

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship Service • December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent • ELW Setting 5



THIRD SUNDAY

OF

Advent

Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

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. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information about you. **Worship times on Sunday mornings are 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time. Feel free to use it as needed.

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The Reverend Tina Melusky, Pastor

Pastor Melusky's office hours:

Monday: 9 - 2; Tuesday: 9 -10:30, 11:30 - 12:15

Wednesday 9:30 - 12; Thursday 9 - 12

(Times are occasionally flexible with monthly meetings,
but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in)

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Carillon Call to Worship

Prelude

Suo Gan Reverie

Franklin D. Ashdown

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Readers: **8:30** - The Carpenter family and **11:00** - The Anderson/Ardis Family

Blessed are you, God of might and majesty, for you promise to make the desert rejoice and blossom, to watch over the strangers, and to set the prisoners free.

As we light these candles, satisfy our hunger with your good gifts, open our eyes to the great things you have done for us, and fill us with patience until the coming of the Lord Jesus.

O ransomed people of the Lord, come,
**let us travel on God's holy way
and enter into Zion with singing. Amen.**

Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light (v. 1)

ELW 715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

The assembly stands.

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,

**in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.**

We fail in believing that your good news is for us.

We falter in our call to tend your creation.
We find our sense of self in material wealth.
We fear those different from ourselves.
We forget that we are your children
and turn away from your love.
Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace.
Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, + your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

ELW 519



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;

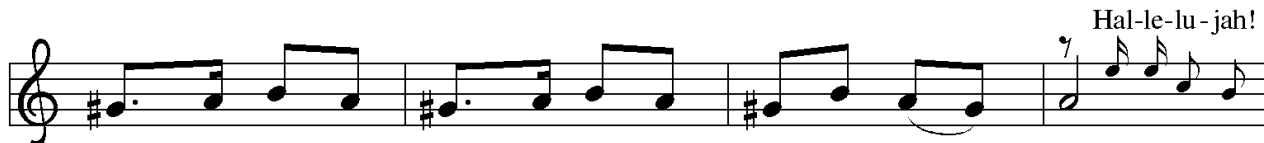


O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
 they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

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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 (11:00 only)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

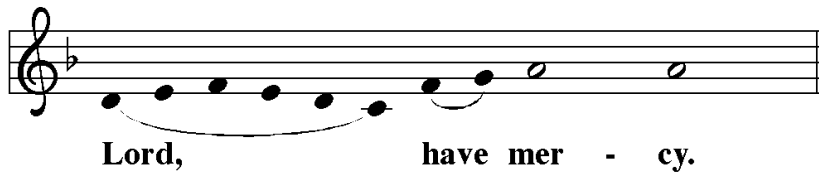
Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



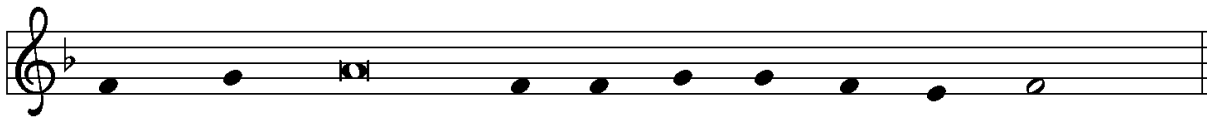
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

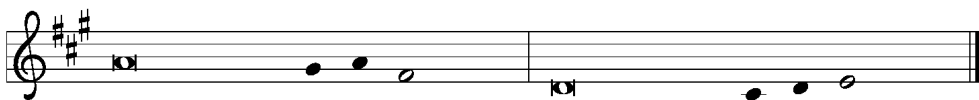
The prophet Zephaniah's message is mostly one of judgment for sin. This reading, however, which comes from the conclusion of the book, prophesies joy for Judah and Jerusalem. Judgment has led to repentance, and God's salvation is at hand.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Isaiah 12:2-6 (8:30 read responsively; 11:00 sung responsively)



Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might, and has become | my salvation.
With joy you | will draw water

from the wells | of salvation.

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call | on God's name;
make known **the deeds of the Lord among the nations; proclaim that this name | is**
exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done | gloriously;
let this be known in | all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

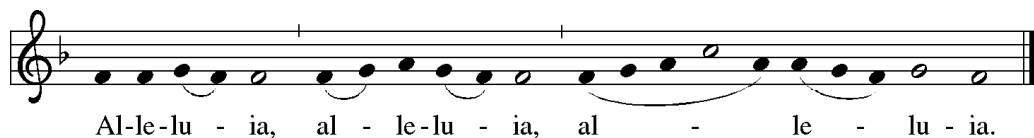
Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns with the hope that they will experience God's joy and peace.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Repeat alleluia



I am sending my messen- | ger before you,* who will prepare your | way before you.
(Matt. 11:10)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:7-18

John the Baptist heralds the mighty one who is coming. John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 3rd chapter. **Glory to you, O, Lord.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

Time with the Children

Pastor Tina

Sermon

Pastor Tina

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

ELW 254



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing of the Peace

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

The assembly is seated.

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem (11:00 a.m. only) *People, Look East* Eleanor Farjeon; Daniel Nelson

*People, look east, the time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today that Love, the guest, is on the way.
Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in the course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today that Love, the Rose is on the way.
Stars, keep watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as the sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today that Love, the star is on the way.
Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today that Love, the Lord is on the way!*

The assembly stands.

Offertory Hymn

He Came Down

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1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

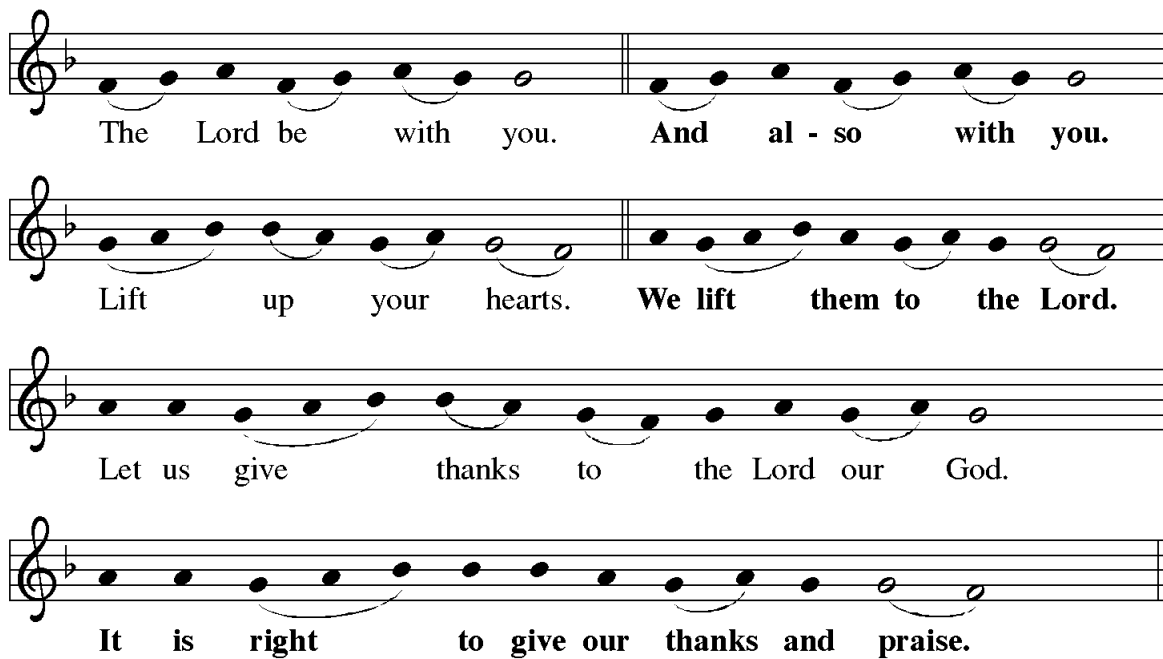
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;

Offertory Prayer

God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us
as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.
Amen.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving



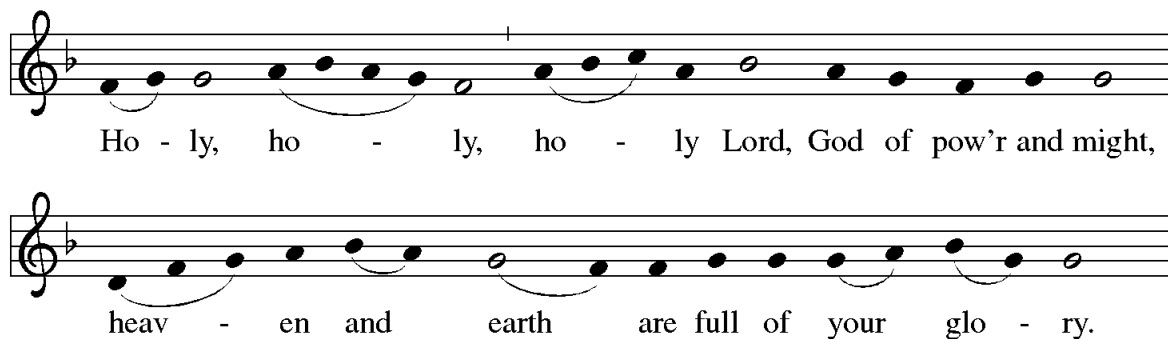
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

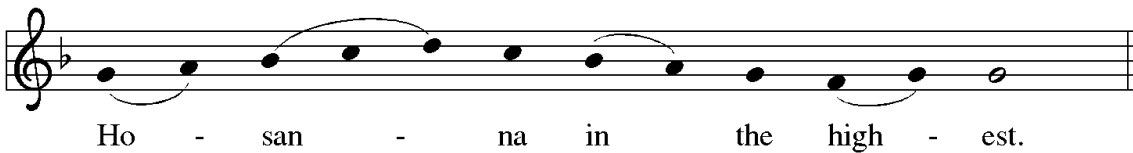
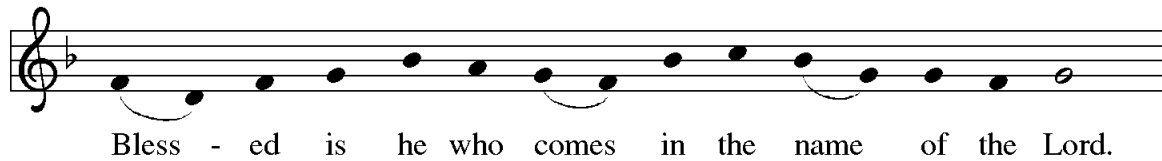
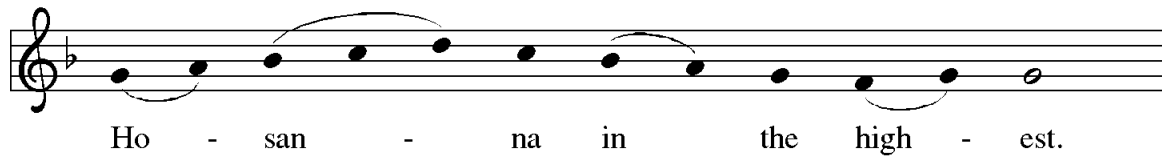
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . .

. . .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.



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—*New information included!*

There are two options for communion, either in the pew or at the rail. Ushers will dismiss pews one pew per side at a time. Please fill in empty spaces at the rail. Don't worry about which side you are seated on. Kneel where it is free, just maintain social distance. Bread will be precut and distributed by the pastor. Gluten free wafers will be available in the white dish, as usual. Wine will be in a prefilled tray with proper spacing of the cups. The center ring of the tray will be cups of grape juice. Trash cans will be positioned outside both doors to dispose of cups.

Music During the Distribution

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

ACS 901

1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,
Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.

seed of prom-ise, deep-ly plant-ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
 Christ, the morn-ing star of splen-dor, gleams with-in a world grown dim.
 In the lone - ly, in the strang-er, in the out - cast, hid from view;

Like the soil be - neath the frost-line, hearts grow soft to wel-come him.
 Heav-en's em - ber fans to full-ness; hearts grow warm to wel-come him.
 Child who comes to grace the man-ger, teach our hearts to wel-come you.

Sending

The assembly stands.

Table Blessing

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

Post Communion Canticle

Now, Lord

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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 all 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, is now, and

will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Post Communion Prayer

Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God of hope, fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:
 refresh the hearts that long for you;
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel*

John Behnke



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Church Office Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Greening of the Church TODAY!: After the 11:00 worship service, we will be hanging all of the greenery and decorating the window sills. Please come to help even if only for a few minutes. Thank you!

Decorating the Church Christmas Trees: After the 11 AM service TODAY!, the youth group will be helping to “green” the church by decorating the Christmas trees with our beautiful Chrismons. Youth should meet Kathy Stevens and Pastor Tina after church to help decorate. Parents are welcome to help as well. Youth should be done with this project by around 1:30 p.m.

Poinsettias: You may now place your order for a poinsettia. Forms are located in the narthex and in a Constant Contact emailed out on both Dec. 6 & 7. The deadline to turn in order forms with payment is December 16. You may pick up your poinsettia no later than after worship on Sunday, January 2.

Christmas Letters to the Congregation: A letter from Pastor Tina for the Christmas season was mailed out on Tuesday of this past week. Included is a list of worship service dates, the types of worship services and a short description of each. Please let us know if you did not receive your letter.

Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m. Children’s Worship Service: We need your children for participation in the tableau of the birth of Christ. If you are planning to attend this service with your child or children, please notify either Pastor Tina or Karoline Ardis.

New information regarding FLOWERS: In order to place an order for flowers to include an announcement in the bulletin, please contact the church office and pay for your flowers in advance. This allows us enough time to contact the florist since we do not do flowers every week.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE TRINITY EVENTS. . .

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next Bible study will be on **Tuesday, December 14**, at **10:30 a.m.**, both virtually and in person.

Advent Thursdays: Please join us!!! The worship theme for Advent Thursdays is “**Holy Darkness**,” which will include a meditative service focused on creativity and prayer. The services will be held by **Zoom only at 6:30 p.m.** each of these evenings. Here is the schedule:

Thursday, December **16**: Darkness Holds Promise

Thursday, December **23**: Darkness Holds God

Blue Christmas service: A Blue Christmas Service will be held on **Monday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.** You have the choice to come in person for worship or follow virtually on Facebook Livestream. This service is designed for all who suffer from loss or any other situation where the comfort from the words of this service would be particularly beneficial.

Manna Bags: The first batch of Manna Bags are complete. We are still collecting items and we still need items to complete quite a few more bags. You can now pick up some Manna bags to hand out to those in need, if you so choose. They are located at in the narthex and at the wheelchair ramp door on the River Road side of the church . If you are not able to attend service, but do wish to participate in this project, please let the church office know and we will make necessary arrangements. Here are the items we're still collecting:

Mini Water Bottles

Applesauce

Granola Bars

Individual Boxes of Raisins

Mini hand sanitizers

Gallon Sized Ziploc Bags

Edmarc Holiday Baskets: FOOD ITEMS ARE DUE TODAY! We are once again able to help fill 10 Christmas baskets with food for families through Edmarc. **You can still donate funds towards the cost of extra food that needed to be purchased.** Thanks to all who have provided assistance with helping us to feed our neighbors.

YOUTH NEWS!

Pure Vida Bracelets Fundraiser for National Youth Gathering: Great Stocking Stuffers:

The youth are selling Pure Vida bracelets to help raise money for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2024/ The bracelets are \$5 each. An order form was sent out via Constant Contact on December 2; however, there are some forms located on the table in the narthex. There is no deadline to turn in your form. Please help support our youth!

Caroling, Homebound Gifts, Painting, and Christmas Party: On Sunday, **December 19**, the youth group will meet **following the 11 AM service** and go out to lunch. We will then return to the church to work on painting our blocks in the youth room and gathering what we need for our homebound gifts. We will head out to start Christmas caroling to our Homebound members' homes around 4 PM, ending our travel around the city at the Rummel house for our annual Christmas party. What will you need that day? Money for a fast food

lunch, a mask, your beautiful singing voice, and a side item or dessert to share at the Christmas party. Pizza will be provided for dinner. Please see Kelly Rummel if you have any questions about this event.

Winter Celebration: Attention all **9th -12th grade youth**, we are going back to Eagle Eyrie! The annual Winter Celebration faith formation event held for high school youth will occur **January 21 -23 in Lynchburg VA**. There are no paper forms this year. **Please go online through the link on the Youth Group Facebook page and register for this event.** Once you have filled out the Google Doc, you will pay for the event through an online payment system. **Cost for the event is \$150**; if you need assistance with this cost please speak to Kelly Rummel or Pastor Tina. **Registration is due by December 13.** Please note, once you are registered, you must **send a copy of your COVID vaccination card to Dave Delaney at delaney@vasynod.org**. All participants must be fully vaccinated before the start of the event. If you cannot attend in person, and you would like to **participate online**, follow the same process for **registration**, and the **fee is only \$35**. Once registered, make sure that you go online and let Kelly Rummel know via the Facebook page that you can attend and if you will be going virtually or in person. Please speak with Kelly Rummel if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS . . .

VCS Concert: The Virginia Choral Society is holding their annual Christmas concert called *A Candlelight of Carols* at Trinity on Saturday, December 18, at Trinity and December 19, at First United Church of Christ, Hampton. The times for both are 4:00 p.m.. General Admission is \$20/\$16 in advance along with other ticket prices. Please go to their website at VACHORALSOCIETY.ORG to obtain more information, or check their “wall” on FACEBOOK.

Giving to Trinity: There are a number of ways that members can give their donations to Trinity Lutheran Church during these times when not everyone can be in church.

1. You may **write a check** and mail it in. It can be addressed to the attention of Carol Bessom, Trinity Lutheran Church, 6812 River Road, Newport News, VA, 23607.
2. During the church office hours, you may come in to **hand deliver your donation** to Anne, Carol or Pastor Tina.
3. Set up an **automatic withdrawal from your own bank**, which will then send it to Trinity.
4. **VANCO Online** giving: If you have questions about the donation site or how to make your donation, please don't hesitate to contact the church office, 245-7861.

Procedure for online giving:

Go to: <http://trinitylutheran-nn.com/>

Press the green “online giving” link.

5. If you attend in person, an offering plate is located in the narthex. You may place your offering there as you enter.

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: **Recovery:** Patricia Fielding and Nancy Lindfors; **Rehab:** Pat O'Connell - **NEW info!** (Warwick Forest, The Gardens, Room 327); **Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:** Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit); **NEW! Joan Johnston (The Newport—Rm 33); Shut-in at Home:** Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, and Doris Moeser.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: **The Ahlen Family**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother)**, requested by the Ardis family; **Jack and Sharon (Sherry) Johnston and Pam Little (Donna's sisters)**, requested by Grant and Donna Owens; **Bonnie Carlson**, requested by Dave Carlson; **Sandy Nelson**, requested by Pastor Tina Melusky; **Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia) and Rachel and Matthew Bradley and their unborn twins**, requested by Patricia Fielding; **Bob and Nancy Schappert; Pearl O'Connell; Ben Nelson**, requested by Laura Davis; **Pamela Smith Jones (Patricia's sister)**, requested by Patricia McClelland; **Pamela Bosserman (NEW ADDRESS—4521 Thorncroft Drive, Glen Allen, VA, 23060)**, requested by Bill Solomon; **Donald Hall (son)**, requested by Susan Hall; **Mary Lucia Spake**, requested by Bill Solomon; **Peggy Cash**, requested by Dottie Self; **Ms. Marley Keefer**, requested by Glen Titus **and the family and friends of Don Golden.**

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Washington, D. C.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB,; Ashby Owens, Operation Smile; and Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand, **NEW!** **Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and Elisabeth Bruce (Titus' daughter-in-law) Elisabeth Bruce, Dept. of Justice, Washington, DC.**

Today, the **chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God** by and in memory of the December 8th birthday of Virginia's brother, Robert Siceloff (killed in WWII) and in memory of Harlan's mother, Edna Mae Hamby, who died in 2014, by Virginia and Harlan Hamby.

Dear Siblings in Christ,

The family of Donald E. Golden has decided to have a private memorial service for Don. A request was made to find out where memorials should be made and none were given to those who requested them. Trinity's Worship and Music committee met this past week to discuss the idea of holding our own service and unanimously decided that a Celebration of Don's life should be held here sometime in the beginning of the new year. An ad hoc committee was formed to make decisions on how this worship should look. Bill Solomon and Geoffrey Bell are both on this committee.

Thanks to all who have shared their love, stories, remembrances of Don thus far. Please know that they are appreciated. If you wish to send condolences to the family, you may do so by sending cards and letters to Don's sister, Shirley Sturgeon, 13719 Pebble Walk, San Antonio, TX 78217-1436. Shirley says she will share them with their other sister, Janet. You may also send messages to the family through the Buhrig Funeral Home and Crematory (Mechanicsburg, PA) Obituaries portal at <https://www.buhrig.com/obituary/DonaldDon-Golden>. If you are so inclined, we will gratefully accept memorials for either the Organ Fund or the Music Fund at Trinity, in memory of Don Golden.

Serving the Assembly

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Crucifer	Shawn Murphy Michaela Moye Karina Stevens	Nathan Rummel Andrew Rummel
Lector	Kathy Stevens	Patricia McClelland
Advent Wreath Lighters and Readers	Carpenter family	Anderson/Ardis family
Ushers/Greeters/Presenters	Steve Quist Astrid Quist	John Lunsford Dave Roselius
Camera/Livestream	_____	Ben Melusky

Pure Vida Fundraiser



Started in Costa Rica by two friends looking to support the artisan crafters of the area, Pure Vida bracelets are designed to exemplify “pure life.” It’s a lifestyle centered on enjoying life’s little pleasures, slowing things down, and living life to the fullest. They partner with countless charities and organizations to support them in their efforts and now we’re partnering with them with our Trinity inspired bracelet to support our youth!

Cost: \$5/each

Name: -- _____

Contact (phone number or email): _____

Number of bracelets desired: _____

Total cost: _____

(Checks can be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church, memo line: Pure Vida)

Forms & Checks can be turned into the TLC/TLS office.