

Trinity Weekly

Welcome to Trinity!

New Here?

We'd love to connect with you and answer any questions you have about our community. Connect with us at trinitylansdale.com/connect or sign our Connection Card and place it in the offering basket.

For more details on events and happenings, please check our website, trinitylansdale.com.



Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.



WORSHIP

December 22: Weekend morning worship services will celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent.

December 24: Christmas Eve worship opportunities occur at 1:00 (Trinity Alive!), 3:00, 6:00 and 9:00. 20 minutes of special music will be provided prior to the 3, 6, and 9 pm services.

December 29: Join us for one worship service at 9:30 am, followed by a time for food and fellowship in Hyson Hall. Bring a breakfast item to share and come ready to sing lots of your favorite Christmas carols!

January 5: Celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord as we experience a visit from the kings and enjoy window displays of a variety of kings.

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Saturday, December 21, 2024
5:30 pm - Chapel



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December 21/22, 2024

TRINITY
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



WORSHIP

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Saturday, 5:30 pm
Sunday, 8:30 & 10:45 am
Trinity Alive! 9:45 am

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Sunday, 8:30 am

RADIO WORSHIP

Sunday, 11:00 am, 97.1 FM



FELLOWSHIP

FELLOWSHIP: 9:45 - 10:45 am



CHRISTIAN CARE

PRAYER MINISTRY - LOVELINKS
Request or need a prayer?
LoveLinks@trinitylansdale.com

FEAST Community Meal
Mondays, 5:00 - 6:00 pm



FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

(4 years old to 6th grade)
10:15-10:45 am
Room 202 for grades PreK-2nd
Room 207 for grades 3rd-6th

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
10:00 am, 125/127

ADULT FORUM

9:45 am, 125/127
12/22 - Comparing Christmas Gospels, Pr. Jonathan

OUR MISSION

We are called to
embrace
DIVERSITY
and to **connect**
ALL GENERATIONS
to God's family.

Help us plan our ministries



DONATE

2025 Online Giving Estimate



FAITH FORMATION

ADULT FORUM: Sundays 9:45 am, 125/127

Dec. 22: Comparing the Christmas Gospels, Pr. Jonathan

Dec. 29: NO Adult Forum

Jan. 5: Exploring the Church Year, Pr. Jonathan

YOUTH GROUPS (1ST-12TH GRADES)

All are welcome. For more details, please contact the youth group leaders via email.

KIDS ROCK (GRADES 1-3) Jan. 19, 10:45 am, The Loft

Join us for fun and meet new friends. If your child hasn't been yet, now is a good time to check it out. For details, check email from Jill Voicheck at kidsrock@trinitylansdale.com.

CHAOS (GRADES 4-6) Jan. 24, 6:30-8 pm, The Loft

Join us for some New Year fun. For more details, check email from Nikki Rounay at chaos@trinitylansdale.com.

TEEN TROUPE (GRADES 7-12) Jan. 5, Worship Together

Jan. 12, Spring Mtn. Outdoor Ice Skating. Meet for pizza lunch in the Loft at 11:30 am and then we'll head out for ice skating. We'll be back by 3:30 pm. Check email from Amy & Rebecca at teentroupe@trinitylansdale.com.

TRINITY ALIVE & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dec. 29, NO Trinity Alive or Sunday School

Both will resume on Jan. 5 at their regular times.

WINTER CONNECT @ BEAR CREEK CAMP

Jan. 10-12, Grades 4-12, BCC, Registration closes 12/27!

Experience BCC in the cold-Winter Style!! The price is \$140 pp and registration is open now through Bear Creek's site. If you have questions, please call BCC directly.

BEAR CREEK PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Feb. 2, SAVE the DATE

We'll be hosting our Annual free-will donation Pancake Breakfast to help fundraise for Bear Creek Summer Camp Camperships. To volunteer, go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A44ADAD22A57-54081666-bear>

ASP SUPER BOWL HOAGIE SALE

Jan. 19th, 26th & Feb. 2nd, The Lobby

Order your Super Bowl hoagie from ASP between services in the lobby over three weekends. Hoagies will be distributed on Sunday, 2/9. More details to come.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE - RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Monday, January 20, 2025

On Monday, January 20, 2025 Trinity will once again be participating in Rise Against Hunger for MLK Day of Service. This activity is open to all ages from ages 5 and above and community members are welcome to participate. Elementary aged children need to be accompanied by an adult. Volunteer opportunities include setting up, packaging the food and clean up. Please look for the sign up genius after January 1. Please reach out to Tamera Hatton through the church office with any questions.



TRINITY
PRESCHOOL
A FUN PLACE TO LEARN & GROW

PreSchool & PreK for ages 3-5
3, 4 & 5 days a week programs

Registration Opens
January 14, 2025

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Trinity is looking for **Monday Morning Crew** folks to help out with various jobs around the church. Meets Monday Morning from 8-11 am (may vary depending on projects).

We are also looking for a group of people for unlocking for nighttime activities at 5:45 pm and returning at 9:00 pm to lock up the building. **Please contact Bill Graeff at graeffb@graeff0630.com.**



FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK BRUNCH

Sunday, Dec. 29. We will gather after worship for potluck brunch in Hyson Hall. All are welcome - please bring a dish to share if you are able: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAEA628ABF4C52-53736353-annual/46502238#/ Questions, call Cindy 215-290-1891, cindyryan817@aol.com.

SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP - NOAH

April 15, 2025. Pricing \$147.00 Adult, \$100.00 Child (under 12 yrs. old). Depart from Trinity 8:30 am for 11:00 am show and return 5:30 pm. Registration forms online and at the Welcome Desk! Contact vseal@trinitylansdale.com for info.

CHURCH DECORATING COMMITTEE

Please join us on Sunday, December 22nd after the 10:45 service to put away the Advent decorations and decorate the sanctuary, lobby and chapel for Christmas. No experience needed and jobs for all ages!

POINSETTIA DELIVERY

Christmas poinsettias will be delivered to our homebound disciples on **Friday, December 27, 2024.**

We are looking for volunteers to assist with labeling and bagging the flowers as well as delivering them. This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity for adults and children. Join us for donuts and coffee prior to delivery at 9:30 am.

Please contact Vicki Seal at the church (215-368-1710) or by email at vseal@trinitylansdale.com if you are interested in sharing your gifts in this wonderful ministry opportunity.

SUPPORT THE ENDOWMENT FUND

Trinity's Endowment Fund strengthens our church and supports ministries beyond the general budget. Donations in honor or memory of loved ones are welcome year-round. To contribute, place the donation form (at the Welcome Desk) in an envelope labeled "ENDOWMENT FUND" and drop it in the offering basket or mail it to the church office or give online and indicate Endowment Appeal. Thank you for helping pass the faith to future generations!

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL NOMINEES

We have 2 openings on the congregational council. The nominating committee is looking for people interested in serving. If you love the Lord, believe in the mission and values of Trinity Lutheran Church, are active in the ministries of the church, then this message is for you!

As Trinity's council prepares for the year ahead, we are seeking 2 individuals who are willing to share their God-given gifts and talents with the congregation. As a prospective Council member, you have the opportunity to grow in faith and relationship with other church leaders. Please complete the nomination form available at the welcome desk or email Julie Kinzel at kuliejinzel@comcast.net for more information. **Deadline is December 31, 2024.**



CHRISTIAN CARE

FEAST COMMUNITY MEAL & FOOD PANTRY

Mondays, 5:00-6:00 pm, Hyson Hall
At Feast dinner and groceries donated by local businesses are provided to our guests. **Volunteers are needed to help prepare, set up, and serve**, providing a meal to those in need in our community! Contact Vicki at 215-368-1710 or vseal@trinitylansdale.com to help.

TRINITY PRAYER MINISTRY-LOVELINKS

This is a group of "pray-ers" who pray daily for needs lifted up by members/anyone in need. Join our group or have a need for prayer, email: LoveLinks@trinitylansdale.com.

TRANSLATORS NEEDED

Speak Spanish, French, Chinese, Bengali, Gujarati, Vietnamese or Arabic? Hatfield Elementary needs translators to allow parents and students to receive important information in their own language. If you know any of these languages and are willing to translate, please contact Vicki Seal at vseal@trinitylansdale.com.

CAR FOR SALE?

One of our refugee families is in need of an inexpensive car. Please contact Karen Wright (wright.karen1969@gmail.com) if you know of any availability.

ON EAGLE'S WINGS DONATIONS

On Eagle's Wings has collected many books this year! We gratefully acknowledge the ongoing support of so many. At this time our shelves are full. We invite you to visit the Library and grab a book for yourself or someone else. Please leave your free-will offering in the designated box that will support the On Eagles wing's ministry. While we have not recently sent teams to the North to teach Bible School, those children still need our support to hear about God. Please consider making a donation of any amount during this Christmas season to help our work.



WHITE GIFTS SUNDAY

January 5 and 12

Please bring your gifts and place them into the mangers in the lobby. Monetary contributions are also accepted to help families of infants obtain medical care, transportation, and other needs for their little ones.

BUILDING ACCESS & SECURITY

For continued building safety and security doors 1 & 2 (Circle Drive) will be locked daily at 2:00 pm. A receptionist is available until 4:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. Friday the office is open 9:00 am-noon.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024

Christmas Eve Dress Rehearsal 9:30 AM Sanctuary
Worship 5:30 PM Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

Worship 8:30 AM Sanctuary
Fellowship Coffee Hour 9:30 AM Parlor, Lobby
Adult Forum 9:45 AM 125/127
LifeSong Singers 9:45 AM 218/220 Music C
Trinity Alive! Worship 9:45 AM Chapel
Sunday School 10:15 AM 202 & 207
Worship 10:45 AM Sanctuary
Confirmation 1st & 2nd Year 6:00 PM Loft

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2024

Music Rehearsal 9:30 AM Sanctuary
Music Rehearsal 11:30 AM Sanctuary
Feast Community Meal & Pantry 5:00 PM Hyson Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:30 AM Ralph's Corner Diner
Worship 1:00 PM Sanctuary, Lobby, Chapel
Worship 3:00 PM Sanctuary, Lobby, Chapel
Worship 6:00 PM Sanctuary, Lobby, Chapel
Worship 9:00 PM Sanctuary, Lobby, Chapel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024

Merry Christmas! Offices Closed

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2024

Merry Christmas! Offices Closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024

Worship 5:30 PM Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

Worship 9:30 AM Sanctuary
Christmas Potluck Brunch 10:30 AM Hyson Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024

Feast Community Meal & Pantry 5:00 PM Hyson Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024

Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:30 AM Ralph's Corner Diner

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

Happy New year! Offices Closed

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025

Trinity Seniors Board Meeting 11:30 AM Parlor
Musikers 12:30 PM 218/220
Trintinnabulators 6:45 PM Bell Room
Boy Scouts Troop #61 7:00 PM Social Hall, Scout room
Trinity Choir 7:45 PM Sanctuary
Boy Scouts Troop #61 8:30 PM Hyson Hall

IN MEMORY

Please pray for the family and friends of Herbert Holweger, Sr. on his death on December 10, 2024.

Please pray for the family and friends of Howard Heckler on his death on December 16, 2024.

SERVING TODAY	5:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:45 AM
Welcome Center Host		Deb Neves	Jeanette Garges
Altar Guild	Kathy Benford	Carol Bennett Janet Francis	Judy Boorse Nancy Vetter
Lector	Cindy Dougherty	Dave Weber	Beth Shimer
Assisting Minister	Cindy Dougherty	Dave Freudig	Al Hanna
Communion Assistant		Teri Lanan Karen Brown Rodger Brown Ellen Craighead Pat Pinkston	Linda Williams Gail Garin Carol Reitz
Greeter		Bill Graeff Carol Caum	Nancy Fitzgerald Kathy Bencker
Worship Support		Teri Lanan	Karen Bergey
Coffee Hour Host (9:30-10:30 am)			Sadie Mullins Jacki Maute
Gospel Storyteller			
Flower Delivery			Vicki Seal
In the Lobby Today			

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Judy Benner by Dorothy Benner.

In memory of Judy Benner with love, Nancy, Phil, Betsy, Cassie, Tucker, Scott, and Sharon.

In memory of Judy Benner from Patty and Paul Daddario.

In memory of Judy Benner, my sister-in-law, by Marion Benner.

FEAST

In honor of Linda and Valentine Scheckenbach from George and Lynne Gessner.

In honor of Cricket Snearing's birthday by Carol and Joe Voicheck.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

In memory of Judy Haag from Joan Haag Beiter and John F. Beiter.

In memory of Judith H. Haag from Arley Wholesale, Inc.

CODE BLUE

In honor of Mark Lanan from John and Carole Kriebel.

LEGACY FUND

In honor of Linda and Bill Graeff from John and Carole Kriebel.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENT FUND

In honor of Betty and Chip Kern from John and Carole Kriebel.

SPONSORSHIPS

ALTAR FLOWERS

In loving memory of Rudy Stanek, Madie and Waldo Torluemke, and Ida and Rudolph Stanek by Marsha Stanek.

RADIO

In memory of my husband, Bill, and my mother and dad, Marian and Howard Kriebel, by Annette Moss.

Would you like to sponsor any of the following?

Worship Bulletins (\$140/co-spon. \$70)

Radio Broadcast (\$120/co-spon. \$60)

Livestream Worship (\$50) Altar Flowers (\$90)

Contact the office at 215-368-1710.



December 21, 2024
5:30 pm

Worship Bulletin



Welcome to Trinity!

We are so glad you're here. At Trinity, we believe that all are created in the image of God and that we are transformed by God's Son, Jesus Christ, and his birth, life, death, and resurrection. If our liturgy rituals and practices are new to you, please participate as you feel comfortable and are able.

More information on Trinity, our worship practices, Baptism, Holy Communion, marriage, and our preschool is available on our website, trinitylansdale.com. I can be reached by email at ffowler@trinitylansdale.com.

- Pastor Fritz Fowler

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be challenging when you've experienced loss. Tonight we come together to honor the grief that so many of us carry and remember that we are never alone. God joins us in our sadness and holds us in tender care, and as a congregation, we support and care for another.

OUR MISSION

We are called to **embrace** DIVERSITY **and** to **connect** ALL GENERATIONS to *God's* family.

Worship Services

Saturday 5:30 pm (Chapel)
Sunday 8:30 am
(Sanctuary & Livestream)
Sunday 9:45 am - Trinity Alive!
(Chapel)
Sunday 10:45 am (Sanctuary)

Sunday School

10:15-10:45 am - Room 202 & 207
Pre-K through 6th grade

Ways to Worship

www.trinitylansdale.com

Radio WORD FM 97.1

Reconciling in Christ Congregation

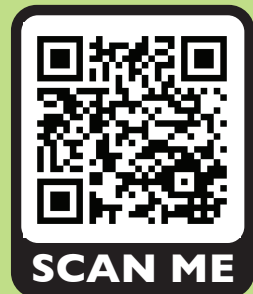


What does being RIC mean?
reconcilingworks.org

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‡ **GATHERING** ‡

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

“Advent Reflection” by Mark Patterson
Emily Brands

WELCOME AND PASTOR’S GREETING

Please stand.

This ancient advent hymn originated in part from the “Great ‘O’ Antiphons,” part of the medieval Roman Catholic Advent liturgy. On each day of the week leading up to Christmas, one responsive verse would be chanted, each including a different Old Testament name for the coming Messiah. When we sing each verse of this hymn, we acknowledge Christ as the fulfillment of these Old Testament prophecies. We sing this hymn in an already-but not yet-kingdom of God. Christ’s first coming gives us a reason to rejoice again and again, yet we know that all is not well with the world. So along with our rejoicing, we plead using the words of this hymn that Christ would come again to perfectly fulfill the promise that all darkness will be turned to light. The original text created a reverse acrostic: “ero cras,” which means, “I shall be with you tomorrow.” That is the promise we hold to as we sing this beautiful hymn.

GATHERING HYMN 257

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
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



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
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



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.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



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

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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.**

Please be seated.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

This first candle we light to redeem the pain of loss; the loss of relationships, the loss of jobs, the loss of health. We pause to gather up the pain of the past. We offer it to God, asking that from His hands we may receive the gift of peace.

Refresh, restore, renew us, O God, and lead us into your future.

(sing "Light One Candle" verse 1)



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!

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This second candle we light to remember those whom we have loved and lost. We pause to remember their name, their face, their voice, the memory that binds them to us in this season either aloud or within the silence of our hearts.

May God's eternal love surround them.

(sing "Light One Candle" verse 2)

This third candle we light to remember ourselves this Christmastime. We pause and remember these past weeks and months; the disbelief, the anger, the down times, the poignancy of reminiscing, the hugs and handshakes of family and friends, all those who stood with us. We give thanks for all the support we have known.

Let us remember that dawn defeats darkness.

(sing "Light One Candle" verse 3)

The fourth candle we light to remember our faith and the gift of hope which the Christmas story offers to us. We remember that God, who shares our life, promises us a place and time of no more pain and suffering.

Let us remember the One who shows the way, who brings the truth, and who bears the light.

(sing "Light One Candle" verse 4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

The concept of the Advent wreath originated among German Lutherans in the 16th Century, however, it was not until three centuries later that the modern Advent wreath took shape. It's interesting to note that in Medieval times, Advent was a fast during which people's thoughts were directed to the expected second coming of Christ; but in modern times it has been seen as the lead up to Christmas, the celebration of the first coming of Christ.

‡ WORD ‡

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Cindy Dougherty is serving as lector.

NRSV Holy Bible page 581.
Spark Bible page 777.

READING

Isaiah 40:1, 25-31

Response after the conclusion of the reading:
You are with us in your word. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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NRSV Holy Bible page 833.
Spark Bible page 1130.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:8-20

The gospel is announced:
The gospel according to Luke, the 2nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:
This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Fritz Fowler

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 294

In The Bleak Midwinter

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

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APOSTLES CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 THE PEOPLE

The following reponse is sung after each prayer petition:

In your mercy, O Lord, hear our prayer.

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PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you. **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

The Creed is a confession of faith in the triune God - the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer - which is shared by many churches for centuries. Martin Luther taught that it “teaches us to know God fully.” You can learn more on p.1162 in the back of the red ELW hymnal.

The Church prays for the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus for all the great needs of our community and the world.

We offer a sign of peace to each other using sign language, a wave, an elbow bump, or hand shake.

Thank you for your generous giving to support Trinity's mission and ministry. This QR code is a quick and easy way to connect directly to our giving page.



The communion liturgy begins with the Great Thanksgiving when, together, we offer thanks for God's saving acts.

The Sanctus (meaning Holy) gives us the opportunity to join together with the heavenly chorus in praising God, who is wondrous yet calls us into relationship.

✠ MEAL ✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Veni, Emmanuel” - arr. Timothy Shaw
Emily Brands

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation of the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

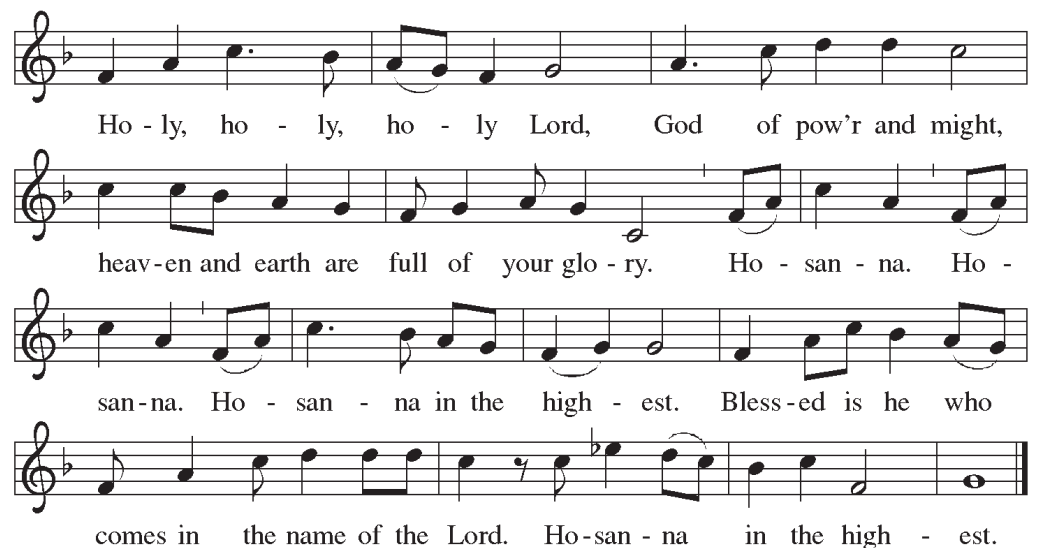
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give 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:



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. Ho -
san - na. 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.

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In the night in which he was betrayed...Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND COMMUNION

God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table. **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world
have mer - cy on us, mer - cy up - on us. O
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world
Grant us vi - sion, grant us jus - tice
grant us your own true peace.

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COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymn 277

Away in a Manger

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. **Amen.**

All are invited to receive the sacrament, please come forward via the center aisle and return via the side aisles. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available and located on the wooden table.

This prayer gives us the opportunity to share gratitude for sustenance and inclusion in Christ, and to prepare to love and serve as faithful witnesses.

✠ SENDING ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

BLESSING

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, ✠ bless and keep you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN 281

Silent Night

On Christmas Eve of 1818, the young priest of St. Nicholas parish church in Obendorf faced disaster. The organ had been incapacitated by mice. The chance of fixing the instrument before the evening service was slim.

Father Joseph Mohr was not a man to just give up however. He pulled out a poem he had written several years before called "Stille Nacht," or "Silent Night." Mohr took his poem to the schoolmaster and organist of a nearby town, Franz Xaver Gruber. He asked that Gruber write a melody to accompany the poem on guitar. In several hours, Gruber had the music done and the carol was played for the first time that night at the Christmas Eve service.

The dismissal reminds us that the purpose of gathering for worship is to be sent into the world to love God and serve others.

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
 ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,
 Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your
 Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Love Has Come
Emily Brands