

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of the Holy Trinity  
Greenville, Pennsylvania*

*The Third Sunday of Advent  
December 12, 2021*

**Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!** If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

**Invitation to Communion:** Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

**Procedure for Communing:** We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.

**Gluten-free wafers are available; let Pastor know when you come forward to receive.**

**Liturgy of Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.**

*The assembly's responses are in bold type.*

*(Please remember to turn off your cell phone. Thank you.  
We prepare in prayer and holy silence.)*

**Significance of the Day:** The presence of the Lord “in your midst” in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the Lord in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one “more powerful” than John, even with his winnowing fork in his hand, is good news – and cause for exultation – for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

*Gathering*

Prelude      Hymn Variation on      *He Came Down*      (Lasky)

Greeting and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who alone does wonders,  
who lifts up the lowly,  
who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**  
Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God for whom we wait,  
**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.**

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. **Amen.**

*(The assembly stands as the hymn begins.)*

*The Gathering Song*

*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.

### Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Blessing of the Advent Wreath

We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath  
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.  
As we light the candles on this wreath,  
strengthen our hearts  
as we await the Lord's coming in glory.  
Enlighten us with your grace,  
that we may serve our neighbors in need.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord,  
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.  
**Amen.**

## Hymn Response: Light Three Candles (*Assembly will sing third stanza*)



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles 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.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.  
Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

## *Word*

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

A reading from Zephaniah:

14 Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

15 The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

17 The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
18 as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

19 I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

20 At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6

*(Psalm will be sung responsively by verse. Refrain follows verse 6.)*



2 Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be  
afraid,  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might,  
and has become | my salvation.

3 **With joy you | will draw water  
from the wells | of salvation.**

4 And you will say in that day:  
Give thanks to the LORD, call | on God's name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD among the  
nations;  
proclaim that this name | is exalted.

5 **Sing praises to the LORD, who has done | gloriously;  
let this be known in | all the earth**

6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,  
For great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel. **(R)**



A reading from Philippians:

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

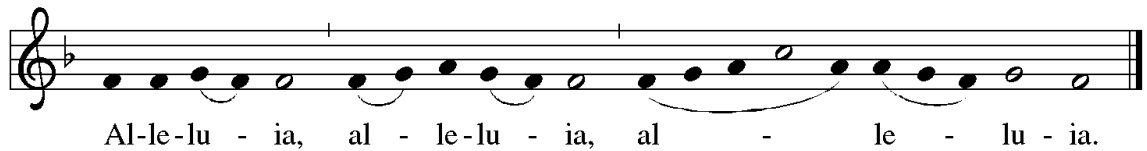
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(The assembly stands.)*

Gospel Acclamation

*(Choir sings Alleluia; Assembly repeats Alleluia)*



*Alleluia.* I am sending my messen- | ger before you,\* who will prepare your | way before you. *Alleluia.* (Matt. 11:10)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(The reading of the Gospel.)*

7 John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 9 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

10 And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” 11 In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” 12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” 13 He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” 14 Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

Hymn of the Day

When Jesus Came to Jordan



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,  
 2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
 for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
 this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
 So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Presentation

*Candidate for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.*

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words:*

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*Sponsors present the candidate:*

I present Elizabeth Frances for baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring the child:*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Elizabeth baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

As you bring her to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer,  
so that she may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Elizabeth grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Elizabeth in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support Elizabeth and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**We do.**

*The assembly stands.*

## Profession of Faith

*The presiding minister addresses the candidate for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors. The assembly may join in the responses.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the

faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

*Water may be poured into the font.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

**Blessed be God now and forever.**

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

**Blessed be God now and forever.**

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God now and forever.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

Baptism

Elizabeth, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*After the baptism, the assembly responds:*

**Blessed be God, the source of all life,  
the word of salvation,  
the spirit of mercy.**

*Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized may receive a baptismal garment.*

*The presiding minister continues:*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:*  
Sustain Elizabeth with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.*

Elizabeth, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

Welcome

*A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:*

Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**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.**

*Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.*

### Prayers of Intercession

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence, responding, Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, renew your church and raise up leaders who announce your good news. Grant peace to congregations and seminarians in the midst of transition. Guide the work of candidacy and call committees. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, musicians, worship leaders and teachers. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, your Spirit brought forth the earth and all that is in it. Breathe life into us, that we are inspired to live in harmony with one another and the planet. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Shepherding God, you lead your people in paths of righteousness. Raise up prophets in our own day who warn against captivity to greed and point us to the freedom found in generosity. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing God, you come near in times of worry and need. Cradle us in your arms, that we trust you and are not afraid. Attend to any who are hungry, imprisoned, or ill this day. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing God, you exult over us in singing. Enliven the song of this assembly and bless the ministry of church musicians. With instruments and dance, join our voices to the song of all creation. Welcome baby Elizabeth into your family of faith as she is brought to the waters of baptism. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**



We give you thanks for your servants who showed us your goodness and grace, especially Sunny. By the power of your Spirit, keep us steadfast in faith until we make our home with you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Are there others for whom we should pray?

Pastor: 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.

**Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*(The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying, "Peace be with you. And also with you.")*

*(The assembly is seated.)*

*Meal*

Offering

Music during the Offering

Interlude on Lucet

(Cherwien)

Offering Verse

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

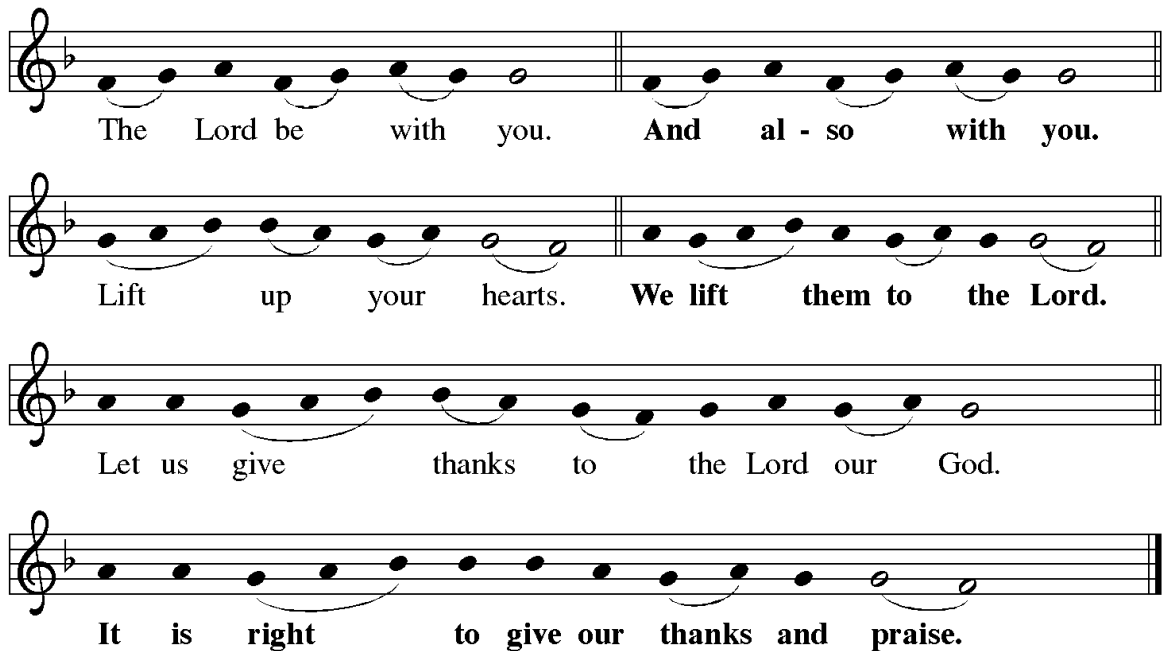
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## Offering Prayer

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.**

## Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

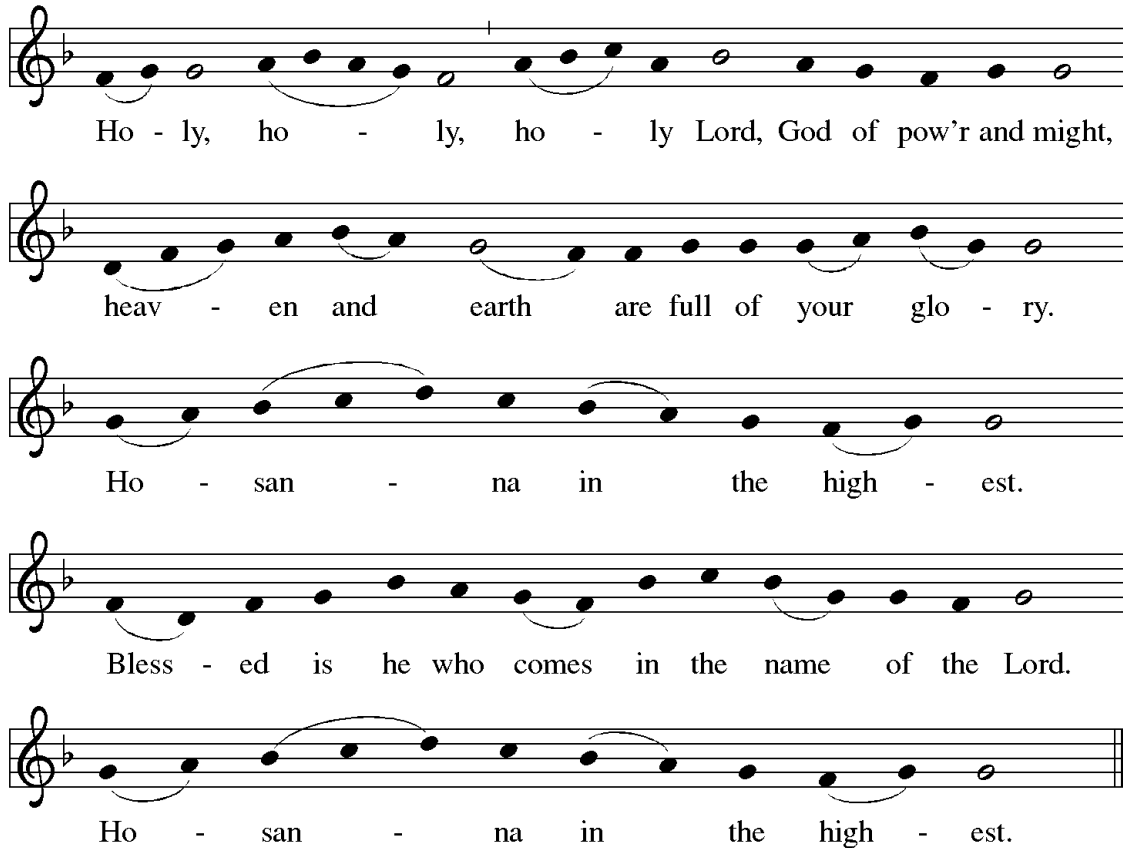
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, the Beginning and the End,  
our Salvation and our Hope,  
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.  
When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,  
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.  
At this end of the ages  
your Son Jesus came to bring us your love  
and to heal all the suffering world.

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.

For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await his coming again  
in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us  
and on this bread and wine we share:  
strengthen our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through Christ all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
now and forever.



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of Bread

They will come from East and West, and from North and South, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

## Lamb of God

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. A - men.

## The Communion of the Faithful

***Procedure for Communing:*** We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.

*(Following the Communion the assembly stands for the blessing.)*

Anthem

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn

(Schalk)

As the dark awaits the dawn,  
so we await your light.  
O Star of promise, scatter night,  
loving bright, loving bright,  
till shades of fear are gone.

As the blue expectant hour  
before the silv'ring skies,  
we long to see your day arise,  
whole and wise, whole and wise,  
unto your holy dawn.

As the moon reflects the sun  
until the night's decrease,  
may we your healing light release,  
living peace, living peace,  
unto your holy dawn.

Shine your future on this place,  
enlighten ev'ry guest,  
that through us stream your holiness,  
bright and blest, bright and blest;  
come dawn, O Sun of grace.

Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and  
preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.**



Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.  
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*

Our Prayer for These Times

**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.** (*Sung*)

Sending Hymn

Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Dismissal Go in peace. Christ is coming.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Variation on Chesterfield

(Dykstra)

**Serving Tonight**

**Presiding Minister** ..... Pastor Brenda Martin  
**Pianist** ..... Maidene Hackett  
**Liturgical Deacon** ..... Linda Armstrong

**Serving Today**

**Presiding Minister** ..... Pastor Brenda Martin  
**Organist** ..... Maidene Hackett  
**Liturgical Deacon** ..... Jane McCall  
**Communion Assistant** ..... Nancy McLaughlin  
**Lector** ..... Don Achenbach  
**Acolyte** ..... Jackson Weaver  
**Head Usher** ..... Linda Armstrong  
**Altar Guild** ..... The Martin family

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**Pastors in residence:**

**The Rev. Martin Roth**, Pastor Emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
**The Rev. Julia Fraser**, chaplain at St. Paul Homes  
**The Rev. Brian Riddle**, Thiel College Campus Pastor  
**The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson**, retired, Thiel College

**Attendance** at the Saturday, December 4, 5:30 p.m. Service: 18. Attendance at the Sunday, December 5, 2021, 9:30 a.m. Service: 50. Total: 68.

### Altar Flowers

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by in honor of Garrett's birthday by his parents Todd and Tammy Daniello and his brother Dalton Daniello

The flowers in the columbarium have been given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bob on his birthday and our anniversary by Nancy Ullstrom.

### **This Week at Holy Trinity**

#### **Sunday December 12, 2021** *Third Sunday of Advent*

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 10:45 a.m. SCS and Confirmation Classes
- 1:30 p.m. Blue Christmas Service
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

#### **Monday December 13, 2021**

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

#### **Tuesday December 14, 2021**

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

#### **Wednesday December 15, 2021**

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Evening Vespers

#### **Thursday December 16, 2021**

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion
- 5:00 p.m. Officers Planning Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (Zoom)

#### **Friday December 17, 2021**

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

#### **Saturday December 18, 2021**

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken)

## Upcoming Events

### **Sunday December 19, 2021** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion  
NO SCS or Confirmation Classes  
HANGING OF THE GREENS
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

### **Monday December 20, 2021**

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

### **Tuesday December 21, 2021**

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Congregational Council Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

### **Wednesday December 22, 2021**

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Evening Vespers

### **Thursday December 23, 2021**

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion
- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (Zoom)

### **Friday December 24, 2021**

- 7:00 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 10:45 p.m. Pre-Service Music
- 11:00 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

### **Saturday December 25, 2021**

- 10:45 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion  
NO SATURDAY PM SERVICE

## **Twelfth Night Celebration**

Twelfth Night Celebration: The 34rd annual Twelfth Night Party will begin at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Brath Hall will be festively decorated to celebrate the final night of the 12 days of Christmas and the close of the Christmas season. You are invited to enjoy music, poetry, the singing of carols, with food and fellowship. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. There will be a reservation form available next week to indicate which items you would like to prepare for the festivities. Plan to come and share in this lovely, moving, Twelfth Night tradition.

## Advent Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer began on **Monday, November 29** and will conclude on **Thursday, December 23** in the choir pews. It begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 8:50 a.m. Please use the rear parking lot door for entry. Take this opportunity for quiet reflection at the beginning of your day as a way of making spiritual preparation during Advent.

## Offering Envelopes Available

Offering envelopes for 2022 are now available in the narthex. Please stop and pick up your box. If you see your family members' boxes or a neighbor's and can drop them off, please take them as well.

### **Please Pray For**

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before you call the office. Thanks.

### **Health and Healing:**

Rylan Walberg (friend of the Weaver family)	Cathy Anderson (daughter of Betty K. Junk)
Josh Gelvin (friend of Ray and Catherine Richardson)	Tillie Schell
Phil Kennedy (friend of John Logan)	Danica (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Doug Moon (friend of John Logan)	Bonnie Gratzmiller (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Judi Moinet	Henry Heil
Irlean Dragen (mother of Billie Hollenbaugh)	Donnie Littelle (friend of Rich & Denise Hall)
Sandy Kimmel (cousin of Janet Kunczt)	Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)
Henry Mueller (husband of Peg Browning)	Donnie K. (friend of Wayne and Darla Swift)
John and Carrie Brooks (cousins of Janet Kunczt)	Marie (sister-in-law of Henry and Ruth Heil)
Bill Eggar (friend of Barbara Swartz)	Lori McCann
Lisa Barrett (sister of Rusty Saverino)	Jim Shaffer
Marie Eaves	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Paul Yoos	Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)
Dave Hollenbaugh	Carl Long
Barbara Swartz	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher and Beth Harpst)
	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

**Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:**

Maude Ann Fisher (friend of John Logan and Betty K. Junk)

Bill Dunn (brother of Beth and Ed, nephew of Warren and Pat Roth)

Sunny Wilt

Jerry Hall (brother of Rich and Denise Hall)

**In Military Service**

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)

Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)

Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)

CDR Ryan Leary, USN, Operation Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)

Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)