



Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

December 10, 2023 9:30 AM - Second 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!

Pam Shaw, Jerry Schock, Patrick Roberts, George Parseghian, Annika Mellor, Erlinde Beliveau, Steve Bush, Dick Topping, Shirley Jackson, Fran Mallon, Lena Olsson, Dave Reinhard, Brett Larson, George Saufley, Robert Refsdal, Linda Marshall, and Richard Anderson

Happy Anniversary!

Peter & Lynda Johnson, Karen Gerome & husband, David & Mary Kuck, and Jeff & Heidi Morrison.

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!

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.

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.

Office Hours & Pastoral Emergencies:

Church Office: *Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm*

Pastor's Office: *Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons*

If you need a Pastoral Visit, or experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact the Church Office and we will connect you with our Pastor as soon as possible. Email office@htelc.com or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

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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PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Operbecke, Alice Peterson, Bob Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Richard Anderson, Dave Smith, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Shirley Jackson. **Homebound:** Carol Saufleay, Barbara Werdelin, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom, Judy Hollister, Jean Klein, Steve Bush. **Military:** Josh Bretz, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot, Ian Connors.

Partners in Ministry: ELCA, New England Synod, Ismani Congregation in Tanzania, Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Church, Ascentria Care Alliance, Camp Calumet, Operation Blessing, Crossroads, Dover Friendly Kitchen, Good News Garage, Seacoast Family Promise, Salvation Army, & Lutheran World Relief.

Friends: Carol Dumican (friend of Bobbie Febbo), Scott Andrade (Bobbie Febbo's friend), Phil Cahners (Bobbie Febbo's son-in-law), David Roth (Bonnie Sanders' brother), Janis (friend of Eileen & Cark Kackenmeister).

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

LECTIONARY

This Week: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Next Week: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock & Ken Galle

Choir Director: Ken Galle

Greeters: Frank Moore, Rebeca Schrumm, Henry Moore, and Ellie Moore.

Liturgical Deacon: Alice Vosburg

Lector: Byrl Short

Sound System & Live Stream: Rey Bororing, Franklyn Vosburg, and Nathan Goupil.

Altar Guild: Pam Shaw

Ushers: Lane Olson & Molly Goupil

Counters: Dave Smith & Angie Sihombing

Fellowship Set-Up: Erlinde B., Lois L. & Betty S.

Fellowship Clean-Up: Pam Shaw

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, December 13

9:30 AM: Bible Study

THURSDAY, December 14

9:00 AM: Property Team

SUNDAY, December 17

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

10:30 AM: New Member Class

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, November 26:	104 (In-Person) + (No Livestream) = 104	Offering: \$3,703.85
Sunday, December 3:	97 (In-Person) + 15 (Online) = 112	Offering: \$5,919.70

Announcements

Altar Flowers have been placed by the Altar by Peter & Lynda Johnson, in honor of their 52nd Wedding Anniversary. Happy Anniversary!!

In Memory of Ron Evers: Ron Evers passed away peacefully on the morning of Thursday, November 30. His granddaughter Stephanie wrote to the church: *"He was finally comfortable enough and at peace to pass."* Ron served our church as a counter, alongside Nancy Johnson, who passed in 2019. There will be no service for Ron, and the family appreciates our prayers as they say goodbye to Ron.

Mark will be out of the office today, December 10. He will return to the office tomorrow.

Indonesian Support Adult Forum: After church we are going to have an important adult forum on getting an update on our indo brothers and sisters and what is going on in their congregation, in particular in their hopes to call a new Pastor and to work through the very difficult immigration process to bring Pastor Esther to New Hampshire. This requires a little financial support from our congregation. This forum will be recorded and posted to our webpage tomorrow.

Children's Activity: After Worship, from 10:40-11:30, children are invited to an Advent activity with Lara Scammon and our youth in the back classroom (down the long hall). We will enjoy the story of Jesus' birth and share a snack. Please also look on the front table for a collection of family Advent activities to enjoy at home.

Christmas Eve Worship: Please note the schedule for the Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve, on Sunday, December 24, 2023.

In the morning, at 9:30 AM, we plan on observing the Fourth Sunday of Advent with a short "Service of the Word". This service will be led by Pastor Pam Brouker. It will just be several short readings and prayers, with no communion or hymns. This service will *not* be livestreamed.

At 5:00 PM, join Pastor Luther Zeigler for our Family-centered Christmas Eve service. This service will be kid-focused, but a great worship service for anyone of all ages! At our children's tables, will be several age-appropriate Christmas-themed activities for your child to enjoy. There will be no communion at this service. This service will be recorded and posted online on Christmas Day.

At 8:00 PM, we will have our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, led by Pastor Luther Zeigler. Together we will sing our favorite Christmas Hymns, read about the birth of Jesus, including a candlelit hymn of "Silent Night". This service will be livestreamed.

Dover Friendly Kitchen will be on Tuesday, December 26 at 3:45 PM. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Dover. Volunteers are welcome to help support this important ministry. Additionally, please drop off cookies with the Church Office by noon on the same day. Please speak to Bonnie Sanders for more info.

Advent Schedule: Beginning on Wednesday, December 6, and 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 5:30 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.

Offering Envelopes: Please pick up your envelopes at the table in the Gathering Area. Dan Scammon will be available if you still need offering envelopes, but did not request them yet.

Christmas Giving: This year's holiday giving opportunity will benefit teens served by Operation Blessing. From November 26th until December 17th, we will be collecting gift cards from local stores such as Kohl's, Old Navy, Walmart or the Fox Run mall. This is not a definitive list by any means, but the store should be accessible in the local area, perhaps even on the Coast bus route. Any dollar amount is appreciated. Please drop cards in an envelope, with the dollar amount indicated, in the box in the office. Thank you for your generosity.

Calumet Lutheran Ministries, partnering together with First Christian Church in Freedom and Nativity Lutheran in North Conway, will present a Lessons & Carols experience on December 16 at the Oasis, Calumet's newest meeting space located directly behind the Conference Center. The event is a follow-up to 2022's very successful "A Calumet Christmas Carol" which was a re-telling of the Dickens classic. **"It's Our Story ... (And We're Stickin' To It)"** will be a wondrous experience that includes story-telling and musical expressions that are anchored in who we are as people of God. The story -- the story that is and has been and will be ours to tell -- is that of Jesus the Savior who is coming in (and is always coming in) to the world. At about 6:55 PM on December 16, you'll make your way to Calumet's YouTube Channel (Boom Chicka Tube) or simply head to Calumet's Facebook page.

Calumet Women's Retreat: Mark your new 2024 calendars (or jot it in your electronic calendar) with next year's date for the women's retreat... March 1-3. This is ADDITION to the opportunity to enjoy an Adult's weekend at Calumet which will be planned for a different weekend. Calumet is a wonderful place to enjoy an outdoor setting, fellowship, good food and great conversations. We will start planning and sign ups in January 2024. Questions, contact Leslie Carson.

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Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P: Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again. You fasten righteousness around your waist and baptize with Holy Spirit's fire. Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames, and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare. We ask that peace abound, until none hurt or destroy all over earth.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

—Please stand as able—

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.
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P: God of all time,

C: we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

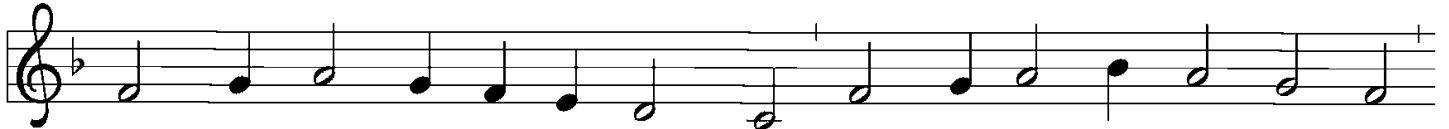
P: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In + Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

C: Amen.

Comfort, Comfort Now My People



1 “Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!” So says our God.
 2 For the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row’s load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God’s ho - ly reign.



To God’s peo - ple now pro-claim that God’s par - don waits for them!
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
 Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum - ble fa - vor.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God’s word is nev - er bro - ken.

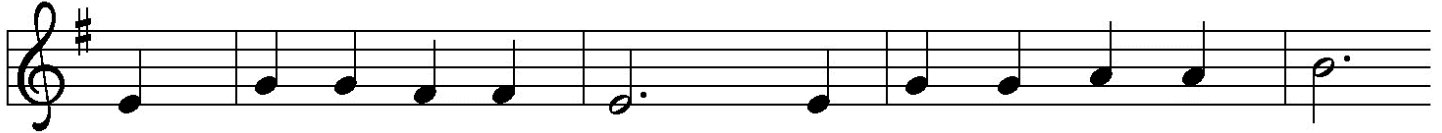
Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseauxes de David*, Geneva, 1551

Greeting

P: 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.**



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; 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 40:1-11

¹Comfort, O comfort my people,
 says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,

and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

⁶A voice says, “Cry out!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,

“Here is your God!”

¹⁰See, the Lord God comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead the mother sheep.

L: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

L: Please join me in reading the Psalm responsively.

L: ¹You have been gracious to your land, O Lord;

you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**C: ²You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.**

L: ⁸I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**C: ⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

L: ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

C: ¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

L: ¹²The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

C: ¹³**Righteousness shall go before the Lord
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Children's Message

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

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 Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 1:1-8

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

— Please be seated—

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

Nicene Creed

LD: 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: With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

— **A brief silence**—

LD: Send forth your faithful people with words of promise and forgiveness. Teach your church to be bold in revealing your good news in word and in deed. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: Reveal your majesty in mountain peaks, flowing rivers, and blossoming wilderness roads. Heal the earth where it longs for renewal. Bring wholeness to the earth and all its creatures. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: Turn the hearts of the nations toward righteousness and peace. Increase cooperation for justice between countries, commonwealths, political parties, and diplomatic leaders. In times of prosperity, direct leaders to be generous for the sake of all. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: Comfort your people with tender words of love and healing. Surround all who are grieving, all who know depression or anxiety, or all who feel lonely or forgotten. Be a steadfast presence when all else feels uncertain. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. — **A brief silence**— Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the New England Synod, and their leaders. We also pray for all of our partners in mission and ministry, locally and abroad. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: Grant holy patience to all who are waiting this season. Give hope to those seeking employment. Bring reassurance to people awaiting new diagnoses or treatments. Protect expectant parents. Watch with those who keep bedside vigil. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.

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.

Choir Anthem

Offertory Song

ELW 466

—Please stand as able—

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward. The offerings will be brought to the altar during this hymn.

In the Singing



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Refrain
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: **Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith may shine ever new and our lives reveal your light.**

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.

Sursum Corda

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.

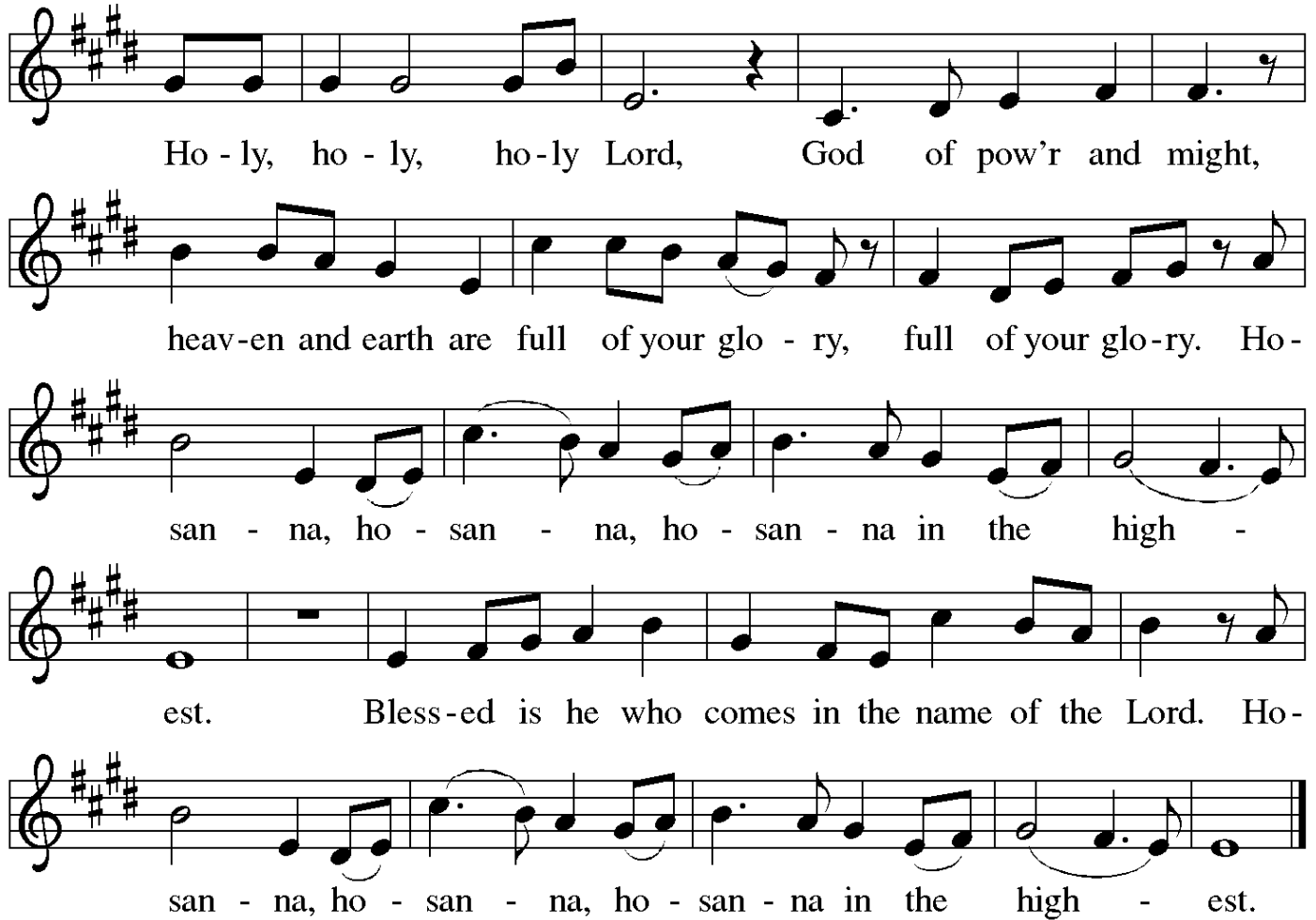
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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...

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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.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

**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

P: Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast of salvation.

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

Communion Hymns

— Please be seated—

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day. To follow along with the Communion Hymns, please locate the cranberry Hymnal under your seats.

ELW 479 – We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 494 – For the Bread Which you Have Broken

ELW 483 – Here is Bread

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Prayer after Communion

—Please stand as able—

P: Let us pray.

C: **God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

SENDING

Rites of Passage and Announcements

—Please be 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.

Blessing

—Please stand as able—

Pastor Luther will lead our congregation with a Blessing.

P: May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. And may Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

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—Please stand as able—

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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Dismissal

—Please remain standing—

LD: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



A D V E N T

Advent Soup & Supper (5:30)

Holden Evening Prayer (6:30)

Wednesdays during Advent

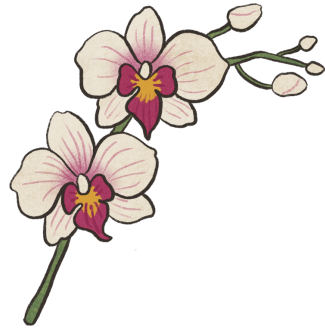
Beginning December 6



“Indonesian Support”

Adult Forum

Sunday, December 10



New Member Class

Sunday, December 17



Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, December 24

9:30 AM - Service of the Word

5:00 PM - Family Service

8:00 PM - Candlelight Service

