

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 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 nursery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and in the basement.  
**Single-use, all gender restrooms** are located on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Coretta Atkinson. Thank you, Coretta!*

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

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# GATHER

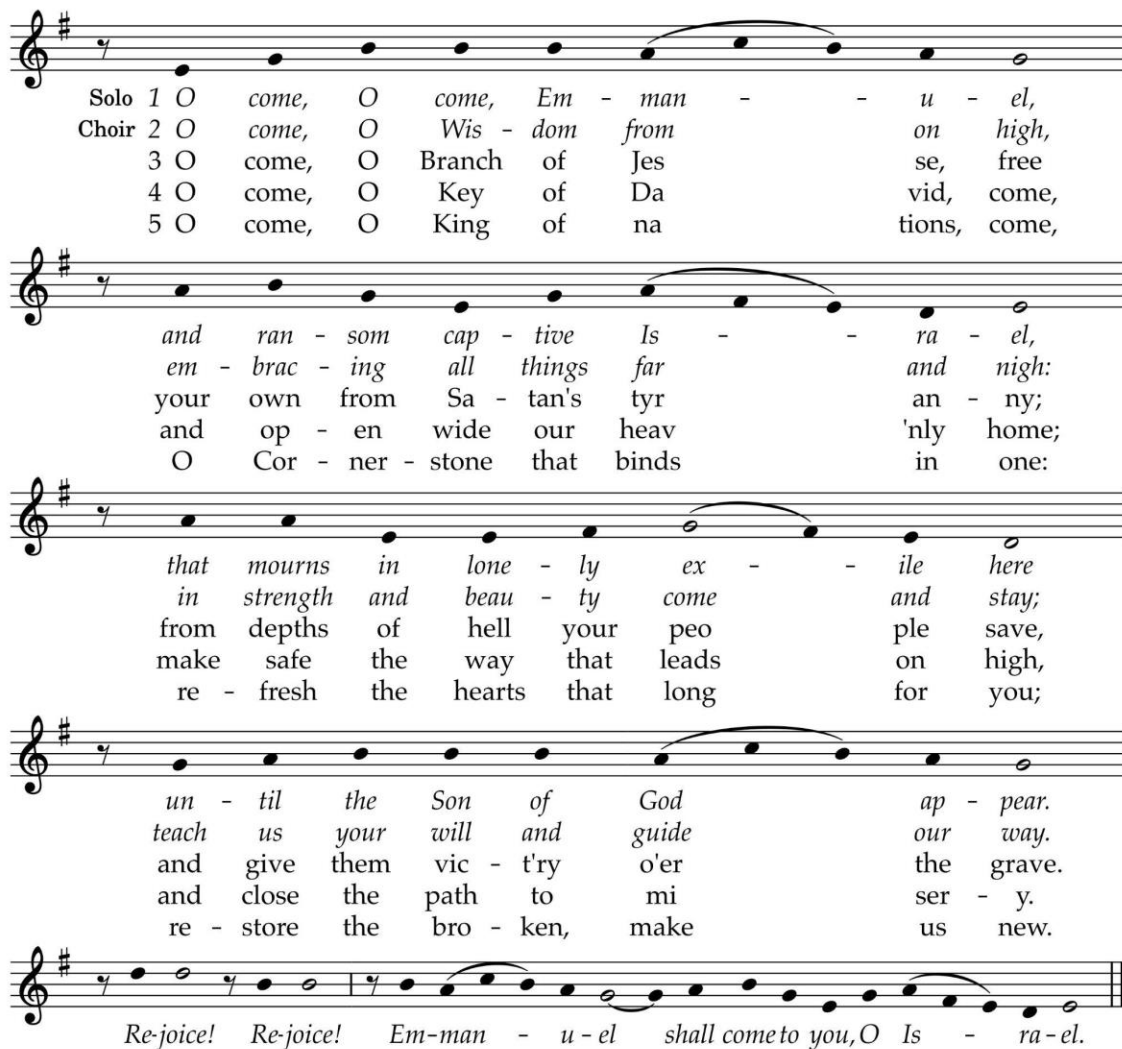
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+invites the congregation to stand

## +GATHERING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary at the tone of the bell*



Solo 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,  
Choir 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high,  
3 O come, O Branch of Jes se, free  
4 O come, O Key of Da vid, come,  
5 O come, O King of na tions, come,  
and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
em - brac - ing all things far and nigh:  
your own from Sa - tan's tyr an - ny;  
and op - en wide our heav 'nly home;  
O Cor - ner - stone that binds in one:  
that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
from depths of hell your peo ple save,  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
re - fresh the hearts that long for you;  
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
and close the path to mi ser - y.  
re - store the bro - ken, make us new.  
Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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 abound, until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.

**Amen.**

## HYMN

*Where God Leads*

*James Nysse and Phil Radtke*

*For pastor David Larson-Martinez 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.

## WELCOME

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# PEACE OF OLD

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## READING

*Malachi 3:1-4*

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

## +HYMN

*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

READING

*Philippians 1:3-11*

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

ANTHEM

*People Look East*  
Gloria Ringers

arr. Jason Krug

REFLECTION

John Buzza

ANTHEM

*A Stable Lamp Is Lighted*  
Adult Choir; Pat Farris, flute

Mark Sedio

A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky;  
the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry.  
And every stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine;  
a barn shall harbor heaven, a stall become a shrine.

This child through David's city shall ride in triumph by;  
the palm shall strew its branches, and every stone shall cry.  
And every stone shall cry, though heavy, dull, and dumb,  
and lie within the roadway to pave his kingdom come.

Yet he shall be forsaken, and yielded up to die;  
the sky shall groan and darken, and every stone shall cry.  
And every stone shall try, for hearts made hard by sin:  
God's blood upon the spearhead, God's love refused again.

But now, as at the ending, the low is lifted high;  
the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall try.  
And every stone shall try, in praises of the child  
by whose descent among us the worlds are reconciled.

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## PEACE TODAY

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### POEM

*Think of Others*

Mahmoud Darwish, Palestinian poet

As you prepare your breakfast, think of others  
(do not forget the pigeon's food).  
As you conduct your wars, think of others  
(do not forget those who seek peace).  
As you pay your water bill, think of others  
(those who are nursed by clouds).  
As you return home, to your home, think of others  
(do not forget the people of the camps).  
As you sleep and count the stars, think of others  
(those who have nowhere to sleep).  
As you liberate yourself in metaphor, think of others  
(those who have lost the right to speak).  
As you think of others far away, think of yourself  
(say: "If only I were a candle in the dark").

The original Arabic:

فَكَرِّ بِغَيْرِكَ  
وَأَنْتِ تُجِدُ فُطُورِكَ، فَكَرِّ بِغَيْرِكَ  
لَا تَنْسَ قَوْتَ الْحَمَامِ  
وَأَنْتِ تَخُوضُ حُرُوبِكَ، فَكَرِّ بِغَيْرِكَ  
لَا تَنْسَ مَنْ يَطْلُبُونَ السَّلَامَ  
وَأَنْتِ تَسُدُّ فَاتُورَةَ الْمَاءِ، فَكَرِّ بِغَيْرِكَ  
مَنْ يَرْضَعُونَ الْغَمَامِ  
وَأَنْتِ تَعُودُ إِلَى الْبَيْتِ، بَيْتِكَ، فَكَرِّ بِغَيْرِكَ  
لَا تَنْسَ شَعْبَ الْخِيَامِ  
وَأَنْتِ تَنَامِ وَتُحْصِي الْكُوكُوبِ، فَكَرِّ بِغَيْرِكَ  
ثَمَّةٌ مَنْ لَمْ يَجِدْ حَيِّزاً لِلْمَنَامِ  
وَأَنْتِ تَحْرَرِ نَفْسَكَ بِالِاسْتِعَارَاتِ، فَكَرِّ بِغَيْرِكَ  
مَنْ فَقَدُوا حَقَّهُمْ فِي الْكَلَامِ  
وَأَنْتِ تَفَكِّرِ بِالْآخِرِينَ الْبَعِيدِينَ، فَكَرِّ بِنَفْسِكَ  
قُلْ: لَيْتَنِي شَمْعَةٌ فِي الظَّلَامِ

### ANTHEM

*Creation Will Be at Peace*

Anna Laura Page

Adult Choir; Gloria Ringers

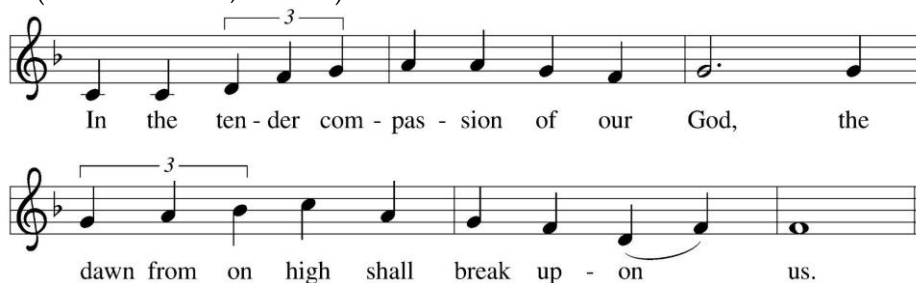
In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;  
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.

The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,  
their young will play together; a little child will lead.

The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.  
They will war no more, they will war no more; a child will lead them all.

### REFLECTION

Katie Schroeder

**Refrain** (First time: choir, then all)


In the ten-der com-pas-sion of our God, the  
dawn from on high shall break up-on us.

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free. You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David. Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us, to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant. **Refrain**

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear,  
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.  
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, to give God's people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins. **Refrain**

In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. **Refrain**

**BLESSING***Blessing of Hope*

Jan Richardson

So may we know the hope that is not just for someday but for this day—  
here, now, in this moment that opens to us:  
hope not made of wishes but of substance,  
hope made of sinew and muscle and bone,  
hope that has breath and a beating heart,  
hope that will not keep quiet and be polite,  
hope that knows how to holler when it is called for,  
hope that knows how to sing when there seems little cause,  
hope that raises us from the dead—  
not someday but this day, every day, again and again and again.



+HYMN

All Earth Is Hopeful



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.

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## INNER PEACE

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POEM

*The Peace of Wild Things*

Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

ANTHEM

*Meditations on the Theme of Peace*  
Gloria Ringers

Derek Hakes

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."  
—*Mother Teresa*

READING

*Luke 3:1-6*

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

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.

REFLECTION

Tre Tellor

ANTHEM

*In dulci jubilo*

Marcel Dupre

ANTHEM

*Peace, Peace*

Rick and Sylvia Powell

Adult Choir; Gloria Ringers, Pat Farris, flute

arr. Fred Bock

+INTERCESSIONS

*John and Kay Buzza*

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 forgiveness, you forgive when we cannot. You bathe us in forgiveness so that we are able to forgive, and we are forever grateful. God of forgiveness,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of creation, you create and recreate even as we destroy our earth-home. Recreate in us a deeper commitment to live sustainably. God of creation,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of hope, you pour hope into our world when so much seems hopeless. In this season of waiting, enflame our hearts with your hope. God of hope,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of healing and wholeness, heal where we cannot and bring wholeness where we see only despair. Bring your special presence to Pastor David; Kaia Ellis's father-in-law Bill, preparing for surgery; Karen Batdorf's sister, Marie; Pam Kildahl's sister, Wendy; Mark Horning, friend of Tony Wald; Merlin Wells; Ann Schrooten; George Madich; Mike Kelly; Rev. Amy Schifrin; 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; Rev. Lynne Morrow, entering hospice; the family of Jim Farnes, Kathy Ekwall's friend, upon his 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*). God of healing and wholeness,

**Hear our prayer.**

God, you came into our world as the Baby of Bethlehem. Give us patience, gentleness, love and peace in all things as we celebrate your coming to us in Jesus.

*You are invited to offer spoken petitions.*

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

We pray in your holy name; let all the people say: **Amen.**

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# MEAL

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## +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

*Rejoice, Rejoice*

setting, Mark Sedio

## +OFFERTORY HYMN

*Sweet Coming for Which We Long*

*Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.*

Sweet com - ing for which we long: soft com - ing of star - voiced  
Child; still com - ing in fra - grant meal; swift  
com - ing for won - drous weal. Sure com - ing, both hope and  
trial; soon com - ing, our wist - ful song.

## +OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Guide. **Amen.**

## +GREAT THANKSGIVING

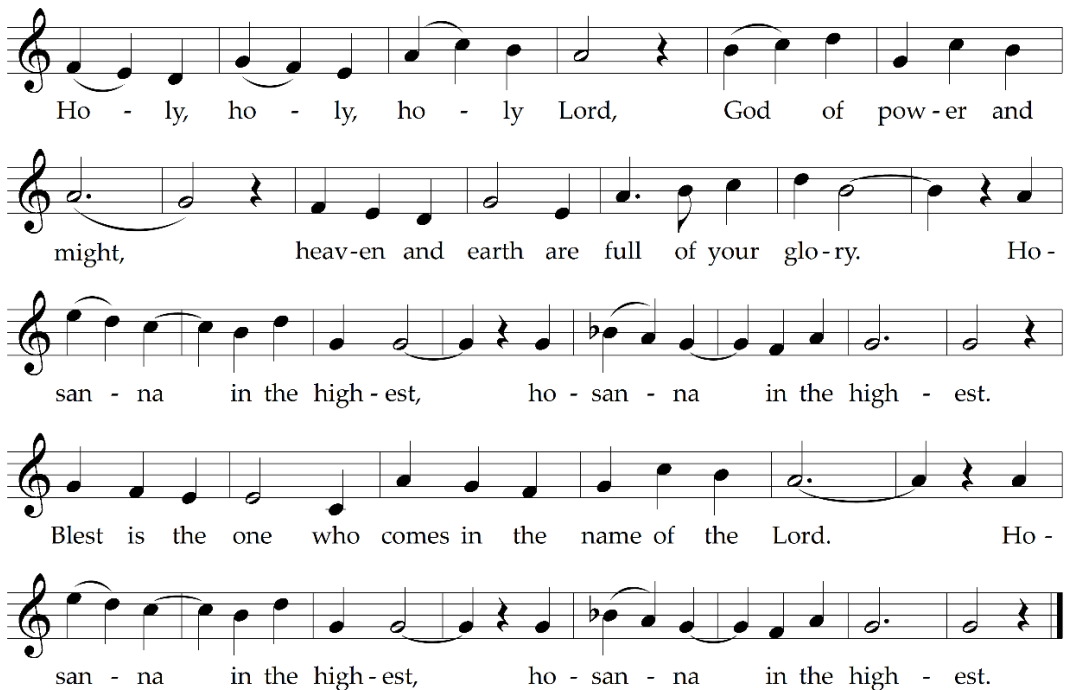
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first two staves are identical and correspond to the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us." The third staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the". The fourth staff concludes the phrase with the lyrics: "world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

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.*

*Communion is served by intinction.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.*

*Upon receiving the bread, dip it into the divided chalice which contains both red wine and white grape juice. A chalice is also reserved for those using gluten-free wafers.*

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

## HEALING STATION

*Today you are also invited to receive a blessing for healing during the communion distribution time.*

*Come if you wish to seek prayer for yourself, on behalf of someone else, or for a place in the world.*



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Our Soul Is Waiting*

**A**

Our soul is wait - ing for God. Our  
Notre âme at - tend le Sei - gneur. En

hearts find joy in the Lord.  
lui la joie de no - tre cœur.

*Last time*

Verses (Cantor)

**B**

O O

D.C.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Wait for the Lord*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The first line of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff contains a series of chords and a single eighth note. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The piece ends with a double bar line and a sharp sign.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff contains chords and a single eighth note. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!" The piece ends with a double bar line and a sharp sign.

**+BLESSING**

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

**+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

God, in this meal, you have given us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

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## SENDING

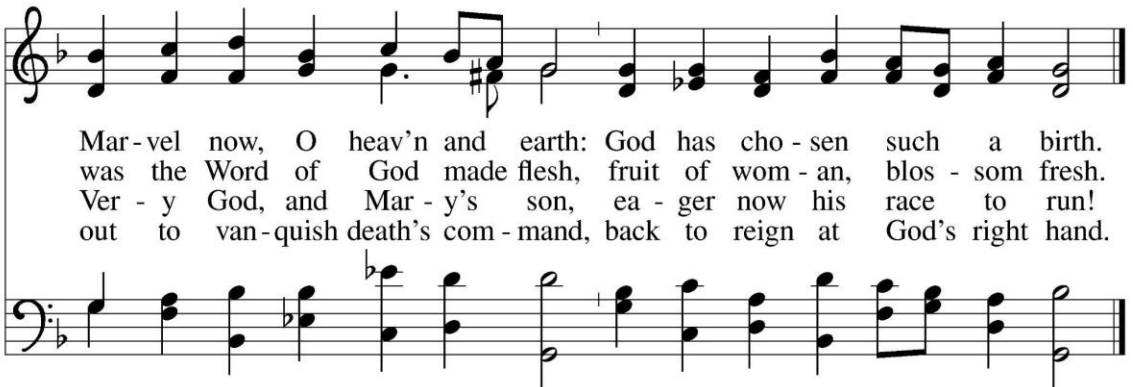
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+SENDING HYMN

*Savior of the Nations Come*



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,  
3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!  
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.  
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,  
hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue;  
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity  
praise we sing eternally!

**+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**

*Toccata on 'Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland'*

Phil Radtke

*You are invited to the Community Room  
(located at the rear of the worship area) for the Youth Advent Bazaar.*

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# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LITURGY: *ELW SETTING NINE*

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Choirs	<b>Preacher</b>	Choirs
Ingrid Rasmussen	<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen
	<b>Crucifer</b>	
Rick Liedholm	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Tre Tellor
Andrea Martin	<b>Communion</b>	Dennis O'Brien, Nicki Hines
Helen and Bob Norheim	<b>Ushers</b>	Alan Libra, Chris Amundson
Anne Beschnett	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Roberta Shaw
Youth Bazaar	<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Youth Bazaar
	<b>Counters</b>	Deb Helmelm
	<b>Closer</b>	Bob Hulteen

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### STAFF

Ingrid Rasmussen, *Lead Pastor*  
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Kathy Ekwall, *Communications & Congregational  
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Kaia Ellis, *Financial Administrator*

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Dana Simms, *Custodian*  
Logan Olson, *Gloria Ringers Director*

### LEADERSHIP

Katie Schroeder, *Council President*  
Sandra Hisakuni, *Council Vice President*  
Anne Beschnett, *Council Secretary*  
Scott Cole, *Council Treasurer*

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

## **ADVENT BAZAAR TODAY FROM 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

Shop at the Advent Bazaar Youth Fundraiser today in the Community Room from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Our youth will sell your generously donated creations in this festive community event that supports summer youth trips and other youth activities.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT**

We are looking for volunteers to help with Advent Evening Soup Suppers. We need volunteers to set up, clean up, and make soup on December 11, and we need one more soup maker for December 18. Sign up in the Community Room.

## **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 (50<sup>th</sup> St. and 35<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **CAMPING GEAR DONATIONS**

A longtime colleague of Pastor Doug's has started an organization to support our unhoused neighbors, especially in the winter, <https://www.weathertogether-mn.org/>. Last winter they were able to distribute over 400 camping items to individuals to help them stay warm and safe, all donated by outfitters, churches, and individuals. If you have tents, sleeping bags, or sleeping pads to donate, please bring them to the office or to the Community Room.

## **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.

## **MAKE YOUR YEAR-END GIFTS**

We invite you to plan for and make your final contributions for the current fiscal year at this time. Please allow for additional processing time with consideration to the holiday season if you are anticipating requesting funds from retirement accounts. This will give us all adequate time to deposit and post gifts before the close of the tax year and also get year-end statements out to you in a timely manner. Thank you so much for all you share with Holy Trinity!

## 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 11 and 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 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

Tuesday, December 10	11:00 AM 6:45 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, December 11	5:30-6:00 PM 5:45-6:30 PM 6:00-6:55 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Jubilation Ringers Youth Choir Rehearsal Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Soup Supper Advent Evening Prayer
Sunday, December 15	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service

### ADULT FORUM

*10:00 a.m. each Sunday*

### **TODAY                      “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.

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