

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

- **Everyone is invited to receive communion.** Non-communing 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.
- 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 and 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 and 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 indicates responses spoken by the congregation.

Gathering Music

Blessed Be the God of Israel

English Hymn

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

The spirit is not right within the proud.

The righteous shall live by faith.

Though trees do not blossom, and no fruit is borne,

The righteous shall live by faith.

Wait for the Lord's justice, for it will surely come.

The righteous shall live by faith.

Confession and Forgiveness

With humility we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection

God of promise and hope,

So often we fall short, failing to be all that you have created us to be. We pester you with questions,

“Why?” and “Where are you?” We lack faith in

your promises of deliverance and hope. Forgive us

for all that we have done to harm you, others, and

ourselves. Walk with us in the time of Advent, so

that through our journey we may be made clean.

Our holy God knows we are weak, frail creatures, Yet God

loves us and refuses to give up on us. Because of God's

persistence we are made new again and again.

Receive today the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Walk with God on your human journey, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Emmanuel

(Please sing twice)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.

King of Glory

Refrain

The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices,
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

1. Who is this King of glory;
How shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.
Refrain

2. In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among his people, curing their illness.
Refrain

Lift Up Your Heads

1. Lift up your heads, O mighty gates;
Behold the glorious Ruler waits!
The Sovereign One is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.

2. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3. Redeemer come! I open wide my heart to you;
Here Christ abide.
Let me your inner presence feel;
Your grace and love in me reveal.

4. So come, my Sovereign; enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin.
Your Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

(Please be seated)

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.

Prayer of the Day

God, we are sometimes impatient for you to act according to your vision for the earth. Give us wisdom to see your will unfolding, and boldness to be part of your solution.

Amen

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading: **Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:2-4; 3:1-4, 17-19**

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous —
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

¹A prayer of the prophet Habakkuk according to Shigionoth.

²O LORD, I have heard of your renown,
and I stand in awe, O LORD, of your work.

In our own time revive it;
in our own time make it known;
in wrath may you remember mercy.

³God came from Teman,
the Holy One from Mount Paran.
His glory covered the heavens,
and the earth was full of his praise.

⁴The brightness was like the sun;
rays came forth from his hand,
where his power lay hidden.

¹⁷Though the fig tree does not blossom,
and no fruit is on the vines;
though the produce of the olive fails,
and the fields yield no food;
though the flock is cut off from the fold,
and there is no herd in the stalls,

¹⁸yet I will rejoice in the LORD;
I will exult in the God of my salvation.

¹⁹God, the LORD, is my strength;
 he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
 and makes me tread upon the heights.
 To the leader: with stringed instruments.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel

The Gospel according to Luke 1:8-17.

⁸Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. ¹⁰Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. ¹¹Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. ¹³But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. ¹⁴You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Children's Sermon



1 Light one can-dle 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.

Sermon

(Please stand as you are able)

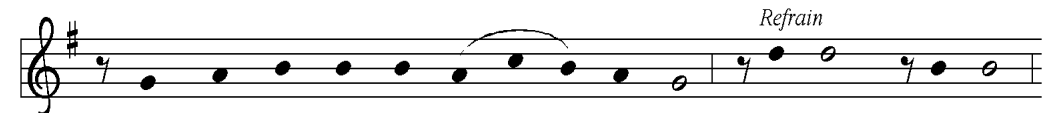
O Come, O Come Emmanuel



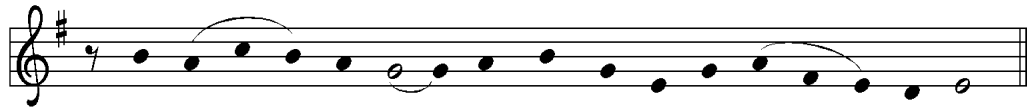
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

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 into hell.**

**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.**

(Please be seated)

Offering Music

On Jordan's Banks

Latin Hymn

(Please remain seated)

Offering Response

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

Offering Prayer

We bring you these gifts, loving God, though at times our efforts feel woefully deficient for those needs in our midst. Take these signs of compassion and multiply them for your good purposes, even as you continue to use our gifts, our time, and all that we have in service to your kingdom's glory. In Jesus' name.

Amen

Prayers of the People

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

You have charged us as the watchkeepers of your kingdom on earth. Sharpen our vision to know what it is that we are to do, so that our own agendas don't eclipse your greater picture for the restoration of creation. God of wisdom,
hear our prayer.

You have blessed us to overflowing through the fruits of your creation. And yet, even if all this were not given to us freely, we would still have reason to praise you, O God, for the gifts of life, salvation, and your beloved Son. Make us grateful for all that we have received by no other benefit than your mercy alone. God of wisdom,
hear our prayer.

We enter once more into the season of anticipation and waiting, and along with Habakkuk we grieve that your children still suffer violence in every land at the hands of power abusers. Show us the way through the layers of hatred, cruelty, and traumatic memory, so that those who have suffered might see the beginning of healing and renewal of

life. God of wisdom,
hear our prayer.

Bless all who work for peace and reconciliation in difficult and dangerous environments. Protect them and use their shining example to empower and inspire others. We lift up those with special concerns this day: Scott, Chris, Dorothy, Pat, Gert, Scott, Noah, Sharon, Jennifer, Randy, Lloyd, Ellen, Jack, Sally, Craig, David, Amelia, Alex. God of wisdom,
hear our prayer.

For all those who have forged the path before us in faith, and all those who will follow after, we give you thanks, O God. Join us as one, as both your earthly and heavenly family of saints, forever bound in love with you and to the glory of your eternal name. God of wisdom,
hear our prayer.

Other petitions may be offered here.

Hear our prayers, O God, as we watch eagerly for you. Increase our hope and sustain our faith, for the sake of Jesus our incarnate Savior.

Amen

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love
And do what you would do.

(Please stand as you are able)

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 God thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

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, broken 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.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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 the nations stream to the house of the Lord. And we, too,
have a place at the table. Come, join the feast.

(Please be seated)

Communion Music

Comfort Ye My People

Gregg Sewell

My Lord, What a Morning

African American Hymn

(Please remain seated)

Prayer after Communion

Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us
gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your
words come to life in our serving and our witness, that we
might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the
world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen

(Please stand as you are able)

Blessing

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
Bless you now and forever.

Amen

Sending of Communion

Communion ministers are sent to take the sacrament to those who are absent or homebound.

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

People Look East



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
Music: BESANÇON, French carol
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Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Hark, the Glad Sound

Early American Hymn

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey G. Mikyska

Deaconess: Andrea Delaney

Organist: Michael Fetzer

Assisting Minister: Pam Williams

Scripture Reader: Doug Riebock

Radio Announcers: Melissa & Ryan Read

Communion Assistants: Heather Friedel, Doug & Jan

Riebock

Ushers: Steve Dieckhoff, Steve Linstrom, Hannah

Kolakowski, Al & Molly Trupp

Greeter: Ann Braasch

Special Offerings

Altar flowers: Given by Deaconess Andrea and family in honor of Mark Delaney's 49th birthday.

Altar flowers, radio broadcast, 7-day candle, wine: Given by Don Johnson in memory of Joan on our 70th wedding anniversary.

Worship folders: Given by Debbie & Dennis Leeser in memory of Milton Lawrence.

Our Offerings to God

Average weekly expenses \$7,494

Last weekend's offerings \$2,430

Last weekend's attendance 98

Special Offerings

Altar Flowers: \$25

___ Dec 30

Worship Folders: \$25

___ Dec 16

Wine: \$8

___ Dec 9

___ Dec 23

7-day candle: \$8

___ Dec 9

Radio Broadcast: \$100

___ Dec 9

___ Dec 16

___ Dec 23

Fellowship Hour

___ Dec 16

___ Dec 23

___ Dec 30

Given by _____

Given in memory or in honor of

Please fill out and place in offering plate or return to church office.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

A Community Following in the
Footsteps of Christ

1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 2nd, 2018