

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 am Worship Service • December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent • ELW Setting 5

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**R** O-rá-te \* caé- li dé-su- per, et nú- bes plú- ant  
jú- stum : ape-ri- á-tur tér- ra, et gérmínet Salva-  
tó- rem. *Ps.* Caéli enárrant gló-ri- am Dé- i : \* et ópera  
mánu-um é-jus annúnti- at firmamén- tum. Gló-ri- a Pá-  
tri. E u o u a e.

Skies, let the Just One come forth like dew, let him descend from the clouds like the rain. The earth will open up and give birth to our Savior.

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.

*God keeps the promise made to David, to give him an everlasting throne. The angel tells Mary that God will give David's throne to her son Jesus. She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting and by the news of her coming pregnancy, but she is able still to say, "Count me in." We who know that Jesus is called king only as he is executed still find it a mystery hard to fathom, but with Mary today we hear the news of what God is up to and say, "Count us in."*

**Welcome members and guests** to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. Each pew contains cards that you may fill out if you wish to consult with the pastor or provide additional information about yourself.

**A nursery is available** for children up to five years of age during the service. The nursery is located off the hallway on the Huntington Avenue side of the church building. There are also activity bags available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about borrowing one.

**Parents are invited to bring children** from the nursery for Holy Communion to receive a blessing. If children become restless or noisy during worship, parents are encouraged to take them in to and out of the sanctuary as necessary.

**Trinity offers an induction loop** for the benefit of hearing impaired worshippers. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T." If you are unsure if your hearing aid is compatible, please contact your audiologist.



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Welcome

Introit

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Kowalski/Moye Family

Hymn

*Creator of the Stars of Night*

ELW 245

## Gathering

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

### Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.  
**Amen.**

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

God of all time,  
**we confess that we have not prepared  
for your merciful reign among us.  
We ignore our neighbors in need  
and fail in the labor of justice and peace.  
In your mercy forgive us.  
Grant us wisdom to welcome your light  
and to seek the things that will endure  
until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In + Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news! **Amen.**

*The assembly turns and faces the processional cross.*

### Gathering Hymn

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

ELW 257

### The Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### Kyrie



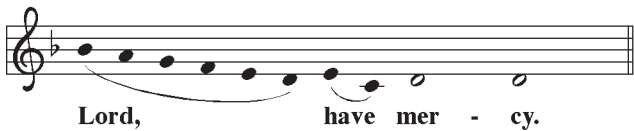
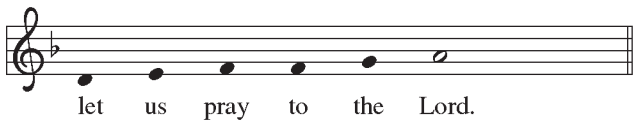
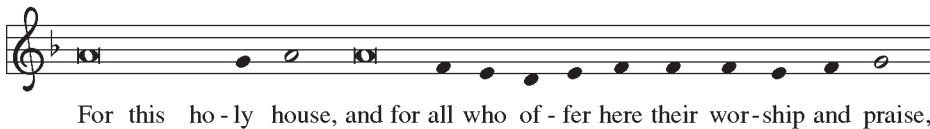
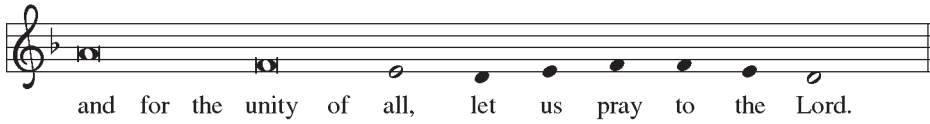
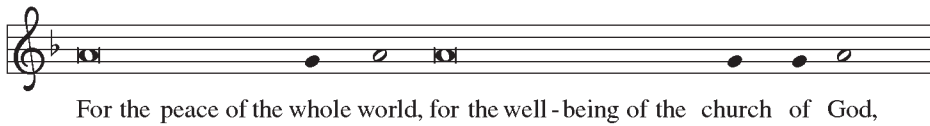
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



### Prayer of the Day

**S**tir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Word

**First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**

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*Instead of David building a house (temple) for the Lord, the Lord promises to establish David's house (dynasty) forever. Centuries later, after the Babylonian exile, no king sat on the throne. Even then, however, the people of Israel remembered this promise and continued to hope for a king, the messiah, the Lord's anointed.*

Let us rejoice at the unfolding of salvation. **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle: Luke 1:46b-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:**  
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me  
and holy is your name.

**You have mercy on those who fear you,  
from generation to generation.**

You have shown strength with your arm  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,  
**casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.**

You have filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.

**You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,  
to remember the promise of mercy,**  
the promise made to our forbears,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

**Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27**

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*Paul closes his letter to the Romans by praising God because in the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ God has revealed the promised, divine plan of salvation for all humanity. Paul proclaims this gospel of Christ in order to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations.*

Let us rejoice at the unfolding of salvation. **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

**Gospel Acclamation**



*Repeat alleluia*



**Here I am, the servant | of the Lord;\* let it be with me according | to your word. (Luke 1:38)**

**Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:26-38**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people (Mary) from littleknown places (Nazareth). This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall. Here Luke highlights the role of the Spirit, a special emphasis in his gospel.*

**I**n the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name

him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **Time with the Children**

### **Sermon**

Pastor Tina

*Silence is kept for reflection after the sermon.*

*The assembly stands.*

### **Hymn of the Day**

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

ELW 263

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

*The peace, which enables people to live in unity and in the spirit of mutual forgiveness,  
comes from Christ whose word has been proclaimed.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **Announcements**

### **Receiving of Tithes and Offerings**

## Offertory

### Offertory Hymn

*Praise the Almighty! (stanza 1)*

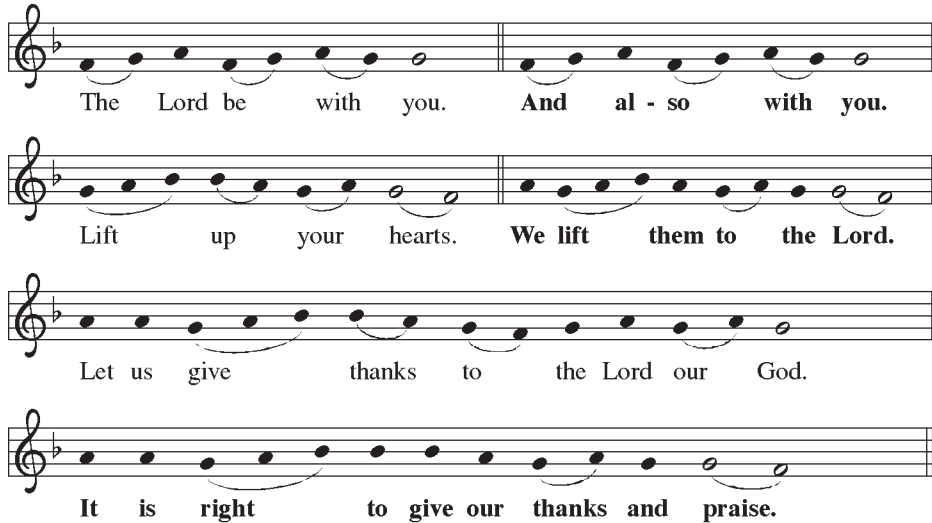
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### Offertory Prayer

Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. **Amen.**

## Meal

### The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

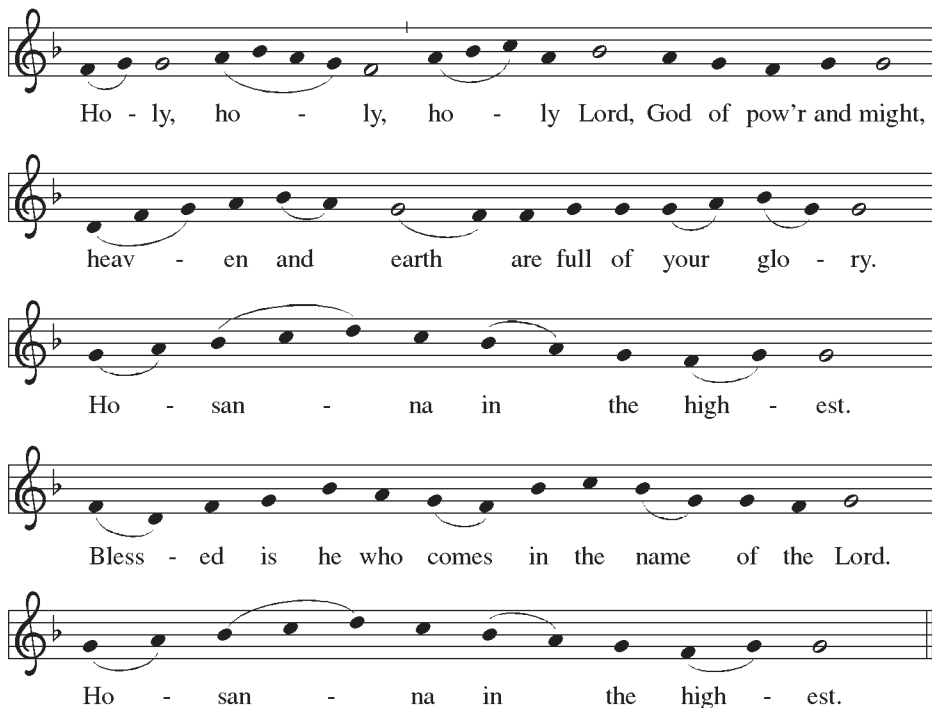
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...  
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

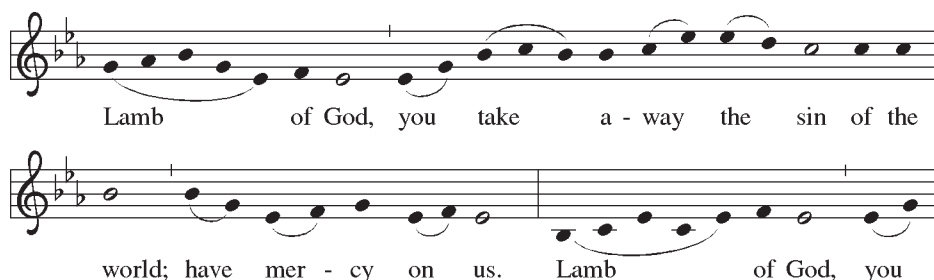
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

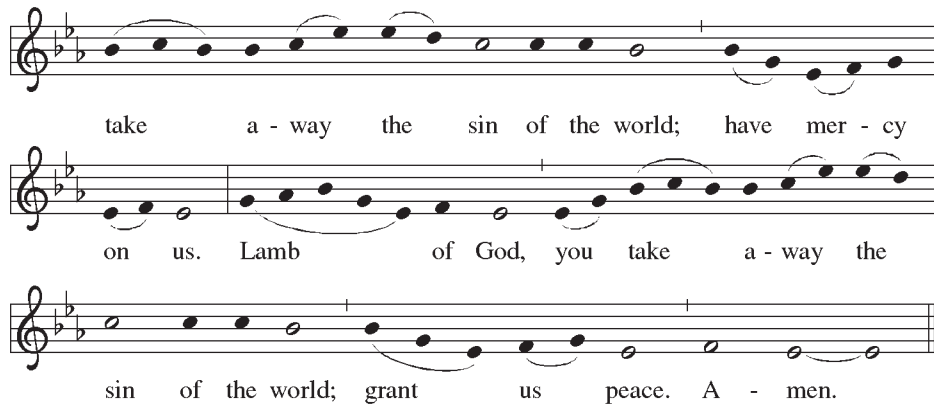
*The assembly is seated.*

## Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you





take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

## Communion

*As you receive the bread in your hand, you may commune by intinction using the silver chalice, or you may consume the bread and then drink from the pewter chalice.*

## Music During the Distribution

*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

ELW 265

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

ELW 272

*The assembly stands.*

## Sending

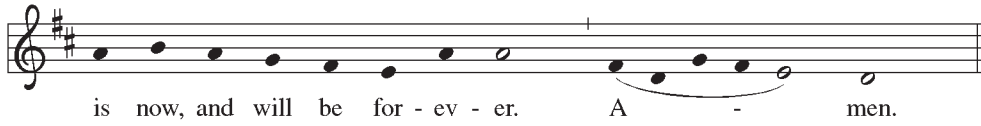
### Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### Post Communion Canticle



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has  
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion  
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:  
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,



**Post Communion Prayer**

God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Blessing**

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

*My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness*

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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Serving the Assembly

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Crucifer	John Savage
Acolytes	Mackenzie Anderson Keegan Wise
Communion Assistant	Laura Madler
Lector	Dave Roselius
Usher Captain	Dave Carlson
Ushers/Presenters	Dale Goodman
Nursery Coordinator	Charlotte Duff
Nursery Supervisor	Charlotte Duff
Altar Guild	Karoline Ardis
Building Lock Up	Dick Davis

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# Today's Music

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## **Introit**

*Rorate caeli*

Gregorian Chant

A translation appears on the front cover.

## **Offertory**

*Ave Maria*

James MacMillan (b. 1958)

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum;  
benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.  
Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, pray for us.

## **Music During the Distribution**

*Rorate caeli*

Jeanne Demessieux (1921 - 1968)

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