



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Loving, Witnessing and Growing through God's Grace



Advent, Christmas, & Epiphany

***Holy Trinity's Mission:
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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.*
- + *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:

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 receive Holy Communion. If you do not partake of Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing.

Gathering+Word+Table+Sending

Welcome

Prelude

*Invocation

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who opens the heavens
and draws near to us with salvation.

Amen.

*Confession and Forgiveness

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to
repentance.

Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Everlasting God,

you love justice and you hate wrongdoing.

**We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness
that make us reluctant to work against oppression.**

We are complicit in systems of exploitation.

We choose comfort over courage.

We are careless with creation's bounty.

Look upon us with mercy.

Turn our hearts again to you.

**Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways
for the sake of our waiting world.**

Amen.

Hear these words of assurance:

God clothes you with garments of salvation
and covers you with robes of righteousness.

In the tender compassion of † Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

God's covenant is eternal,
and God's blessing rests upon us all.

Amen.

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

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."

Throughout
scripture we are
commanded to
confess our sin
and receive
God's forgiveness

See: 1 John
1:8-9

See: Psalm
149:1-4

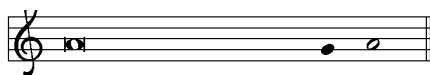
*Apostolic Greeting

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

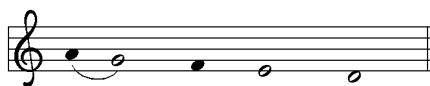
And also with you.

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

*Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



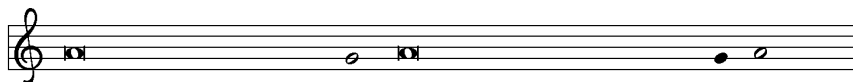
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



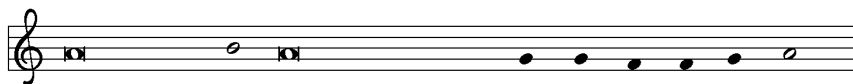
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



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



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

Kyrie Eleison means, "Lord have mercy" and has been used in worship services since the 5th century

See: Mark 10:47


Glory to God

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, 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**

Gathering + **Word** + Table + Sending

First Reading *(See insert)*

Psalm *(See insert)*

Second Reading *(See insert)*

***Gospel Acclamation**

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.

***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)*

We are currently using A Women's Lectionary for our readings in 2024

***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 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**

***Prayers of Intercession**

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

***Passing the Peace**

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

Congregational Announcements

*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.

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

God our provider,
by your merciful hand
abundance springs up from the earth.
Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty.
Let them be a sign of your steadfast love
and faithfulness for all people,
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

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

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

See: 2 Timothy 4:22

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

See: Colossians 3:1

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

See: Psalm 136

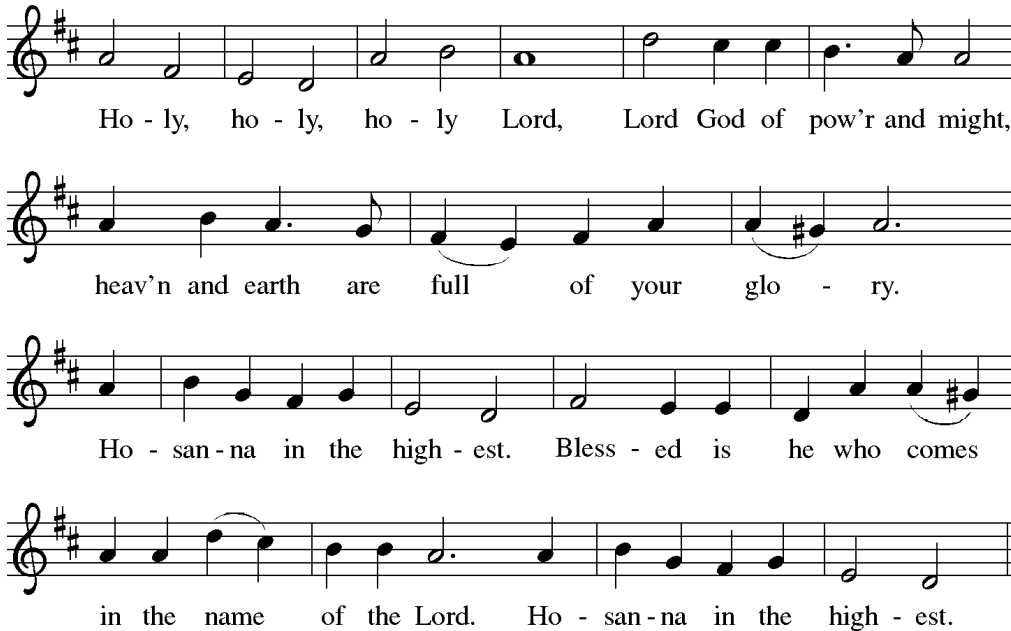
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*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.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have
opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your
glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be
drawn to love the God who we cannot see. 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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

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 and 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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**

**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.**

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

*See: Matthew
6:9-13*

*Invitation to Communion

Jesus said:

**"Come to me, all you who are weary
and carrying heavy burdens
and I will give you rest.**

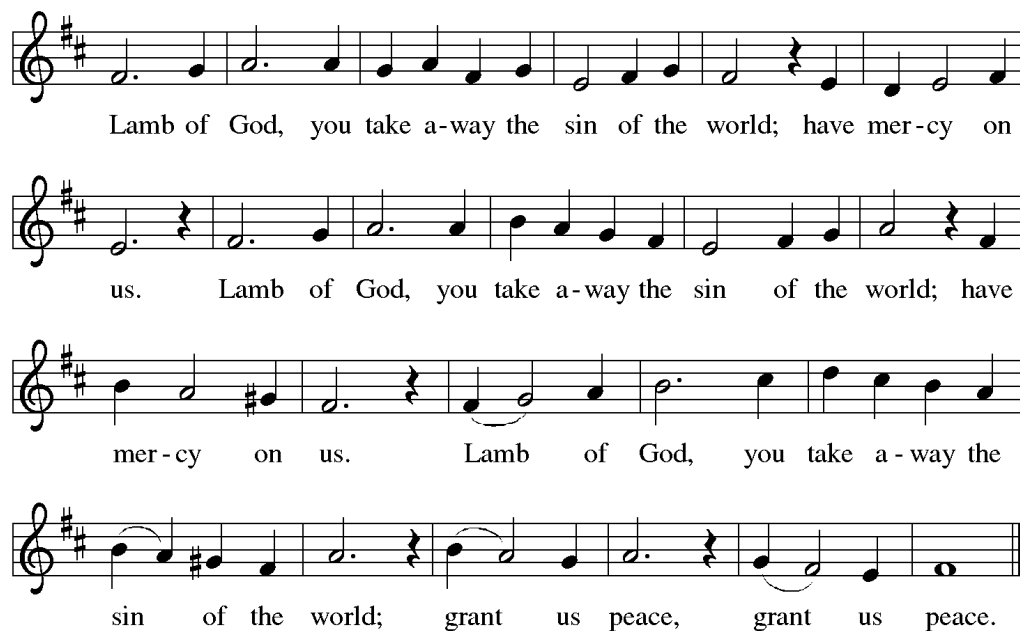
**Take my yoke upon you and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart
and you will find rest for your souls.**

**For my yoke is easy
and my burden is light."**

So come, when you have much faith and when you have little. Come, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before. Come, you who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.

These are the gifts of God for the People of God. **Amen.**

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, grant us peace.

*All are welcome
to receive
Communion.*

*If you would like
to receive a
blessing instead,
please come
forward with your
arms crossed.*

*See: Matthew
11:28-30*

*Also called
Agnus Dei,
meaning Lamb of
God.*

See: John 1:29

***Blessing After Communion**

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

Amen.

***Prayer After Communion**

Generous God,
**in bread and cup you have revealed your glory
for all people to see together.
Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim
your good news of liberation and release,
brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

Gathering+Word+Table+**Sending**

***Benediction**

The God of peace bless you,
the love of Christ sustain you in hope,
and the anointing of the Spirit + remain upon 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