

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of the Holy Trinity  
Greenville, Pennsylvania  
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*The Third Sunday of Advent  
December 13 and 14, 2025*

**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!

**We welcome and encourage children of all ages to be in worship. Sitting with children in a front pew and giving them the seat on the center aisle helps them to see and participate in our worship.** For children who are present in worship, there are a variety of games, toys, puzzles, coloring supplies and snacks in the Kids' Playground cabinet in the narthex near the coat rack. If children need a break, there is a TV set up downstairs in the nursery so parents can watch the worship live-stream. If you are visiting, an usher can help direct you to the nursery.

**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.

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

Holy Trinity has safety measures in place for the sake of all who worship here. Fire extinguishers are located throughout the facility in case of need. The AED machine and a fire extinguisher can be found in the narthex next to the Kids' Playground cabinet. Other fire extinguishers on the first floor can be found behind the door leading from the sanctuary to the pastor's sacristy, and in the office hallway at the back door and at the front of the hallway near the water cooler. An AED is also located downstairs in Brath Hall should it be needed.

**Liturgy of Holy Communion, Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

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

**Significance of the Day:** A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

*Gathering*

Prelude

Ave Maria, op. 104, no. 2

Marco Enrico Bossi

Greeting and Announcements

*The assembly stands as the minister enters.*

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

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

**Amen.**

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.**

Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1. Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2. He comes with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3. He shall come down like show - ers, up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4. Kings shall fall down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong;  
and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth.  
all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing.

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,  
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
Be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
To him shall pray'r un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;

to take a - way trans - gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
whose souls, con - demed and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

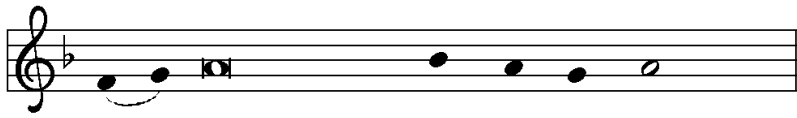
Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635

### 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.**

# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, 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,



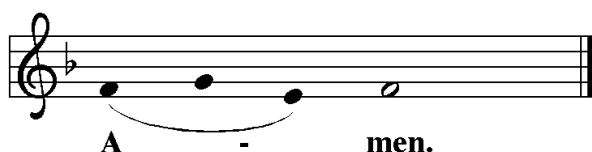
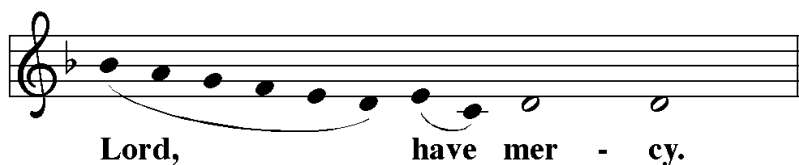
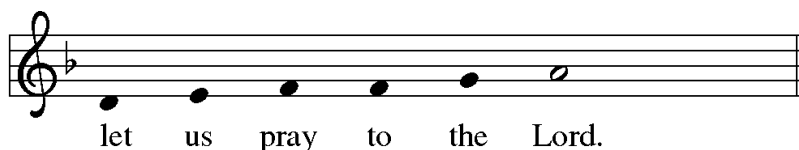
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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.*

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

Your prophets spoke of a day

when the desert would bloom

and waters would break forth in the wilderness.

Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

Strengthen our hearts

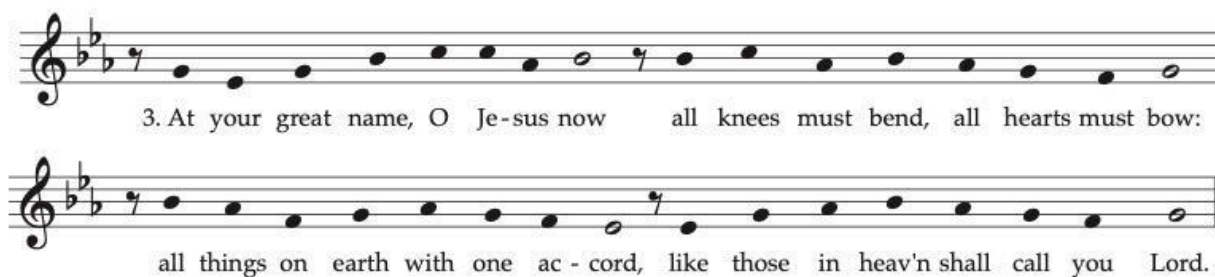
as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

May he give water to all who thirst,

for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

**Amen.**



## Word

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

A reading from Isaiah:

1 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus 2 it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.  
3 Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.”  
5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
6 then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
7 the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.



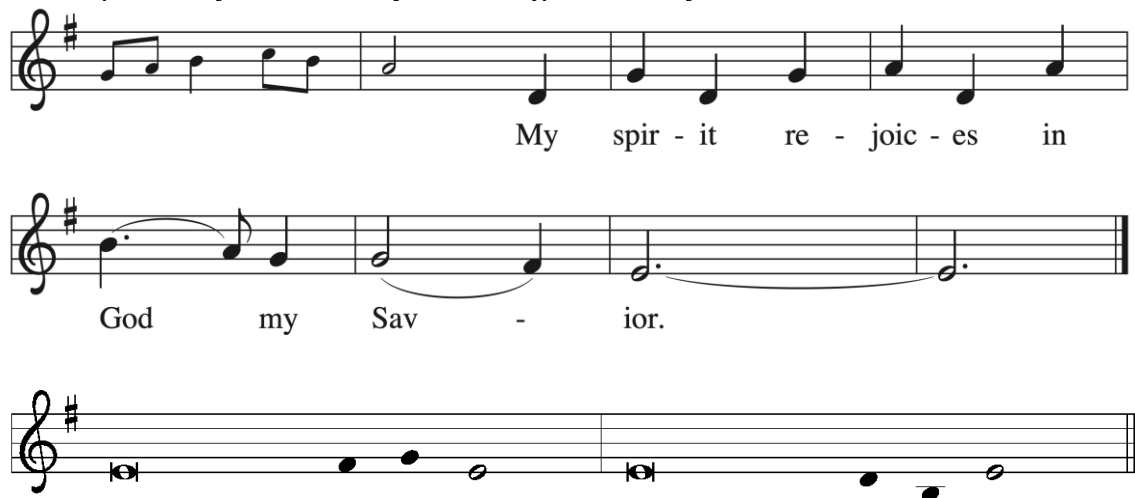
8 A highway shall be there,  
     and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
 the unclean shall not travel on it,  
     but it shall be for God's people;  
     no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

9 No lion shall be there,  
     nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
 they shall not be found there,  
     but the redeemed shall walk there.

10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
     and come to Zion with singing;  
 everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
     they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
     and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Magnificat (Luke 1:46b-55) *The Psalm is replaced by this canticle. It will be spoken responsively on Saturday and sung on Sunday.*



<sup>46b</sup> My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup> my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,  
<sup>48</sup> **for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.**  
**From this day all generations will | call me blessed:**  
<sup>49</sup> you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me  
 and holy | is your name.

<sup>50</sup> **You have mercy on | those who fear you,**  
**from generation to | generation.**  
<sup>51</sup> You have shown strength | with your arm  
 and scattered the proud in | their conceit,  
<sup>52</sup> **casting down the mighty | from their thrones**  
**and lifting | up the lowly.**  
<sup>53</sup> You have filled the hungry | with good things  
 and sent the rich | away empty.  
<sup>54</sup> **You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,**  
**to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,**  
<sup>55</sup> the promise made | to our forebears,  
 to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever. **R**

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

A reading from James:

7 Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. 9 Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! 10 As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

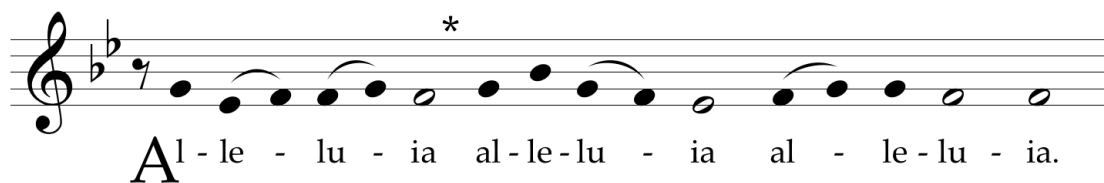
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

Gospel Acclamation

*The cantor intones the first Alleluia and then **all join in singing the three Alleluias.***



Choir: *I am sending my messenger before you,*  
*who will prepare your way before you.*

***All repeat the Alleluias.***

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

2 When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” 4 Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see, 5 the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. 6 And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. 9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.”

11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

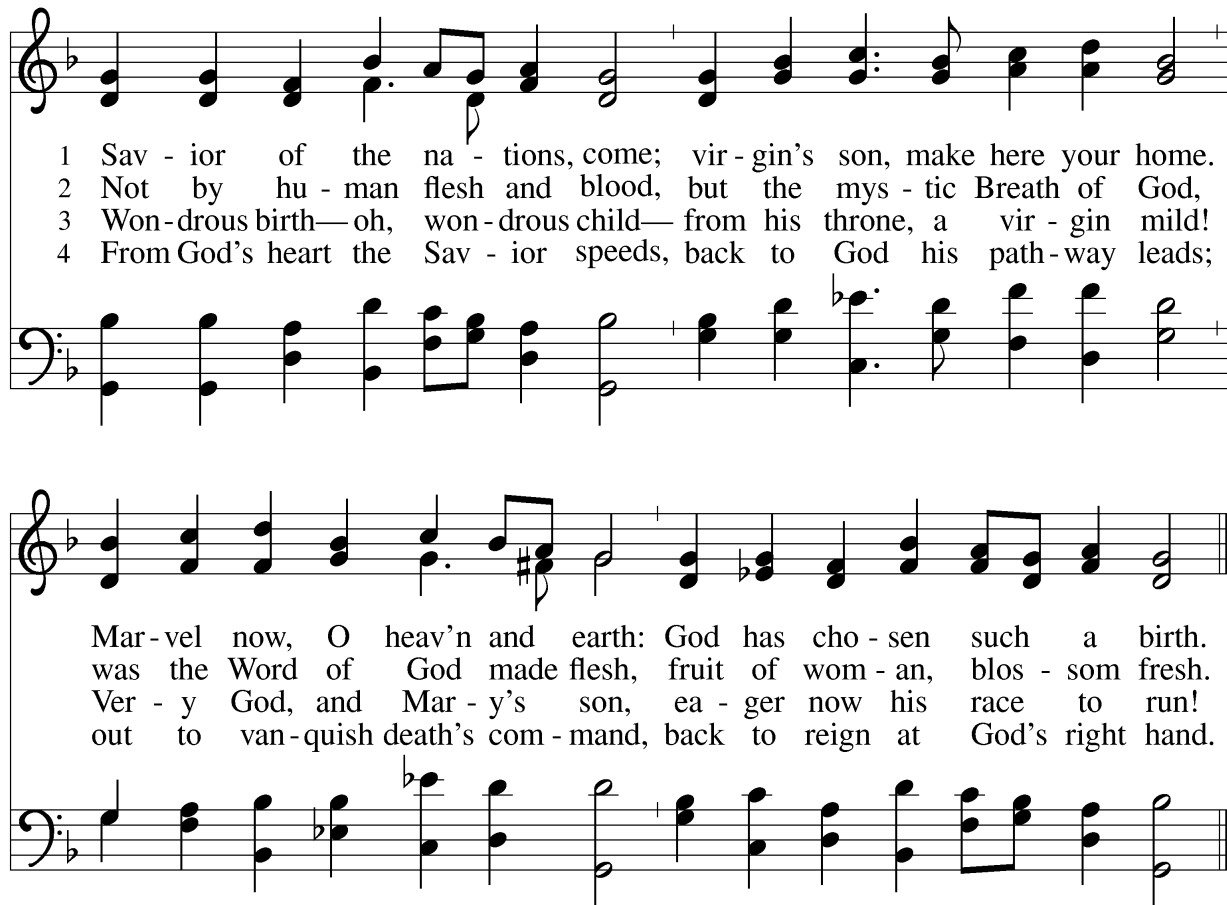
The Sermon

The Rev. Kristen Papson  
Bishop, NWPA Synod

*The assembly stands.*

## Hymn

## Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,  
 3 Won-drous birth—oh, won-drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!  
 4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path-way leads;

Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
 was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.  
 Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
 out to van-quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,  
 hallows night with newborn light.  
 Night cannot this light subdue;  
 let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
 virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
 To the holy Trinity  
 praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. hymnal version  
 Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524  
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## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of power and mercy, we praise you for Jesus and his acts of healing and liberation. Lead us to proclaim the good news from generation to generation, that all may place their hope in you. We pray for our bishops, Yeheil and Kristen; our pastors, staff members, musicians, council members and volunteers. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

When lands are parched and dry, bring rain and snow; where wilderness is barren, sow seeds of life. Fill the lands with trees that grow, plants that flower, and creatures that thrive, as nature proclaims the wonder of your works. Help us to be good stewards of the public lands we enjoy, especially Pymatuning and Goddard state parks. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

When there is injustice or corruption among nations and leaders, root it out. Turn their attention to inequity and the cries of the poor. Instill a deeper sense of compassion and care in all who govern. We pray for our president, Donald; our governor, Josh; and our municipal and school leaders. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

When bodies weaken and hearts grow fearful, speak your blessing. In uncertain times, remind us of the promise spoken to our ancestors in faith. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

When people are imprisoned or held captive, break the chains and offer release. Strengthen the work of the church in restorative justice, breaking cycles of poverty, and welcoming the immigrant. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

As we await your coming, we give thanks for the faithful who have lived and died in faith. May their boldness of faith inspire our witness and work. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Are there others for whom we should pray?

**P:** Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.  
**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."*

## Meal

Choir Offertory anthem:

Ave Maria

James Biery

Ave Maria gratia plena  
Dominus tecum.  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus  
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui Iesus.  
Sancta Maria Mater Dei  
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus  
Nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.  
Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with thee;  
Blessed are thou amongst women.  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners,  
Now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

-- based on Luke 1:28, 42

*The assembly stands.*

Offertory response: He came down that we may have love

3. He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;

he came down that we may have peace; Hal-le - lu - jah for-ev-er - more.

Text: Cameroon traditional  
Music: arr. John L. Bell

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Nourishing God,

you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

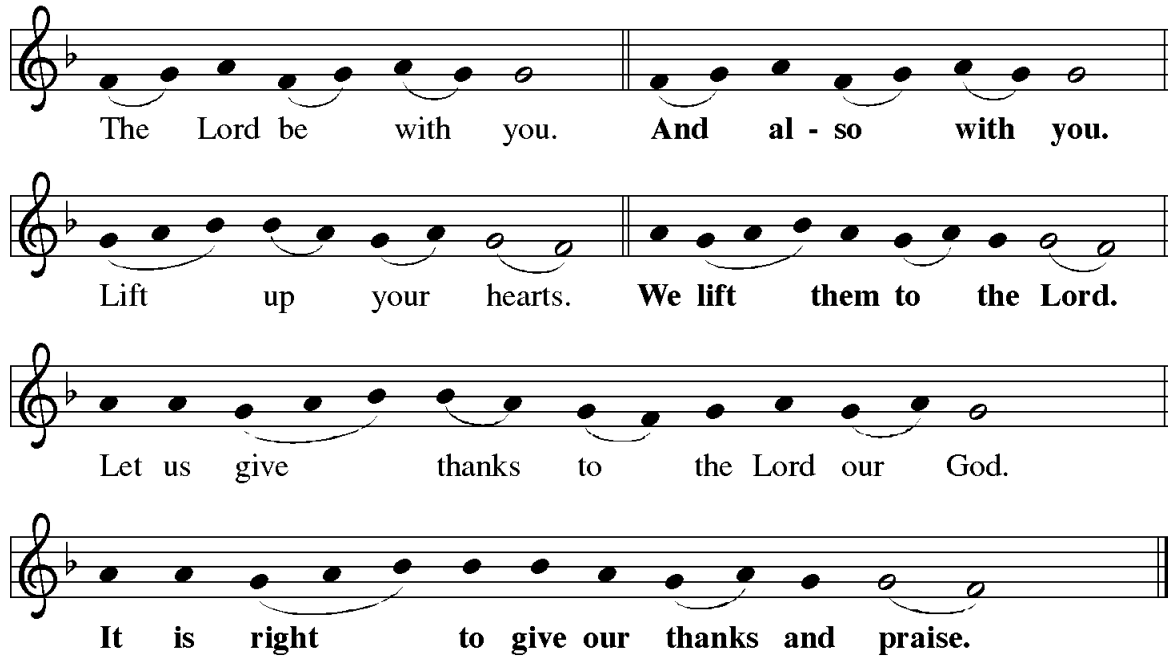
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,

that we may rejoice and be for the world

signs of your kingdom come.

**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.

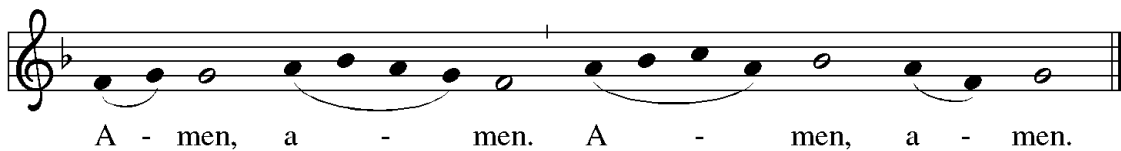
For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



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.



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.**

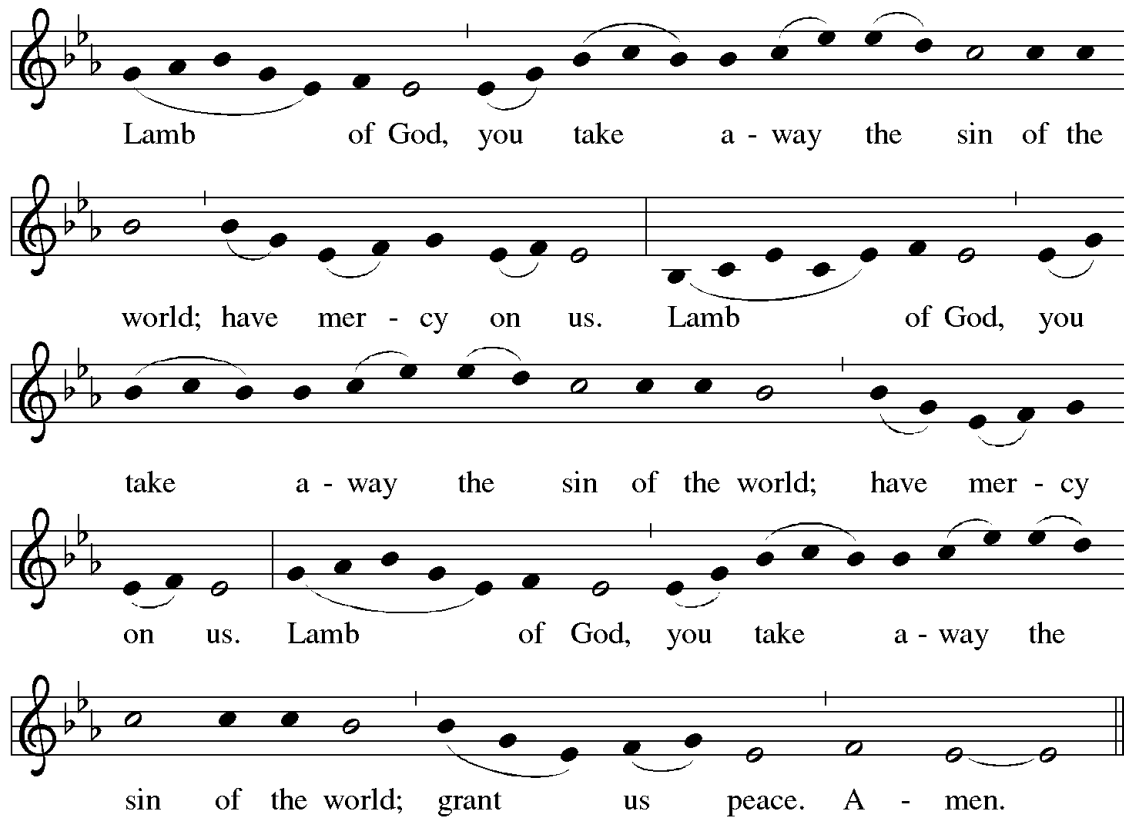
Breaking of Bread

Here is life. God is with us.

Come, receive what God has promised.

*Assembly is seated*

## Lamb of God



## The Communion of the Faithful

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## Hymn

## Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

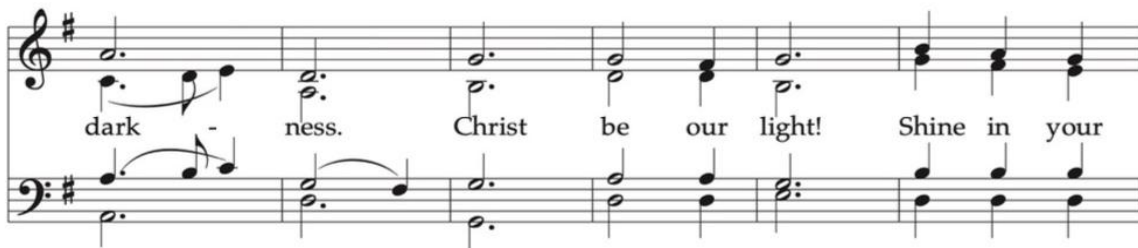


your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

## Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadett Farrell, b. 1957

Music: *Christ, be our light*, Bernadette Farrell

# Hymn

## Each Winter As the Year Grows Older



1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,  
 2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for  
 3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from  
 4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the  
 5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the  
 war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and  
 death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that  
 north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can  
 pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.  
 scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.  
 we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.  
 kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.  
 new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

Text: William Gay, b. 1920, alt.

Music: CAROL OF HOPE, Annabeth Gay, b. 1925

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## Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve  
 you unto eternal life.

**Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

God our host,  
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.  
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,  
welcome the stranger,  
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

Let us pray together, 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.**

*Sending*

Blessing

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

## Hymn

## 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; arr. Barry Rose, b. 1934

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Dismissal     Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude                                      Toccata on Besançon – People, look east                                      Wayne L. Wold

**Serving Saturday**

**Presiding Minister.** . . . . . Pastor Brenda Martin  
**Preaching.** . . . . . Bishop Kristen Papson  
**Organist.** . . . . . Andy Joos  
**Liturgical Deacon** . . . . . Catherine Richardson

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**Acolyte** . . . . . Ava Archambeau  
**Lector** . . . . . Bonnie Massing  
**Head Usher.** . . . . . Tammy Daniello  
**Live Stream Technician** . . . . . Tyler Martin-Call  
**Altar Guild** . . . . . The Martin Family

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**The Rev. Martin Roth**, pastor emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
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## **This Week at Holy Trinity**

### **Sunday December 14, 2025** *Third Sunday of Advent*

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation Classes
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

### **Monday December 15, 2025**

- 6:00 p.m. Fiber Arts Group

### **Tuesday December 16, 2025**

- 7:00 p.m. Congregational Council

### **Wednesday December 17, 2025**

- 1:00 p.m. Grief Support Group
- 5:00 p.m. Vespers Fellowship Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons
- 6:15 p.m. Advent Vespers
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday December 18, 2025**

- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons
- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

### **Saturday December 20, 2025**

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Sunday December 21, 2025** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 10:45 a.m. Hanging of the greens
- 2:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

### **Monday December 22, 2025**

- 6:00 p.m. Fiber Arts Group

### **Tuesday December 23, 2025**

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts

### **Wednesday December 24, 2025**

- 6:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

### **Thursday December 25, 2025**

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

### **Saturday December 27, 2025**

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

### **Altar and Columbarium Flowers**

The flowers on the alter have been given to the glory of God and in honor of Garrett's birthday by his parents, Todd and Tammy Daniello and his brother Dalton.

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

### **Good Shepherd Request for December and Christmas**

The Good Shepherd request is **soups and crackers or pasta and sauce** for the month of **December**. Donations can be placed in the box in the cloister or on the table in the office hallway. Our request for **Christmas** is cans of vanilla frosting.

### **Second Mile Giving**

The second mile giving for the month of December is Pastor's discretionary fund. Envelopes can be found on the table in the narthex and in the office hallway.

### **Hanging of the Greens**

We will hang the greens and dress the sanctuary for Christmas on Sunday, December 21, immediately after worship. There will be no Sunday School on that day.

### **Blue Christmas**

On Sunday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m., we will be offering a Blue Christmas liturgy to the community. Our Greenville ministerium will join us in this service, so it will be a true community event. We invite you to join us, tell friends and family who you think might benefit.

### **Vespers Dinner**

December 17<sup>th</sup> is the last vespers service. Please join us at 5 p.m. in Brath Hall for dinner prior to the service. All are welcome.

### **Ed Pitcher has retired – card shower**

Our property manager, Ed Pitcher has retired after many years of service to our church. Please join us in congratulating him by sending a card. Ed's home address is: 686 Hamburg Road, Fredonia, PA., 16124.

## **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:**

Bill Snyder (step son of Katie Snyder)	Joyce Harris (sister of Judy Moinet)
Pastor Martin Roth	Ken Buikema (cousin of Denise and Rich Hall)
Christina Bush (niece of Ruth Heil)	Charlene Miller (friend of Denise and Rich Hall)
Kyle McGirr (friend of Gianna Weaver)	Beth Hall (sister-in-law of Denise and Rich Hall)
Lyn Higgins (nephew of Bonnie Long)	Debbie Godinich (friend of Sue A.)
Rita (friend of the Oman's and Mary Reames)	Lori McCann (daughter of Darla Swift)
Joe Montone (friend of Kris Abraham)	Mary Rose Jones (friend of Jill Murrin)
Carolyn Fritz (friend of Fran Black)	Sheila Kretser (friend of Jill Murrin)
Alan Flick (nephew of Louise Gilmore)	Lori Scotta (friend of Jill Murrin)
Beth (friend of Barry and Linda Oman)	Russell Morgan (father of Matt Morgan)
Brenda (sister in law of Betty K. Junk)	Stephen Call (brother of Tyler Martin-Call)
Callie (niece of Betty K. Junk)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Susan (friend of Betty K. Junk)	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher & Beth Harpst)
Ariana (friend of Cathy Nanz)	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)
Caleb (family friend of Beth Hall)	
Judy Logan Carnal (sister of John Logan)	
John Myers (husband of Pastor Brenda)	
Dave Hollenbaugh	

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

Gary Bothun (brother of Betty K. Junk)  
Judy (friend of Mike and MaryBeth Bradley)  
Bonnie Clark (friend of Barbara Swartz)  
Mary Lee Holler (aunt of Andy Joos)  
Clark Groce (nephew of Liz Lewis and Katie Snyder)  
Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)