



# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord*

**November 28, 2021 9:30 AM – First Sunday of Advent**

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*A Reconciling in Christ Congregation*

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Supply Pastor

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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. 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.

**Children: We love having children worship with us!** During worship over the summer, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary.

**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. *Communion elements are found in a basket on the Greeters table, as we are continuing to social distancing.*

**Prayer Requests:** Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

**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.

**Missed Last Week's Service?** Our Sunday worship service is now live-streamed on htelc.com. Watch anytime! Visit us on YouTube at [youtube.com/HolyTrinityEvangelicalLutheranChurch](https://youtube.com/HolyTrinityEvangelicalLutheranChurch).

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# Reconciling in Christ

*At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.*

*You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.*

*You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.*

*Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.*

*You are wanted here.*



# Today at Holy Trinity

9:30 AM: Traditional Worship

10:30 AM: Fellowship

Worship Assistants	
	<b>9:30 Traditional Service</b>
<b>Musician(s)</b>	Jonathan Bock
<b>Lector</b>	TBD
<b>Counters</b>	Barry & Phyllis Philbrick
<b>Sound System/Live Stream</b>	Mark Donahue & Franklyn Vosburg

This Week At Holy Trinity			
Day	Date	Start	Event
Wednesday	12/01	09:30 AM	Bible Study
Thursday	12/02	08:00 AM	Property Team
Sunday	12/05	<b>09:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 Sunday Worship</b>

Last Week at Holy Trinity		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sunday, November 21	<i>See next week's bulletin for Attendance and Offering</i>	
<i>Midweek worship is on hiatus until we receive an interim Pastor.</i>		

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**Emergency Contact Information:** Please call the church office at (603) 436-1704. As of November 14, 2021, we won't have a sitting Pastor, and we will have to use a supply Pastor for all Pastoral Emergencies.

## Prayer Concerns

*Please include the following in your daily prayers:*

### Members & Attenders

**Health Issues:** Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson.

**Homebound:** Marie Edin, Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin.

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

### Friends

Floyd Richards (Claire Radke's neighbor), Susan Rogers (Linda Edwards' cousin), Mary Roberts (Heidi Morrison's sister-in-law), Dave Bly (Sue Althof's brother), Sharon Connors (Bonnie & Larry Sanders' daughter), Bill Hazard (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Stephanie & Chuck Pelesky (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Casey Lavoie (Stephanie Goupil's friend), Estelle Lewis (Paulette Sirois' sister), Tony Marques (Paulette Sirois' friend)

*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:** Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

**Next week:** Malachi 3:1-4; Baruch 5:1-9; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

## Notes on today's services

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

## Pop-Up Pantry

Every month, the Pop-Up Pantry at Holy Trinity is requesting a different item for us to put outside on Wednesdays with the normal bags of food that we give out. This month's item is...

*Butter*



Please drop off your donations with the Church Office, in the refrigerator, or outside the building in the plastic bins. Thank you so much for your generous donations!

**We are looking for a pair of volunteers to donate one hour on the first Wednesday of each month. You will be packing up 25 bags of pantry items prior to 8:30 AM. If you can help, please email [pbsirois@gmail.com](mailto:pbsirois@gmail.com) or call/text 603-781-0302.**

## Announcements

**Mark Donahue will be out of the office** and on vacation starting Monday, November 22 through the end of the Thanksgiving week. He will be back to the office next Sunday, November 28.

**Holden Evening Prayer:** Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm during Advent (*beginning Wednesday, December 1*) for our beautiful Holden Vespers worship, with hymns written by Marty Haugen. This service will be led by Franklyn Vosburg. We anticipate these services will be recorded or live streamed.

**Christmas Eve Worship Services** will be as follows: *4:00 PM* family service; *8:00 PM* candlelight service. There will be *NO 10:30 PM service* this year. Pastor Brad Wolff will be presiding during these services. All are welcome!

**Pastor's Goodbye Journal from our congregation:** This journal will be a gift for Pastor Tim and his family. It has been placed on a podium near the entrance of church until Sunday, December 5th. You are welcome to fill the pages with your goodbye messages to Pastor Tim.

**Toys For Tots:** The holiday season is approaching and we will once again be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. The collection box will be in the narthex as it has been in the past and toys can be dropped off during services or office hours. All donations must be received by December 6th for timely delivery to the Marines. A suggestion list is available near the collection box and on the website. Thank you for your generosity.

**Our Supply Pastors:** Last Sunday's Godspeed service and fellowship for Pastor Tim and his family was bittersweet and vibrant. Smiling faces reconnected, delicious food was shared, and meaningful conversations emanated through the Gathering Area with Pastor. He has already begun his new ministry with Lutheran World Relief and we hope those present and watching online felt lifted spirits and joy from this gathering. You may be wondering who will serve as our Pastor in the coming weeks as we begin this period of transition? Pastor Tim did a wonderful job organizing Supply Pastors to the end of the year. Please find the current Supply Pastor schedule below. We are thankful to these Pastors for the time and the unique perspectives they will bring to our worship. Rev. Steve Wilco, an Associate to Bishop Hazelwood, is guiding Holy Trinity through our pastoral transition. He will also be our Supply Pastor on Sunday, December 19th. After leading us in worship he will present information regarding the Transition and Call Process.

**Supply Pastor Schedule:** Nov. 21 - John Corgan Nov. 28 - George Koch Dec. 5 - Amanda Gerken-Nelson  
Dec. 12 - George Koch Dec. 19 - Steve Wilco Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) - Brad Wolff

**Emergency Pastoral Care:** Please contact Mark in the Church Office if you need of Pastoral Care. Email [office@htelc.com](mailto:office@htelc.com) or call (603)436-1704.

# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

First Sunday of Advent – Sunday, November 28, 2021 — 9:30 a.m.

## Gathering Song

ELW 436

— Please stand as able—

### Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.  
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. composite  
Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai  
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## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

—A brief silence—

P: God for whom we wait,

C: **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ✝ your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C: **Amen.**

## Welcome and Notes on this Service

### 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 alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## 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

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## 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 Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

— Please stand as able—

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 21: 25-36

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with

dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**            *“Waiting for Renewal”*

**—Please be seated—**

### **Prayers of the People**

P: In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God’s presence.

**—A brief silence—**

P: God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: 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.**

P: God of promises kept and new dreams awakened, shelter your people from destructive storms. We pray for those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters, for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, and other relief organizations. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently.  
—**A brief silence**— Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: 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 Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

## **The Passing of the Peace**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Our offering plate is located at the entrance of the Sanctuary. After the service, please make your offering there.

## Offertory Hymn

## Church Choir

## Offertory Prayer

P: Together, let us pray.

**C: God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.**

**Amen.**

## The Celebration of Holy Communion

While we gather during the Pandemic, we will receive communion with a pre-filled communion cup and wafer. Communion cups can be found in the Narthex.

## 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.**

## Words of Institution

**(Sung; response by congregation)**

P: In the night that Jesus was betrayed, by one of his own, He took the bread and blessed it as He said, “here’s my body broken for you.”

He took the cup and raised it up on high, bowed His head and prayed. And then He said, “My blood for you is shed. A cleansing stream to wash your sins away.”

**C: Come and see the glory of the Lord, come behold the Lamb. Come and taste the mercy of the King, bowing down before Him. For He is Lord above the heavens. Lord in all the earth. Lord of all the angels. Worthy to be served. Alleluia. Alleluia. Lord.**

## 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, 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

We will now take 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.

## Sending of Communion

**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.

## Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries

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.

# 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.  
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## **Benediction**

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**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**