



# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Loving, Witnessing and Growing through God's Grace*



# ADVENT

*A Season of Preparation*

***Holy Trinity's Mission:  
Loving, Witnessing and Growing through God's Grace***

**Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church!**

We celebrate and share God's gifts by worshipping together, caring for each other, and doing God's work in the community and beyond. We believe that Christ has made us one body with many members, sharing in God's grace and unconditional love.

We joyfully welcome ALL people, without exception — of every age, sex, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, or of anything else that divides us — to join with us in worship, learning, fellowship, prayer and service.

*"For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ...there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:26, 28*

If you are a guest, please fill out one of the welcome cards and place it in the offering plate or hand to the ushers, so we know how we can be of service to you. Following worship, please stay for coffee and conversation!

**Blessings,  
The People of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

- + *Restrooms are located in Beilstein Hall.*
- + *Childcare is available downstairs most Sundays.*
- + *Changing tables are in the nursery downstairs and in Beilstein Hall. If you need directions, please speak to an usher.*
- + *Large print editions of the bulletin are available from the ushers.*

**Worship Notes:**

Throughout this bulletin, the designation Page refers to the liturgical material at the beginning of the hymnal, and Hymn refers to the hymns printed in the rest of the hymnal. Liturgical directions, known as rubrics, are printed in italics; the ministers' part is printed in normal font; and the congregation's part is printed in **bold** text. An asterisk (\*) indicates to stand as able.

God's grace and love are gifts to all. All are welcome to the receive Holy Communion. We commune by placing bread (regular or gluten-free) in your hands. You can dip it into the chalice of wine or you may eat the bread and take a sip of non-alcoholic wine from the chalice. If you do not partake of Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing.

If you would like to know more, we invite you to schedule a time to speak with the pastor about the meaning of the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

# Gathering+Word+Table+Sending

## Welcome

## Prelude

### \*Invocation

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be God's name forever.**

**Amen.**

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.  
Let us confront our sins,  
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

God of new beginnings,

**we confess that we have not welcomed your holy  
reign.**

**We have strayed from your paths.**

**We prepare for war instead of peace.**

**We dishonor one another and your creation.**

**Purify us with your refining fire**

**and set us again on your way of love,**

**that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,**

**and welcome your coming among us.**

**Amen.**

People of God,

a new thing is growing in our midst,

a tender branch,

a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on + Christ,

and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

**Amen.**

## Worship Notes

*We follow a 4 fold pattern  
of worship: Gathering,  
Word, Table, and  
Sending*

*+ indicates making the  
sign of the cross  
\* Please Stand*

*The **Prelude** is meant for  
us to prepare our minds  
and hearts for worship*

*The word "**invocation**" is  
taken from the Latin  
word "invocare" which  
means "to call in" or  
"invoke."*

*Through out scripture we  
are commanded to  
confess our sin and  
receive God's forgiveness  
See: 1 John 1:8-9*

**\*Gathering Song** (See insert for hymn #)

See: Psalm 149:1-4

**\*Lighting Advent Wreath**

**\*Apostolic Greeting**

See: Luke 1:28  
2 Corinthians 13:13-14

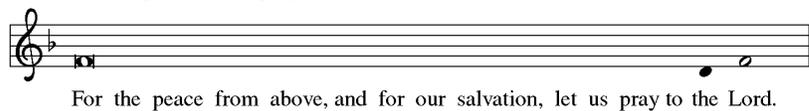
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie**

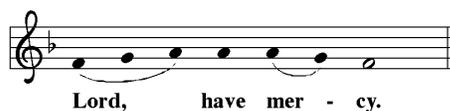
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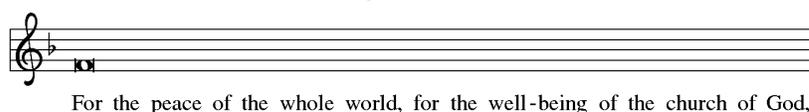
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



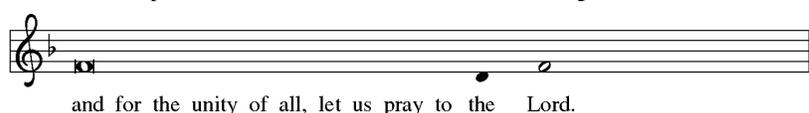
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



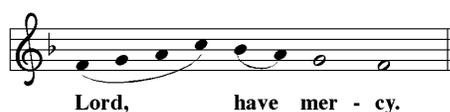
Lord, have mer - cy.



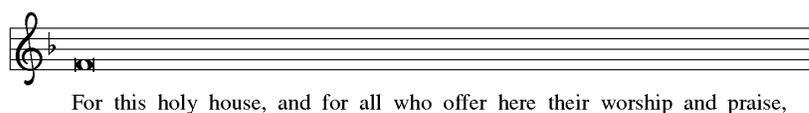
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



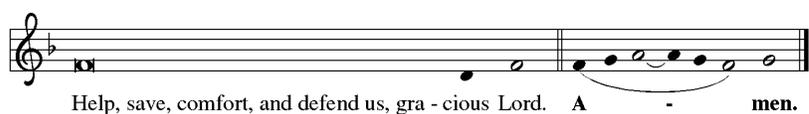
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

*Kyrie Elison* means, "Lord have mercy" and has been used in worship services since the 5th century  
See: Mark 10:47

**\*Gloria**

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*Gloria in Excelsis Deo* means, "Glory to God in the highest" and has been used in worship services since the 6th century.  
See: Luke 2:14

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**\*Prayer of the Day** (See insert)

Gathering+**Word**+Table+Sending

**First Reading** (See insert)

**Psalm** (See insert)

**Second Reading** *(See insert)*

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

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*See: John 6:68*

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.

**\*Gospel** *(See insert)*

The holy gospel according to...  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn of the Day** *(See insert)*

**\*Apostles' Creed**

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

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

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

We are currently in Year A of our lectionary readings from the Revised Common Lectionary. This year most Gospel readings will be from Matthew.

Both the **Hymn of the Day** and **Apostles' Creed** are responses to hearing God's Word. We listen to God's Word and respond in faith.

The Apostles' Creed started to appear in 390A.D.

It is Trinitarian in the three articles: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

*(After each petition)*  
God, in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

**\*Peace**

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

**Parish Announcements**

*See: 1 Timothy 2:1-4*

**Passing the Peace** is blessing others with the peace of Christ. All may greet one another by saying, "Peace be with you."

**Gathering+Word+Table+Sending**

**Offering**

**\*Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.  
Eternal God,  
**you make the desert bloom  
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.  
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,  
and make us messengers of your mercy and love  
for all in need of your healing and justice.  
We ask this through Christ our Savior.  
Amen.**

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

## \*The Great Thanksgiving

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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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold. The first staff contains two measures of music. The second staff contains two measures. The third and fourth staves each contain a single measure of music.

See: 2 Timothy 4:22

See: Colossians 3:1

See: Psalm 136

## \*Preface

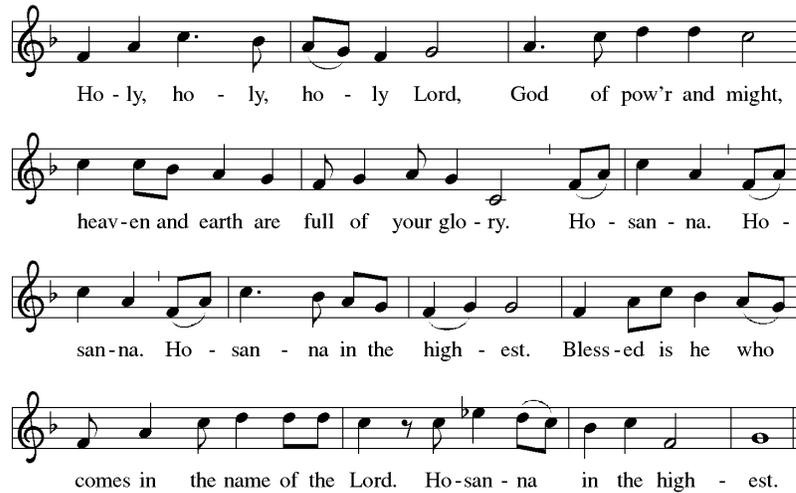
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful  
God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

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

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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. 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 in the high - est.

Also called **Sanctus**,  
meaning holy.

See: *Isaiah 6:3* and  
*Matthew 21:9*

## \*Words of Institution

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.

See: *Matthew 26:26-28*;  
*Mark 14:22-24*; *Luke*  
*22:19-20*; *1 Corinthians*  
*11:23-25*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## \*The Lord's Prayer

See: Matthew 6:9-13

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

All are welcome to receive Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead please come forward with your arms crossed.

## Lamb of God

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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.

Also called **Agnus Dei**, meaning Lamb of God.  
See: *John 1:29*

## Communion

See *insert Communion hymns*

### **\*Blessing After Communion**

May the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ  
bless you and keep you always in His grace.

**Amen.**

### **\*Prayer After Communion**

Faithful God,  
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,  
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of  
Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises  
will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this  
holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future,  
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gathering+Word+Table+Sending**

### **\*Benediction**

God the eternal Word,  
who dwells with us in Jesus,  
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen**

### **\*Sending Song** *(see insert)*

### **\*Dismissal**

Go in peace to love, witness, and grow through God's  
grace!

**Thanks be to God and we will!**

### **Postlude**