



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, December 11, 2022  
Third Sunday of Advent  
Celebrating our 144<sup>th</sup> 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.*

*While masks are no longer required at Holy Trinity, for those individuals who choose to continue to wear a mask for safety or comfortability, please feel free to do so. We ask that our members and guests continue to fill out the blue sheet and leave at your seat in the pew.*

*We invite you to share your story and your worship experience! Check-in and share on any of our social media platforms using #poweroftrinity.*

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***Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways***

## **INTRODUCTION**

*A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.*

## **PRELUDE**

### *O Antiphon Sequence*

Cecilia McDowall

- I.                    *O Sapienta*  
...mightily and sweetly ordering all things

(b. 1951)

- III.                  *O Radix Jesse*  
...to you the nations will make their prayer

### *O Antiphon Preludes*

Nico Muhly

- VI.    *O Rex Gentium*

(b. 1981)

### *RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

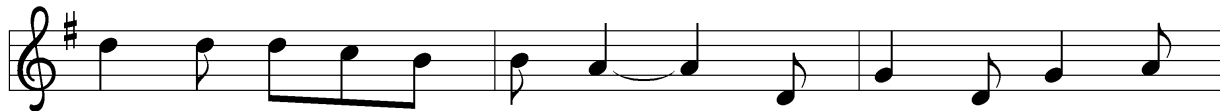
# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* “Rejoice, Rejoice”

ELW 242



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, Sing out your joy, for  
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

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## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be God's name forever.**

**Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*(10:30)*

*You are invited to kneel or sit, as you are able.*

God of new beginnings,

**we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.**

**We have strayed from your paths.**

**We prepare for war instead of peace.**

**We dishonor one another and your creation.**

**Purify us with your refining fire**

**and set us again on your way of love,**

**that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,**

**and welcome your coming among us.**

**Amen.**

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on † Christ, and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

**Amen.**

*(10:30)*

*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* “Veni Emmanuel” ELW 257, vs. 1, 2 & 3

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.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**(10:30)**

**A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Jeremiah Smith

## **First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10**

The first reading for the Third Sunday of Advent is recorded in Isaiah, the 35<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<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 are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

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 the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall 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;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveler, not even fools, shall 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 joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away..

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**(8:30)**

## **THE SOLO**

*I Will Sing New Songs*

from the *Biblical Songs*, Opus 99 No. 5

Text: Psalm 144:9 and 145:1-3, 5, 6

Antonin Dvořák  
(1841–1904)

Timothy Flynn, *bass*

I will sing new songs of gladness,  
I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed psaltery.  
Every day will I extol Thee and will bless Thy Holy Name,  
I will bless Thy Holy Name.  
Great is God and great His mercy.  
Who shall tell of all His greatness?  
Who shall His power declare?  
My song shall be of praise and honor, and of Thy glorious acts.  
Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing.  
Yea, men shall tell of Thy great kindness  
and of Thy wond'rous might,  
and my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy glory.



**(10:30)**

## **THE ANTHEM**

*Rejoice in the Lord Always*

Anonymous, 16<sup>th</sup> Century

Text: Philippians IV: 4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.  
Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand.  
Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,  
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.  
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu.  
Amen.

## **Second Reading: James 5:7-10**

The second reading for today is recorded in James, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

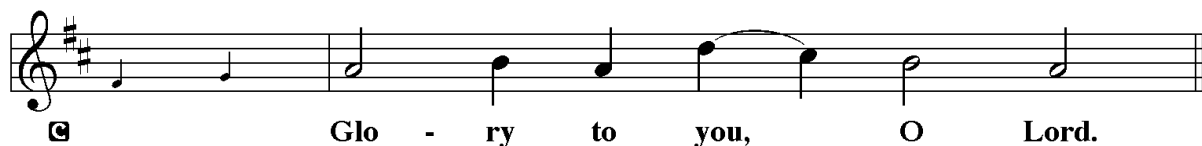
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



## GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew



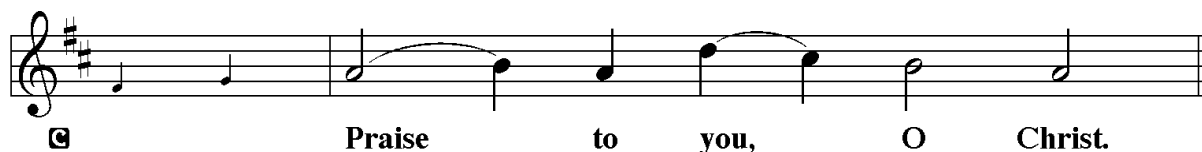
<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <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 the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON**

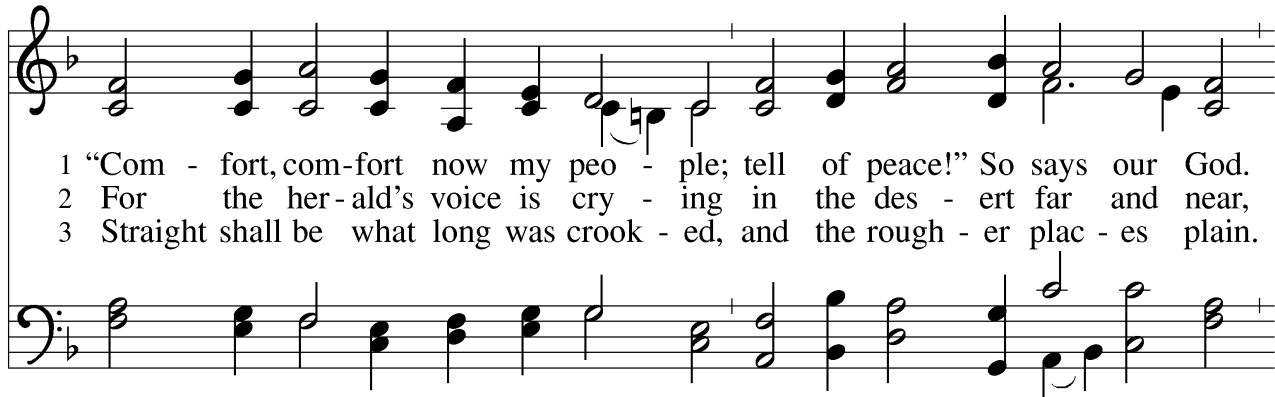
The Rev. Jeremiah Smith

*Please stand as you are able.*

# SERMON HYMN

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People* "Freu dich sehr"

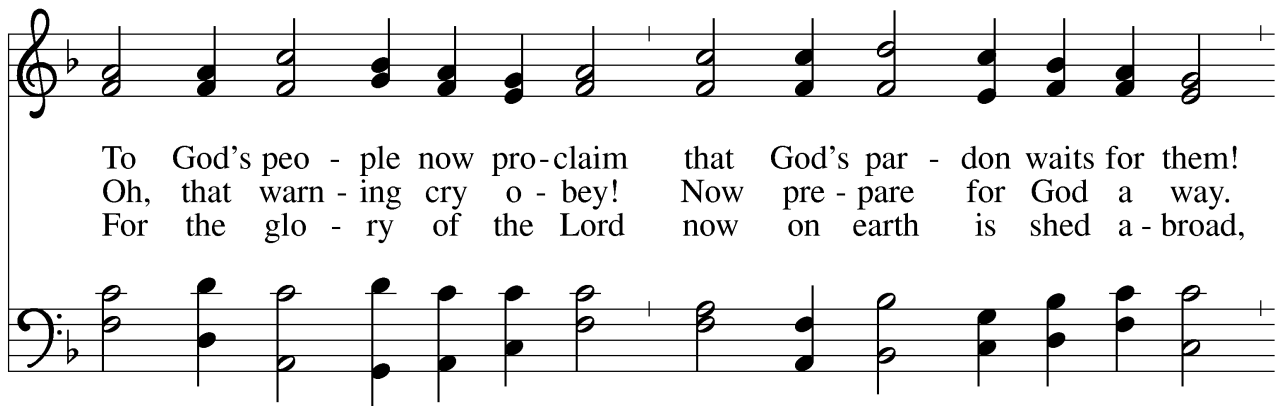
ELW 256



1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.  
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

## **NICENE 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**

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

*A brief silence.*

Righteous God, we rejoice in your justice. End racism and oppression. Reconcile nations and peoples in conflict. Comfort any in distress because of worry, illness, or loss and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts ... God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Abiding God, we rejoice in your company. Give us calm and patient hearts as we gather with family and friends. Keep us mindful of those for whom this season is not happy. Console the grieving and surround them with loving support. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our congregation. Keep us focused on Your never - failing presence in our lives and within the life of this congregation. Encourage members of the Call Committee that their work will bear fruit. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we rejoice with Mary, Mother of our Lord, and with all the saints, that your mercy endures for all generations. Look with favor on those who have died, especially Carolyn, Rosemary and John and lead us to joyfully sing of your everlasting promises. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all . We pray for your beloved children, especially Aislin and Tyler. We thank you for the blessings of Grace, Jon, Emma and Aidan. In Jesus' name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with one another.*

*Please be seated.*

## THE OFFERING

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

**(8:30)**

### SOLO AT THE OFFERING

*I Wonder as I Wander*

John Jacob Niles

(1892 – 1980)

Timothy Flynn, *bass*

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, How Jesus the Savior did come for to die.  
For poor on'ry people like you and like I... I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall, With wise men and farmers and  
shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, And the  
promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing, Or all  
of God's angels in heav'n for to sing, He surely could have it, 'cause he was the  
King.

**(10:30)**

### OFFERING ANTHEM

*Go and Tell John*

Lloyd Pfautsch

Text: Matthew 11: 4-6

(1921-2003)

Go and tell John what you see and hear..., that the blind recover their sight.

Go and tell John what you see and hear..., that the lame are able to walk.

Go and tell John what you see and hear..., that the deaf are able to hear.

Go and tell John what you see and hear..., that the sick regain their health.

Go and tell John what you see and hear..., that the dead are raised to life.

Happy is the man who comes to me,  
happy is the man who believes in me,  
for he shall see God.

Go and tell John..., tell John.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

## OFFERTORY


*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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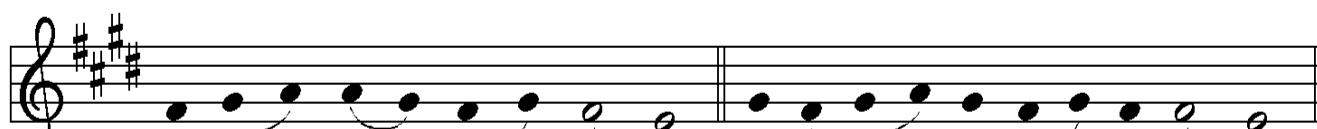
“Old Hundredth”

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



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.

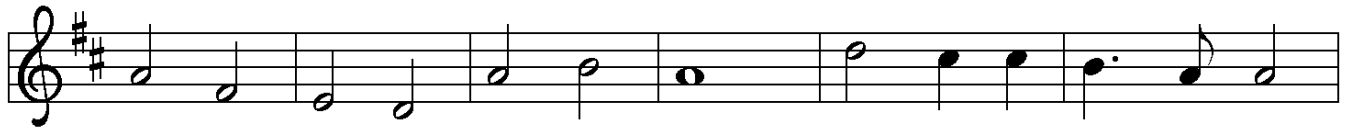


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## 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.**

## **THE 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.**

## THE 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, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

## THE HOLY 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. Beginning with those seated closest to the altar, you are invited to come forward down the center aisle to the presiding minister. Receiving the wafer in your hand, you are invited to dip or "intinct" the wafer into the chalice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available by simply asking the Pastor as you are served. Portable communion cups are also available for those who are not comfortable sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion in-person. Adults or children choosing not to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so. Come eat and drink; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord.

**(10:30)**

## **COMMUNION SOLO**

*I Will Sing New Songs*

from the *Biblical Songs*, Opus 99 No. 5

Antonin Dvořák

(1841–1904)

Tim Flynn, *bass*

Please see text printed at THE SOLO (8:30), found between the lessons.

## **COMMUNION ANTHEM**

*E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

Text: Revelation 22, Adapted

Paul Otto Manz

(1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins,  
who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.  
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!  
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell there in,  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!  
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

**Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy,  
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we  
wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us  
and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your  
promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and  
Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

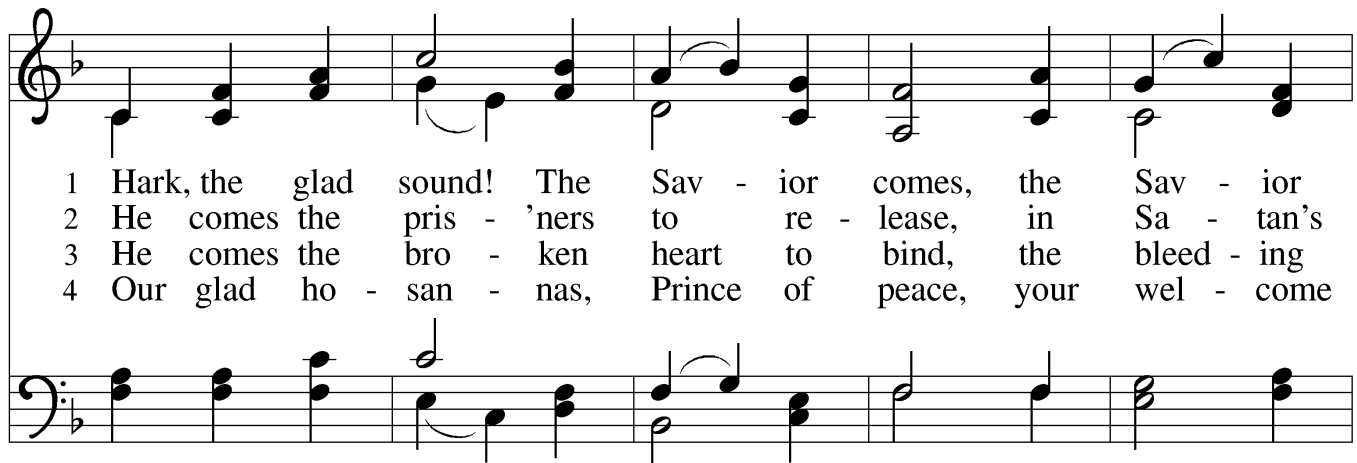
God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, † bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

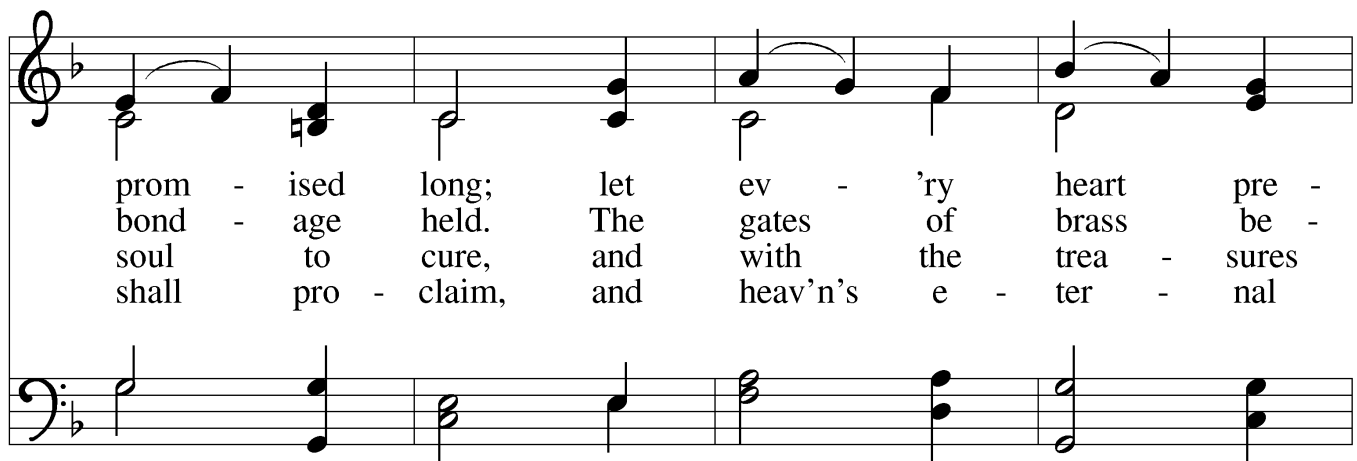
# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*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.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is near.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*O Antiphon Preludes*

IV. *O Clavis David*

Nico Muhly

(b. 1981)

*Please continue to leave your communion cup  
and attendance sheet at your seat,  
they will be collected following the service.*

*You are encouraged to take the bulletin  
home with you for future reference.  
Otherwise, please place them in the recycle bins  
at the entrance ways.*

*We invite you to join us downstairs in Redeemer Hall  
for refreshments and fellowship following the 10:30 Service.*

## ***THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY***

### **SUNDAY, December 11, 2022 – Third Sunday of Advent**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Budget Presentation (RH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)
- 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (FR)
- 7:00 p.m. An Evening of Lessons and Carols (MC)

### **MONDAY, December 12, 2022**

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)
- 6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)
- 7:00 p.m. Concert rehearsal (MC)

### **TUESDAY, December 13, 2022**

- 10:00 a.m. Lorretta Queffelec Memorial Service (MC)
- 12:30 p.m. Women at the Well (FR)

### **WEDNESDAY, December 14, 2022**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)
- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Musicales (MC)

### **THURSDAY, December 15, 2022**

- 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel/Concert Rehearsal (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

### **FRIDAY, December 16, 2022**

- 7:00 p.m. Camerata di Sant' Antonio Concert (MC)

### **SUNDAY, December 18, 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

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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



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader is Dave Ulrich. Usher and altar guild is Gail Camilleri. Acolyte is Tim Yap.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Paul Bauchle. Reader is Clyde Terry. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Kurt and Mary Kaufmann and Joe and Martha Kryszczuk. Acolytes are Sofia Atlas, Madalyn Brown, Brandon Howard, Avery Best, Henry Peterson and Max Peterson.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Carolyn Ferraro and Rosemary Kryszczuk from the Kryszczuk Family; and

In gratitude for the blessings of my children; Grace, Jon, Emma and Aidan by Kathy Crissey; and

In Loving Memory of John Camilleri by Gail Camilleri.

Council Member Paul Bauchle will be at the Main Street entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Aislin Campbell and Tyler Castano.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE 2023 BUDGET PRESENTATION will take place today at 9:30am in Redeemer Hall.

### MONDAY BIBLE STUDIES:

December 12 will be a special presentation by Pastor Kwame (mission developer to Easter Buffalo) **9:30 am session only**.

No class December 19 – January 2 for Christmas recess.

2023 MONDAY BIBLE STUDIES will be led by our own David Ulrich (**9:30am session only**).

January 9: Martin Luther King, Jr. and his (often-misinterpreted) Legacy.

Starting January 30: A multi-week program – “America’s Sacred Texts: the divine and the profane in our civic religion.” How religious thought and political realities have shaped many of the most important documents in United States history. More specific details and dates will follow.

ANGEL/MITTEN TREE: Don’t miss the opportunity to spread Christmas cheer to the children of PS 17 this season! In the area just outside the Sanctuary, you’ll find the Holy Trinity Angel Tree. Here you’ll choose a child’s name along with a list of needs and gift ideas. Gifts will need to be wrapped or bagged and securely tagged with the student’s name and room number. Please be sure to drop off your gifts at Holy Trinity by December 18 and we’ll do the rest!

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.

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENT:** Join us on Tuesday, December 20 for *Nurturing Our Bodies, Feeding Our Souls*. Christmas carols and hymns whose texts are sung to different tunes in the United Kingdom (led by our own Doug Alderdice). Two sessions:

**9:30am for brunch and 10:30am for Carols or 6:00pm for a light supper and 7:00pm for Carols.**

Meals will be held in the Fellowship Room and carols and hymns in the Chapel. Reservations through the Church office are appreciated for the food planning.

**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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or in honor of loved ones. The following dates are available - January 1, 8 and 29 - 1 or 2 vases. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at [msmarylschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:msmarylschmidt@gmail.com) or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

**CRISIS SERVICES:** For anyone feeling down, lonely or depressed, Crisis Services is available. 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 Mr. Pat Greene, LMHC, and he may be reached at 716-361-4615.



Usher in the Christmas Season with Holy Trinity's  
**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Evening of Nine Lessons and Carols**

*featuring*

The University at Buffalo Choir and Chamber Ensemble  
Claudia Brown, *conductor*, Clinical Assistant Professor of Voice  
and Choral Music

Kristen Pomietlarz, *organ*

**Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

Inspired by the renowned annual Service from King's College - Cambridge, England, 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, ongoing partnership between the University at Buffalo and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Following the singing of *Once in Royal David's City*, The UB Choir and Chamber Singers perform under the direction of Claudia Brown, presenting works from their semester program. Each musical offering is interspersed with congregational Christmas hymns and readings chronicling the birth of Jesus. Congregation Members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church read the Lessons.



**CONCERT!**  
**Friday December 16th, 7:00 pm**

The Camerata di Sant' Antonio Chamber Orchestra,  
Christopher Weber, *Artistic Director* and the  
Holy Trinity Chancel Choir, Justin Pomietlarz, *Choirmaster*

The Camerata di Sant' Antonio Chamber Orchestra (Christopher Weber,  
*conductor*)

presents a *Camerata Christmas* featuring guest soloists  
Emily Hellenbrook, *soprano*, Anna Mattix, *Eng. horn*, Paul Schlossman, *oboe*,  
Ricardo Saeb, *guitar*, Nadejda Nigrin, *violin*, Colleen Marcello, *soprano*, and  
the Holy Trinity Chancel Choir and guests.

Works by Schoeck, Runestad, Rutter, Kreisler, Vivaldi, Mozart, and Whitacre.

Tickets are \$20, FREE for students 17 and under  
and will be available at the door!

## **2022 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



### **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**

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

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**7:00 p.m. Candlelight/Communion/Children's Time**  
**10:00 p.m. Preservice music**  
**10:30 p.m. Festival candlelight service with Holy Communion**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**10:30 a.m. Christmas service**

## **HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP**

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