



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, December 22, 2024
Fourth 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

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."

PRELUDE

O Sapientia and O Oriens from O Antiphon Sequence

Cecilia McDowall
(b. 1951)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness "Kingsfold"

ELW 251

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. 1-4

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.

O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30)

What Child is This?

Text: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Traditional Carol

arr. Malcolm Archer

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Come, greet the infant Lord, The Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let every heart enthrone Him!
Raise, raise your song on high, while Mary sings a lullaby;
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

THE FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

The first reading for the Fourth Sunday of Advent is recorded in Micah, the 5th Chapter.

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

^{5a} and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM (8:30)

Ave Maria

Jacob Arcadelt (c. 1501-1568)
ad. Pierre-Louis Dietsch (1808-1865)

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women;
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, pray for us. Amen.

THE ANTHEM (10:30)

Ave Maris Stella

Text: Latin, c. 9th century

Edvard Grieg
(1843-1907)

Hail, star of the sea, loving Mother of God,
and also always a virgin, happy gate of heaven.

Receiving that Ave from Gabriel's mouth
confirm us in peace, reversing Eva's name.

Break the chains of sinners, bring light to the blind,
Drive away our evils, ask for all good.

Show yourself to be a mother, may he accept prayers through you,
he who, born for us, chose to be yours.

O unique virgin, meek above all,
Make us, absolved from sin, gentle and chaste.

Keep life pure, make the journey safe,
So that, seeing Jesus, we may always rejoice together.

Let there be praise to God the Father, glory to Christ in the highest,
To the Holy Spirit, one honor to all three. Amen.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

The second reading for today is recorded in Hebrews, the 10th Chapter.

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-55

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

The congregation to read responsively:

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ **for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.**

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ **His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.**

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

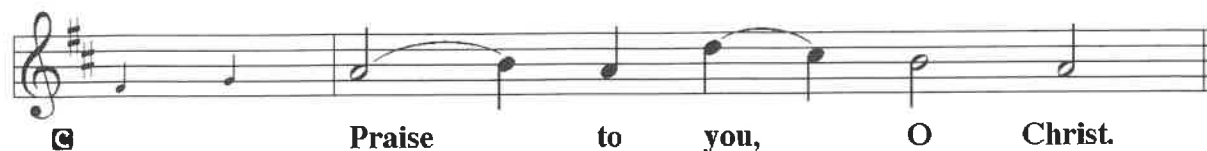
⁵² **He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;**

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ **He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,**

⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

All Earth Is Hopeful "Toda la tierra"

ELW 266

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.

God our uniter, increase communication and cooperation in our relationships with those of other traditions and religions. Root your church in the radical message of your incarnation, and enable us to pursue your justice in the world. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God our creator, we praise you for the beauty that surrounds us. Awaken in us a renewed sense of care for the wildlife in our communities. Form us into faithful stewards of what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God our sovereign, Mary proclaims a new way of life that lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things. Nurture in local governments and municipalities a desire to care for all who are overlooked and ignored. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God our beacon, as the northern hemisphere begins its slow turn toward more daylight, remind us that even in the deepest nights, you are there. Comfort the lonely and bereaved. Hold closely the frightened, anxious, depressed or ill and remember those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God our guide, shepherd the leadership of this congregation. Bless the council and staff in discerning future ministry and open their hearts to the voices of the community. Watch over all of us, including the children of this congregation, and especially Olivia and Adrianna, and Natalie Leiser on the occasion of her 14th birthday. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God our life, you remember the promises you have made to your people. In gratitude for those who have died, we praise you for your faithfulness throughout history. We give thanks for the life of Nick Campana and remember The Rev. Dr. Lee M. Miller, and Jack and Marion Grabenstatter through today's flower dedications. 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

THE ANTHEM

Song of Mary (My Lord and Savior is my song)

Text: Mary Holtby (1925-2021), after Luke 1:46-55

Richard Shephard

(1949-2021)

My Lord and Savior is my song, He fills my spirit with delight,
To raise me up his arm is strong, The lowly precious in his sight.
Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

My name shall live from age to age, And ev'ry tongue his servant bless,
For mercy is their heritage Whose hearts the Holy One confess.
Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

The proud beguil'd by dreams of pow'r Divided and degraded lie:
He casts them down from throne and tow'r And stoops to lift the humble high.
Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

He feeds the hungry at his board And sends the rich unfill'd away,
And mindful of his promis'd word He answer'd Israel's prayer today.
Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

With all the elders of our race, And those unborn who seek the birth,
I sing the glory of his grace Who brings eternity to earth.
Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

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.

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.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS

What Sweeter Music

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Text: Robert Herrick (1591-1674); Tune: *Linden Lea* arr. Mark Schweizer (1956–2019)

Carolyn Lansom, Nicole Brendel, Colleen Flynn, *soloists*

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol,
for to sing the birth of this our heav'nly King?

We see him come, and know him ours,
who, with his sunshine and his show'rs,
turns the patient ground to flow'rs.

So we will give him, and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath,
to do him honour; who's our King, and Lord of all this reveling.

Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
and give the honour to this day,
that see December turn to May.

The darling of the world is come, and fit it is, we find a room to welcome him.
The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart: awake the voice!
What sweeter music can we bring to sing the birth of this our heav'nly King?

(10:30)

Totus Tuus Op. 60

Text: Maria Bogusławska (1868-1929)

Henryk Mikołaj Górecki

(1933-2010)

I am completely yours, Mary, Mother of our Redeemer.
Virgin Mother of God, loving virgin, Mother of the Saviour of the world.
I am completely yours, Mary!

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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus "Jefferson"

ELW 254

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

O Clavis David from *O Antiphon Sequence*

Cecilia McDowall
(b. 1951)



*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 – Environment

Forbes reported that according to the Ecology Center, each year, Americans consume around 4.6 million pounds of wrapping paper, with the majority used during the holiday season.

About 50,000 trees are needed and producing this amount of paper requires about 17,000 barrels of oil which releases about 16 million pounds of CO₂ into the atmosphere.

Visit ecologycenter.org and look for their 'Guide to Gift Wrap' to learn about more sustainable wrapping ideas this Christmas season.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, December 22, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (CH)
- 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)

MONDAY, December 23, 2024

- 6:00 pm Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)

TUESDAY, December 24, 2024

- 4:00 pm Family Service (MC)
- 9:45 pm Pre-Service Music (MC)
- 10:30 pm Festival Candlelight Service (MC)

WEDNESDAY, December 25, 2024 *Merry Christmas*

- 10:30 am Christmas Service (CH)

THURSDAY, December 26, 2024

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Happy Birthday Carol Littlefield

SUNDAY, December 29, 2024 – First Sunday after Christmas

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 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)
- 12:00 pm Recording Session (MC)

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 Uli MacDonald. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Tony Lizauckas.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Paul Bauchle. Reader is Daniel Culross. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle and Karen Kolb. Communion Assistant is Ron Leiser. Chancel Care member is Sami Wnek. Acolytes are Griffin Miller, Saniyah Gilchrist, Henry Peterson, Max Peterson, Natalie Leiser, Mer'Liah Gilchrist and Maia Leiser.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of The Rev. Dr. Lee M. Miller given by Bishop Lee, Heather, and Griffin Miller; and In Loving Memory of Jack and Marion Grabenstatter from their grandchildren: Eric, Jonathan and Sarah; and In celebration of our granddaughter Natalie's 14th birthday on Christmas Day from Donna and Ron Leiser.

Collection counters are Paul and Karen Bauchle and Darlene Carden.

Council member Paul Bauchle, 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 Olivia Vannortwick and Adrianna Wareham.



Thanksgiving and Remembrances

December 22

In Loving Memory of Nick Campana on his 91st birthday on December 22 by his loving wife Cris.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday.

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.

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 hard copies of the catalog available throughout the church.

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.

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- January 26, 2025. 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

LUTHERAN YOUTH OF WNY SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT AT LCLC: Let's make this year's retreat one to remember! Sign up and bring a friend to experience all the newness of Camp in 2025 and all the renewal in Christ's love for us from January 3-5th, 2025. Registration/info link: www.lclcenter.org/winter-retreats.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES: A heartfelt thanks to everyone who baked cookies, bought cookies or the Haiti items that were down in the library to support the Caribbean Children's Foundation. We were able to raise \$1225.00 just from the cookie sale which is amazing! We are totaling up the sales from the Haiti items and will add the funds from these sales to the money that will go to the Caribbean Children's Foundation. We are very grateful for everyone's support and especially for all of those who donated their time and talent to bake cookies. We will be sending the funds to help support the school children's meal program. Often, the school meal is the only one that a child will have for the day. Once again – thank you for everyone's generosity!! The Haiti team – Mary Kaufmann, Guy Huber, Donna Leiser and Kathy Crissey-Biesinger.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: Thank you to everyone who helped with the college care packages. Jen Yap secured a Thrivent grant for the items placed into the boxes and Christina Ruggeri and the young children packed the boxes during a youth event and I am grateful for their help in doing so. The boxes have been mailed out and our college age kiddos will be receiving them while they are home for the winter break. Kathy Crissey-Biesinger

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.

2024 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 pm Family Service

9:45 pm Pre-Service Music

10:30 pm Festival candlelight Service of Holy Communion

with guest instrumentalists of Brass, Percussion and Harp

Music of Gjeilo, Mathias, Górecki, Chilcott, Paulus, Ticheli, among others

CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:30 am Christmas Service in the Mansperger Chapel

A Service of Readings and Carols

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness “Kingsfold”

ELW 251



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer-cy ev - er flows.
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom-ise to our par-ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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SERMON HYMN

All Earth Is Hopeful "Toda la tierra"

ELW 266



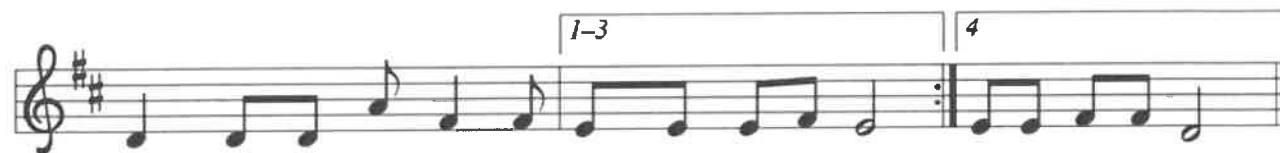
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
"A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

- 2 *Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel:* "De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel," será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será, con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.
- 3 *Montes y valles habrá que preparar;* nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar. Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar, y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.

4 *En una cueva Jesús apareció,* pero en el mundo está presente hoy. Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está; y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: TODA LA TIERRA, Alberto Taulé

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus "Jefferson"

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



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



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



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

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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