



**First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019
9:30 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion**



**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
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Elgin, IL 60120
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WELCOME!

Everyone is invited to receive communion!

- Noncommuning children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you would like **to receive communion in your pew**, please let an usher know. The silver chalices contain wine, the brown chalice contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available if you prefer. Grapes are available for children who do not receive communion. Pick up a cup from basket on way to the railing.
- If you would like **a prayer included in the prayers**, please fill out a **prayer card located in the pew racks** and **put it in the offering plate**.
- **Restrooms** are located on the main level off the Community Center.
- **Hearing assistance devices and cushions** are available from the ushers.

You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community as we *follow in the footsteps of Christ*. You are received as a friend...

- Just as you are, created by God
- Whatever your color, culture & customs, your age, your abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity
- Wherever circumstances find you...in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength & hope
- Whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace & justice in Christ's name
- You are embraced as an expression of the diversity & beauty of the creation God has given us.

You are welcome here!

Bold print indicated responses spoken by the congregation.

Photographs may be taken during the service and at various church events. These photos may be used in a variety of written and electronic materials, including our website. If you do not want your picture used, please notify the church office in writing.

Gathering Music

Please stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the parent who rouses us from slumber,
the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain,
the deliverer who sets us free.

C Amen.

P Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

C we open our hearts to you, O God.
Search us and know us.
Reveal all that we keep inside.
To you, O God, we confess our sins,
known and unknown.
Forgive us, renew us,
and lead us in your ways of justice and peace.
Make us reflections of the radiant love
of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Beloved children of the Most High,
you are gathered before the righteous judge
who has mercy on all.
Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism,
where sin is washed away in the river of life.
Dwell peacefully in the loving arms
of the one who nurtures all creation.
Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven
in the name of the one who is coming and is already here,
✠ Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

He Came Down



1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional
Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

Greeting

P Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **And also with you**

Prayer of the Day

P O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

First Week of Advent

Verse one only

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



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!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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L Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace. O house of Jacob, come,

C let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Romans 13:11-14

R A Reading from the book of Romans

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

R Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

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: Matthew 24:36-44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples, ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Creed

P Let us affirm the faith of the Church, the faith into which we are baptized,
C **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**

Offering Music

Offering Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

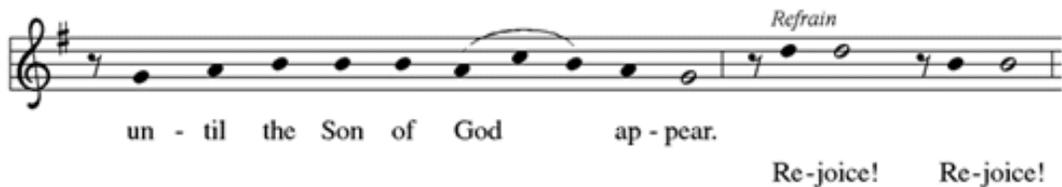
Offering Prayer

P God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have,
all we bring, and all we need.
Draw us together around your table with all your saints
on earth and in your eternal home.
Let us eat and drink your promise of new life,
that we might be your promise to the world,
spoken in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here



Prayers of Intercession

- L Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

- L Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the church cries to you. Strengthen the church in the land of Jesus' birth. Wherever Christians gather, empower them to proclaim love and defy the powers of sin and evil. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- L Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your creation cries to you. Sustain the balance of all living things. Protect the earth from drought, bitter cold, eroding coastlines, and fires and floods, that the earth may flourish. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- L Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the nations cry to you. Bring justice to the marginalized, courage to peacemakers, wisdom to leaders, and hope to generations who have only known conflict, oppression, or poverty. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- L Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your people cry to you. Comfort those separated from loved ones by distance, estrangement, or loss. Help us as we care for others and rely on others' care. We pray especially for Patty, John, Scott, Joe, Aaron, Marissa, Sandy, Ray, Shirley, Aidan, Scott, Howard, Craig, David, Gene, Alex, Joan, Clarence, Del, Lois, Betty, & Steve. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- L Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, this congregation cries to you. Guide our worship, service, and outreach, that our hearts and hands may be opened in generosity toward others. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- L Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, we remember those whose days on earth have ended, who live now in your eternal love. Remind us of their faithful witness, that their example might inspire our daily living. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
un - til the Son of God ap - pear. *Refrain* Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Meal

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.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 Lord

The musical score is written on four staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:'. The second staff contains: 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The third staff contains: 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'. The fourth staff contains: 'Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: LAND OF REST, American folk tune
Text: "Sanctus," tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation

P 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.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in**

heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation To Communion

P Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table.
Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

C Thanks be to God!

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

P God of abundance,
we give you thanks that in this holy meal
you have invited us to feast with you and one another.
May the taste of your love remain with us,
and may our words and our work in your name
invite others into your bountiful grace.
Send us from your table to proclaim your presence,
even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

Blessing

P May God, who gathers us in love,
lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice.
May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves,
lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom.
May God, who fills us with good things,
lead you in pathways of equity and abundance.
The blessing of the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
be upon you and remain with you forever.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

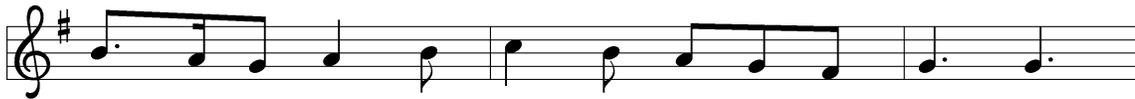
Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn



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 - jice, re - jice, 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.

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 Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen
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Dismissal

P Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Announcements



Sunday, December 8, 2019

3:00 p.m.

Refreshments afterward

Come join us as we celebrate the season!

Come help decorate the church for Advent & Christmas! Stay after worship on December 1 & Saturday, December 7 from 10-1pm

Blue Christmas service...Saturday, Dec.21 at 5:00 p.m.

Looking for choir alumni to help lead the Hallelujah Chorus! On Dec 24 at 5:00 p.m. Even if you haven't sung for years or sang last week here is a great opportunity to help "make a joyful noise" during this special worship service. Please see Matt Wahl or Deaconess Andrea if interested. Practice is Saturday, December 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Join us once a month; December 15 for a time of prayer and healing. We will meet after the 9:30 service in the sanctuary to pray for our world our community and any special prayer request you may have. We will follow a simple spoken service with the same gospel reading and prayer petitions. As well as lay our hands on any members who would like individual prayer and healing. Where one or more of us are gathered in Jesus name there he will be also. All are welcome to invite the Holy Spirit to move with in your life and the lives of others through spoken prayers and worship.

Youth Group holiday gift table is set up today in Lind Hall! Come shop for gift bags and other small gifts! \$ goes toward the mission trips next summer!

Faith Jars...feel free to pick up a Faith Jar in the narthex. Each jar contains questions about God, the Bible and your faith. Take a strip of paper every few days and talk about it with your family, neighbors, etc.

Special Offerings – How we sign up for special offerings is changing! **There is a 3-ring binder on glass table by the front door.** Sign up to honor or remember your family or friends! There are envelopes next to it to indicate what you would like to sponsor and to place your donation in, thank you!

St. Nick Day - Sunday, December 8th · After worship in Lynd Hall! All children are invited to meet St. Nick, hear a story, and receive a treat! Bring your neighbors, friends, & grandchildren!

Saturday, December 7 – Youth Group Service Project 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Come help the soup kettle get organized and stay for pizza!

Pledge cards for 2020 are on the table in the narthex. Please pick one up for your family and return to church office or in offering plate. Thank you!

Donation are needed and much appreciated! 33 gallon trash bags, paper towels, dish soap, hand soap, bank boxes (for archives) and toilet paper can be brought to church anytime and placed in church office! Thank you!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Offering Needed</u>
11/23 & 24	117	\$2899.00	\$6454.00

Special Offerings

Altar Flowers, Wine, 7-Day Candle, Bread & Grapes, are given by Don Johnson for their 71st wedding anniversary.

Altar Flowers, Fellowship Hour, Worship Bulletins, Wine, and Bread & Grapes are given by Edith Wanker on celebrating her 90th birthday on December 1!

Worship Leaders

Pastor	Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska
Deaconess	Andrea Delaney
Musician	Matt Wahl
Worship Assistant	Deaconess Andrea Delaney
Reader	Lexi Ward
Greeter	Steve Linstrom
Ushers	Steven Dieckhoff, Paul Engen, Bill Fisher
Communion Assistants	Hannah & Kristen Kolakowski, Jackie Kutina
Radio	Ryan & Melissa Read