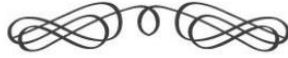




# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord*



**December 1, 2019 11:00 a.m.**

**First Sunday of Advent**

## **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.**

**WHAT  
CAN'T  
WAIT**



**ADVENT 2019**



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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.

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**Cheryl Brigham**, CaringConnections

**Ron Indorf**, Domestic Social Ministry

**Kurt Kasik & Cristina Dolcino**, International Social Ministry

**David Mercer**, Property Team

# Today at Holy Trinity

**8:30 AM:** Contemporary Worship   **9:30 AM:** Faith Learning Groups   **11:00 AM:** Traditional Worship

Worship Assistants		
	8:30 Contemporary Service	11:00 Traditional Service
<b>Musical Director</b>	Jon Koelker	Ken Galle
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<b>Acolyte</b>	Evelina Roberts	Annika Clemmons
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<b>Counters</b>	Mike Gass & TBD	Paul & Jackie Karl
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<b>Roving Greeter</b>	Fran Mallon	Larry Sanders
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<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pam Shaw	Rani Marcus
<b>Coffee Set Up</b>	Jeff Morrison	
<b>Coffee Clean Up</b>	Gisela & Stu Wemple	

This Week At Holy Trinity				
Day	Date	Start	End	Event
Tuesday	12/3	06:00 PM	07:00 PM	8:30 Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	12/4	09:30 AM	10:30 AM	Bible Study
		<b>06:00 PM</b>	<b>06:30 PM</b>	<b>Midweek Worship</b>
Thursday	12/5	08:30 AM	11:00 AM	Property Team
		05:30 PM	07:00 PM	Bell Choir
Sunday	12/8	<b>08:30 AM</b>	<b>09:30 AM</b>	<b>8:30 Sunday Worship</b>
		10:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 Choir Rehearsal
		10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Adult Forum: Reconciling in Christ
		<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>11:00 Sunday Worship &amp; Baptism</b>

Last Week at Holy Trinity		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Wednesday, November 20	<b>14</b>	See Next Week's
Sunday, November 24	<b>108 (8:30) + 62 (11:00) = 170</b>	Bulletin

**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), John Barry (Tracy Barry's son)

*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](mailto:office@htelc.com).*

## Lectionary (Readings)

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

**Next week:** Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19;  
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

## Notes on today's services

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

**(Isaiah 2:1-5)** The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

**(Psalm 122)** I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." (Ps. 122:1)

**(Matthew 24:36-44)** Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

## Announcements

**Baptized in to Christ** this morning at 11:00 are Jordan Christopher Stephens & Dylan Michael Stephens, sons of Laura & Christopher Stephens.

**Holden Evening Prayer:** Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm during Advent for our beautiful Holden Vespers worship, with hymns written by Marty Haugen.

**Help with setting blue banners:** Help is needed between services to raise the advent blue banners from the "iron ring." At least nine people are needed. Please see Glenn Oswald after the 8:30 service. Thanks!

**Poinsettia Order Forms** are now available in your bulletin. Place your order form with a check (payable to Holy Trinity & "Poinsettia" in memo line) or cash in the offering basket or to the church office. Please put any unused order forms on the Usher's table or Children's tables to be reused for the future.

**College Christmas Care Packages:** Boxes will be packed after the 8:30 service today. Please meet in the Conference Room (formerly The Wiggle Room) if you wish to help pack the care packages.

**Looking for a new Worship Assistant Scheduler:** After seven years, David Reinhard is retiring from his volunteer position of Worship Assistant Scheduler, and the Church Office is looking for someone to step in as his replacement. With the help of Sign Up Genius, the task isn't very difficult or time consuming, and Dave is willing to train his replacement. If you're interested, please see Mark in the Church Office.

**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!

**Offering Envelopes for 2020** are now available in the Gathering Area. Please locate the Offering Envelope with your name on them. If you'd like Offering Envelopes, but don't have any, please speak with Dan Scammon or the Church Office.

**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.

**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 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: *12/1, 12/8, and Saturday 12/14*. Pizza lunch is provided on 12/14. For more information, please see Heidi Morrison.

# **Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

*First Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 1, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.*

## **Call to Worship**

P: What can't wait?

**C: Hope for a better day.**

P: What can't wait?

**C: Peace and Repentance, among and within us.**

P: What can't wait?

**C: Joy and Delight! Our cup runs over.**

P: What can't wait?

**C: Love for self, love for neighbor, love for Creator, and love for creation.**

P: God is waiting, and God is ready.

**C: Starting here and now - let us worship Holy God. Amen.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Gracious God,

**C: you paint a picture of a better world - A world of peace and joy, of equality and grace. But we turn our heads and close our eyes, afraid that you might want us to help. You ask us to be brave, and we are complacent. You ask us to speak out, but instead we stay quiet. You ask us to listen, and we assume we are the experts. You lead with love, and we wait on the sidelines. Forgive us for all the ways we are works in progress. Fill our hearts with a hope that won't let go. Gratefully we pray, Amen.**

P: Despite eyes being shut, our heads turned away and our mouths being closed, God still works. God works in the forgiveness of you and all of us. With open ears and open hearts, hear these words. You are forgiven. God freed you from fear to be freed for love. Love for our neighbor and love for the world.

**C: Amen.**

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.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
 Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen  
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## Greeting

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.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father 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 Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>2</sup>In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.”  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

L: A responsive reading from Psalm 122

L: <sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

**C: <sup>2</sup>Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

L: <sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself;

**C: <sup>4</sup>to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

L: <sup>5</sup>For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.

**C:** <sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:**  
**“May they prosper who love you.**

**L:** <sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers.

**C:** <sup>8</sup>**For the sake of my kindred and companions,**  
**I pray for your prosperity.**

**L:** <sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek to do you good.”

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Children’s Message

—Please be seated—

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

### ELW 240, verse 1

## Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



1 Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954  
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune  
Text © 1984 Fortress Press, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

**Gospel Acclamation ELW 533, verse 5 — Please stand as able—**

**Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**



5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolek, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

## Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 24:36-44

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

—Please be seated—

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite  
 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.  
 Text sts. 2, 6, 7 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the baptismal font while the congregation sings the baptismal hymn.

## Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
Not en-slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun-tain bring-ing heal-ing, and whole-ness and more.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956  
Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner  
Text and music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

## Baptism of Dylan Michael Stephens and Jordan Christopher Stevens

The presiding minister addresses the parents & sponsors who bring the baptized child(ren) who are not able to answer for themselves.

**Parents:** *Laura Gilmore Stephens and Christopher John Stephens*  
**Sponsors:** *Dave Gilmore, Bonnie Gilmore, Mike Gilmore, and Christine Gilmore*

## **Apostles Creed**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Introduction**

**P: Dylan Michael and Jordan Christopher, children of God, you have been  
sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.**

**Amen.**

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

**LD: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works  
and glorify your father in heaven.**

The ministers and baptismal group face the assembly.



## Presentation of Baptismal Blanket and Bible

P: Let us welcome our newly baptized brothers, **Dylan Michael and Jordan Christopher.**

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## Prayers of the People

LD: Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

—A brief silence—

LD: Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the church cries to you. Strengthen the church in the land of Jesus' birth. Wherever Christians gather, empower them to proclaim love and defy the powers of sin and evil. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Y: Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your creation cries to you. Sustain the balance of all living things. Protect the earth from drought, bitter cold, eroding coastlines, and fires and floods, that the earth may flourish. 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: Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your people cry to you. Comfort those separated from loved ones by distance, estrangement, or loss. Help us as we care for others and rely on others' care. 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: You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

## **The Sharing of God's Peace**

P: May the peace of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – which passes all understanding, be with you all.

**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. Please be seated after the Sharing of God's 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 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our  
lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our  
hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we  
give to you, we give to you. We lift our  
voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering, we are an offering.

## Offertory Prayer

LD: Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

**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. 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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

# Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

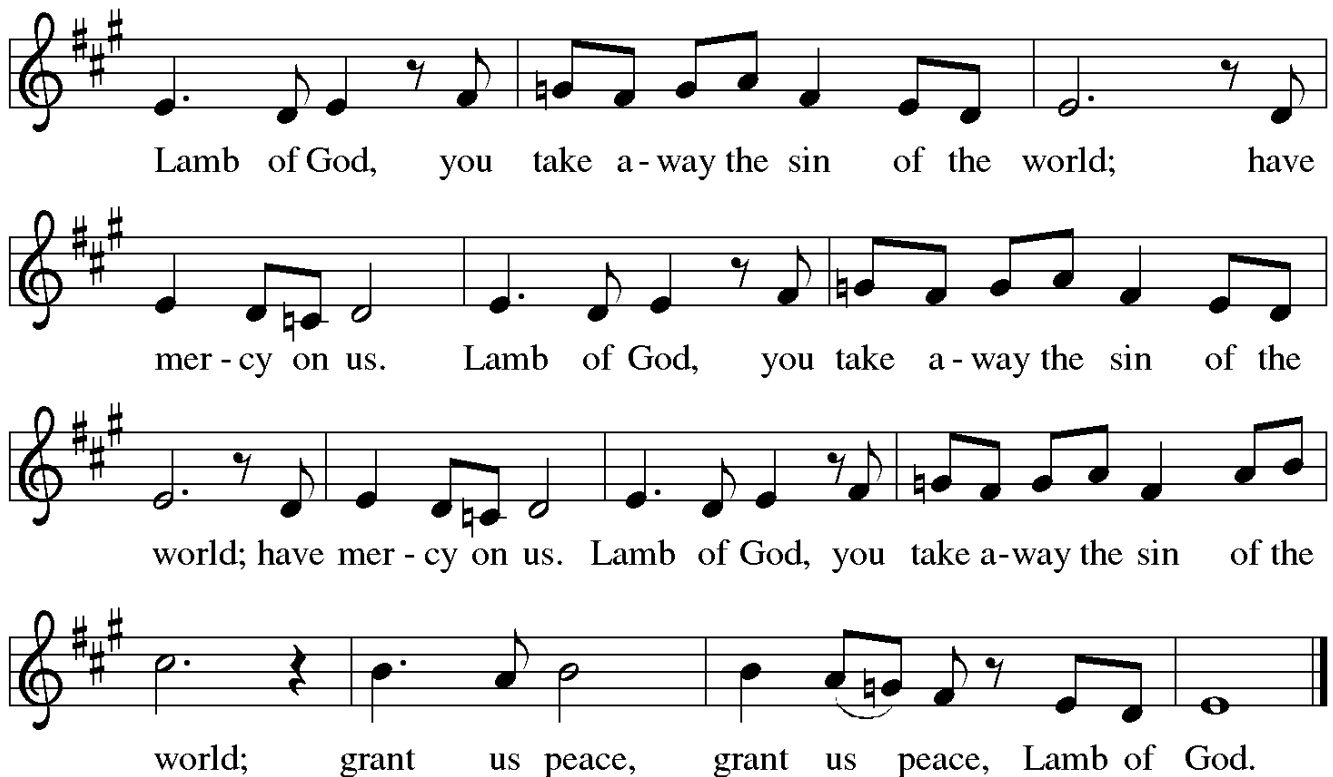
# Invitation to Communion

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

## Communion

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—Please be seated—



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, Lamb of God.

## 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 490**

### Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,  
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.  
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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## The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune



## Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

## **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**

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.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.  
 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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## Benediction

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

**LD:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**