

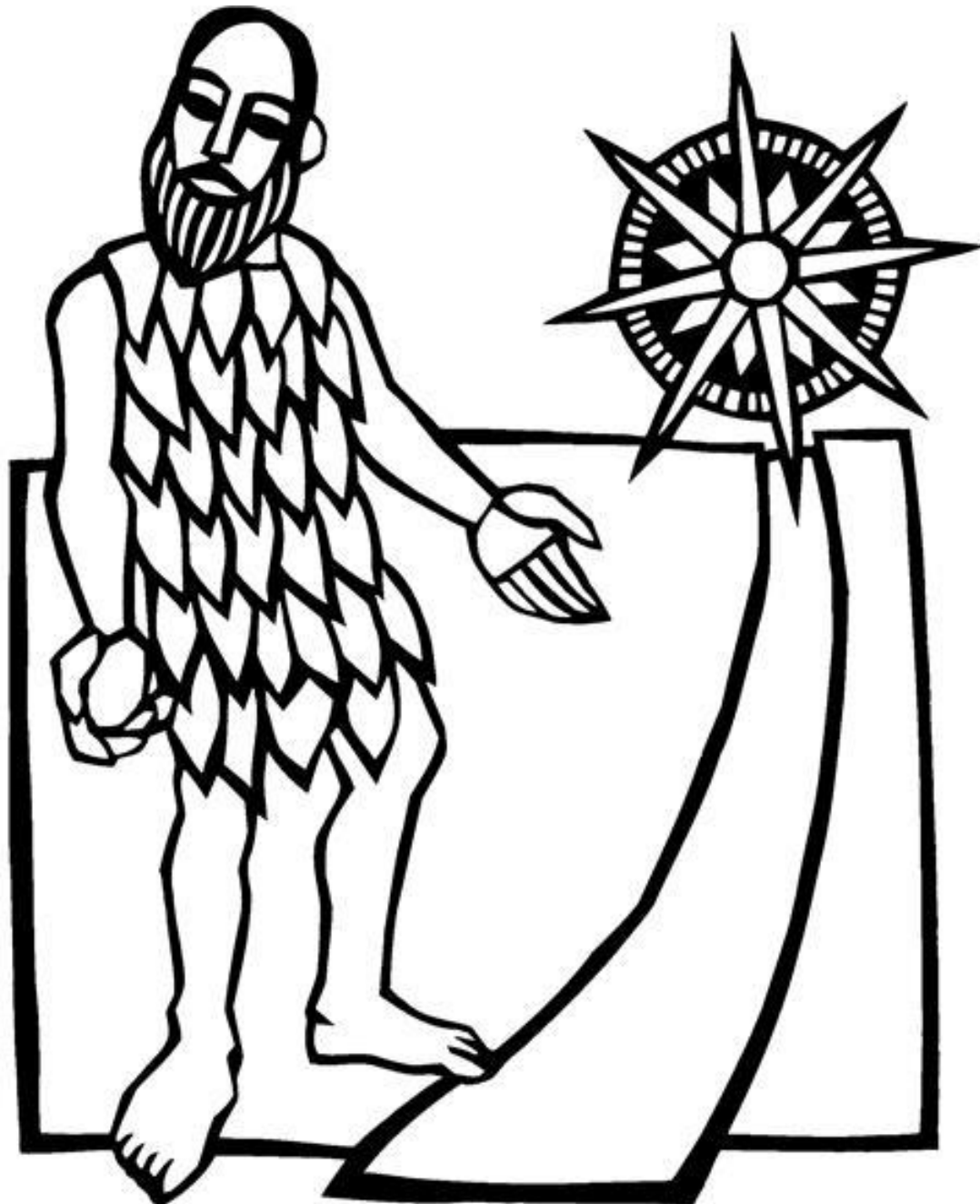


# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



*Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord*

**December 11, 2022 9:30 AM - Third Sunday of Advent**



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# WELCOME

## to Holy Trinity

### 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.*

### December Celebrations!

#### Happy Birthday!

Mark Beliveau, Brian Clement, Kristen Crawford, Mike Cretsa, Donna Elliott, Beth Frede, Ben Frede, Mike Gilmore, Paul Goransson, Angie Kaufmann, David Kuck, Tina Maiorino, Henry Moore, Heidi Scammon, Jill Schock, Byrl Short, Linda Swiatocha, Yvonne Topping, Alice Vosburg

#### Happy Anniversary!

Tom and Susan Duderewicz

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#### 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!

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

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**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.

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**Emergency Pastoral Contact:** If you need a Pastoral Visit, or you're experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact Mark in the Church office and he will provide you with the Contact Pastor information during daytime and after work (emergencies) hours. Email [office@htelc.com](mailto:office@htelc.com) or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

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**Donate to Holy Trinity:** You can place your offering in the offering plate during the service. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you.



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All Worship Services are livestreamed and available to watch on YouTube after the service ends.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Health Issues:** Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, George Parseghian, Sarah Meier, Judy Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Yvonne Topping, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Linda Swiatocha. **Homebound:** Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin, Ron Evers, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom. **Military:** Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

**Friends:** Martha LaPerle (Betty King's friend), Cinda DeWerff (Rich Wilcox's sister), Sage Pirnie (Jessica Feeley's friend's grandchild), Anita Creager (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Susan Fischer (Lois Kfoury's cousin), Katy and Sherry (Shirley Jackson's daughter and sister), Linda Smith and Bill Hutchins (Jill Larson's friends), Geri Sieg (former member of Holy Trinity), Casey Lavoie (Stephanie Goupil's friend), Monica Amundson (Julie Moore's friend), Danielle Elwanger & family (Bobbie Febbo's granddaughter) Linda Aten (Rich Wilcox's sister).

*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).*

## NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love.

## LECTIONARY

**This Week:** Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

**Next Week:** Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Musician(s):** Jon Bock & Ken Galle

**Choir Director:** Ken Galle

**Sound System:** Mark Donahue & Franklyn Vosburg

**Counters:** Julie & Bill Kath

**Liturgical Deacon:** Julie Kath

**Lector:** Gisela Wemple

**Altar Guild:** Joan Bauer

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

### WEDNESDAY, December 14

4:30 PM: Bible Study (*ADVENT TIME CHANGE*)

6:00 PM: Advent Soup Supper

6:30 PM: Holden Evening Prayer

### THURSDAY, December 15

8:30 AM: Property Team

### SUNDAY, December 18

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

10:45PM: Confirmation Class

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

**Sunday, November 27:** 74 (*In-Person*) + 26 (*Online*) = 100

**Sunday, December 4:** 100 (*In-Person*) + 16 (*Online*) = 116

**Offering:** \$4,688.95

**Offering:** \$5,992.40

## Announcements

**Offering Envelopes are available for 2023.** If you had an envelope for 2022, your new envelopes can be found in your congregational mailbox. Additional offering envelopes are available – please speak with the Church Office if you do not have an envelope and would like one.

**Advent Bible Study, Soup Supper, and Holden Evening Prayer:** Lasting through all of Advent, Bible Study will meet at 4:30 PM instead of its usual time. All are welcome to stay after Bible Study for a Soup Supper at 6:00 PM, and Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM. After Christmas, Bible Study will plan on meeting at its regular time. For a full list of all of Holy Trinity's Advent schedule, please see the back cover of this bulletin.

**Lectors Needed for Christmas Day Worship:** On Sunday, December 25, 2022, we will hold a special worship of "A Service of Lessons and Carols". We are looking for at least THREE MORE people who are willing to read at least one passage during that Christmas Morning worship service. Please see Mark Donahue in the Church Office to volunteer to serve. You will get your assigned passage(s) on Thursday, December 22 by email.

**Poinsettia Order Forms** are now available in your bulletins. 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.

**Christmas Eve Worship Service:** Join us on Saturday, December 24 for a wonderful Christmas Eve Worship Service. We will have two worship services:

- **At 4:00 PM, we will have a Family worship service.** This is a fantastic service to bring young children, as they are encouraged to participate during the entire service. We likely will have glow sticks for the children, instead of candles.
- **At 8:00 PM, we will have our Candlelight Eucharistic service.** All are welcome to hear the good news on this Christmas Eve night.

The 8:00 PM service will be livestreamed at 8:00 PM, or available to watch anytime afterwards.

Our 4:00 PM service will be recorded and uploaded to our webpage on Christmas Day, December 25.

**Church Office Help:** The church office is looking to meet with people who have experience with dealing with social service issues, namely help with getting additional resources to help the hungry and the homeless. If you know of any resources in the area who help people in need, or you work in a Social Service field, please speak with Mark Donahue.

## Call Committee Update

Thank you for faithfully praying for the Call Committee every week. Now would be a good time for a quick update. About a month and a half ago we were provided by the NE Synod with the resume of a candidate that the Synod felt matched our needs. The Call Committee interviewed the candidate and we agreed that it looked like a good match. We then started reviewing the candidate's qualifications, sermons and items written by the candidate. As we were getting ready to conduct a follow-up interview, we got word that the candidate had accepted a call to another congregation.

We get one resume at a time from the NE Synod to evaluate. However, any candidate can interview in any and all synods across the country at the same time, and apparently, that's what happened. So we are back to square one. We're hoping to get another recommendation from our Synod of a candidate that is a good match with HTELC, but we're told it won't happen until next month at the earliest. An issue we are facing is that there are many more churches currently looking for pastors than there are pastors available. This gives us more opportunity to appreciate Pastor Luther, who has been a fantastic interim Pastor. Keep praying that God sends the right candidate to us and we will wait on Him for that to happen.

# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Third Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 11, 2022 — 9:30 a.m.*

*Traditional Worship Service*

## Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

— Please stand as able—

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

— Silence is kept for reflection—

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

**Gathering Hymn**                      **ELW 257 v.1-4**                      — Please stand as able—

**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.

## 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.

## Canticle of Praise

ELW 251

— Please remain standing—

### My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness



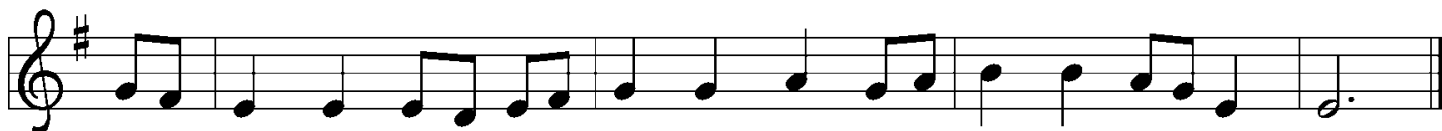
1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!  
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer-cy ev - er flows.  
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.  
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.  
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—  
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low-ly throned in - stead;  
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.  
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.  
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: **Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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

—Please be seated—

L: A reading from Isaiah 35:1-10

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God’s people;  
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.  
<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

L: A reading from Psalm 146:5-10

L: <sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

**C: <sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**

L: <sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who  
hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

**C: <sup>8</sup>The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those  
who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.**

L: <sup>9</sup>The Lord cares for the stranger;  
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of  
the wicked.

**C: <sup>10</sup>The Lord shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

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.

## ELW 240, verse 3

### Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



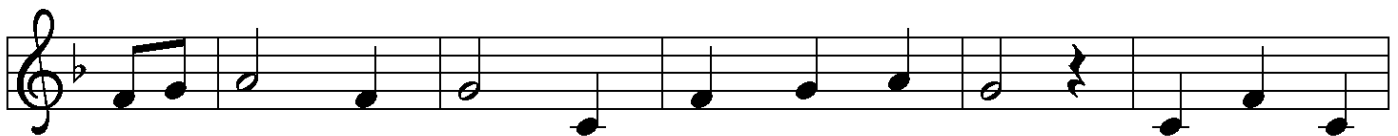
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954  
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune  
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## Gospel Acclamation

## ELW S188

— Please stand as able—



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.



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



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

## Gospel

— Please stand as able—

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew 11:2-11

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

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

—Please be seated—

## The King Shall Come



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phank breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
 and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
 the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

## **Nicene Creed**

**P: Let us confess our faith using the Nicene Creed.**

**C: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

LD: As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

—A brief silence—

LD: Gracious God, we rejoice in the gifts of your Spirit. Equip the global church to magnify your love and peace in every land. We pray for the work of the Lutheran World Federation and ELCA Global Mission. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

LD: Abundant God, we rejoice in your creation. Revive lands we have squandered and depleted. Make gardens flourish in cities and neighborhoods. Cleanse polluted air and water so living things may breathe, drink, and praise you. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

LD: Abiding God, we rejoice in your company. Give us calm and patient hearts as we gather with family and friends. Keep us mindful of those for whom this season is not happy. Console the grieving and surround them with loving support. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

LD: Healing God, we rejoice in your compassion. Comfort any in distress because of worry, illness, or loss. Strengthen and protect health care workers, rescue teams, crisis counselors, and all who risk themselves to keep others safe. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. —A brief silence— God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

LD: We pray for the members of our call committee as they seek to discern, on our behalf, a new leader to guide us in our mission so that we may



move forward together in peace, unity, love and service. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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 Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

LD: God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

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

P: May the peace of the Lord, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them.

## **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 Hymn

## Church Choir

### Offertory Prayer

—Please stand as able—

P: Let us Pray.

**C: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.**

**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 around the altar. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next you may take a pre-filled glass of wine. Please put the glass in the basket by the baptismal font or the lectern. Pre-filled Communion Cups are still available for anyone uncomfortable coming forward to the altar. If you would like to receive communion from the Pastor, but you are unable to come forward, please ask someone to talk to the ushers and we will bring communion to you.

### Dialogue

—Please remain standing—

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.

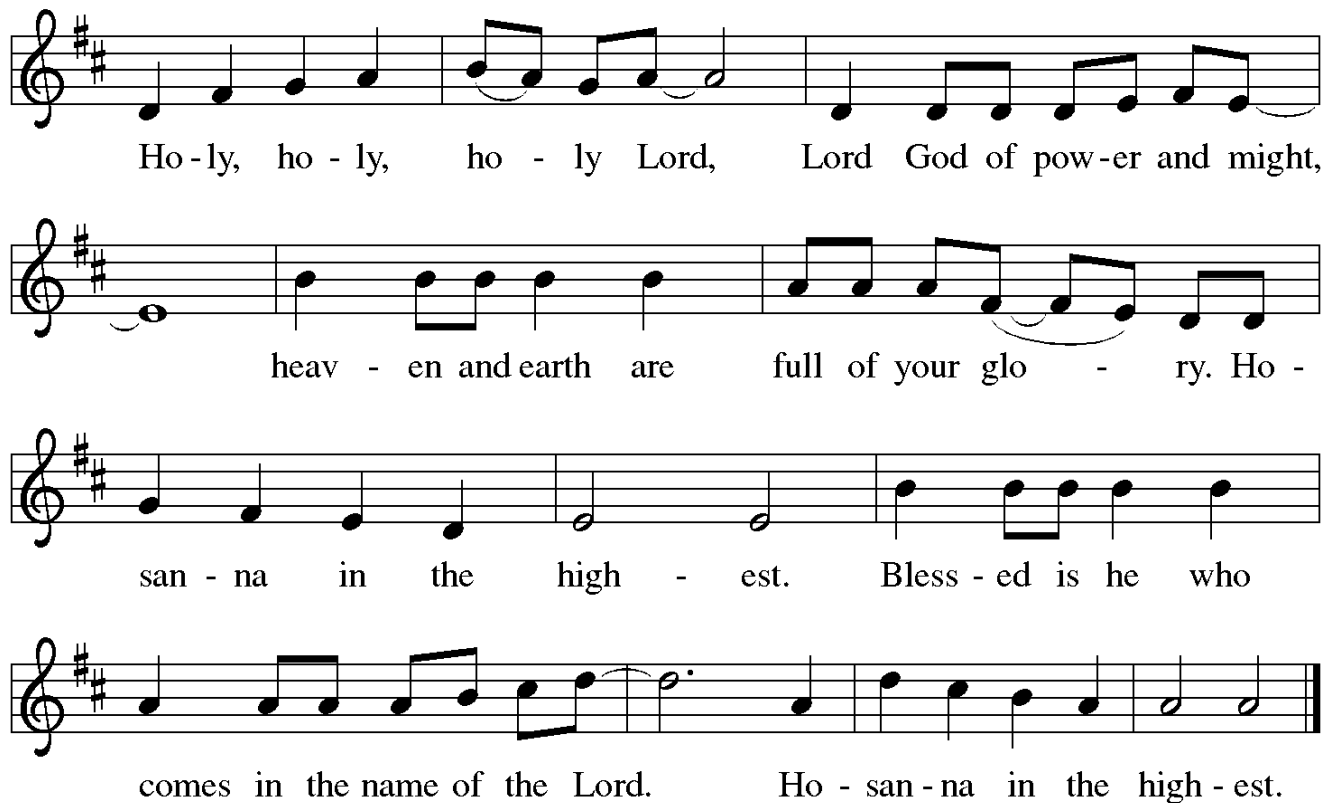
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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 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

## Holy, Holy, Holy

—pg. 173—



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

**P:** Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P:** With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P:** Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P:** All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## 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

P: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

## Communion

— Please be seated—

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion. While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day.


# The Breaking of the Bread

— Please remain standing—

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;




you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.


## Communion Hymns:

Communion Hymn #1: ELW 494

### For the Bread Which You Have Broken



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631

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## Taste and See

*Refrain – All*



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*Leader or All*



1 I will bless the Lord at all times.  
 2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . . me.  
 3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;  
 To - geth - er let us all . . . . praise God's name.  
 You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;  
 I called the Lord, . . who an - swered me;  
 Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

*Refrain*



for God has been so good to me.  
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.  
 in God we need put all our trust.

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.

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## We Who Once Were Dead



1 We who once were dead now live, fully know - ing Je - sus  
 2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us  
 3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him  
 4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver - flow - ing when he breaks the bread.  
 strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.  
 we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.  
 then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

5 Jesus, you were dead,  
 but you rose and, living,  
 made yourself our bread,  
 in your goodness giving  
 life though we were dead.

6 This is your design;  
 in this meal we meet you.  
 Be our bread and wine,  
 Jesus, we entreat you.  
 This shall be our sign.

Text: Muus Jacobse, 1909–1972; tr. composite

Music: MIDDEN IN DE DOOD, Rik Veelenturf, b. 1936

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# SENDING

## The Prayer after Communion

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** **God for whom we wait, in this meal you give 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 and Lord.**

**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.

## Blessing

**—Please stand as able—**

Pastor Zeigler will now lead a blessing for the end of our worship service, leading into our Sending Hymn.

# To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
 2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
 3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
 poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
 all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
 peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
 right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
 love ex - pressed,  
 church, re - joice,

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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## Dismissal

LD: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

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# Advent and Christmas Eve

## **Midweek Worship.**

Bible Study moves to 4:30 PM every Wednesday during Advent.

Soup and Supper at 6:00 PM

Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

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## **Christmas Eve Worship: Sat. December 24**

4:00 PM (Family Service)

8:00 PM (Eucharistic Service)

**Christmas Day Worship: 9:30 AM.** A service of lessons and carols.

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**New Hampshire Gay Men's Choir:** Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 PM, at Holy Trinity. Purchase tickets ahead of time on their website: **NHGMC.org**

**"A Calumet Christmas Carol"** will be a LIVE broadcast event on Zoom and Facebook taking place on December 17. More information here: **calumet.org/achristmascarol**

