



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2024

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 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.*

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

Today's cover art is provided by Mabel Hendrickson. Thank you, Mabel!

We honor that we gather and worship on the Dakota Homeland.

GATHER

+invites the congregation to stand

PRELUDE

An Advent Meditation

setting David Lasky

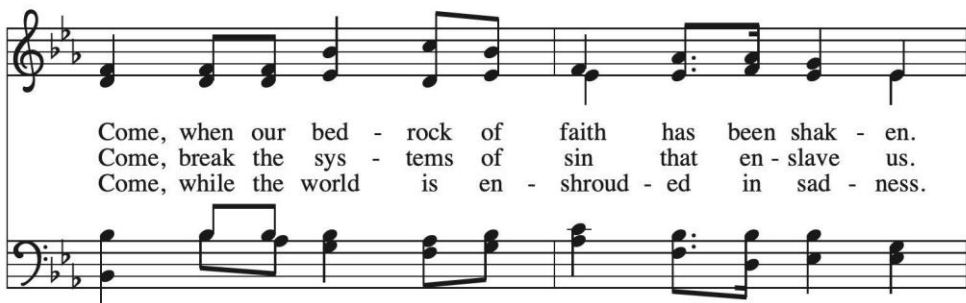
+GATHERING HYMN

Come, Now, O God

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



1 Come now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.
2 Come, when we squal - der the free - dom you gave us.
3 Come, put an end to our self - serv - ing mad - ness.



Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.
Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.
Come, while the world is en - shroud - ed in sad - ness.



Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.
Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.
Come, turn the tears of our mourn - ing to glad - ness.



Come, Em - man - u - el. Come, Em - man - u - el.

+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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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.

+HYMN

Where God Leads

James Nysse and Phil Radtke

*For pastor David Larson-Martínez of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis
and his journey navigating the immigration process*

Where God leads, we will fol - low
Where you go, God is with you

ov - er earth and deep - est seas
All our hearts pray for your peace

God makes peace from the temp - ests
Walk with love, joy, and laugh - ter

with God's hand all trou - bles cease.
trust - ing where our God will lead.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator of the world, you are the potter, we are the clay, and you form us in your image. Shape our spirits by Christ's transforming power, that as one people we may live out your compassion and justice, whole and sound in the realm of your peace.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

SONG OF REMEMBRANCE FOR DOROTHY FLAATA

If We Live, We Live to the Lord

The musical score is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "If we live, we live to the Lord. If we die, we die to the Lord. So then, wheth-er we live or wheth-er we die, we are the Lord's." There are three triplet markings (indicated by a bracket with the number 3) over the notes "we live or", "wheth-er we", and "we are".

If we live, we live to the Lord. If we
die, we die to the Lord. So then, wheth-er we live or
wheth-er we die, we are the Lord's.

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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

PSALM 25:1-10

Michel Guimont

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)

To you, O Lord, I lift my
soul, to you I lift my soul.

LORD, make me know your ways. LORD, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me, for you are God my savior.
In you I hope all the day long. **Refrain**

The LORD is good and upright, showing the path to those who stray,
guiding the humble in the right path, and teaching the way to the poor. **Refrain**

God's ways are steadfastness and truth for those faithful to the covenant decrees.
The LORD'S friendship is for the God-fearing; and the covenant is revealed to them. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!

All:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: Stand up and raise your heads - your redemption is drawing near. (Luke 21:28)

All: Repeat "Alleluia"

+GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:25-36

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

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)

God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

God of the cosmos, all creation shows that your presence is near. Help us sense your goodness and love in the sun and moon, in sprouting leaves and bare branches, in the roaring sea and quiet breeze. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

God of change, you accompany us through life's transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering, especially Pastor David; Pam Kildahl's sister, Wendy; Mark Horning, friend of Tony Wald; Merlin Wells; Bill Blood; Ann Schrooten; Kathy Ekwall's friend, Jim Farnes; George Madich; Mike Kelly; Christine and Michael Scanlan; Aric Sorenson and Ty Inglis; James Nysse's cousin, Eric Steckling; Katie Murray's mom Pat; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Juliet Williamson; Jan Mehlhoff's friend, Margie Guelker; the family of Dorothy Flaata, upon her death; and those we hold in our hearts or speak with our voices now (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*). In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

God of community, your Spirit holds us together. Sustain our care for one another. Inspire us to seek new ways to live together and to embrace the diversity of thought and identity in our communities. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "Lord, in your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, "Receive 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)

Creator of the Stars of Night
Adult Choir

Andrew Bruhn

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright,
not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blessed mother mild.

At your great name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
all things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;
defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

+OFFERTORY HYMN

God Alone Be Praised

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



1 O - ceans rise, the coast-land trem-bles; moun-tains melt and dry earth
2 Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek-ing ref - uge, ex - iles
3 Come and see; God's mer - cy gath - ers all that sin and grief have



crum-bles. All the world with long - ing groans. Love a -
wan - der. Walls and weap - ons rise from fear. Through this
shat - tered. Life from fields of death is raised. Peace, be



bides, this gra - cious prom - ise is our help, our hope and
wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us
still; let pride - ful thun - der yield to songs of joy and



so - lace. God's strong word is sol - id ground.
ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.
won - der. God and God a - lone be praised.

+OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. 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.

+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, God of pow - er and
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+WOMANIST LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Yolanda Norton

We pray together,

**Our Mother, who is in heaven and within us,
we call upon your names.**

Your wisdom come.

Your will be done,

in all the spaces in which you dwell.

Give us each day sustenance and perseverance.

Remind us of our limits as we give grace to the limits of others.

**Separate us from the temptation of empire,
and deliver us into community.**

**For you are the dwelling place within us,
the empowerment around us,**

and the celebration among us, 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

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger.

(11:00) For those worshipping at home, 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 your pew, please let an usher know.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - 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.

+BLESSING

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

Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

+SENDING HYMN

People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

+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.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

*“Come, Now, O God” Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984. Music: LOST IN THE NIGHT, Finnish folk tune
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*“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune*

*“God Alone Be Praised” Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952, based on Psalm 46. Music: AD LUCEM, Zebulon M. Highben, b. 1979
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LITURGY: *ELW SETTING NINE*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM

11:00 AM

Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
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Crucifer		
Cantor		
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	
	Communion	Libby and Keith Olstad
Chuck Jordan, Chris Engen	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Chris Amundsen
Carol and David Berg	Altar Guild	Libby and Keith Olstad
Coffee Servers		
Counters		
	Closer	Rod Johnson

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C O M M U N I T Y I N F O R M A T I O N

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

We are looking for volunteers to help with Advent Evening Soup Suppers (December 4, 11, and 18). For each meal, 4 households would prepare and serve enough soup for 30 people, and one household would prepare 4 boxes of Kraft Mac & Cheese. We also need volunteers to set up and clean up each of these evenings. Sign up in the Community Room.

ADVENT BAZAAR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Time to begin planning and honing our culinary and crafting abilities for the youth Advent Bazaar! It will be on Sunday, December 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity. Our youth will sell your generously donated creations in this festive community event that supports summer youth trips and other youth activities. Sign up to contribute in the Community Room. Bring donations to the church building by Friday, December 6, or Saturday morning, December 7. It's okay to just shop! For questions, contact Pat Libra (612-729-5172) or Amy Froiland-Parada (302-419-8124).

HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS MONDAY-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16-20

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, December 16-20. 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 (engenmary@yahoo.com) to sign up for part or all of the week.

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.

SOUP FOR YOU! NEEDS PAPER BAGS

Soup for You! has a constant need for brown paper bags. If you can spare a few (or a lot), bring them to the office.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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.

Please join us for worship and other special events in the coming weeks.

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18—Advent Suppers and Evening Prayer Services

All are invited to partake in the free Advent soup suppers on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. As has been our tradition in years past, 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. Please note: The service on December 18 will be a *Longest Night Service*, honoring the reality that for those experiencing losses or grief, this can be a difficult time of year.

Sunday, December 8—Music Sunday

Hymns, anthems, poetry, and scripture combine as we explore the themes of Advent this morning. The Adult Choir joined with Gloria Ringers will lead worship at both services as we joyfully make music together as a congregation.

Sunday, December 15—Adult Forum Featuring the Advent Hymn Sing

So many hymns, so little time! We'll use the forum hour to get a few more Advent hymns in before the season is over. Join us in the Bartsch Room this week.

Sunday, December 15—Sunday School Advent and Christmas Program

Children and youth will lead our 11:00 a.m. worship service on this day, the third Sunday of the Advent season. Participants will gather in the sanctuary at 9:55 a.m. for a final rehearsal.

Monday, December 23—Church Office Closes at Noon

The church office closes at noon today. We'll reopen and answer the phones again on Thursday, December 26!

Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve Worship

We will gather for worship at 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Please join us for a family-friendly service at 4:00 p.m. and a service led by the Adult Choir at 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25—The church office is closed.

Sunday, December 29—One Service only

We will gather on Sunday, December 29, for one service at 10:00 a.m. There are no Godly Play, Trinity Village, Confirmation, or adult forum classes today.

C H U R C H S C H E D U L E

Monday, December 2	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, December 3	11:00 AM 1:30 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Knitting Group
Wednesday, December 4	Cancelled 5:30-6:00 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 6:00-6:55 PM 6:00-7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Children’s Choir (Mr. Phil is away) Jubilation Ringers Advent Program rehearsal for all speaking roles Gloria Ringers Soup Supper in Community Room Advent Wednesday Evening Prayer in sanctuary
Thursday, December 5	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Sunday, December 8	8:30 AM-12:30 PM 8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Advent Bazaar Youth Fundraiser Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

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

TODAY

“Clare Housing”

Thomas Page

In the ongoing effort to end the HIV epidemic, why does housing matter? How does housing radically improve HIV health outcomes? And why is it a crucial element in stopping the epidemic for good?

Join us for a 45-minute HIV & Homelessness 101 learning session to find out. This program explores how the Housing First model not only enhances the lives of residents with HIV but also plays a key role in preventing HIV transmission within the community.

December 8

“Racial Justice & Hiawatha Golf Course”

Kathryn Kelly of Holy Trinity & SaveHiawatha18 will present information about why proposed changes to Hiawatha Golf Course are considered racially unjust, in particular to the Black community, and why the changes violate public equity guidelines.