



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, November 28, 2021
First Sunday in Advent
Celebrating our 143rd Anniversary

Holy Communion - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us.

We proclaim ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation to all of God's creatures welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status.

We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space through the protection against oppression internally, in institutions, interpersonally and structurally.

We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

For the love of one another, we kindly ask

- 1. that you keep your mask on during the duration of this service.*
- 2. that our members and guests fill out the blue sheet and leave at your seat in the pew.*

We look forward to continuing to update our practices as we move forward.

We invite you to share your story and your worship experience!

Check-in and share on any of our social media platforms using #poweroftrinity.

*You can find us on Facebook @holytrinitybuffalo,
on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff*

Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways

INTRODUCTION

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

PRELUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying "Wachet Auf"

ELW 436

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.

The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might

Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!

go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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 Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

When we call upon God to confess that we've messed up, or forgotten something, or overlooked the truth, God answers with grace. God answers with love. So let us confess today, knowing that nothing could keep God from loving us.

Gracious God,

We find ourselves with two options every day—to stay homesick for the world you had in mind, or to allow cynicism to win. Do we hope against hope, or do we throw in the towel? Do we insist on a better world, or do we assume it's impossible? Forgive us for the days when cynicism wins. Forgive us for numbing our homesick hurt instead of using it to fuel a better world. Kindle in us a hope that won't let go. Gratefully we pray, amen.

Family of faith, even when we throw in the towel, even when we give up on hope, God does not give up on us. We are loved. We are claimed. We are invited closer to God's home. So hear and trust this good news:

There is room for us in God's house, and nothing can separate us from that love. We are claimed. We are forgiven. We are welcomed home. Thanks be to God!

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

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.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

While we light the Advent Wreath we sing together O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: ELW 257 vs. 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

God of the stars and God of our hearts—our days will pass but your words will last. The earth might fade but your words will last. Our memories might blur but your words will last. The grass will wither but your words will last. The sky could go dark and your words would last. So as we listen today, help us to hold onto what will last. Help us hold onto you. Gratefully we pray, amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The first reading for the First Sunday in Advent is recorded in Jeremiah, the 33rd Chapter.

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

Simple Gifts

Aaron Copland
(1900-1990)

Roger Van Dette, *tenor*

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gain'd,
To bow and to bend we will not be asham'd,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come round right.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

The second reading for today is recorded in 1st Thessalonians, the 3rd Chapter.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



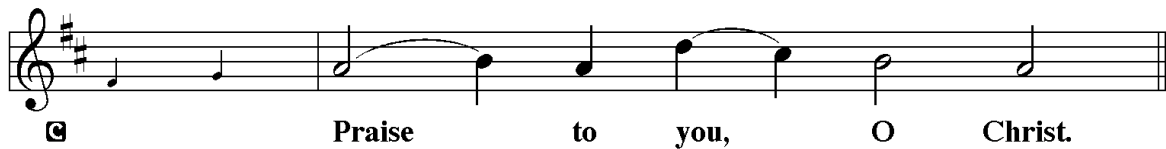
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Seminarian Teresa O'Connor

Please stand as you are able.

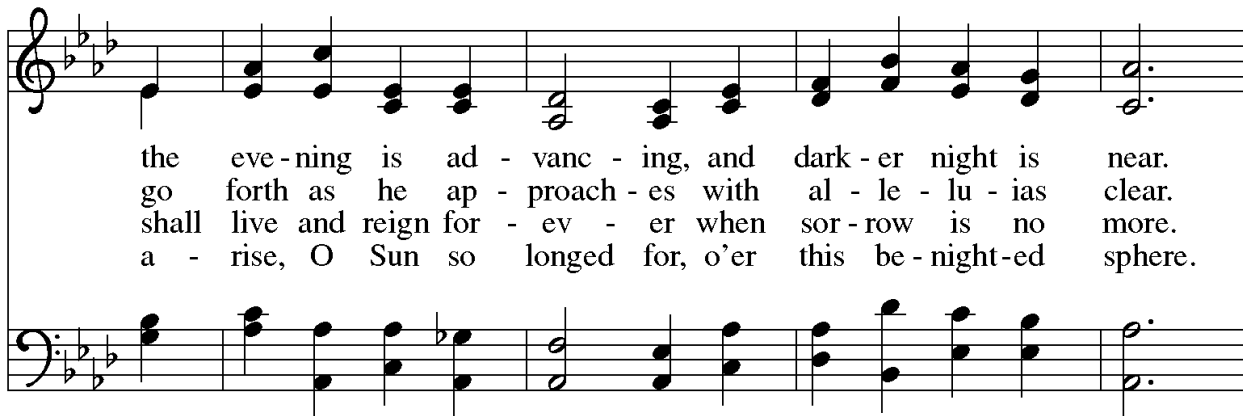
SERMON HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers “Haf Trones Lampa Fardig”

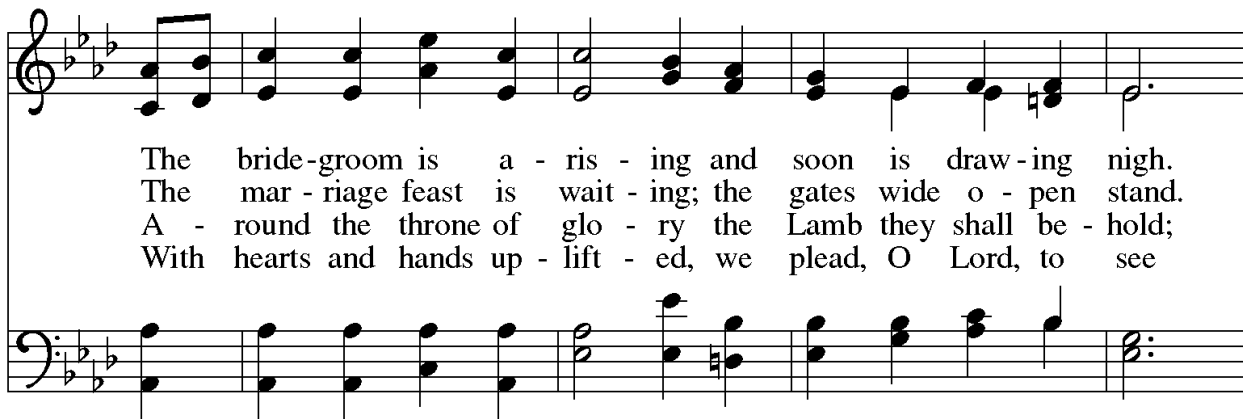
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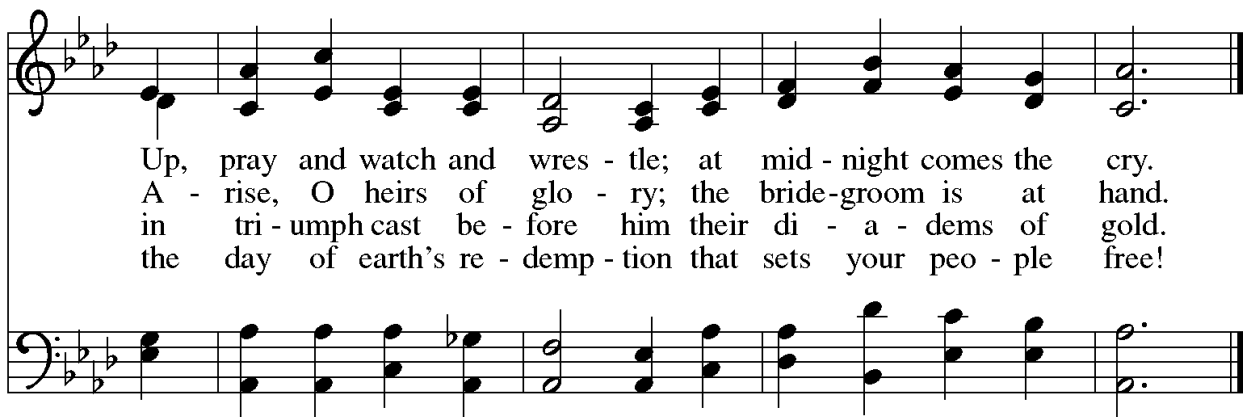
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of the weary and waiting,

Scripture tells us that where two or more are gathered, you are there. So we trust that you are here—listening to these words, drawing us close, stirring hope awake in us. And for that we are grateful. We are so grateful.

Today, Holy God, we feel close to home, close to you when . . .

the choir sings,

when the candles are lit,

when we enter this space and someone knows our name.

We feel close to home when our children are curious, especially Caleb and Nora,
when we find moments of true connection,
when we are brave enough to be who you call us to be.
We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families.

However, God, even with gratitude for our close-to-home moments, we also recognize that buried deep within us we have homesick hearts.

Holy God, we are homesick for...

We are homesick for a world we have not seen.

We are homesick for a world where oceans are lean, trees are green, and animals are not endangered.

We are homesick for a life where days feel expansive and Sabbath feels possible. We are homesick for days where mental health is not stigmatized,

time is not a commodity, and self-worth is not a scarcity.

We remember the life, love, and faith of Donna Rohe.

God who never leaves us alone, we are carrying both hope and homesickness all at the same time. Hold these two sides of the same coin tenderly, and fan the flame of both. For we realize, hope is a gift and homesickness is a reminder. For each conviction, we give you thanks.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

We ask that you remain at your seat.

*You may share the sign of peace
with a head nod or peace sign.*

Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

*Offerings and tithes may be left in the offering plate
located at the exit.*

Family of faith, it does not take long to see that we are not home yet. There are people who are hungry, oceans that are polluted, churches that are fading, walls that are growing. We are clearly not home yet.

So until we reach that promised day, until we make it home, giving what we can to make a better world matters. When we give our tithes and our offerings we help build God's home here. So with hopeful hearts, let us give.

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Tom Trenney
(b. 1977)

Roger Van Dette, *tenor*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

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.

OFFERTORY

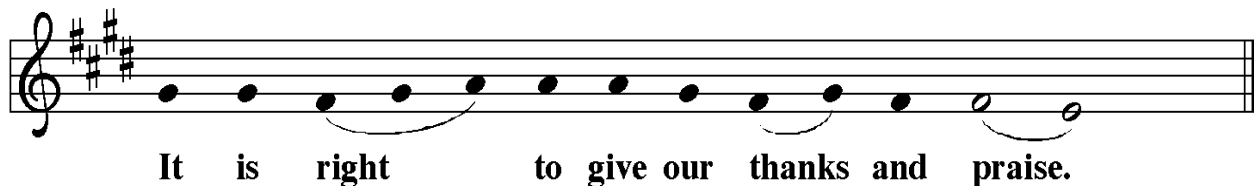
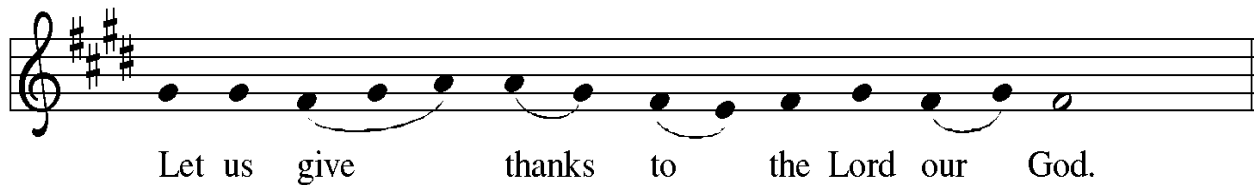
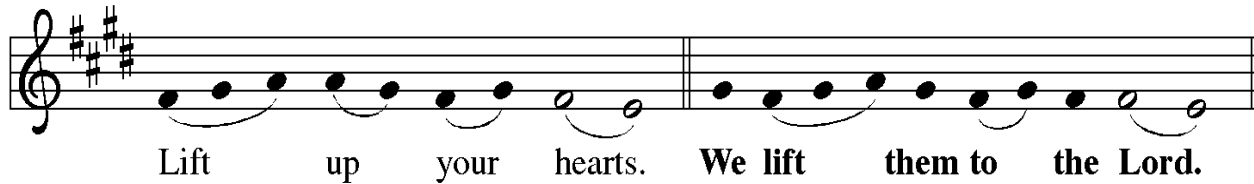
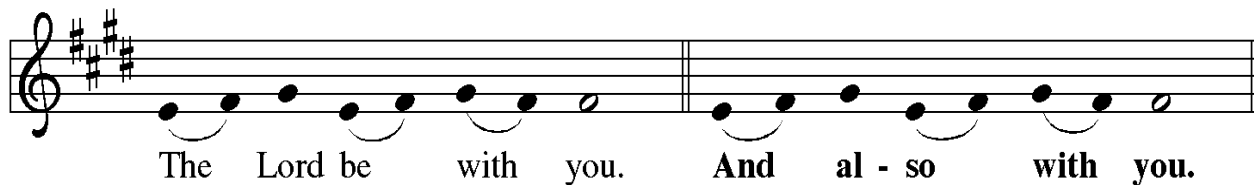
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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“Old Hundredth”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

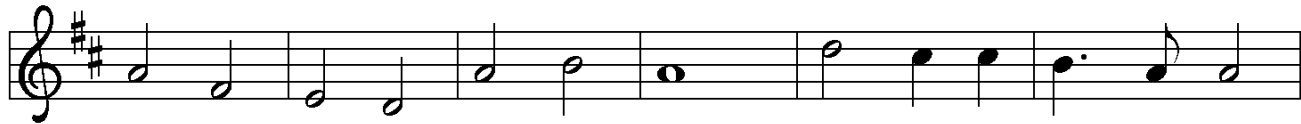
DIALOGUE



PREFACE

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



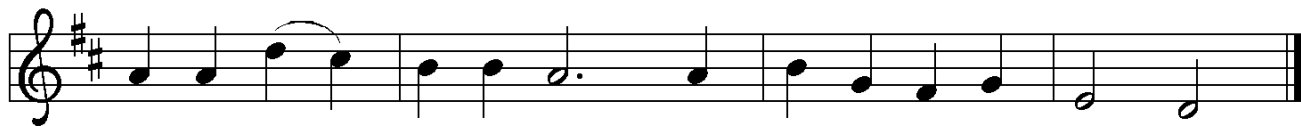
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

Please follow Pastor's instructions on the distribution of communion

All are welcome to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. At this time we will be serving communion in a contact-less manner. Please take your pre-package communion cup that you received at the entrance (gluten free are available, please see an usher at the entrance). The wafer can be found at the top of the cup (lift up the top, clear layer) and you will be invited to eat the wafer at the word, "The body of Christ given to you." You may then open the grape juice and drink at the word, "The blood of Christ given to you." Please leave the used and unused communion cups in the pews.

Please stand as you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together.

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.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

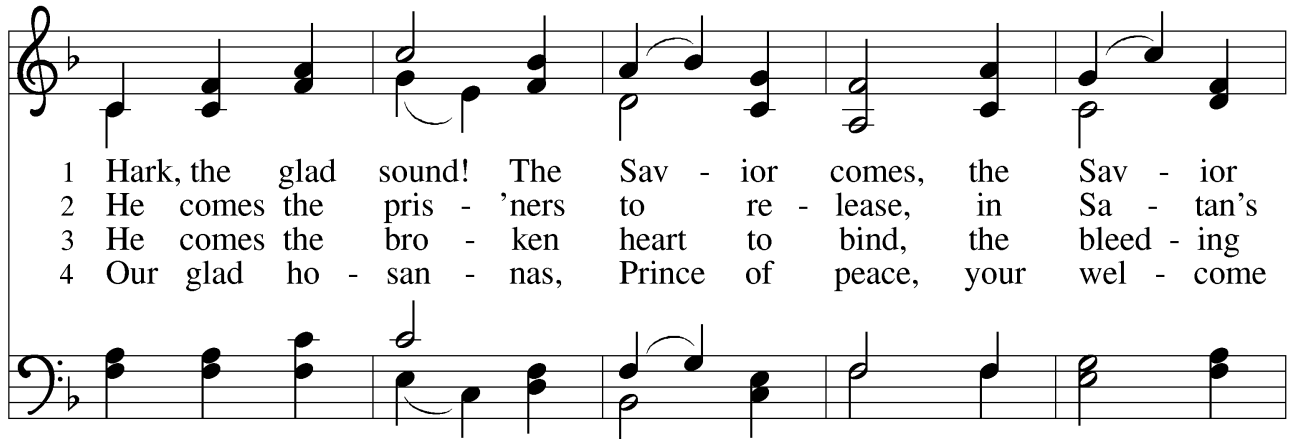
As you leave *this* service, *your* service begins:

Comfort the homesick. Open your doors to others. Seek sanctuary. Be brave enough to go home by another way. And remember that here in God's house, all are welcomed—so come back soon. In the name of our Foundation—God, Spirit, and Son. **Amen.**

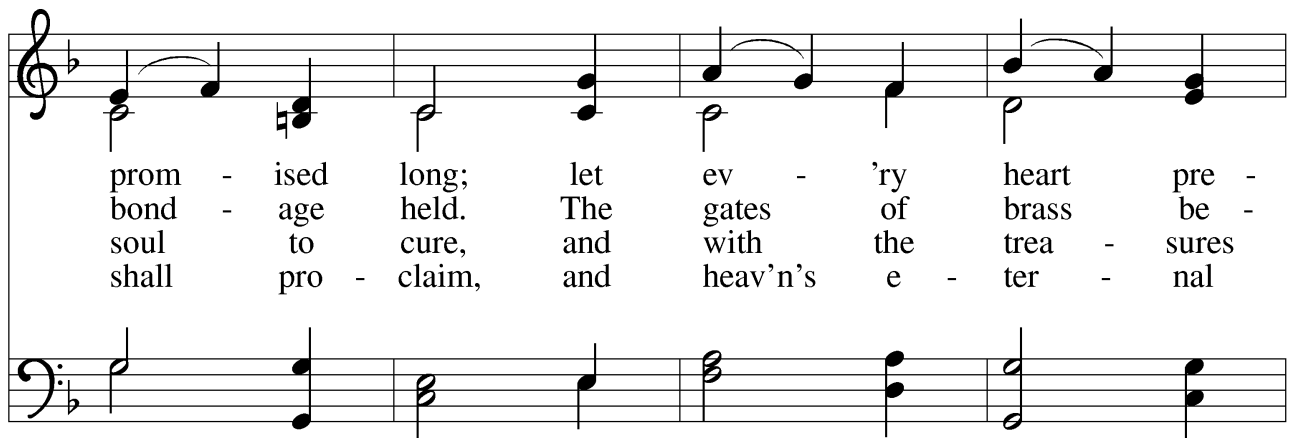
RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hark, the Glad Sound "Chesterfield"

ELW 239



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in D Major

George Frederic Handel
(1685-1759)

*Please remain at your seat until the conclusion of the postlude
and the cross has returned to the chancel.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

*Please continue to leave your bulletin, communion cup
and attendance sheet at your seat.*

We will collect everything following the service.

There is no coffee hour at this time.

Updates will be coming.



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Pat Ulrich. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Altar guild is Gail Camilleri. Reader is Pat Ulrich. Worship Assistant is Griffin Miller.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Matthew Brown. Reader is Claudia Kolbe-Hawthorne. Ushers are Marty Bauer, Mary Sue Bauer, Matthew Brown, Carole Casterline and Craig Johnson. Worship Assistants are Nathaniel Wareham, Adrianna Wareham, Eliana Perez, Saniyah Gilchrist and Constantino Perez.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Honor of the family of Dr. Richard J. Lee and to honor the memory of my grandson, Dakota Jacob Lee by Richard Lee; and

In Loving Memory of Thomas, Anna and Abby Lonergan from Pat Lonergan.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Caleb and Nora Kattermann.



Office Staff may be reached by phone daily Monday – Friday.

Please call the church office should you need anything.

As always, the Pastors are available by appointment.

We will continue to share information regarding life and worship at Holy Trinity. You can always check out the website for up-to-date information.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, November 28, 2021 – First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)

MONDAY, November 29, 2021

9:30 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study (FR)
6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)
7:00 p.m. Monday Evening Bible Study (FR)

WEDNESDAY, December 1, 2021

10:00 a.m. New Member Class (FR/Zoom)
7:00 p.m. New Member Class (FR/Zoom)

THURSDAY, December 2, 2021

10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (MC)
6:30 p.m. Investment Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
7:00 p.m. Story Time
7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SUNDAY, December 5, 2021 – Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)

CH = Mansperger Chapel
FR = Fellowship Room
MR = Music Room
SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room
FI = Fireside Room/Library
PS = Pastor's Study
SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room
MC = Main Church
RH = Redeemer Hall
YR = Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 UPDATE: Given the newly announced phased approach to limit the risk of transmission and infection in Erie County, the leadership of Holy Trinity is re-evaluating our current COVID protocols. This will continue to be an ongoing process. While the new mask mandate will not affect Sunday morning worship, it will affect how groups, committees, etc. meet and use the space at Holy Trinity. As with the mask mandate, effective November 23, all individuals, groups, committees entering the church will be required to wear a mask over their nose and mouth; who are age 2 or older and medically able to tolerate a mask. The council will continue to evaluate our protocols as new information is shared from the Erie County Department of Health. More information will be communicated in the next week via postal and electronic mail. Please contact the church office for more information.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE: Holy Trinity's Evangelism Committee is re-organizing. Interested in having conversations around re-introducing Holy Trinity to her 4-distinct communities (east and west of Main Street)? Have an interest in looking at realistic ways to be about building relationships with the communities' residents? Please contact Pastor Carroll at drccarroll@holytrinitybuffalo.org.

ANGEL TREE: Annually the members of HT generously provide gifts and holiday cheer to students from our local school PS 17 via the Angel Tree. This year both Angel and Mitten trees will be ready today. Please find them in the area outside the church office and chapel and choose a child to cheer this year. Gifts need to be wrapped, or bagged, and securely tagged with the students name and room number. Please be sure to drop off your gifts at Holy Trinity by December 19th.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: We will be holding a new member class for those interested in becoming a new member or in learning more about Holy Trinity and the Lutheran Church on Wednesday, December 1 from 10:00-11:30am or 7:00-8:30pm in the Fellowship Room or via Zoom. Please call the church office at 716-886-2400 to make your reservation and if you need the Zoom information. All are welcome.

FAMILY PROMISE: we will be collecting items to fill “Welcome Home Baskets” for families from the Family Promise Shelter moving into apartments. The need is for 2 or 3 baskets per month from all sources, not just Holy Trinity. We will have large laundry baskets available to collect items at the entrance ways. Monetary donations or gift cards (Target, Amazon, Dollar Stores) to purchase items can be left in the church office or included in an offering envelope. We are allowed to tour the facility in small groups of 4 or 5 to see their work in action. If anyone is interested in going in November, please contact the church office and we will try to set it up. Thank you for helping with this Faith in Action initiative. This is a list of items needed: broom and dustpan sets; 13 gallon trash cans; pot and pan sets; soup pots; mixing bowls; bathroom rugs and mats; toasters; colanders; cutting boards and knife sets.

HOLIDAY BASKETS: The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee will be collecting food and cash donations for our holiday baskets. All non-perishable food items will be used for the baskets. Cash donations to help provide gift certificates can be sent to the church office and designated “holiday baskets”. Thank you for your donations.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Once again the congregation is being asked to contribute toward the purchase of poinsettias which will be placed in the chancel for Christmas. Flowers are \$12 each and may be given in memory or honor of someone. Order forms can be found at the entrance ways, in the newsletter or in the weekly email.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS: Our theme for Advent this year, once again comes from, A Sanctified Art, and is *Close to Home*. This theme will be incorporated into our worship liturgy, and through a sermon series each week. Also available will be a daily devotion and an Advent Family Calendar, both of which can be found on the website, holytrinitybuffalo.org and on the tables by the entrance ways.

LESSONS AND CAROLS: Holy Trinity and the University at Buffalo Choirs present our 4th Annual *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*, Sunday, December 12th at 7:00 pm. Inspired by the renown Service from King's College - Cambridge, Congregational members share lessons with musical responses and Hymns led by our friends from the University of Buffalo, Claudia Brown, *conductor*. This is a unique partnership between the University at Buffalo and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

APPLE PIES: Thank you for your support of the LYO with their annual Apple Pie Fundraiser. This year we sold 87 pies for Thanksgiving!

CRISIS SERVICES: For anyone feeling down, lonely or depressed, Crisis Services is working around the clock to respond to and combat the impact COVID-19 has on our community. Their hotline number is 834-3131 and are available 24-hours a day. If you are looking for counseling services, we share a partnership with Pat Greene, LMHC, and he may be reached at 716-361-4615.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Nominating Committee is requesting your input for nominations to serve on the Church Council beginning after the Congregational Meeting January 23, 2022. If you are interested in serving (see below) please provide your name or another's name (with their approval) to either of the Pastors or council president, Barb Wozniak by December 10, 2021.

- Participate in the life of the congregation by serving on at least one committee.
- Assist with long range planning, goal setting and evaluation of activities.
- Seek to involve all members of the congregation in worship, learning, witness, and service.
- Support the staff of the congregation in their ministries.
- Promote a congregational climate of peace and goodwill.
- Be available for (9) monthly meetings and retreat time locally in February (Friday evening, Saturday). Meetings are currently held both in person and on Zoom.

2021 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Chapel Choir
10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Chancel Choir

CHRISTMAS EVE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 p.m. Family Service
***10:00 p.m. Preservice music**
10:30 p.m. Festival candlelight service of Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:30 a.m. Christmas service in the Chapel

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Chapel
10:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Main Church

***Note time change**

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