



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 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

Night of Stars
Gloria Ringers

arr. Bruce W. Tippette

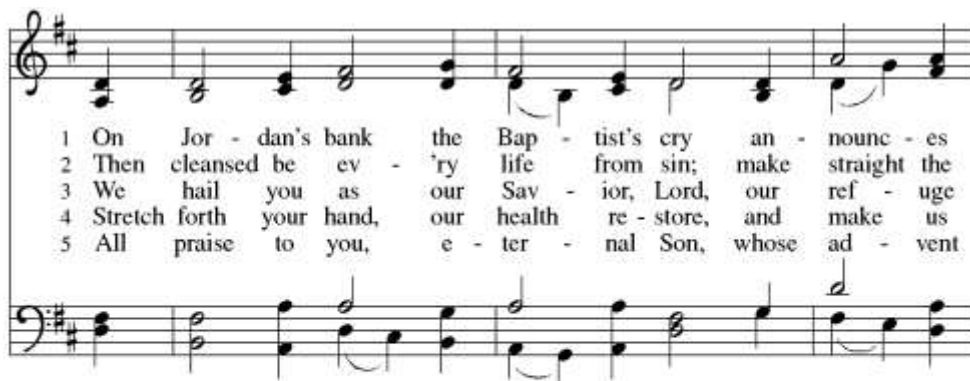
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again. You fasten righteousness around your waist and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire. Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames, and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare. We ask that peace abounds over all the earth. **Amen.**

+GATHERING HYMN

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounce - 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 - en,
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.

+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,

All: 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

All: unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. *All:* Lord, have mer - cy. *Cantor:* For this holy house,

All: 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



The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is marked 'Cantor' and the second staff is marked 'All'. The lyrics are: 'This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. 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.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests and ties.

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

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slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dear God, when life hacks away at our dreams and injustice cuts us down and leaves us like a stump of our former hope, reveal your promise in small things, little shoots, sweet tendrils rising green. We ask this in the name of Jesus, cut down by hate and fear, risen with new life from the stump of death. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

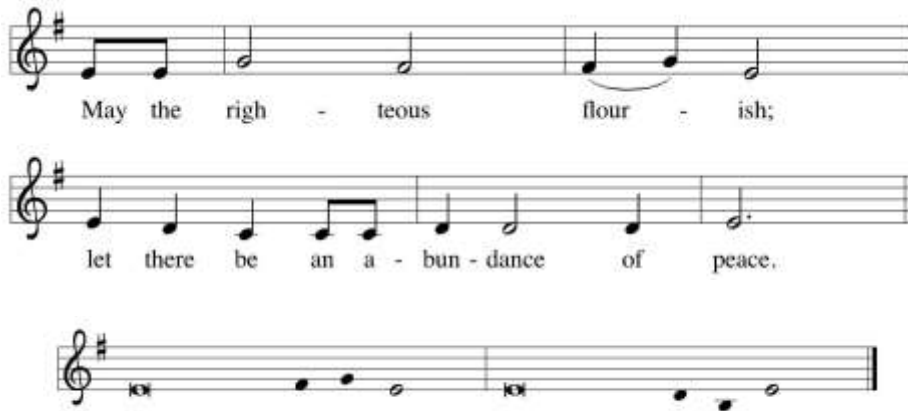
Old Testament Page 654

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

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

Robert A. Hobby

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



Give the king your jus-¹ tice, O God,
and your righteousness to¹ the king's son;
²**that he may rule your¹ people righteously
and the¹ poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity¹ to the people,
and the¹ hills, in righteousness.

⁴**Let him defend the needy a-¹ mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush¹ the oppressor. Refrain**

⁵May he live as long as the sun and¹ moon endure,
from one generation¹ to another.

⁶**Let him come down like rain upon¹ the mown field,
like showers that wa-¹ ter the earth.**

⁷In his time may the¹ righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall¹ be no more.

¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the¹ God of Israel;
you alone do¹ wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹And blessed be your glorious¹ name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A-¹ men. Amen. *Refrain*

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-13

New Testament Pages 155-156

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!



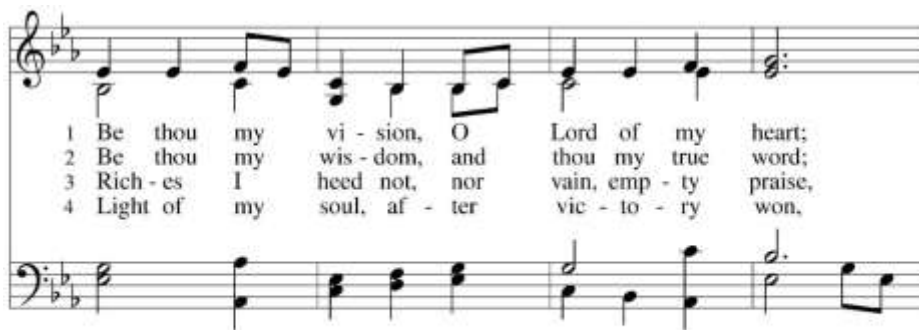
+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:1-12

New Testament Pages 2-3

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

SERMON



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light,
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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)

Our Father, Our Mother, Our Creator, be near us, we pray, as we wait in the season of Advent. There is darkness all around us, beautiful holy magnificent darkness. May we be moved by its glory. There is a sacred wonder to be found in the contrast of this season, like the twinkle of lights decorating the dark green branches or the warmth of hot cocoa after chilly outdoor play, the peaceful noise around a crowded table, or the plants still alive in the deep dark soil. We wait for you, O God. We wait and we wonder. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Oh God of the Setting Sun at the End of the Day, we pray for our church, our members, and our mission. As the day comes to a close, we draw closer together—in our homes, around the table, sharing a meal and the stories of our day. May our church community be like this family dinner table—full of nourishment, laughter, stories, and song. Let this community be a sanctuary of warmth and communion. Invite all of us into conversation, with ears to listen, safety to share, willingness to learn. May our communion table feel crowded but cozy, with plenty of seats and an abundance of food. Let the darkening sky at the end of the day stand as an invitation to gather near one another, in our church and in our world. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Oh God of the Twinkling Lights, we pray for peace. As we drape our homes in colorful lights, may we recognize the unique color each of us brings to this world. Help us to use our skills, our knowledge, our positions in society, and our strength in Christ to support our neighbors. Just as every bulb on a strand of lights is required for the circuit to glow, remind us of the power in working together for justice. And as we stand in awe at the beauty of bright lights against the night air, squealing with joy and breaking into carols, remind us that peace does not have to be quiet. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Oh God of the Vast Night Sky, we pray for our leaders. Staring up into the great expansive universe of leadership can be intimidating. The responsibility of decision making is wide and the people in their care are as many as the stars in the sky. And yet Your leadership, oh God, is greater. You are everywhere and you lead the way. Even when the answers are hidden in the wilderness, teach us to trust our leaders. Remind us that just as you created the great earth, we, too, are made to be creators of great change. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Oh God of Nourishment, we pray for the sick and suffering. When we sip bowls of black bean soup or drink cocoa as rich as melted chocolate bars, we feel warm and fed. May this same warmth fill those who ache with pain of body, mind, and spirit. Bring nourishment of rest and recovery. Heal us and our loved ones with the rich color of your mercy. We especially pray for the family of Jason Santa Ana, son of Ann White, upon his death; the family of Jeanne Salmon, upon her death; Keith Olstad, hospitalized; Peter Schroeder and the entire Schroeder family; Cliff Brown; Jack Hanson; Lois Eid's friends, Ras and Marian Erdahl; 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, God of mercy and justice, as we wait in wonder of your holy darkness, 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

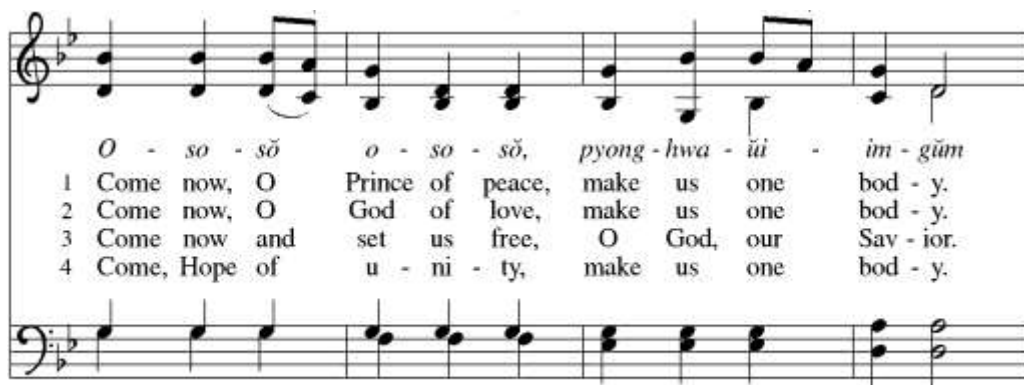
Coventry Carol
Gloria Ringers

arr. Julie Stitt

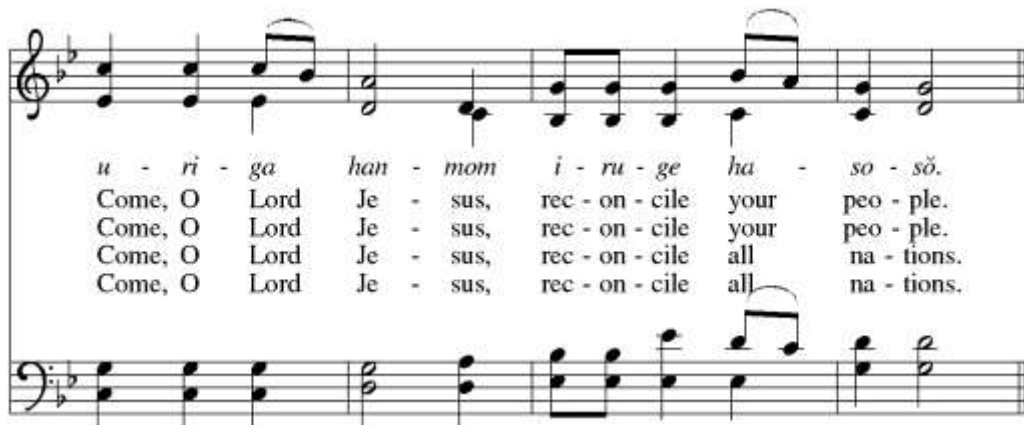
+OFFERTORY HYMN

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ūi - im - gŭm
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 - sŏ.
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, O God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+SANCTUS



+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.**

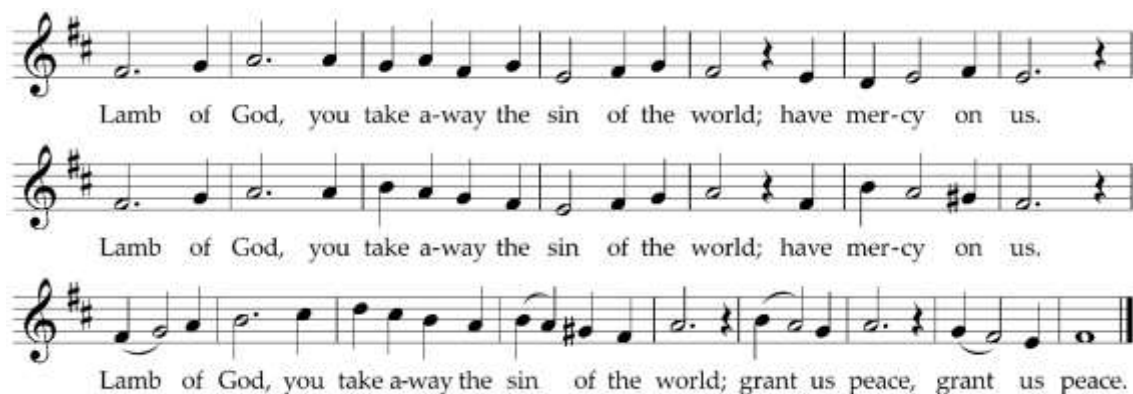
Give us today our daily bread.

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



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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

We Are Waiting for Jesus

1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.

We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

+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.

Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring,
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

+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

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Gloria Ringers

arr. Cathy Moglebust

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

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite

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

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"Be Thou My Vision" Text: Irish 8th-10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931; vers. Elenor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.

Music: SLANE, Irish tune

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace" Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope. Music: OSOSO, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947

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"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788. Music: W. Walker, 'Southern Harmony', 1835

"We Are Waiting for Jesus" Text: John Helgen, b. 1957. Music: John Helgen. Text and music © 2013 Augsburg Fortress

"Prepare the Royal Highway" Text: Frans Mikael Franén, 1772-1847; tr. 'Lutheran Book of Worship'

Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.

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LITURGY: *ELW SETTING FOUR*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
David Rojas Martinez	Presiding Minister	David Rojas Martinez
	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Caren Hiatt	Cantor	Caren Hiatt
Carol Masters	Assisting Minister	Tom Skold
Kevin Proescholdt, Sue Roberts, Amy Froiland-Parada	Communion	Katy Benson
Julie and Tom Cahoy, David Broberg, Chris Engen	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Joy Nelson
Mary Engen, Ginny Jordan	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala
Jean Swanson, Kevin Proescholdt	Coffee Servers	Roberta Shaw, Connie Adams
Julie Cahoy, Chuck Jordan	Counters	Deb Helmelm, John Sulzbach
	Closer	Rod Johnson

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

MAKERS AND BAKERS ADVENT BAZAAR TODAY

Shop today in the Community Room from 9:45-11:00 a.m. and support the youth of Holy Trinity. All proceeds help to support summer youth trips.

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.

ADVENT SUPPERS AND EVENING PRAYER SERVICES CONTINUE DECEMBER 7

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.

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!*

MEALS ON WHEELS DECEMBER 19-23

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels Monday-Friday, December 19-23. Volunteers pick up meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (50th St. and 35th Ave. S.). Meal delivery takes about one hour. Contact Mary Engen (612-721-7181 / engenmary@yahoo.com) or sign up in the Community Room for part or all of the week.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: JESUS CHRIST YESTERDAY, TODAY, FOREVER

Friday, December 9, 4:30 and 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 10, 8:00 p.m.

In the two thousand years since Jesus' birth, humans in every era have considered what this birth meant for them. Even now, this meaning continues to evolve in our lives. This year's Christmas Festival will draw from the past twenty years of David Cherwien's Christmas programming and its musical embodiment of the Incarnation. Tickets are \$33 and can be purchased from their website. Watch a free livestream of the concert at NLCA.com Friday, December 9, 8:00 p.m.

***TO: HOME*: MORRIS PARK SINGERS CONCERT MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 7:00 P.M.**

The Morris Park Singers want to especially welcome the Holy Trinity community to their second seasonal concert, *To: Home*. The work will be performed in the Holy Trinity Sanctuary on Monday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m.

This concert is a "pay what you can" performance, with a suggested donation of \$10/ticket but don't let a lack of funds keep you away! Enter the "price per ticket" when making your purchase (There is a \$1 minimum per ticket). For more information and to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

VOICES OF HOPE TO PERFORM AT HOLY TRINITY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 7:00 P.M.

Voices of Hope invites you to attend a festive Winter Sing on Thursday, December 8, at Holy Trinity. Voices of Hope builds choral singing communities inside Minnesota prisons and in the wider Twin Cities community. Learn about their work, sing familiar holiday favorites, and help to create a holiday video that will be shared inside the Shakopee and Stillwater correctional facilities.

The evening will begin with a hearty meal. If you're able, please bring a dish to share. Soup and bread will be provided. Everyone is welcome. Thursday, December 8, 6:00-9:00 p.m. (meal at 6:00 p.m., singing at 7:00 p.m.) at Holy Trinity Lutheran. **Please RSVP [here](#).**

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, and NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesdays, December 7, 14, 21—Advent Suppers and Evening Prayer Services

5:30-6:45 p.m.: Advent soup suppers in the Community Room.

5:30-6:30 p.m.: Worship opportunity for parents and their young children to engage together in an interactive Advent reflection in the gym.

7:00 p.m.: Service of Evening Prayer in the sanctuary for people of all ages.

December 7: Peace in the Home

Reflection: Pam Kildahl, on the experience of domestic violence

Musician: Kathe Jarkë, cello

December 14: Peace in the Neighborhood

Reflection: Jamie Schwesnedl from Moon Palace Books, on the Longfellow Community

Musician: Immanuel David, flute

December 21: Peace in our Hearts

Reflection: Peder Kjeseth, on the complexity of deep grief in a season of joy

Musician: Bob Aldrich, guitar

Wednesdays, December 7, 14, 21—Book Discussion on *Refugia Faith*, 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Sunday, December 4—Advent Worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 11—Adult Choirs Sunday at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 18—Adult Forum Featuring the Advent Hymn Sing

Sunday, December 18—Sunday School Advent and Christmas Program

Friday, December 23—Church Office Closes at Noon

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00 and 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25—ONE SERVICE at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Morning

Sunday, December 25—No Adult or Youth Education Classes

Sunday, January 1—ONE SERVICE at 10:00 a.m. on New Year's Day

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

Monday, December 5	6:30 PM	Adult Choir/Trinity Singers Rehearsal
Tuesday, December 6	2:00 PM	Knitting Group
Wednesday, December 7	5:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:45 PM 6:00 PM	Advent Supper Book Discussion Children's Choir Rehearsal CYF Gloria Ringers Cantate! Rehearsal
Sunday, December 11	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Children and Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

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

TODAY **"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.

December 11 "Advent and Christmas Customs and Practices"

Participants will share personal customs for the holidays.