

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*"A family where Christ is Head and the entire congregation are ministers."*

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**Good Morning! We welcome you today as a part of God’s family here at Trinity!  
We hope that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting.**

Trinity is a liturgical Lutheran church using the Divine Service as written in the Lutheran Service Book. Today's Divine Service is printed for you in this bulletin. Today’s service is being live streamed to YouTube and will be available later in the day on Trinity’s Facebook page and Website. The receiving of communion will not be recorded to preserve the sanctity of the sacrament. During this time, the recording will be directed to the stained-glass window above the altar so communion hymns can still be shared. By entering the service, you consent to the video recording to be used for live streaming, inclusion on our web site and Facebook, and/or any other purpose by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Visitors** – We are so happy you are joining us for Worship today. If this is your first visit at Trinity, please take a moment to complete the Visitor Card found in front of you in the pew. Then place the card in the Offering Plate as it is passed during the service.

*Members, Returning Visitors and Active Guests –  
We ask that you please fill out the Welcome Book found at the end of your pew.*

**PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR** – Flo and Richard Ball, Anna Carter, Helen Everett, Pastor Charles Froehlich, Pat Gregory, Holly Hartman, Terry Ingmire, Paul Lass, Julie and Sam Locklear, Bob Matthews, Rachel McMillan, Brenda Pendry, Viola Person, Bob and Carol Petrie, Linda Vernick, Marc Vernick and Sarah Von Moll.

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**HOLY COMMUNION** – In the Sacrament of Holy Communion our Lord Jesus comes to us with **His very body and blood** to eat and to drink **for the forgiveness of sins** and **to strengthen our union with Him and with one another**. He invites to His table those who trust His words, **repent of all their sin** and forgive and love one another as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because **Holy Communion is a confession of the faith** which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to **speak with the Pastor before communing**.

*For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; Acts 2:38, 42; 1 Cor. 10:16, 11:17-34*

Other Christians and children who have not completed instruction may come forward, cross their arms over their chest and receive a blessing. If you wish to commune from the Common Cup do not take an individual cup. For those who prefer it for any reason, the cups in **the center of the tray contain a grape juice option**. Please let the pastor know if you need a **Gluten Free wafer**.

(Before communing, we ask that first time guests and visitors please speak with the Pastor.)

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**Today’s Worship Participants**

Lector  
Communion Assistant  
Host/Hostess

*Judy Sykes  
John Knickelbein  
xxxxx*

**Participants for Next Sunday**

Lector  
Communion Assistant  
Host/Hostess

*Scott Thieman  
Roger Medlin  
xxxxx*

# Third Sunday in Advent

December 11, 2022

## Divine Service Setting Three

The congregation sits quietly. Please be aware that some people use the time prior to the service for reflection and meditation in the sanctuary. You are encouraged to talk to God before the Service, let God talk to you in the Service, then talk to one another *after* the Service.

### Organ Prelude

*Behold, A Rose Breaks Into Bloom*

Johannes Brahms

### Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship** *Stand and face the Processional Cross (rear of the Church)*

### Processional Hymn

*Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors*

LSB 339



1 Lift up your heads, you ev - er - last - ing doors,  
2 Who is this King of great and glo - rious fame?  
3 Who may as - cend Mount Zi - on's ho - ly hill  
4 "Wor - thy is Christ!" The Lamb who once was slain



And weep no more! O Zi - on's daugh - ter, sing,  
What is His name? Lord God of Sab - a - oth,  
To do God's will? The One whose un - stained hands  
Now lives to reign. He rules our earth - ly ways



To greet your com - ing King; Now wave the vic - tor's  
Of whom the proph - ets wrote, Whose cho - sen, hum - ble  
Can meet the Law's de - mands, Whose pu - ri - ty with -  
As Lord of An - cient Days— O join the end - less



palm And sing the an - cient psalm: "Lift up your  
stead De - clares Him king in - deed! Ho - san - na,  
in Re - veals One free from sin. Come, praise this  
song Sung by the ran - somed throng: "Wor - thy is



heads, you ev - er - last - ing gates!" Your King a - waits!  
Lord! Mes - si - ah, come and save From sin and grave.  
King who claims the cross as throne— Praise Him a - lone!  
Christ!" The Lamb be praised a - gain! A - men! A - men!

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# Confession and Absolution

*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.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**Each Sunday we light a new candle on the Advent wreath.**

**This week we light the third candle, the pink joy candle.**

**It represents the joy we have in the coming King, Jesus Christ.**



3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on  
 high; Be - neath His feet in ter - ror The haugh - ty  
 soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and right, That  
 heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion And makes true prep - a -  
 ra - tion— It is the Lord's de - light.

## Service of the Word

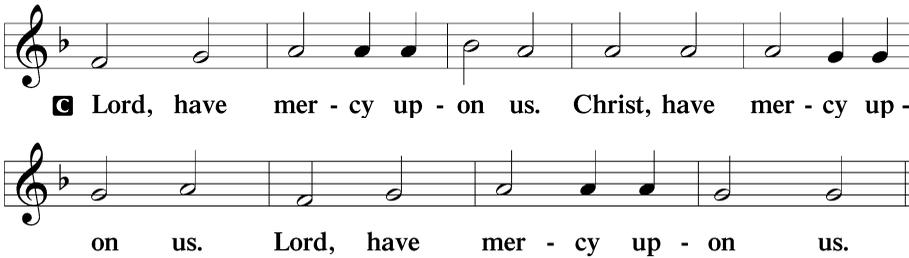
### Introit

- C** Rejoice in the Lord always;  
 again I will say, Rejoice.  
 I will hope continually  
 and will praise you yet more and more.  
 My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,  
 for their number is past my knowledge.  
 With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;  
 I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.  
 O God, from my youth you have taught me,  
 and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.  
 So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,  
 until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

<sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
 and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
 and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
 in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,  
 the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
<sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there,  
 and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;  
 the unclean shall not pass over it.  
 It shall belong to those who walk on the way;  
 even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.  
<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there,  
 nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
 they shall not be found there,  
 but the redeemed shall walk there.  
<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return  
 and come to Zion with singing;  
 everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
 they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
 and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

**C** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.  
 Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.  
 Behold, your king is coming to you;  
 righteous and having salvation.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 From the house of the Lord we bless you.

## Epistle

*James 5:7–11*

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.  
<sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 11:2-15*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written,

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

<sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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



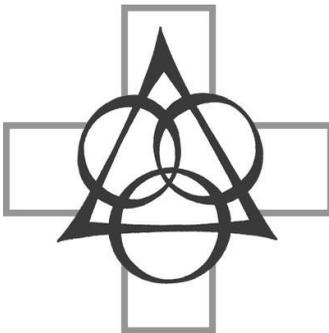
**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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.



## Hymn of the Day

*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

LSB 516



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with  
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"  
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing  
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in  
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?  
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!  
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,  
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare  
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall  
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."  
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.  
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.  
 Text and tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608  
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## Children's Message

### Sermon

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

**Offering** - *Please take this time to sign in the Welcome Book at the end of your pew.*

(Loose coins directly support LCMS families studying for the ministry through Coins for Christ)

### Anthem

*Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God*

arr. by Hopson

*Stand*

### Offertory

**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Lord, in your mercy...

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

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

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

## The Words of Our Lord

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

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

## Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Please respect the time of silence at the beginning of the Eucharist before the Distribution Hymns are begun. While this is time for some to commune it is also a time for introspection and helps quiet our imagination, our worries and our toils so as to join our hearts to the prayers and be fully attentive to whatever the Holy Spirit should inspire in us. This silence is an active, not a passive disposition. This form of interior silence does not impede, and indeed favors, full and active participation in those parts of the celebration where the community is united in acclamation and song, for each person is more fully aware of what he or she is doing.

## Distribution

The body and blood of Christ are distributed to those who come to receive.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

## Distribution Hymn

### *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

LSB 621



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-85, alt.  
Tune: French, 17th cent.; Text and tune: Public domain



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my  
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and  
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
 me this hour— In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His  
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the  
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter  
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



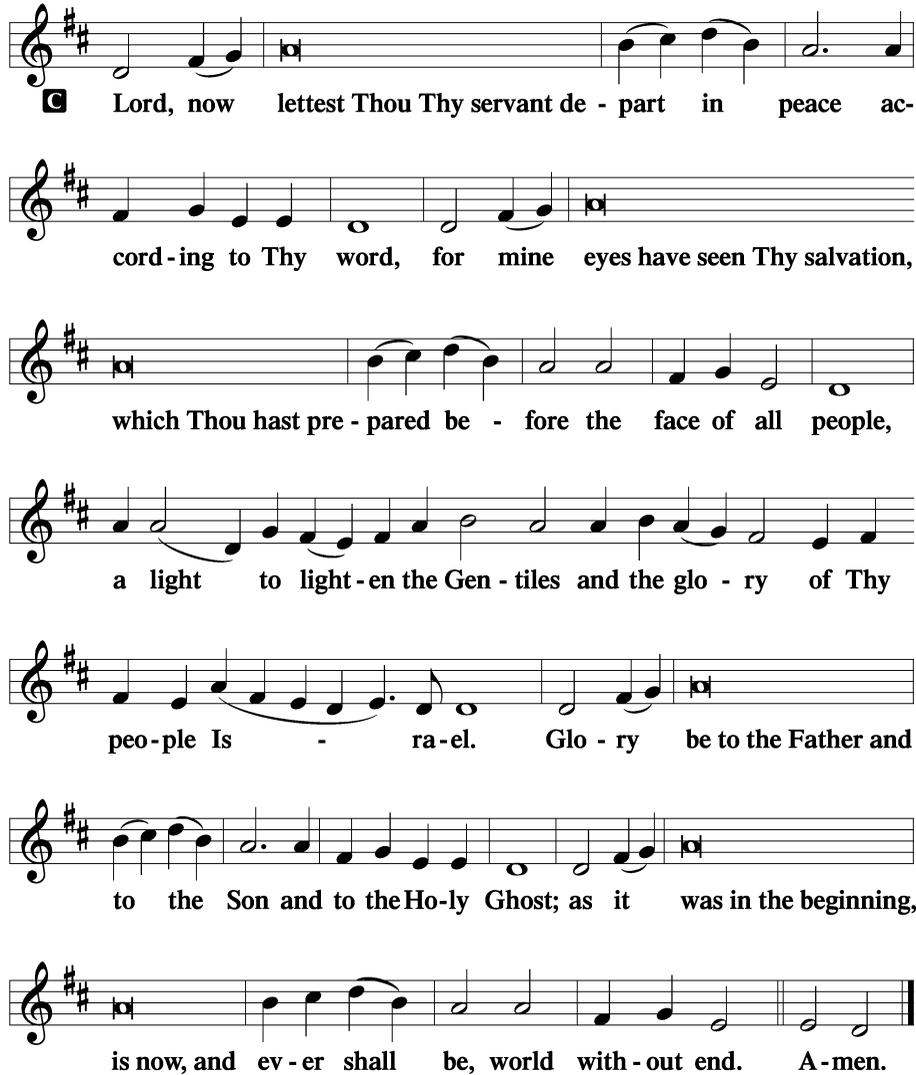
in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."  
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
 Whose own feast of love I savor,  
 Bidden by His gracious call.  
 Wedding garments He provides me,  
 With a robe of white He hides me,  
 Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,  
 Comfort in my tribulation,  
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
 Cleanses me from sin and error,  
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Stand

## Nunc Dimittis



The musical score is written on seven staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The music is in a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving



**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus



**P** Bless we the Lord.

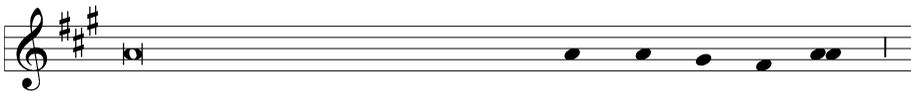


**C** Thanks be to God.

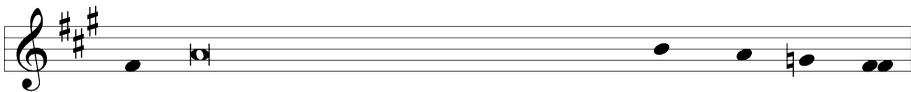
## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.





1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him  
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion  
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;  
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,  
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:  
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.  
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

*Following the service, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).*

**Organ Postlude**

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

Paul Manz

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The Board of Worship along with our Vacancy Pastors have decided to again offer the Common Cup as well as individual cups during the distribution of Communion. If you wish to commune from the Common Cup do not take an individual cup when it is offered. Whichever you prefer is an individual choice *for blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.*

**Join us on Wednesday evening for our last Mid-week Advent service on December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

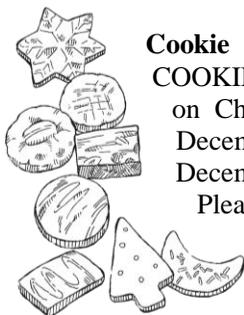
**PORTALS OF PRAYER for January - March are now available.** You may pick one up from the Narthex as you exit this morning.



**The Poinsettia sign-up sheet is on the LWML Flower bulletin board in the hallway. Please indicate whether they are in honor or memory of someone and whether you want to take them home or gift to a shut-in.** Poinsettias will be \$10.00 this year and must be paid for in advance. Please make checks payable to LWML. Thirty poinsettias have been ordered but you **MUST SIGN UP BY TODAY, December 11<sup>th</sup>.** Poinsettias may be taken home either after the service on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

**TRINITARIAN articles are due by December 15<sup>th</sup> for the January/February/March issue. You may either drop them in the church office or email them to [tlc@trinitylutherannorfolk.org](mailto:tlc@trinitylutherannorfolk.org).**

**Christmas Caroling to the Homebound will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup>.** Trinity's shut-in members look forward to visits from you. Share the Christmas spirit by lending your voice and enjoy good fellowship. A light lunch will be served after Worship Service before we go caroling. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.



**Cookie Pack for the Military** – Again this year we will be supplying **HOMEMADE COOKIES** for Boyd Sylvester to deliver to service members standing their watch on the piers on Christmas Eve. If you could make a dozen cookies and bring them to church on December 18<sup>th</sup> (labeled for **COOKIE PACK**) the ladies will get together on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and pack the cookies into gift bags along with a note of blessing from Trinity.

Please sign up in the Welcome Center and let us know to expect your cookies. We are truly excited to be able to minister to our military and let them know they are thought of at Christmas.

# THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Third Sunday in Advent</b>	
	Adult Bible Class	9:00 am
	Communion Worship Service	10:00 am
Monday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bowling League	6:30 pm
Wednesday, December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Mid-week Advent Worship Service	7:00 pm
Thursday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Bible Study	11:30 am
	Choir Rehearsal	4:30 pm
	Men's Bible Study	6:30 pm
Sunday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Advent</b>	
	Adult Bible Class	9:00 am
	Communion Worship Service	10:00 am
	Caroling to Homebound	Following Worship

## Scriptures for December 18<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 7:10-17 ~ Romans 1:1-7 ~ Matthew 1:18-25

Budget Update – November 2022	
Monthly Revenues	\$21,708.75
Monthly Expenses	\$15,805.12
Year to date Revenues	\$234,569.14
Year to date Expenses	\$173,036.98
Year to date: Actual Revenue less Actual Expenses	\$61,532.16
<i>Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.</i>	

Sunday, December 4, 2022  
 Worship Attendance - 77  
 General Offerings - \$3,512.00

**SECURITY ISSUE** – Please note that the front entrance to the Church will remain locked to be people entering on Sunday mornings (it is still available to exiting the building). Please use the side entrance coming in from our parking lot as you arrive for Bible Class or Worship Service. For the security of the building, it is easier to monitor one entrance. If you prefer to enter the Sanctuary from the Narthex, you may do so by walking through the Welcome Center, past the offices and into the Narthex. As you exit the Sanctuary at the end of the Service, the Pastor will greet you at the doors of the Narthex. Then you may exit thru the front doors or make your way back to the Welcome Center to enjoy fellowship time. We greatly appreciate your patience as we learn to navigate in this different world.