

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord



November 24, 2019 8:30 a.m.

Christ the King

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY

Your presence at worship is a gift! Take a moment to introduce yourself to someone near you. To our visitors, we offer a special welcome and invite you to sign the visitor's sheet near the entrance. Please allow us to get to know you by staying for refreshments and fellowship.

If you are new to Holy Trinity, please turn the next page for more information.



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Worship Information

A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today! Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God.

Children: We love having children worship with us! We invite parents or caregivers to sit with their child(ren) around one of our children's worship tables where they can be a part of our service and engaging in quiet activities. If your child gets restless, an usher can show you and your children to our fully staffed Wiggle Room (Nursery) where your children can play until they are able to return. One of the attendants will give you a pager in case your child needs you.

Communion: It is our privilege to welcome you to the Lord's Table! We welcome all who are baptized and wish to receive the promise offered in the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, to come and share in receiving Holy Communion. As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like to receive a pastoral blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will bless you instead.

Prayer Requests: Prayer Request Cards are available at the usher's stand, or can be filled out using our website under the *Need Help* page. Simply hand your prayer request to the Pastor or an usher.

Worship Photos & Videos may be taken for the purpose of posting in the media of our congregation. The photographer's credit will be provided and any image will be removed upon request. Parents are asked to fill out a release form concerning images of minors and no minor's pictures will be used without consent.

Personal Hearing Systems are available from an usher for anyone who has difficulty hearing and understanding the service. **Visual Problems?** In addition to the large print bulletins, we can offer you bulletins on your tablet or smartphone. See the Church Office for details.

Missed Last Week's Service? Our weekly Sermon is available to listen on our website, **htelc.com**, under Worship, and Recent Sermons. Subscribe to our podcast on iTunes & Stitcher.

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Today at Holy Trinity
8:30 AM: Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM: Fellowship 11:00 AM: Traditional Worship

Worship Assistants						
	8:30 Contemporary Service	11:00 Traditional Service				
Musical Director	Jon Koelker	Ken Galle				
Musical Accompanist	Jonathan Bock & Dick Topping	Jonathan Bock				
Liturgical Deacon	Yvonne Topping	Rich Swiatocha				
Lector	Bill Kath	Ken Galle				
Acolyte	Sam Krick	TBD				
Ushers	Paul & Helen Goransson	Jill & Jerry Schock				
Counters	Paul & Lauren Gianino	Dave & Joyce Rivoire				
Greeters	Jo Whiting & Russ Hilliard	Larry & Bonnie Sanders				
Roving Greeter	Mike Gass	Franklyn Vosburg				
Chalice Bearer	Vicky Krick	Leslie Darling				
Sound System	Jon Huot	Franklyn Vosburg				
Altar Guild	Pam Shaw	Leslie Darling				
Coffee Set Up	Cristina Dolcino	Cristina Dolcino				
Coffee Clean Up	Gisela and Stu Wemple	Gisela and Stu Wemple				

This Week At Holy Trinity						
Day	Date	Start	End	Event		
Tuesday	11/26	04:00 PM	05:00 PM	Dover Friendly Kitchen		
		06:00 PM	07:00 PM	8:30 Choir Rehearsal		
Wednesday	11/27	09:30 AM	10:30 AM	Bible Study		
		06:00 PM	06:30 PM	Midweek Worship		
Sunday	12/1	08:30 AM	09:30 AM	8:30 Sunday Worship		
		10:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 Choir Rehearsal		
		10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Faith Learning Groups		
		11:00 AM	12:00 PM	11:00 Sunday Worship & Baptism		

Last Week at Holy Trinity						
<u>Date</u>	Worship Attendance	<u>Offering</u>				
Wednesday, November 13 Sunday, November 17	10 109 (8:30) + 73 (11:00) = 182	\$7,079.30				

Emergency Contact Information: Please call the church office at (603) 436-1704 and wait for the voicemail options. When instructed, press 6, and you will be immediately transferred to Pastor Krick's cellphone.

Prayer Concerns

Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Members & Attenders

Health Issues: Edna Di Nola, Leah Waldschlagel, Hazel Larson & Family, Mary Kuck, Tina Waterman, Robert & Sally Rindfleish, Susan Rindfleish, Emily Beliveau, Jackie Kohlhase, Franklyn Vosburg, Grover Marshall, Brendan Podszus, Jean Klein, Jerry Schock, Shirley Jackson, Sue Anderson, Margareta Claesson, Mark Beliveau, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Ed Mallon.

Homebound: Madeline Brandt, Marie Edin, Everett Nelson, Carol Saufley, Shirley Bauer, Edith Rowan.

Military: Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

Friends

Matthew Hanrahan (Leslie Darling's son), Megan Zadig & Rachel Arrington Boal (daughters of Dave & Carol Arrington), Estelle Lewis (Paulette Sirois' sister), The Vocell Family (Jeremy & Krystal Small's friends), Jamie Stevens (Jill Larson's sister), Matthew Seeley (Elinor Young's niece's partner), Kari King (Stephanie Goupil's sister), Eileen Berube (Yvonne Topping's friend), Cinda DeWerff & Linda Aten (Rich Wilcox's sisters), Judy Sieg (Geri Sieg's daughter-in-law), Marion Viole (Joyce Rivore's friend), Caleb Gray (Andy & Nancy S Gray's grandson), Garnet D. Wilcox (Rich Wilcox's brother), Nancy Burpee (Dave and Joyce Rivoire's friend), Jill Hanrahan (Leslie Darling's daughter-in-law), Richard Marshall (Grover Marshall's brother), Bertha Oswald (Glen Oswald's mother), Fred Keen (Rich Wilcox's brother-in-law), Todd Abild (Julie Moore's brother)

Prayers will be listed for 6 weeks unless told otherwise. If you would like a prayer concern listed in the bulletin, please fill out a Prayer Request at the Usher's table or contact the Church Office at office@htelc.com.

Lectionary (Readings)

This week: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79

Next week: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Notes on today's services

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears so utterly contradictory that the king should be crucified with the criminal. This victory appears for all the world as ignominious defeat. Yet through the gate of death our Lord opens the door to paradise.

(Psalm 46) I will be exalted among the nations. (Ps. 46:10)

(Colossians 1:11-20) An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

(Luke 23:33-43) Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

Announcements

Christian Sympathy to Glenn Oswald and family. Glenn's mother passed away on Saturday, November 16.

Thanksgiving Week Office Hours: Mark Donahue will be out of the office and on vacation from Monday, Nov. 25 through Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28. He will return to the office on Sunday, December 1. Pastor Tim will have limited office hours during this week.

Help with Advent Banners: Help is needed between services on December 1 to raise the advent blue banners from the "iron ring." At least nine people are needed. Please see Glenn Oswald on December 1 if you're able to help. Thanks!

Alternative Gifts Cards/Catalogs: Do you think about making the celebration of Christmas more meaningful? Why not purchase an alternative gift for those who really need them and send a nice card that has the "story" of the gift to a family member or friend. Look for the Alternative Gifts Catalogs and cards at a table on Sunday mornings or in the church office. Please use the order envelopes provided to help us distribute funds as requested.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be on Sunday November 24 at 7:00 PM at St Mary's Church, Chestnut St, Dover.

Toys4Tots: Holy Trinity will be an official drop off location for Toys4Tots this year. Please drop off all toys, unwrapped please, in our box. Deadline to drop off toys is Sunday, Dec 8 at 11:00 AM. Please locate the flyer on the back cover of your bulletin.

Upcoming Reconciling in Christ Forums: Please find below a list of all upcoming forums for RIC. If you've missed a forum, you can find a DVD of each forum in the Church Library, under the Prayer Shawls. Some of these dates are tentative and are subject to change.

- Sun. 12/8 & Wed. 12/11: Knute Ogren (of Camp Calumet) shares what it mean for someone who identifies as LGBTQIA for a church to be RIC.
- Sun. 1/12 & Wed. 1/15: Rev. Amanda
 Nelson educates us on what the terms
 LGBTQIA and other new language means.

Christmas Eve Worship Services will be as follows: 4:00 PM family service; 8:00 PM candlelight service; 10:30 PM candlelight service. All are welcome!



College Christmas Care Packages:

Boxes will be packed after the 8:30 service on 12/1. Please send your student's name, mailing address, and any food allergies to pawoollett@comcast.net or call Pat at 603-942-7556 if you haven't submitted it already. We don't want your student to miss out.

Christmas Pageant: This year's Christmas pageant is "Starry Night, Noisy Night" on 12/15 at 9:45am. Practices will be held on the following Sundays at 12:15pm: 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, and Saturday 12/14. Pizza lunch is provided on 12/14. For more information, please see Heidi Morrison.

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Confession and Forgiveness

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy.
- C: Amen.
- P: Embraced in enduring grace and good hope, let us turn again to God, confessing the truth about ourselves.

—Silence is kept for reflection—

- P: Merciful God,
- C: we come before you, beloved but broken. We have not always treated others as we would want them to treat us. We have not always called out injustice and abuse. We have not always been kind to ourselves. We have not always taken care of the world we share with other living creatures. Remind us of who we are, beloved children bathed in your love. Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people, bringing healing to the brokenness around us.

Amen.

- P: At every moment you are held in existence by the love of God, renewed by the Spirit within and among you, and made alive again in Christ.

 Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are + forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world.
- C: Amen.

He Is Exalted

Words and Music by Twila Paris VERSE F/A C^7 B Bb/C He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on_ high,_ I will praise ____ Him. F F/A Bb C/Bb Bb/C Dsus C He is ex-alt-ed, forev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise His name! CHORUS D Dm/F C/E C F Am Bb F/A 10 He for - ev - er His truth shall reign. Lord, C/E C Gm Dm/F F Bb F/A Am Heav and en earth_ joice in His ho name.__ Bb/F Gm E Bb/C F

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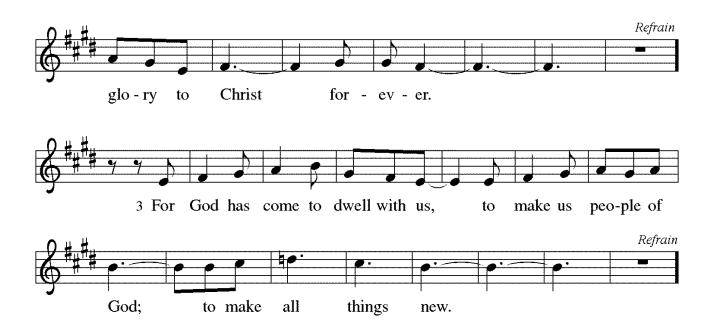
- P: May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

Canticle of Praise

ELW 167

Now the Feast and Celebration





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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.

First Reading

- L: A reading from Psalm 46
- L: ¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- C: ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
- L: ³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- C: ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- L: ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
- C: 6The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.
- L: ⁷The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- C: 8Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
- L: ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- C: 10"Be still, then, and know that I am God;
 I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
- L: ¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

L: A reading from Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

The children are invited to come forward to join the Pastor at the Chancel for a message.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 151a

— Please stand as able—





Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 23:33-43

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you

come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

- P: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon —Please be seated—

Hymn of the Day

ELW 433

Please stand as able

Blessing, Honour And Glory

Words and Music by Geoff Bullock and David Reidy



Prayers of the People

LD: United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

—A brief silence—

LD: God, you are our righteousness. Fill us with the hope of steadfast love and shine light on places that were invisible to us, so that we see your kingdom made visible on earth. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Y: God, your reign extends from the black holes of the universe to a single grain of sand. Guide us to sustain and restore all of your creation, and to live in peace with this planet. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: We lift before you all those whose work puts them in harm's way for the sake of others, especially first responders and servicewomen and men who are stationed around the world. Allow all people to return home safely and keep them close to you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Y: God, you are our help in times of trouble. Like a shepherd who guards the sheep, watch over your flock: those who are sick and hurting in body, mind, or spirit, those who are mocked, and those who are lonely. We pray especially for those whose names are said out loud or silently.

—A brief silence— Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: We pray for our partners in mission and ministry: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos

Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and our missionaries Revs. Colin and Jeni Grangaard, Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. Hear us, O God.

- C: Your mercy is great.
- P: Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.
- C: Amen.

The Sharing of God's Peace

- P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them. Please remember to greet the children too. You may be seated after the passing of the peace.

MEAL

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

Offertory Song

ELW 793 (v. 1-3)

Be Thou My Vision



Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

Offertory Prayer

LD: God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

The Celebration of Holy Communion

As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. There will be a single communion station. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next you may drink from the common cup, or you may take a pre-filled glass of non-alcoholic wine. Please put the glass in the basket at the end. If you would like to receive communion, but you are unable to come forward, please ask someone to talk to the ushers and we will bring communion to you.

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

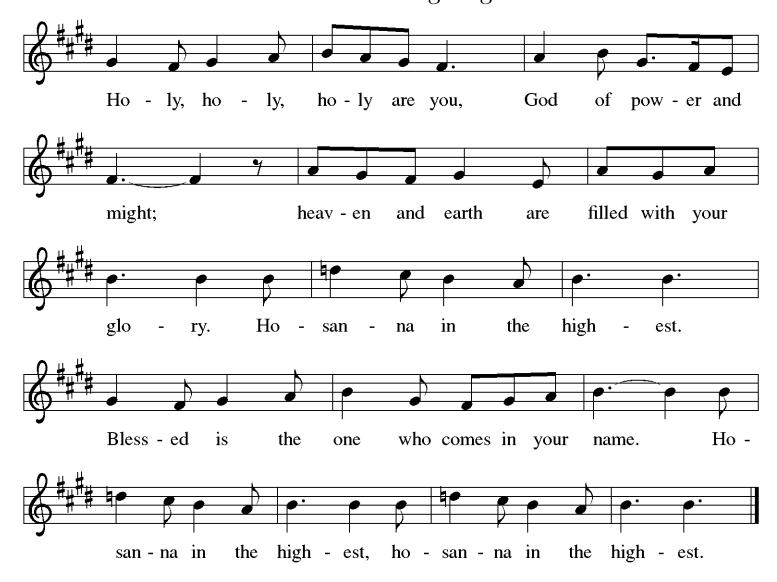
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: 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 call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Great Thanksgiving*



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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

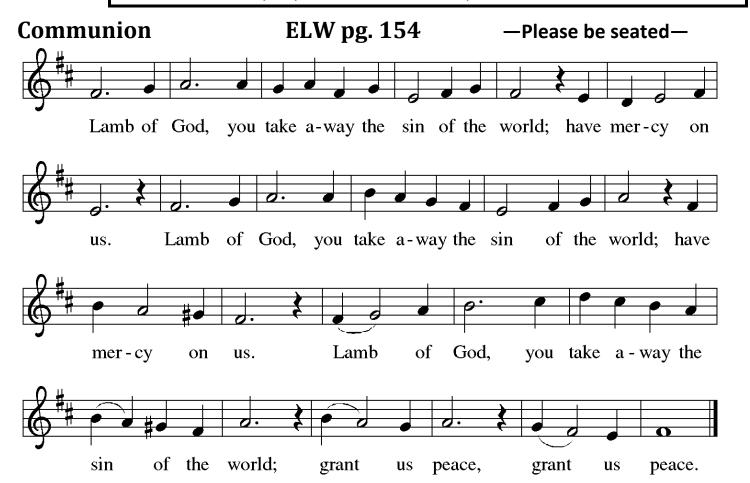
Feel free to use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with.

P: Now, as our Lord taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

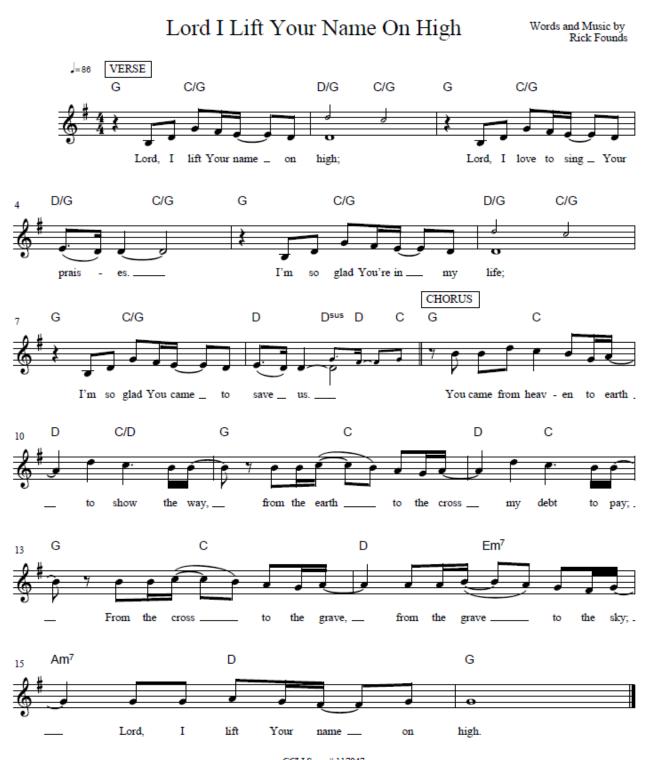
Invitation to Communion

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.



Communion Hymns:

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day. **Communion Hymn #1: ELW 857**



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Shout to the Lord



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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je sus' name! Let an gels pros-trate fall;
- 2 O seed of Is rael's cho-sen race now ran-somed from the fall,
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da-vid's line, whom Da vid Lord did call—
- 4 Sin ners, whose love can ne'er for get the worm-wood and the gall,



bring forth di - a - dem the roy - al and crown him Lord all. who saves you hail him by his grace and crown him Lord of all. the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all. spread your tro-phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all. go



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- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6 Music: Coronation, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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Sending of Communion

- Please remain seated—
- P: Gracious God, whose mercy endures from generation to generation:
 Bless those who go forth to carry your Word and sacrament to our sisters
 and brothers who are homebound. In your love and compassion, nourish
 and strengthen them with hope through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

SENDING

Communion Blessing

- P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
- C: Amen.

Rites of Passage and Announcements —Please remain seated—

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

Benediction

—Please stand as able—

Please move across the aisle and join hands.

- P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you

 → peace.
- C: Amen.

Dismissal

—Please remain standing—

- LD: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

As we exit the sanctuary and begin fellowship, the choir will sing the Postlude.

Suggestions for Toys for Tots





Activity Focused Toys

Give a gift that won't require that a child just sit on the couch while playing. Instead, donate a sports-oriented gift such as a soccer ball or a football. You can buy a child a glove and a baseball bat. You can purchase small, plastic basketball goals for toddlers and even small, plastic baseball stands that will help toddlers learn how to hit a ball. Older children may enjoy volleyball or badminton sets.

Board Games

Board games can be great tools to intellectually stimulate a child. Older children will enjoy such classics as Monopoly, Life or Clue. For younger children, you may donate games that, while they do not require reading, still promote intellectual development. Recommended games for younger children are Bingo, Candy Land, Memory or Chutes and Ladders.

Artistic Donations

Encourage a child's creativity by making a donation of artistic gifts. Young children will enjoy playing with Play-Doh or Moon Sand. They will also like easels, finger paint or sidewalk chalk. Older children can play for hours with a Lite Brite. Older children can also be given gifts of art sets that include a variety of markers, paint brushes and paints.

Creative Play

By purchasing dolls or toy cars you can promote a child's creative play time. You can also donate costumes or puppets if you wish to give a creative gift. Young children enjoy pretend play activities so you can give them toy pots and pans, and they will use these items for cooking. If you give them toy food items, they can pretend to prepare meals for their families.

Donation Notes

Avoid giving gifts that require batteries, unless you take the time to attach the batteries securely to the donated item. Do not donate any recalled toy.

Do not wrap the gifts -- and make sure that your gift is a new toy.

Toys are due no later than Sunday, December 8 at 11:00 AM at Holy Trinity. Thank you for making a child's Christmas morning special.