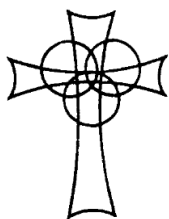


**May He Establish Your Hearts
Blameless in Holiness...
at the Coming of Our Lord Jesus**

1 Thessalonians 1:13



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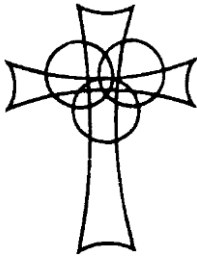
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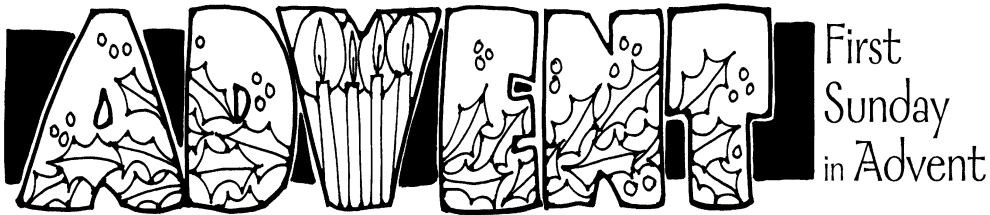
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

Stir up Your power, Lord Christ, and come. By Your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for Your life of justice, 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 Music for Meditation

The Prelude

“The Advent of Our King”

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

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 331

“The Advent of Our King



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



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

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

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

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt.

Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731–76

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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 89:6, 14-16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

P Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

C **Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?**

P Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

C **Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,**

- P** who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.
- C** **For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**
- 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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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.
Psalm 24:7*

- P** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
- C** **Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.**
- P** Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C** **From the house of the Lord we bless you.**
- P** Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
- C** **that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

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

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

- 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 # 348

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
 But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
 And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
 The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925, alt.

Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg, ed. John Wyeth

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The Sermon

Blameless Hearts

Text: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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** Father in heaven, You once sent Your Son to us as our King, righteous and having salvation. Help all Your baptized people to wait in joyful hope for His appearing in glory and, by a faithful use of the means of grace, to prepare themselves for the coming Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of our salvation, remember Matthew, our Synod president; William, our district president; Peter and Gugssa, our Pastors; and all pastors, teachers, deaconesses and servants of the Church. Strengthen each one to hold forth faithfully the hope that is ours in Christ Jesus. Grant our Trinity and Mekane Yesus congregations and all Christians to increase and abound in love for one another and for all, that the schemes of the evil one may come to nothing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Holy One of Israel, the words of Your Son do not pass away, but abide forever. Grant Your people grace in these Advent days to set aside time from the busyness and hectic pace of our lives, to enter the quiet joy of Your presence that we might hear and ponder our Savior's words and so come to the Christmas feast with glad and joyful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Our God and Father, Your Son is the righteous Branch whom You sent to execute justice and righteousness on earth. Into Your loving hands we commend all entrusted with public service among us: our President, the Congress, the Justices, all state and local magistrates, and all who serve in our armed forces. Give them courage and wisdom in their duties and guide them in paths that please You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, You teach the humble Your way. Remember in Your tender compassion all who pass through difficult and trying times: the hospitalized, the elderly, the lonely, and all who stand in need of Your compassionate care, especially _____. Bring them the comfort of Your mercy and steadfast love, for they have been from of old. 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 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 Father of glory, Your Son was welcomed into Jerusalem amid cries of “Blessed is the King who comes in the Name of the Lord!” Grant that we may welcome Him anew today as He comes to us in His Body and Blood, bringing us the gift of peace with You and the promise of glory in the highest. 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 These things and whatever else You know us to need, most Holy Father, grant us for the sake of Him who is the Lord our Righteousness 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 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
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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.

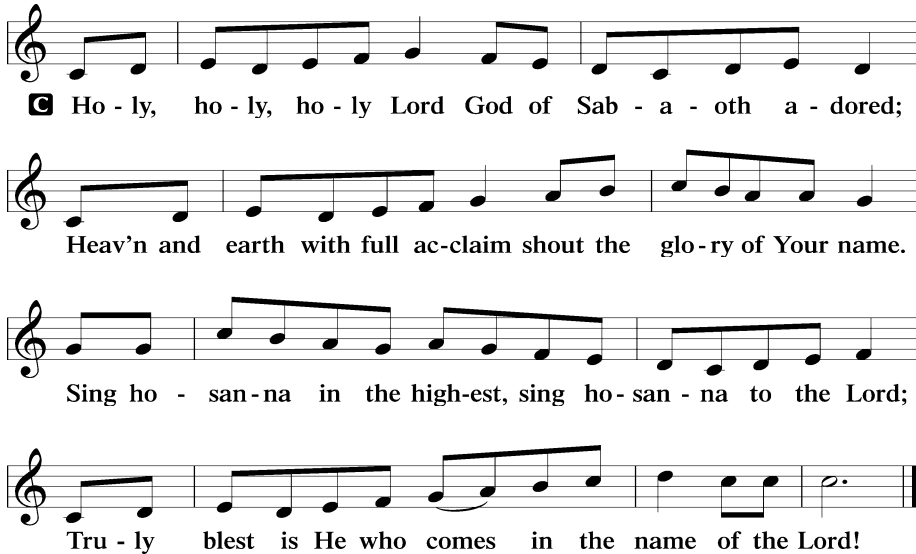
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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*:

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.

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.



The Distribution Hymn

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.

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
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Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

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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 # 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

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Hark the Glad Sound”

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THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

The Celebrant & Preacher

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel

The Lector

Waymond Joynes

The Communion Assistant

Helen Joynes

The Worship Assistant

Paul Ritter

The Parish Musician

Skip Hall

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NOTES AND NEWS

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ... Copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

A NEW CHURCH YEAR ... begins today with the First Sunday in Advent. As we keep this season of preparing ourselves once more for the yearly remembrance of Christ’s Birth, we have provided devotional materials for our Trinity Families to observe this sacred time at home. The devotions were mailed to member homes last week, and we hope you received them. If you did not, please contact the church office to let us know. There are a limited number of “extra” copies on the literature table in the rear of the sanctuary.



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.

ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING ... We will hold our Congregation’s annual meeting to attend to our Parish business following worship on **Sunday, December 15th**. 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,

UPCOMING DATES AS WE PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS:

Saturday, December 14 at 10 AM	Decorating the Church
Tuesday, December 24 at 7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Divine Service
Wednesday, December 25 at 9:30 AM	Christmas Day Festival Divine Service
Sunday, December 29 at 9:30 AM	Divine Service with Christmas Carol Sing
Sunday, January 5 at 9:30 AM	Epiphany Festival Divine Service
Saturday, January 11 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 \$12.00 and the order forms and dedication information are due **Sunday, December 15th**. 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 2024 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 now **\$45.00**, the increase owing mainly to delivery charges. 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 kfuo.org: Sharper Iron airs a new series called “The Fifth Evangelist” (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. ET), going through the book of Isaiah. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. ET), we enter into Holy Week, taking a look at chapters 12-14 in John’s Gospel. Join us live on Sunday and Wednesday (2:00 and 8:00 p.m. ET) as we bring back a special 100th anniversary edition of JOY!, a one-hour program of sacred music for the Advent season. Find the full program schedule at kfuo.org/joy.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... Everyone has a story to tell and yours can be one through which Jesus is working to make the world new again. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, December 8, 2024, for this message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Completely Ordinary Human", 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.

(Cans with flip open tops are especially helpful as we serve our homeless clients.)

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 ...

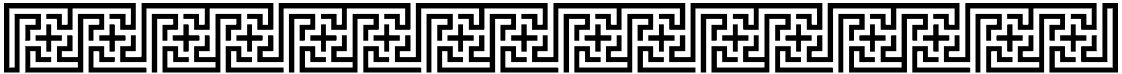
The Second Sunday in Advent, December 8, 2024

Scripture Readings: Malachi 3:1-7b; Philippians 1:2-11; Luke 3:1-14



PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1 – 8
May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The First Sunday in Advent: The Beginning of a New Church Year</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 PM	EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
Monday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open	
Tuesday	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open	
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open	
Wednesday	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open	
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open	
Thursday	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open	
Next Sunday	<i>The Second Sunday in Advent</i>	
	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, November 24, 2024
Worship Attendance: 25; Communed: 23.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 2024:

- General Offerings received (4 Sundays): \$10,156
- General Offerings needed to meet the budget: \$11,027
- Withdrawals from Thrivent (money market): \$2,000
- Balance in Thrivent mutual funds: ~\$53,763

We're still planning for our upcoming sidewalk repairs (~\$13,000).

✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of December 1, 2024

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Julie & Kenny, Diane, Travis, Waymond, August, David, Tracy, 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; 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; Bernie, friend of Trinity; Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;
Doris, mother of Vincent; Orbelina & Family, mother of former Concordia Students;
Phillip & Amanda and Family, friends of Michelle; Kay & Bob, relatives of Carole;
Kumar, co-worker's spouse of Joyce; Craig, husband of Edith; Virginia, mother of Sam;
Steve, father-in-law of Michelle; Denise, fiancée of Mark; Lori, friend of Carole;
Aidan & Family, friends of Joyce; Raymond, brother of Joy;
Nancy & Family, sister of Vincent; Joyce, friend of Tracy; Daniel, friend of Cullen;
Donald, friend of Cullen; Mr. Emanuel, husband of Shelda;
Mary, former Concordia Teacher; Ralph, relative of Carole; Martha, relative of Judy

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Cecil Haney, and Lynn Orchowski, who celebrate their birthdays this week.
Cullen & Roxanne Elias, who celebrate their wedding anniversary 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.

- ✘ 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.
- ✘ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✘ For all those affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For peace and reconciliation that brings an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- ✘ For calm, civility, and peace in our nation's political discourse, especially during this time of our country's leadership transition.
- ✘ For peace in our neighborhoods and for an end to violence.
- ✘ For the students, teachers, and staff in our educational institutions.
- ✘ For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.



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Sunday Mornings:
Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

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

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The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor



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