

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent
Celebrating our 146th Anniversary

Holy Communion – 8:30 & 10:30 am

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.

Connection Card

The Connection Card insert gives you a direct connection to the leaders and ministry at Holy Trinity. Ask questions, share prayer requests, and find out more about the ministry here. Please return the top portion in the offering plate or to an usher.



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INTRODUCTION

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the LORD of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

PRELUDE

O Sapientia and O Clavis David from O Antiphon Preludes Nico Muhly
(b. 1981)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hark, the Glad Sound! "Chesterfield"

ELW 239

PASTORAL GREETING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

(10:30)

Please kneel or sit as you are able.

God of mercy,
we confess that we have sinned.
We trust earthly powers and human authority
more than we trust you.
We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have turned away from our neighbors.
We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,
we confess that we have sinned.
We plead: come to us.
Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through † Christ Jesus,
whose day draws near.
Amen.

Please be seated.

ANTIPHON (10:30)

O Sapientia from the *Great "O" Antiphons*

Bob Chilcott
(b. 1955)

O Sapientia, O Wisdom, you came forth from the mouth of the Most High,
and reach from one end of the earth to another,
mightily and sweetly ordering all things.
Come and teach us the way of prudence.

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

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; 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. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

THE FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

The first reading for the Second Sunday of Advent is recorded in Malachi, the 3rd Chapter.

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:30)

THE SOLO

Thus saith the Lord from *Messiah* HWV 56

Georg Frideric Händel

Text: Haggai 2: 6-7, Malachi 3: 1

(1685-1759)

Timothy Flynn, *bass*

Thus saith the Lord, the Lord of Hosts: Yet once a little while and I will Shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. And I will Shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come.

The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the Covenant, whom ye delight in; behold, He shall come, Saith the Lord of Hosts.

(10:30)

THE SOLO

But Who May Abide from *Messiah* HWV 56

Text: Malachi 3:2

Georg Frideric Händel

(1685–1759)

Timothy Flynn, *bass*

But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth?

For He is like a refiner's fire.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11

The second reading for today is recorded in Philippians, the 1st Chapter.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

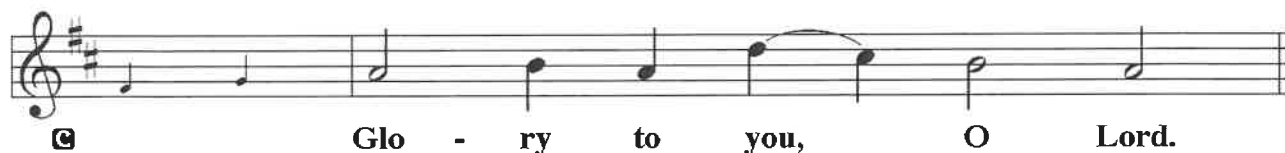
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

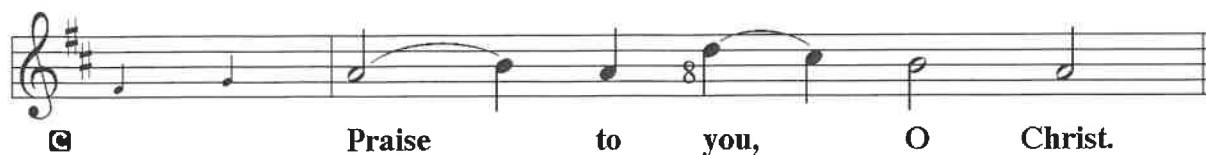
“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding! “Merton”

ELW 246

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 PASTOR AND PEOPLE

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

Refining God, move through your church. Root out practices that harm your people, and kindle a fire for sharing the gospel among bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized. Blessings for all your children and especially Grace, Jon, Emma and Aidan. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Renewing God, transform your creation. Steer us from habits that harm what you have made, and guide us in practices that preserve and restore creatures and habitats. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Ruling God, teach the nations your ways. Strengthen organizations and communities that broker peace and care for refugees, immigrants, and all caught in the center of conflict. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Rescuing God, restore your people who are in any need. Heal all who are suffering and remember those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... Provide comfort and strength, and nurture sustained wholeness for the future. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Reforming God, fill this congregation with your presence. Enrich our seasonal preparations, and bless the efforts by worship committees, music ensembles, staff, clergy, and lay leaders as they work in the weeks ahead. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Reassuring God, we remember those who have died and rest in you, especially Carolyn Ferraro, Rosemary Kryszczuk and John Camilleri who we remember through today's flower dedications. Guide us in deep gratitude for their life, and allow us to learn from their faithful witness. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

(8:30)

THE SOLO

But Who May Abide from *Messiah* HWV 56

Text: Malachi 3:2

Georg Frideric Händel

(1685–1759)

Timothy Flynn, *bass*

But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth?
For He is like a refiner's fire.

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

I Thank You God

Text: e.e. cummings (1894-1962), ad. Gwyneth Walker

Gwyneth Walker
(b. 1947)

i thank you God for most this amazing day:
for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky
and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes
[I thank You God for most this amazing day. (Walker)]

i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth

[How should any human being doubt you? (Walker)]
how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any—lifted from the no
of all nothing—human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened

[I thank You God, awake, I thank You God. I who have died am alive again today.
I thank You God for most this amazing day! I thank You God! (Walker)]

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Creator God,

you made the whole world,

even the farthest stars,

and you feed us with your abiding presence.

We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.

Strengthen us with this food

that we may live in expectation

for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW 885

“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 also 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, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

...

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, 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.

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

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Come eat and drink; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord. Communion is received by “intinction” - you will be offered the wafer (gluten-free is available) and you dip the wafer into either the wine (silver chalice) or grape juice (ceramic chalice).

Pre-filled communion cups are also available for those who prefer less physical contact. People who do not receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Please advise an usher if you would like the pastors to bring communion to you in your pew.

(10:30)

COMMUNION SOLO AND ANTHEM

from *Messiah* HWV 56

Georg Frideric Händel
(1685–1759)

Comfort Ye, Ev'ry Valley

Text: Isaiah 40:1-3, 4

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

Recit.: Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Aria: Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

And the Glory of the Lord Shall Be Revealed

Text: Isaiah 40:5

Chorus: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together:
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

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.

Generous God,

**we thank you for the gift of life,
for the bread of salvation.**

**We thank you for coming among us,
for leading us into peace.**

**We thank you for showering us with mercy,
for sending us into the world.**

**Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us
as we feed the hungry in your name. Amen.**

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Let us pray. Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

We invite congregation members to share this holy meal with people who are unable to worship in person. Communion elements and a simple printed liturgy are available on the altar to guide you. Please take a bulletin with you to be able to easily share today's scripture and prayers with the meal.

THE BENEDICTION

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry "Puer Nobis"

ELW 249

THE DISMISSAL

Be watchful, and stand firm in your faith.
Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
Let all we do be done in love.

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in D Major

Georg Frideric Händel
(1685–1759)



*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.*



Stewardship – Near

On November 25 about 60 people of diverse backgrounds, cultures and religions gathered at Holy Trinity to give thanks together.

This event was part of a "neighborliness" series.
Participants enjoyed lively conversations, good speakers and delicious snacks. Goodwill towards all and hope for a better future together was in the air.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, December 8, 2024 – Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:00 am Family Play Group (RH)
- 9:30 am Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:30 am Christmas Play rehearsal (RH)
- 9:45 am Budget Presentation (FR)
- 10:30 am Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 am Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour (RH)
- 1:00 pm P.S. 45 Recital (MC)
- 7:00 pm Lessons and Carols (MC)

MONDAY, December 9, 2024

- 9:30 am Bible Study (FR)
- 6:00 pm Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)
- 7:00 pm Buffalo Niagara Chorus Rehearsal (CH)

TUESDAY, December 10, 2024

- 5:30 pm Grades K-6 Craft Night (FR)

WEDNESDAY, December 11, 2024

- 6:00 pm Vocalis Rehearsal (MC)

THURSDAY, December 12, 2024

- 10:00 am Watercolor Class (RH)
- 5:00 pm Choir Dinner (FR)
- 6:00 pm Chapel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 pm AA/AL-ANON (RH)

FRIDAY, December 13, 2024

- 6:00 pm Congregational Christmas Dinner and Play (RH)

SATURDAY, December 14, 2024

- 7:30 pm Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus Concert (MC)

SUNDAY, December 15, 2024 – Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:00 am Family Play Group (RH)
- 9:30 am Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 am Sunday Roundtable (FR)
- 10:30 am Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 am Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour (RH)

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 am the announcer and reader is Judy Kroll. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Mer'Liah Gilchrist.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Linda Horton. Reader is Martha Kutas. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Prudence Hollands, Charmaine Kaltrider, Mary Kaufmann and Joe Kryszczuk. Communion Assistant is Doug Alderdice. Chancel Care member is Martha Kutas. Acolytes are Tim Yap, Morgan Leiser, Erys Yap, Rowan Leiser and Killian Brown.

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 Biesinger; and In Loving Memory of John Camilleri by Gail Camilleri.

Collection counters are Claire Carmer, Linda Horton and Ron Pellnat.

Council Secretary, Linda Horton, will be at the 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 Grace Mattle, Jon Vitka, Emma Crissey and Aidan Vitka.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 SPENDING PLAN/BUDGET PRESENTATION: Today's 2025 Budget/Spending Plan presentation will be at 9:45 in **the Fellowship Room**.

SUNDAY ROUND TABLE FOR TODAY: We will not meet so that all might attend the 2025 Spending Plan/Budget Presentation.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PLAY: There is still time to sign up, but you must make your reservation by Wednesday. Dinner is Friday, December 13 at 6:00 pm in Redeemer Hall. Cost is \$15 for adults/\$45 for family. Reservation forms can be found on the tables in the entrance ways, in the newsletter or in the weekly email.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS: The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items until December 18 for our Christmas baskets. Cans with tabs are preferred and please no expired food. Last year we were able to give each recipient a \$100 gift card. Your monetary donations would help get us the funds we need. Checks can be made out to Holy Trinity with a Christmas basket notation.

ANGEL/MITTEN TREE: Annually the members of HT generously provide gifts, warm accessories, and holiday cheer to students attending our local school, PS17. The Angel and Mitten trees can be found in the area outside the church office and chapel. Look for sibling groups, hanging by a red ribbon, if you're interested in more than one name. Gifts need to be wrapped, or bagged, and securely tagged with the students name and room number. Please be sure to place your gifts under the Angel Tree at church by Sunday December 15th. Thank you for participating in this fulfilling ministry!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: The chancel is so beautiful on Christmas Eve with the striking red of poinsettias. If you would like to purchase poinsettias in memory or honor of someone or simply “to the glory of God,” they may be purchased for \$12 each. Order forms can be found at the entrance ways, in the newsletter or in the weekly email.

WINTER CRAFT NIGHT (GRADES K-6): Tuesday, December 10, 5:30pm-7:30pm, Fellowship Room. Calling all youth in grades K-6! You're invited to a cozy evening filled with fun crafts, cookie decorating, and hot cocoa on Tuesday, December 10 from 5:30pm- 7:30pm in the Fellowship Room. Come make memories and kick off the winter season with friends! Please RSVP using the link or QR code. <https://bit.ly/WinterK-6>



ANNUAL HOLY TRINITY CHRISTMAS CARD: The Annual HT Christmas Card will be available for all to sign and send a greeting to our family and friends at Holy Trinity. It is located near the stairs leading to the main sanctuary’s angel lectern door. There is a secure donation box on the wall. Funds raised this year will be given to the Caribbean Children’s Foundation for continued support and will be collected through Christmas Eve.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Never look a gift horse in the mouth, it’s been said. Yet the gift of the scriptures invites a closer look if we are to glean their richest treasures. Join the Monday Morning Bible Study group and Pastor Rich Dec. 9 as we continue our series on biblical interpretation, connecting the scriptures to our own experience and background. We will meet in the Fellowship Room from 9:30 to 11:00. As always everyone is welcome.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Save the date! The next annual congregational meeting will take place on Sunday, January 26, 2025. The backup date (e.g. in the event of a blizzard) will be Sunday, February 2, 2025. Please join us as we vote on our annual spending plan/budget, elect members of council, and discuss plans for 2025.

NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA FOR SOMEONE WHO "HAS EVERYTHING"? ELCA Good Gifts may have the answer for you! Chicks, goats, honeybees and cows are some of the most popular items offered in the catalog. (<https://goodgifts.elca.org>) Or, perhaps you'd consider a donation toward an irrigation system, a microloan, computer access or school supplies. Cards are available online to print. There will be some hard copies of the catalog available throughout the church.

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. Looking ahead, the following date is available- December 15th. 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 or on her cell 716-472-4194. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

CRISIS SERVICES: For anyone feeling down, lonely or depressed, Crisis Services is available. Their hotline number is 716-834-3131 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.

COOKIES FOR HAITI: Our Global Mission team is sponsoring a cookie sale to support the Caribbean Children's Foundation. One box of a dozen assorted homemade cookies will be \$15.00. That donation will provide the daily school day meal for 2 months! Place your order for the number of boxes you would like, using the form below, and placing it in the offering plate or sending to the church office. **Pick up day is December 15. After the 8:30 service, pick up will be in the pass through area outside the Chapel entrance. After the 10:30 service, pick up will be in Kahler Korner (area outside the office).** Payment by cash or check only. Questions? Contact Donna Leiser 716-868-3862.



**Cookies for Haiti
Order Form**

Name _____ Phone _____

TOTAL Number of boxes ordered _____

\$15.00 /box TOTAL AMT _____ cash or check only

Pay at time of pick up on Sunday December 15

2024 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



**7TH ANNUAL SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 7:00 pm**

**CHRISTMAS EVE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
4:00 pm Family Service
9:45 pm Preservice music
10:30 pm Festival candlelight service of Holy Communion**

**CHRISTMAS DAY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25
10:30 am Christmas service (Chapel)**



**Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church**
presents

7th Annual
Evening of
Nine Lessons and Carols

Featuring

**The University at Buffalo Choir
and Chamber Singers**

Claudia Brown, conductor

Associate Teaching Professor of Voice and Choral Music,
University at Buffalo

Michael Serio, piano

Adjunct Instructor of Piano, University at Buffalo

Kristen Pomietlarz, organ

Organist, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Readings by the Congregation of Holy Trinity

The UB Choir and Chamber Singers perform under the direction of Claudia Brown, featuring choral masterpieces by Susan LaBarr, Claude Debussy, Claudio Monteverdi, Elaine Hagenberg and celebrated local composers Carrie Magin and Caroline Mallonee. Each musical offering is interspersed with Christmas hymns and readings. Kristen Pomietlarz features the music of Nico Muhly and Sir David Willcocks.

Sunday, December 8, 2024

7:00 PM

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PROCESSIONAL 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

SERMON HYMN

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding! "Merton"

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1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,
let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,
down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,
wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy
and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!"
shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
one and all, to be for - giv'n;
and with words of love draw near.
while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878
Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

RECESSIONAL HYMN

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry "Puer Nobis"

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1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621