

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2019 8:00 A.M.

Pastors: Rev. David Hinz, Rev. John Beck

Music Directors: Mr. Daniel Reineke, Mrs. Ruth Immerfall

Special thanks to these and all others serving in worship today.

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PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice” LSB 386

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will
forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and
unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and
eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we
may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of
Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

P: Rejoice in the Lord always;

C: again I will say, Rejoice.

P: I will hope continually

C: and will praise you yet more and more.

P: My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,

C: for their number is past my knowledge.

P: With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;

C: I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

P: O God, from my youth you have taught me,

C: and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

P: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,

C: until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Rejoice in the Lord always;

C: again I will say, Rejoice.

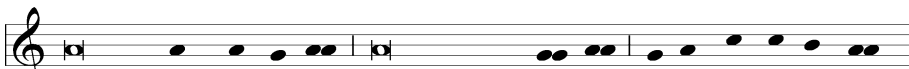
KYRIE



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



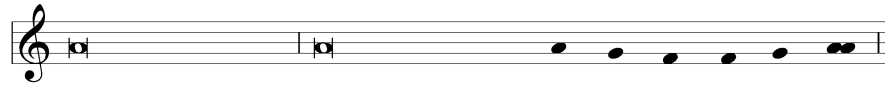
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



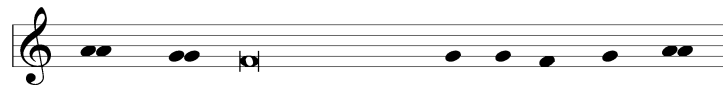
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P: Let us pray... Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Esther 4 *page 412*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: Galatians 4:4-7 *page 974*

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C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.” ⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



DECEMBER MEMORY VERSE:

“Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

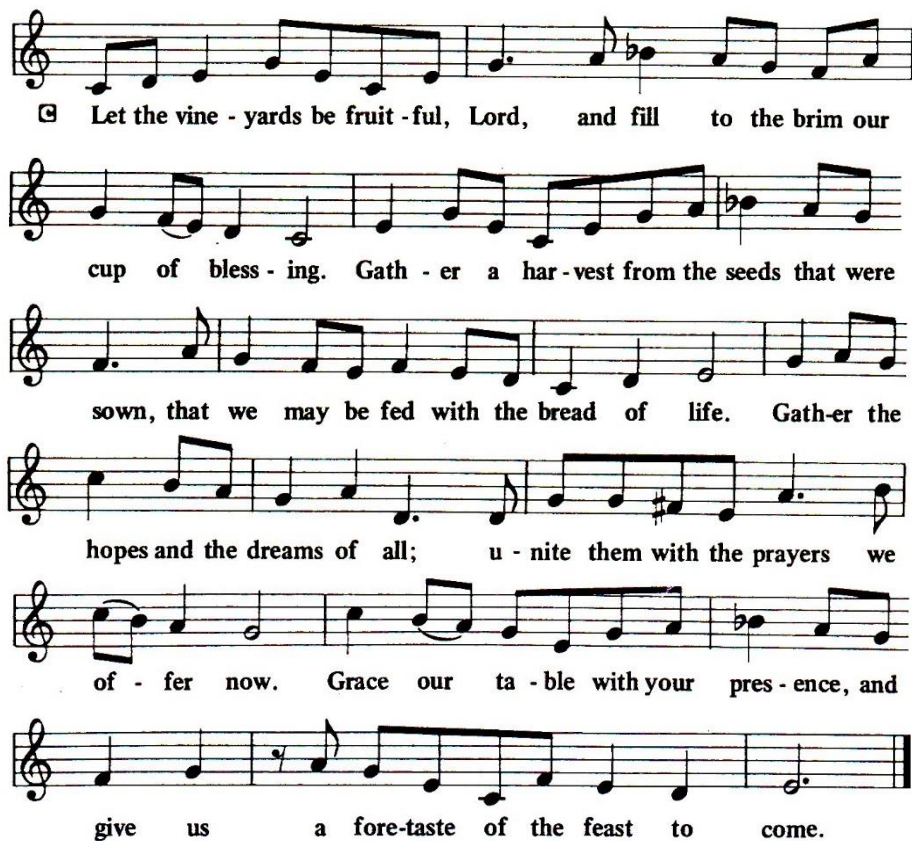
Nehemiah 8:10b

NICENE CREED (*see video screens*)

THE MESSAGE

OFFERING *(Please sign and date the Rite of Friendship pad located in the pew. The children are invited to bring their offerings to the front at this time.)*

OFFERTORY

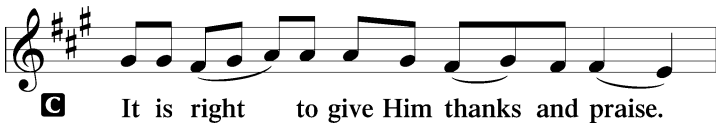
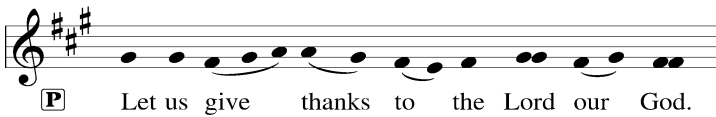
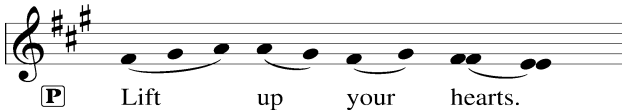
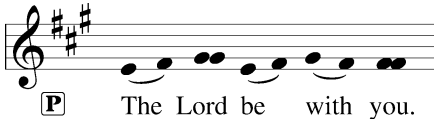


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠

PREFACE



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



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.

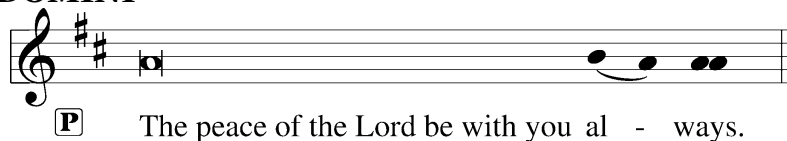
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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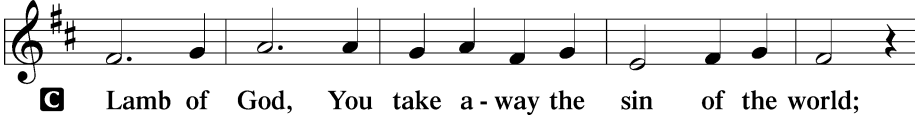


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

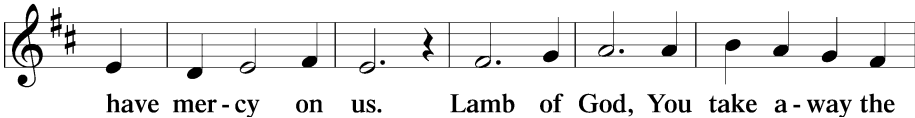


C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



C 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.

About Holy Communion—The Lord’s Supper is celebrated here in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives us as He says, not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If this is your belief, we welcome you to join us at the Lord’s table.

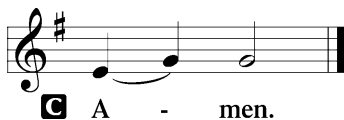
Because we are called to examine ourselves before receiving the Lord’s Supper (I Corinthians 11:28-29), we encourage you to consider the questions on p. 329-330 in the front of the hymnal. If you are communing with us for the first time, or if you would like a fuller understanding of what we as Lutherans believe about the Lord’s Supper, please pick up a copy of **“What is the Lord’s Supper?”** at the Information table in the entryway.

Please reserve the white grape juice cups in the center of the communion trays for those who for health reasons are unable to drink wine. If your health requires gluten-free wafers, they are available upon request. Speak to the pastor prior to the service. Our pastors are happy to speak to you further if you have any questions.

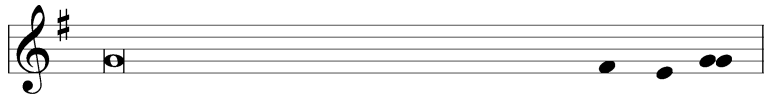
DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” LSB 341

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love towards one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICTION



CLOSING HYMN: “Prepare the Royal Highway” LSB 343 Verses 1, 3 & 4



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CONNECT...

December 15, 2019



Readings for Next Sunday:

Job 2:11-13, 3:2-4

Galatians 4:4-7

Matthew 1:18-25

WE ALL ENJOY A TREAT with our coffee on Sunday morning. Please



provide a pan of bars or cookies in your month! In December those with last names beginning with 'W & Z' are asked to provide.

During Advent: We will have a meal prior to the mid-week worship services. On **Dec. 18**—Sloppy Joes. Please sign up on the kiosk to provide a dessert. Thrivent has supplied a donation of seed money for our dinner expenses. We thank them for providing a great time of fellowship!

ARE YOU A PRINCE OF PEACE ALUMNI? We'd like to keep in touch and share news about our school with ALL our Alumni from Prince of Peace and Trinity Lutheran School! We've got a rich heritage! There's an ongoing effort to assemble a list of past students who were part of our school family. We have a form available at the information desk we are asking you to fill out and return to the church office or Prince of Peace. You (alumni) are also invited to an Alumni chapel at school on Wednesday January 29 {barring inclement weather!}] Have questions? Ask the pastor, or call POP at 251-1477.

God's Text for this Week:

Monday Job 2- 3

Tuesday Job 4- 5

Wednesday Job 6- 7

Thursday Job 8- 10

Friday Job 11- 12

Saturday Job 13- 14

Confirmation During Advent: December 18th Confirmation begins at **6:00 pm** with Advent service. Parents are encouraged to stay. .Class activity will follow the service and finish at 7:30 pm. This week is a mortar event.

"Dealing with Conflict in the Family"

Everyone is invited to join Bible Class **TODAY** between services. Ted Kober, from Ambassadors of Reconciliation, will lead a family-friendly study on conflicts in the family and how God has given us the tools for how to reconcile as peacemakers (not "peace-fakers") in Christ.



For your prayers--

We pray for Irene Fussy (mother of Amy Kath), & MaryBeth Cochran for strength as they face their health issues. Thanksgiving for successful back surgery for Paul Niemela. The family of Bernice Kranz at her death on 12-6 (a memorial service is planned for 12-27 at Good Shepherd chapel).

Jim Bump, Lana Schaefer (sister-in-law of Amy Schaefer) and Bob Nordquist as they continue their cancer treatment and care.

Families as we go through our membership: Wendy Leeb; Jon, Lori, Matthew & Meghan Lentz; Jena Leyk; Paul, Jill, Nathan, Nicholas & Kyle Lindquist; John & Dawn Linkert.



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Wednesday, Dec 18—6:00 pm

The Pillar-His Presence Gives Strength

Sunday, Dec 22—6:00 pm

Children's Christmas Sharing

Tuesday, Dec 24—3:00 & 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, Dec 25—9:00am w/HC

Christmas Day

Please note: There is no Holy Communion at the Christmas Eve services. It is celebrated at the Christmas Day service.

Stewardship Corner:

Matt. 11:10 – “This is he of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’ ” John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus’ ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out his disciples to preach “repentance and the forgiveness of sins.” We never outgrow the need for repentance – examining our lives, turning away from our sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive His forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

Angel Tree Sunday Deadline is TODAY. Gifts should be wrapped and under the tree. *Thank you* for helping make this Christmas special for these children. Questions: contact Jennifer Kranz @ 320-290-3498.

Are you interested in a church work career? Scholarships available. See the LWML section of the kiosk for details.

JUST A REMINDER:

Any member may request leadership team minutes and/or finance information.

Nursery A volunteer staffed nursery is available for children up to 36 months of age from 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. for Sunday School hour and the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The nursery is located in the preschool in the north end of the building. The first classroom on the left as you enter the preschool parent lounge area. Please see an usher if you need assistance. If you and your child need a break during the worship service, the conference room across from the church office can be used and has speakers and a one-way glass. We are happy you and your children joined us for worship today!



Today's Radio Broadcast--

is sponsored by Lynn & Carol Schlueter and family, Les and Jan Fread & family in memory of Leonard, Irene and Daniel Packert. “My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever.” Psalm 73:26. We thank them. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, call the church office. The service airs **live** on WVAL 800 on the AM dial, at **8:00am**, and live on the internet at www.800wval.com.

December 15

Angel Tree Deadline/ SCRIP Sunday

8:00am Worship Z4 (HC)
9:15am SS and Bible Classes
10:30am Worship Z5
12:00pm Anyuak Worship

MONDAY

TUESDAY

6:00pm Boy Scouts
7:00pm Friends in Harmony

WEDNESDAY

7:00am Men's Bible Study at GS
5:00 Advent Dinner
6:00pm Advent worship Z1
6:00pm Bricks & Mortar
6:45pm Celebration Ringers
7:15pm Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

7:00pm POP Christmas Musical @
Love of Christ

FRIDAY

6:00pm Narcotics Anon.

SATURDAY

9:00am Altar Guild
11:00am Private Event

December 22

8:00am Worship Z2
9:15am SS and Bible Classes
10:30am Worship Z3
12:00pm Anyuak Worship
4:00pm Creative Crafts
6:00pm Children's Christmas Worship



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is this Thursday.

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