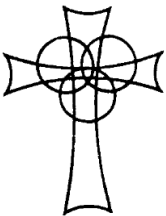




# **Behold, I Have Come to Do Your Will, O God**

Hebrews 10:7



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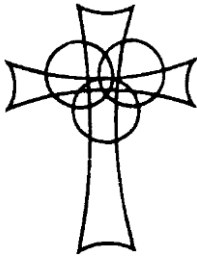
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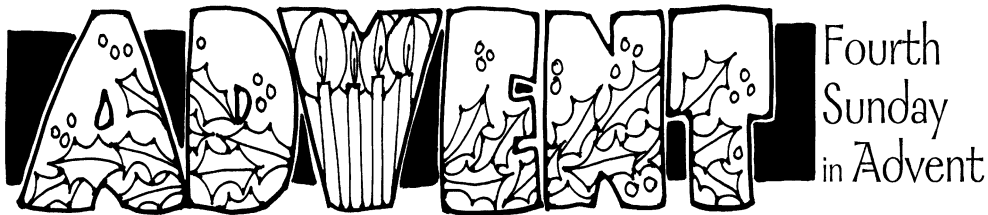
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***WELCOME TO WORSHIP!***

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. 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.

***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**

*Divine Service, Setting Four  
Lutheran Service Book  
Page 203ff*

✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

**✠ The Preparation ✠**

The Flute and Piano Prelude

“A Little Shepherd Music”

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 332*

“Savior of the Nations, Come”



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
God was there up - on His throne.  
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

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

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| <p>5 God the Father was His source,<br/>Back to God He ran His course.<br/>Into hell His road went down,<br/>Back then to His throne and crown.</p> | <p>7 From the manger newborn light<br/>Shines in glory through the night.<br/>Darkness there no more resides;<br/>In this light faith now abides.</p> |
| <p>6 For You are the Father's Son<br/>Who in flesh the vict'ry won.<br/>By Your mighty pow'r make whole<br/>All our ills of flesh and soul.</p>     | <p>△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,<br/>Glory to the Son, our King,<br/>Glory to the Spirit be<br/>Now and through eternity.</p>                         |

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### The Invocation:

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

### The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

- P** Our Help is in the Name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- 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:

**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 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*

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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*

<sup>5</sup>When Christ came into the world, he said,  
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body have you prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>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.’”

<sup>8</sup>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), <sup>9</sup>then he added,  
“Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.

<sup>10</sup>And 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

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

*The Congregation rises.*





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

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

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

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

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

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

<sup>50</sup>And his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

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

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

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

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

<sup>56</sup>And 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 # 564*

“Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand”



1 Christ sits at God's right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,  
 2 Christ was that priest God swore, U - nique - ly First and Last,  
 3 Christ's al - tar was the tree, Where on the world's be - half  
 4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!



To reign till ev - 'ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—  
 Who would in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur - passed:  
 He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,  
 Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,  
 “A priest for - ev - er - more,” An oath God would not break,  
 To seal God's guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;  
 His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured



When first He said, “Lord, here am I To do Your will.”  
 “A priest with - in the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek.”  
 With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.  
 That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.

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

5 Then let us now draw near,  
 Washed in that precious flood  
 And enter the Most Holy Place  
 By Jesus' blood.  
 From hearts that are sincere,  
 Let tongues our hope profess,  
 And trust anew God's faithful grace  
 That we confess.

△ 6 All praise to Christ we bring,  
 Our Lord who intercedes,  
 Our great High Priest enthroned above  
 Who knows our needs;  
 And to the Father sing  
 Our songs of thankful praise,  
 Who with the Spirit reigns in love  
 For endless days.

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The Sermon

A Holy Body to Make Us Holy  
 Text: Hebrews 10:5-10

*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** Faithful Father, in the fullness of time You sent Your Son into the womb of the Blessed Virgin that there might finally be a Man who fully did Your will and so bring all people back to You. Give Your baptized people grace to welcome their Savior's birth with songs of joy and shouts of deliverance, for He is truly our Emmanuel. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** As Mary heard, believed and treasured the Words spoken by the angel, so grant to all pastors, deaconesses, teachers and other servants of Your Church a love for Your Word and a fervent desire to proclaim its promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** O King whose mercy is on all who fear Him from generation to generation, in the days ahead many will come home again to Your house and renew their acquaintance with You and Your means of grace. Touch their hearts, renew their minds and stir up in them a hunger for You and Your good gifts that they may again return often to Your house and feast on Your bounty with all Your faithful. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** O Mighty One, whose rule extends over all, we pray for Your blessing of peace upon all nations of the world. Where there is strife and discord, bring an end to hostilities. Where there is injustice, raise up leaders who seek the welfare of all. In all places throughout the globe, may Your peaceable rule be seen. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Ruler of Israel, Ancient of Days, to you we commend our government, all who hold offices of public trust, and all in our armed forces, especially those in these days serving far from home and loved ones. Strengthen and uphold them in honor, protect them from evil and guide them in paths that are pleasing to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** God of all compassion, You lift up those who are bowed down. Remember in Your boundless love all who take treatments, the hospitalized, the lonely, and the ill, especially \_\_\_\_\_. Quiet them with Your love, comfort them with Your presence, let Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord of time and eternity, You bless each and every day of our lives with Your love and mercy. Be with all those who rejoice in Your goodness to them especially \_\_\_\_\_, and help us all to acknowledge You as the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** God of comfort, You sent Your Son to heal our griefs. Deal compassionately with all those who mourn the earthly loss of loved ones, [especially\_\_\_\_\_]. Help them to see that You are the Lord of life who has triumphed over death and the grave and that You give eternal life to all who have fallen asleep trusting in Your grace and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Tender Savior, You look with compassion and love upon all those You have redeemed. To Your care we commend all those who have asked for our prayers. Especially we remember before You \_\_\_\_\_ and all of the people and concerns which we name now 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** God our Savior, You gave Your Son to be the Bread of Life, born for us in Bethlehem, the House of Bread. Grant all to all your children who commune this day both repentance for their sin and faith in Your unfailing mercy, that they might receive the Body and Blood of their Savior in a worthy manner and to their abundant blessing.

Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** O God our Father, by the offering of Your Son's Body, once and for all, You have sanctified Your people and freed them from destruction and promised to raise them from the grave. Receive our praise this day for Elizabeth, Zechariah, and John the Baptist; the Blessed Virgin Mary and Joseph; St. Stephen, St. John, and the Holy Innocents; and all of your faithful ones who have trusted in Your promises and fallen asleep in Your friendship. Give us grace to walk before You with faith like theirs and bring us at last with them to the joyous light of Your heavenly Kingdom. 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 Emmanuel, the God who is with us, 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** 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.*

**Peace Love JOY Peace Love JOY**

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 333

“Once He Came in Blessing”

1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -  
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He  
 3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y  
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -

dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,

Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -

save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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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 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 for 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:

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 at the Distribution:*

“Tidings Carol” – 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 # 352

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly  
 2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'  
 3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
 4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send  
 heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,  
 Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—  
 gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
 Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
 Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
 Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

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| <p>5 Bruise for me the serpent's head<br/>                 That, set free from doubt and dread,<br/>                 I may cling to You in faith,<br/>                 Safely kept through life and death.</p> | <p>6 Then when You will come again<br/>                 As the glorious King to reign,<br/>                 I with joy will see Your face,<br/>                 Freely ransomed by Your grace.</p> |
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*Text: Heinrich Held, 1620–59; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
 Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter  
 Text and tune: Public domain*

The Silent Worship


The Parish Announcements

The Postlude


“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

✠ To God Be All Praise and Glory! ✠





# CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE



## **The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord**

**Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24, 2024**

Candlelight Worship Service with Holy Communion at 7:00 PM

**Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25, 2024**

Festival Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:30 AM

## **The First Sunday after Christmas**

**December 29, 2024**

Festival Worship Service with Christmas Carol Sing and Holy Communion at 9:30 AM

## **The Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord:**

**January 5, 2025**

Festival Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:30 AM

## **The Feast of the Baptism of our Lord:**

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany – January 12, 2025**

Festival Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:30 AM

*ALL ARE WELCOME!*



## 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.

*PORTALS OF PRAYER* ... Copies of the January-March 2025 edition of our church's daily devotional guide can be picked up from the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and both regular and large print versions are available.

*2025 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 made 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.

### *UPCOMING DATES AS WE CELEBRATE THE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS:*

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
Sunday, January 12 at 9:30 AM	Festival Divine Service on the Baptism of Our Lord

*CHURCH OFFICE HOURS* ... During the Christmas Holiday, December 24-January 3, the church office will be closed to allow our staff to have time at home with their families. The staff will be checking the office answering machine daily for any messages. Should any pastoral emergencies arise during this time, you may also contact Pastor directly on his cell phone: 202-288-0652. Pastor will return to his study on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, and the church office will return to full staffing on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

*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 **2025** is now 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 **\$50.00**, 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](mailto: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](http://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:** Celebrate the season of Christmas with sacred music and songs during the 12 Days of Christmas, December 24<sup>th</sup>-January 6<sup>th</sup>. Regular programming will resume on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Hear your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUE Radio app! Blessed Christmas! Christ is born!

*THE LUTHERAN HOUR* ... The Good Life—what is it? Life is truly good when it's life the way God meant it to be. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, December 29, 2024, for a message from Guest Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies, " No Getting Better Than This ", 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](http://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](http://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 FEASTS ...*

- December 24-25 **The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord**  
December 26 **Saint Stephen**, *Deacon and First Martyr* (see Acts 6-7)  
December 27 **Saint John**, *Apostle and Evangelist of the Fourth Gospel*  
December 28 **The Holy Innocents**, *Child Martyrs of Bethlehem*  
(see Matthew 2:16-18)

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 First Sunday after Christmas, December 29, 2024

Scripture Readings: 1 Kings 3:4-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Luke 2:40-52







## CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Worship Attendance: 25; Communed: 23.

*Worship Attendance statistics for the services held today and during the Days of Christmas will be published in the January 12, 2025 Bulletin*

### *MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 2024:*

General Offerings received (4 Sundays): \$10,156

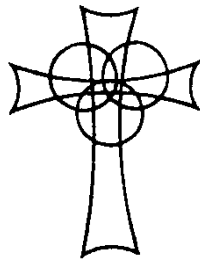
General Offerings needed to meet the budget: \$11,027

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 22, 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; Laura, granddaughter of Gus & Betty

**Thanksgivings and Blessings**

Rachel Hall, who celebrated her birthday last week.

Patrick Sanga, and Cullen Elias, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

**Those Who Mourn**

The family of Ralph Dingess, Sr., relative of Carole Dingess, who passed away last 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*  
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*The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor*



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