



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

WELCOME TO ALL

*The people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church wish to extend a special welcome to all visitors!
Please leave your name and phone number on the visitor card found in the pew.*

*We are committed to the inclusion of all people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice **open communion**, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

Children are full participants in this congregation's worship, educational, and community life! The Mary Martha Room is a quiet space for infants needing to nurse or to nap. For active toddlers, the Community Room has a Children's Corner with books and a table at which to play. Our ushers are ready to assist you in finding the place that best fits your family's needs.

***Accessible and all-gender restrooms** are located in the nursery on the 2nd floor and in the basement.
Single-use, all gender restrooms are located on the 1st floor.*

*For over forty years, this congregation has advocated for the **full welcome, inclusion, and equity** of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the church and the community. We invite all people into lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness.*

***Hearing assist devices and large-print bulletins** are available. Ask an usher if you are interested.*

*Our **services are livestreamed** on Vimeo and Facebook every week. The live shot includes the main floor of the sanctuary. Our members who watch from home love to see their friends at church! If for privacy reasons you prefer not to be on camera, the balcony is outside of the camera's range.*

*We continue to monitor case counts, vaccination rates, and updated research on **COVID-19** to inform our precautions and are especially aware of changing patterns with regards to new variants. We are deeply grateful for this community's care for and attentiveness to one another, especially for the vulnerable in our midst. The most important thing you can do to care for the community is **stay home if you feel any symptoms**, regardless of vaccination status. If you need help finding a vaccine, speak to a pastor today.*

*If you are seeking **pastoral care**, please speak to a pastor today.*

GATHER

+invites the congregation to stand

PRELUDE

Veni, Emmanuel
Sue Roberts, Trombone

Raymond H. Haan
French processional, 15th cent.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace. **Amen.**

+GATHERING HYMN

Hark the Glad Sound

Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.



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.

+GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

+KYRIE

Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. *All:* Lord, have mer - cy. *Cantor:* For the peace from a-bove,
and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord. *All:* Lord, have mer - cy.
Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the
unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. *All:* Lord, have mer - cy. *Cantor:* For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise. let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, have mer - cy. *Cantor:* Help, save, comfort and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.
All: A - men.

+HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

Cantor
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All
Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of
God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and
glo-ry are his. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu -
ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre-
a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for-
ev - er. A - men. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy Thief, stealing away our false securities and idle vanity: awaken us from the dull sleep that clings to empty fear and vacant routine; unfold on us the time of crisis when love of truth floods a thirsty world; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

WORD

FIRST READING

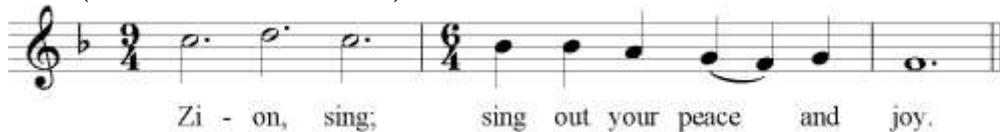
Isaiah 2:1-5

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

PSALM 122

Hal H. Hopson

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



With joy I heard my friends exclaim: Come, let us in God's temple meet;"
Within your gate, O Zion bless Shall ever stand our willing feet.
Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. **Refrain**

How beautiful does Zion stand, A city built compact and fair;
The people of the Lord unite With joy and praise to worship there.
Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. **Refrain**

They come to learn the will of God, To pay their vows God's grace to own,
For there is judgment's royal seat, Messiah's sure and lasting throne.
Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. **Refrain**

For Zion's peace let prayer be made; May all that love you prosper well!
Within your walls let peace abide,
And gladness with your children dwell. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text: "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.". The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:36-44

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus



Español: 1 Tú, Je - sús, nues - tra es - pe - ran - za, ven y
 2 Ven, y te - je_un mun - do nue - vo ca - mi -
English: 1 Come to be our hope, O Je - sus, come to
 2 Come to build your new cre - a - tion through the



li - bra nues - tro ser. Ni - ño,
 nan - do_en la ver - dad, pa - ra
 set your peo - ple free. From op -
 road of ser - vant - hood; give new



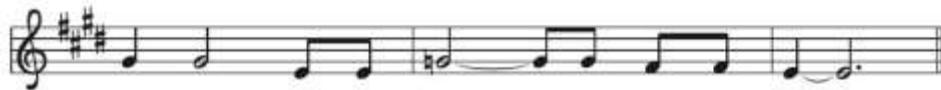
na - ce_en - tre no - so - tros, ven y da - nos tu po -
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 pres - sion, come, re - lease us, grant us your true lib - er -
 life to ev - 'ry na - tion, chang - ing e - vil in - to



der. Ven li - ber - ta pri - sio - ne - ros de_in - jus -
 tad. Ven, Je - sús, a - bre_el fu - tu - ro de tu
 ty. Come, re - lease from ev - 'ry pris - on those who
 good. Come and o - pen our to - mor - row for your



ti - cia_y a - flic - ción; ven, re - ú - ne nues - tros
 rei - no de_a - le - grí - a. Ven, de - rrum - ba_es - te gran
 suf - fer in our land. In your love we find the
 joy - ful reign so near. Take a - way all hu - man



pue - blos en a - mor y_en com - pren - sión.
 mu - ro que_hoy se - pa - ra no - che_y dí - a.
 rea - son still to live and un - der - stand.
 sor - row; give us hope a - gainst our fear.

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(silence)

On this First Sunday of Advent let us pause and reflect knowing that we have communion with other saints around the world as this new season of the church year begins. In these turbulent and troubled times in our country and beyond we ask: What are you calling us to, Oh God, our Creator? What are your dreams and desires for your human family on earth?

May this Advent be a time of listening, learning, and following.

We hear the ancient prophesy of Isaiah to all the nations that the time is coming when nations shall not raise any sword or weapon against another. The prophesy continues that the nations shall cease their training for war. In our pause, we acknowledge how far we are from Isaiah's vision and your desire for peace and justice among all your people—all nations, tribes, and languages.

Lead the nations of your Creation, Most High God, to your holy mountain of peace and justice together.

We have heard the Apostle Paul speaking directly to people who are asleep. Could that be us, God, drifting into a drowsy contentment with so many needs around us?

May this Advent be a time of waking and responding.

We have often thought of Advent as weeks of waiting for your coming, Oh Christ Jesus.

Remind us daily that you are in our lives daily as you promised, waking us and leading us on your path.

We pray today for all those in need of your tender care, especially Cliff Brown; Jack Hanson; Lois Eid's friends, Ras and Marian Erdahl; Jeanne Salmon; Dorothy Kelly; Mary Petersen's friend, Joe; Cori Gershon; Marcea Mariani; DeWayne Townsend III; Marlene Peterson; Mary Heltsley; Mark Symchych; and those we name now, either silently or aloud (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*). In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

*At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "In your mercy,"
to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."*

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, as we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen**

MEAL

+PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

You are invited to exchange words and signs of friendship and love with those around you.

OFFERING (8:45)

(11:00)

Keep Your Lamps!
Adult Choir

Arr. Andre Thomas

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.*

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.

O - so - sō o - so - sō, pyong - hwa - ūi - im - gūm
1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sō.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

+OFFERING PRAYER

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.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+SANCTUS



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. Blest is the one who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together:

**Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+LAMB OF GOD



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.

COMMUNION INVITATION

The Iona Community

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed.

Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

All are welcome at the table. For those worshipping at home and those who prefer to commune with individual packets in your pews, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle, where an usher will receive your communion cup.

If you wish to receive communion from a pastor in your pew, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bass staff provides accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The system ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a quarter note G5. The bass staff continues with accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!" The system ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

+BLESSING

The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

+POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

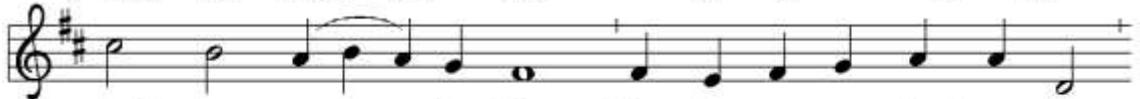
SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness



1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your
2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us
4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the
5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the



might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,
word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim
wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share
heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death
ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:



show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.
make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

+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.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Recessional
Sue Roberts, Trombone

Todd Marchand

*You are invited to the Community Room
(located at the rear of the worship area) for a time of conversation and refreshments.*

"Hark, the Glad Sound!" Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751. Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820
"Rise, O Sun of Righteousness" Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958
Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, 'Kirchengeseng,' 1566. Text © 2003 Augsburg Fortress
"Psalm 122" Refrain text: Hal H. Hopson, © 2008 Birnamwood/MorningStar Music Publishers
"Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus" Text: Jaci Maraschin, 1929-2009, Portuguese and English; Spanish tr. Jorge Rodríguez
Music: JESUS NOSSA ESPERANÇA, Marcilio de Oliveira Filho, 1947-2005
Text © 1987, 1989 World Council of Churches. Music © 1989 Marcilio de Oliveira Filho, admin. World Council of Churches
Music: SUSSEX CAROL, trad. English carol. Setting Hal. H Hopson, © 2008 Birnamwood/MorningStar Music Publishers
"Wait for the Lord" Text: Taizé Community. Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
Text and music © 1984 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc.
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LITURGY: *ELW SETTING FOUR*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
Angela T. Khabeb	Presiding Minister	Angela T. Khabeb
	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Bob Aldrich	Assisting Minister	Melanie Townsend
Sean Gosiewski, Bryan Kuzel, Steve Murray	Communion	Stephanie and Scott Cole, John Sulzbach
Ginny and Chuck Jordan, David Broberg, Chris Engen	Ushers	Joy Nelson, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Mary Engen, Ginny Jordan	Altar Guild	Kathryn Howe, Doris Gbala
Aberdeen and Horacio Rodriguez	Coffee Servers	Liz Conway, Matt Kane
Chris Engen, Annie Hines	Counters	Pam Kildahl
	Closer	John Sulzbach

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Angela Khabeb, *Senior Associate Pastor*
Doug Mork, *Part-time Associate Pastor*
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Nolan Gusdal, *Building Maintenance*
David Rojas Martinez, *Community Engagement
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Phil Radtke, *Cantor*
Kaia Ellis, *Financial Administrator*

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Sue Roberts, *Publications Coordinator*
Erik Gerhardt, *Accompanist*
Kathy Ekwall, *Custodian*
Dennis Nordholm, *Custodian*
Logan Olson, *Gloria Ringers Director*

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Gretchen Lund, *Council Vice President*
Connie Adams, *Council Secretary*
Scott Cole, *Council Treasurer*

P A R I S H I N F O R M A T I O N

FINAL LIFE TOGETHER SESSION

Please sign up in the Community Room for the final session:

Survive and Even Thrive in a Minnesota Winter: Winter can be long in Minnesota. Advent and Christmas bring opportunities for gathering and celebration, but many of us experience some dread as we face the long nights and cold months of winter. Kari Kleven will host a candlelight gathering in her home on Thursday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m. to share companionship and encouraging ideas with each other. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, December 11.

BOOK DISCUSSION ON REFUGIA FAITH DURING ADVENT SUPPER HOUR

Bring your supper (provided in the Community Room) into the Library and join the conversation on Debra Rienstra's book *Refugia Faith: Seeking Hidden Shelters, Ordinary Wonders, and the Healing of the Earth*. Copies of the book and the discussion guide are available in the Community Room. Please sign up by Sunday, November 27. Discussions will be led by Matt Floding, Bryan Hollaway, and David Kohlstedt. "In our churches, in our communities, and in our ecosystems, Rienstra says, Christians are being called to nurture refugia—inclusive spaces where transition, healing, and new growth can occur."

ADVENT SUPPERS AND EVENING PRAYER SERVICES BEGIN NOVEMBER 30

God has chosen to make a home among us. In our joys and sorrows, in our longing for healing and justice, in our gathering for worship, God promises to embrace us in love.

All are invited to partake in the Advent soup suppers on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. All are welcome!

This year, there are two opportunities to engage in worship on Wednesday evenings:

- The first is designed for parents and their young children to engage together in an interactive Advent reflection. It will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the gym.
- We will also gather at 7:00 p.m. for a Service of Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary. People of all ages are invited to worship, including young children.

MAKERS AND BAKERS ADVENT BAZAAR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

The youth are hosting an event to help usher in the Advent season. Whether you have a homemade craft or jam to share, a batch of sugar cookies, or hand-knit socks, you are invited to donate your goods. All proceeds help to support summer youth trips. Contact Deacon David (drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org).

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia for the altar area at Christmas, please contact the church office (612-729-8358 or office@htlcmpls.org). Cost is on a sliding scale from \$0-30. Donate according to your ability. The Christmas Eve bulletins will list the names of sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering or honoring.

YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Every year Holy Trinity anticipates and relies on a year-end increase in offerings that helps support the work of the church. This holiday season, please consider making an additional contribution to Holy Trinity or to our special appeals, Bright Stars of Bethlehem, the Lift Garage, and/or ELCA World Hunger. To donate online, click [here](#). *Please remember: contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2022, to be counted as a 2022 donation. Thank you!*

HOPE CALLS: ADVENT ACTION FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

Passing the People's Climate & Equity Plan in Minneapolis

This Advent, Minneapolis congregations of many denominations are coming together to put our hope into action. We will take on the spiritual discipline of making weekly phone calls to our city council members to urge them to support the People's Climate & Equity Plan, a plan that sets bold goals for a just transition to a renewable energy future and that creates a robust fund to address our climate and racial equity crises simultaneously. A booklet that will guide us through this spiritual practice has been co-created by faith leaders, including several pastors in our synod. The printed document is available in the Community Room.

P A R I S H S C H E D U L E

Monday, November 28	6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 29	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, November 30	5:30 PM	Advent Supper
	5:30 PM	<i>Refugia Faith</i> Book Discussion
	5:30 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	5:30 PM	CYF
	5:45 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Cantate! Rehearsal
	7:40 PM	Trinity Singers
Thursday, December 1	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Sunday, December 4	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum
	9:45 -11:00 AM	Makers and Bakers Bazaar/Youth Fundraiser
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

10:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY **"ELCA Social Statement on Climate Change"**

The draft of the ELCA social statement on Climate Change will be discussed. Copies can be picked up at Holy Trinity.

December 4 **"Lutheran Liturgy"** **Jan Mehlhoff**

The order of our Lutheran worship has not changed in centuries. Pastor Jan Mehlhoff will lead us through the service explaining why the passing of the Peace (which is not the seventh inning stretch), Lord's Prayer, and other elements are where they are, which parts are optional, and why they may be used for a certain season and more.