	
Next Sunday	<i>The Second Sunday in Advent</i>	
	8:30 AM	Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:45 AM	Voters Meeting
	12:00 PM	ECCMYM Worship (at church in person)



CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Worship Attendance: 24; Communed: 22.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 2023:

Offerings received for the month: (4 Sundays): \$9,022

Income needed in November to meet the budget: \$10,829

✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of December 3, 2023

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Diane, John Tyler, Waymond, Paul, Alan, Kate, August, David, Ernie, Paul, Shirley, and Angela

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;
Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda;
Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty;
Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers; Jari, former Concordia Teacher;
Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie; Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy;
Bernie, friend of Trinity; Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;
George, friend of Dave & Joyce; Danny, friend of Dave & Joyce;
Ralph, uncle of Vincent & Tracy; Cynthia, friend of Kim; Craig, friend of the Praticos;
Oliver, son of David & Lisbeth; Doris, mother of Vincent; Dee, Godmother of David;
Tyler, son of coworker of Paul; Orbelina & Family, mother of former Concordia
Students; Evelyn, aunt of Judy; Phillip & Amanda and Family and the Black Family,
friends of Michelle

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Lynn Orchowski, and Joseph Ryan, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

We Keep In Our Prayers

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

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



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

*Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live
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