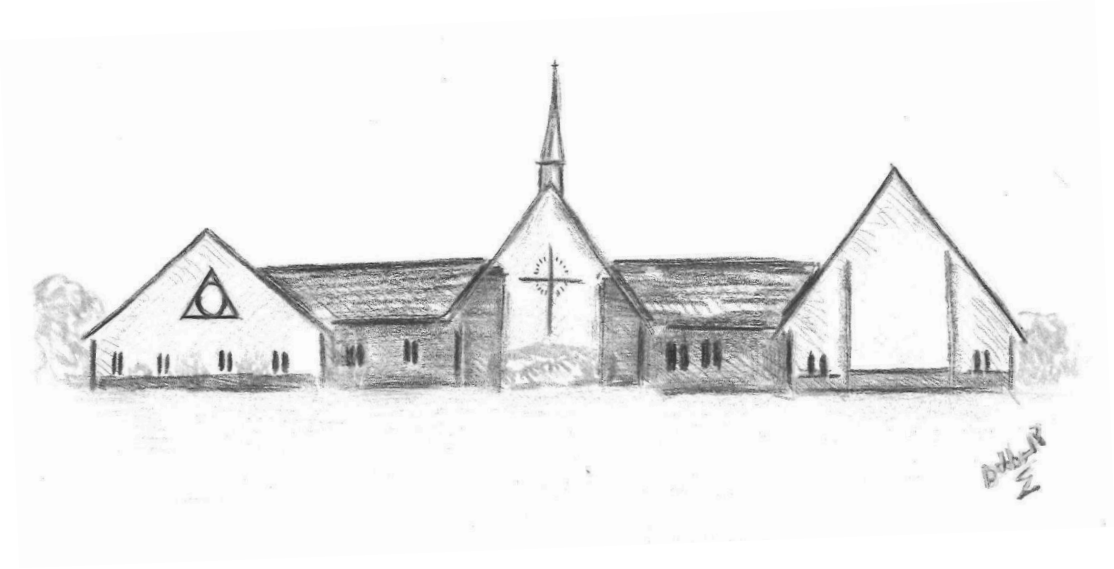
First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2026



OUR MISSION:

To make disciples for Jesus Christ,
to baptize and to teach the faith,
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ
and become responsible members of His church.

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INTRODUCTION

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who are visiting today. Please complete a purple visitor's card which can be found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you, and place it in the offering plate. May your hopes be restored, spirits lifted and your enthusiasm renewed when you visit here.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Elaine Gross' birthday by her daughter Lynn Hotnisky.

Families

At Trinity, we love having children worship with us. And we know children need to fidget and squirm! We invite parents and grandparents to all that the Kid's Corner has to offer, located just off the sanctuary in the narthex. There is a wide selection of books on the tall stand, and plenty of crayons and coloring books in the basket. "Borrow Bags" are filled with items for fidgety children to use during worship. Return them to the stand following worship.

Advent Candle Lighting - Hannah Nelson-Poteet

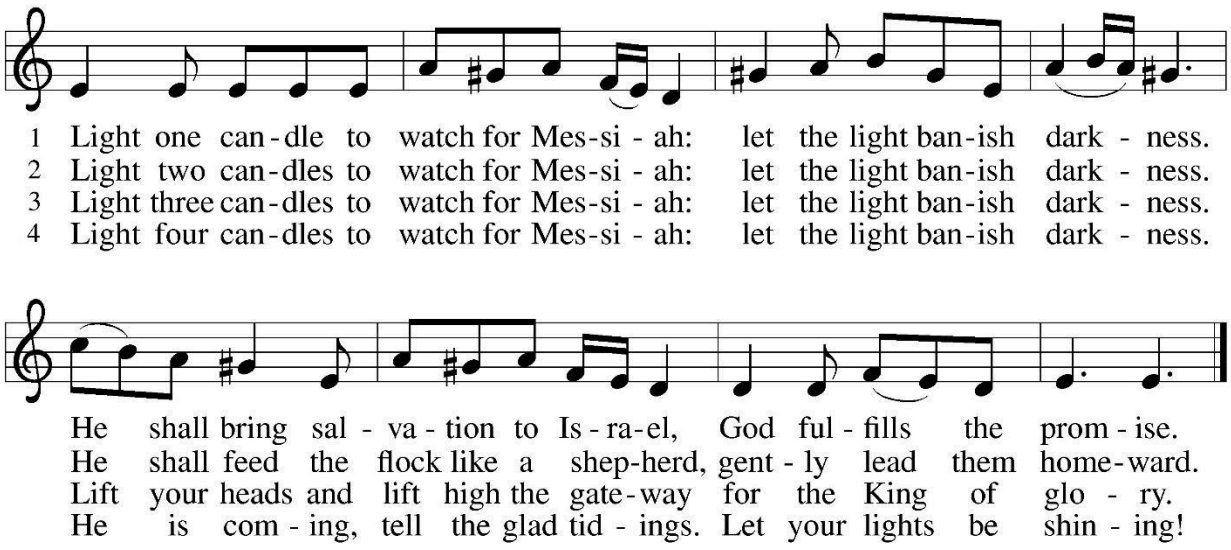


L Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning. As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace. O house of Jacob, come,

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

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Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



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GATHERING

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

P Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who calls out to the weary,
whose word endures forever.

C Amen.

P A voice cries out in the wilderness,
"Make straight the way of the Lord!"
We are called to confess our sin
and turn back toward God's love.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Comforting God,

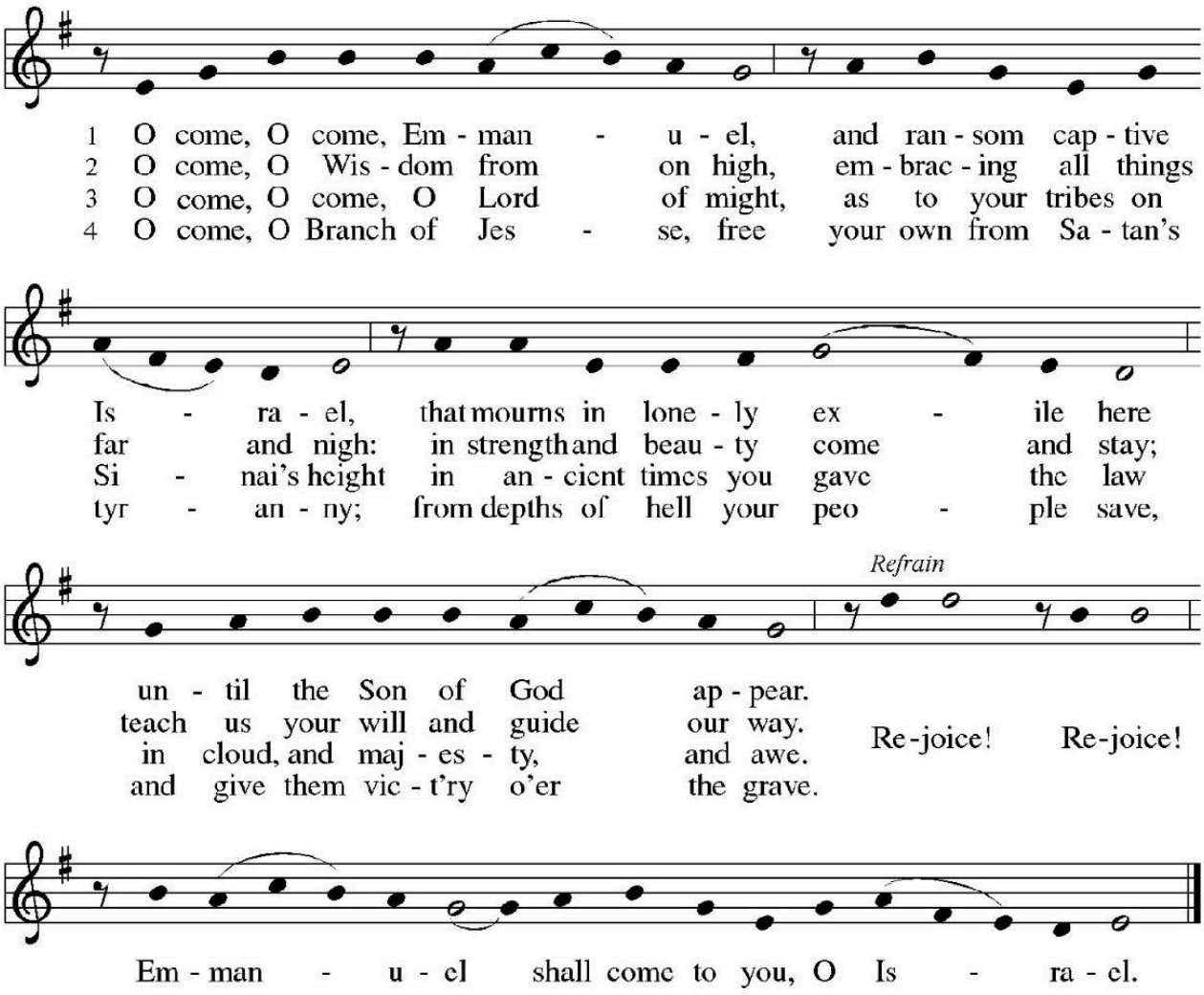
C we are your people,
but we have neglected to call on your name.
We are your people,
but we have not remembered your ways.
We are your people,
but we have forgotten your hold on us.
We are your people,
but now we fade like a leaf,
and our sins, like the wind, take us away.
Restore us as your people.
Cleanse us from our sin,
and clothe us in your righteousness.
Amen.

P “Comfort, comfort my people!” says your God,
who has clothed you with the garments of salvation
and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness.
God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
In the name of ☩ Christ, your sins are forgiven:
Rejoice in the Lord!
Rejoice in the Lord!

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN
ELW 257

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

P Please be seated.

WORD

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

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

[1] O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
[2] as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
[3] When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
[4] From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
[5] You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
[6] We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
[7] There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

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[8] Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
[9] Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

L The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

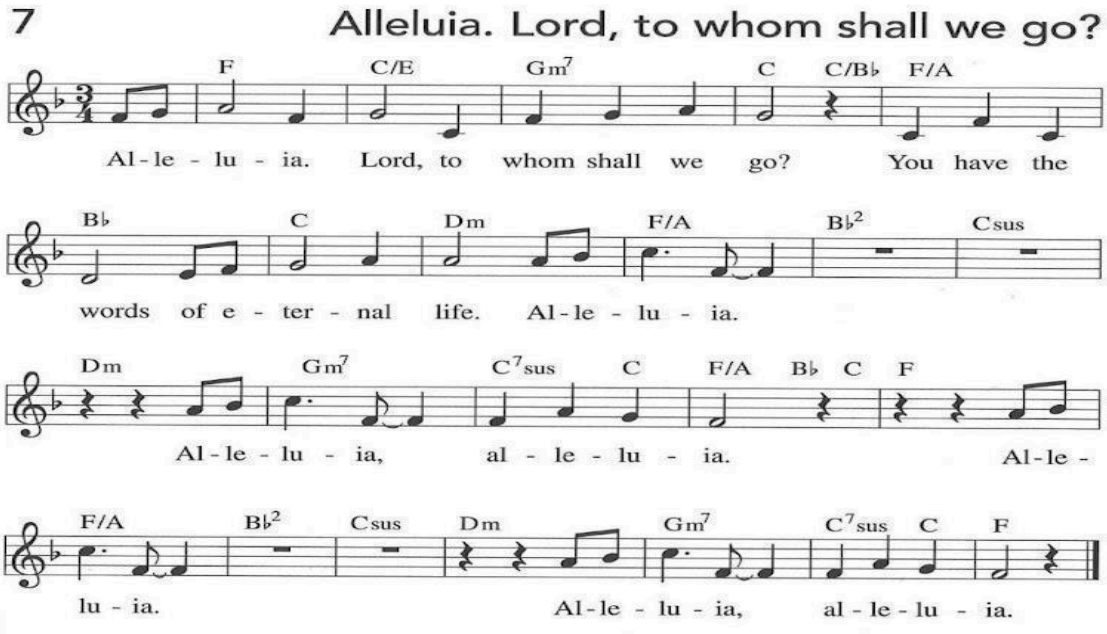
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

L [1] Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
**C [2] In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**
L [3] Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
**C [4] O Lord | God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**
L [5] You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
**C [6] You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
L [7] Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
**C [17] Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**
L [18] And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
**C [19] Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

P Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

P The holy gospel according to Mark, the thirteenth chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

Jesus said: [24] "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
[25] and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
[26] "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. [27] Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

[28] "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29] So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30] Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.
[31] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

[32] "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. [33] Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. [34] It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35] Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, [36] or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37] And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

P The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

P Please be seated.

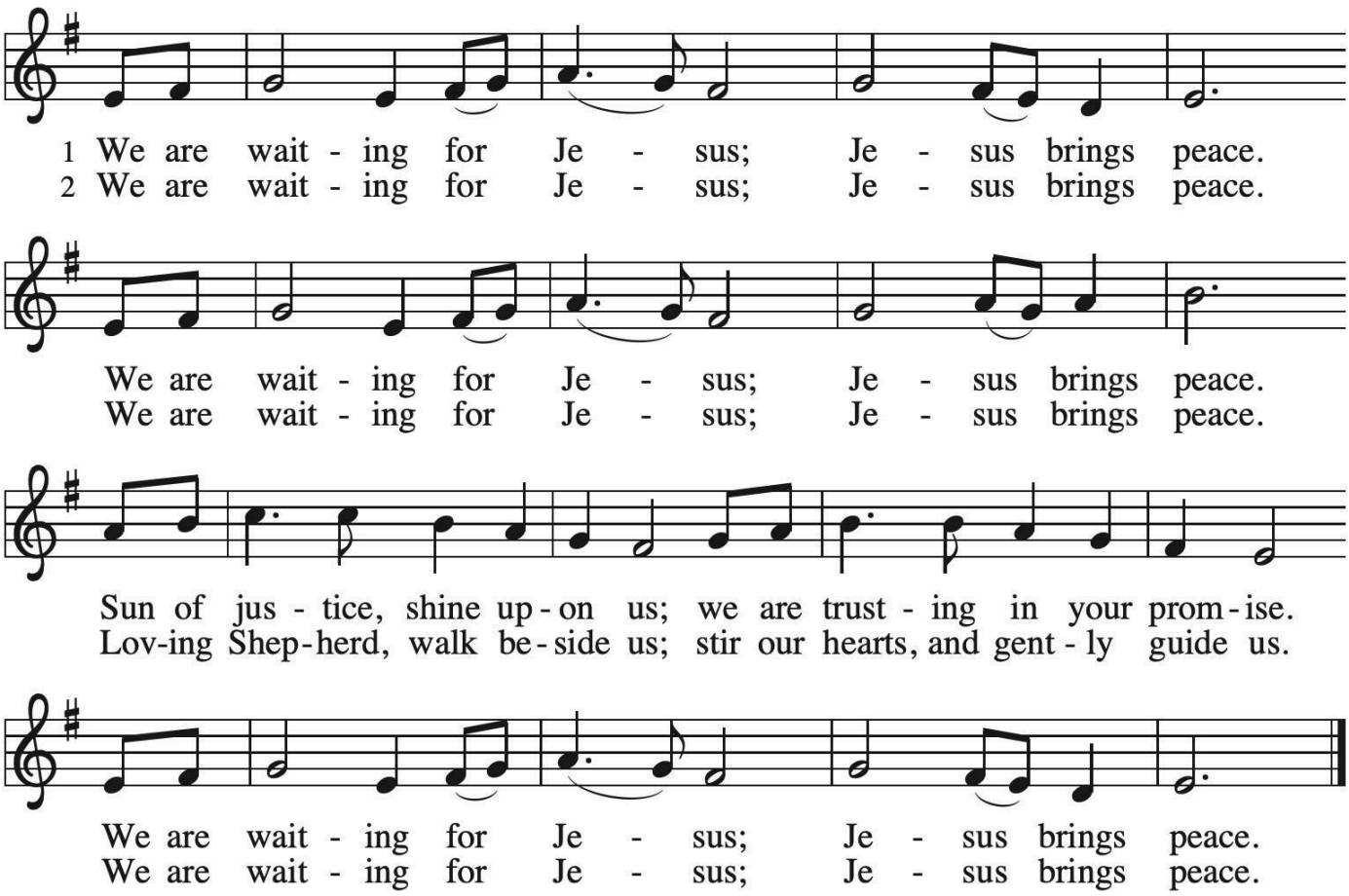
SERMON

Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor

P Please rise.

SERMON HYMN
ACS 906

We Are Waiting for Jesus



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APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

P Please sit or kneel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L Strengthen your church in this season of anticipation. Nourish all people who gather around word and water, bread and cup. Reassure any whose faith feels dry that you are always near. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

L Come and restore the earth. Give rest to weary lands and renewed life to species at risk. Make us wise stewards of the places we call home. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

L Bring peace among all nations and communities. Embolden leaders to seek creative and sustainable resolutions to war and conflict. Show us new possibilities in places where peace has been elusive. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

L Sustain all who are heavy with weariness, grief, illness, or worry. Comfort families who are estranged from one another and any who are separated from loved ones.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy, Joan, & Sally.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: John, Sharon, Sarah, Jack, Nate, Brenda, Kay, Barry, Peggy, Marita, Heather, Margie, Kathy, Connie, Michelle, Steve, Michael, Jim, Craig, Tom, Susan, Karen, Georgia, Waine, Julia, Leslie, Ed, Carol, Debbie, Tony & Alyson.

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength: Adam, Maria & Christina.

In gratitude for God's abundance.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, Craig & Eve.

And for those who we hold in our hearts, and those whose needs are known only to you God.

God, in your mercy,
C **receive our prayer.**

L Inspire liturgists, preachers, musicians, and all who lead our worship and prayer. May we be prepared as we await Christ's coming this Advent season.
God, in your mercy,
C **receive our prayer.**

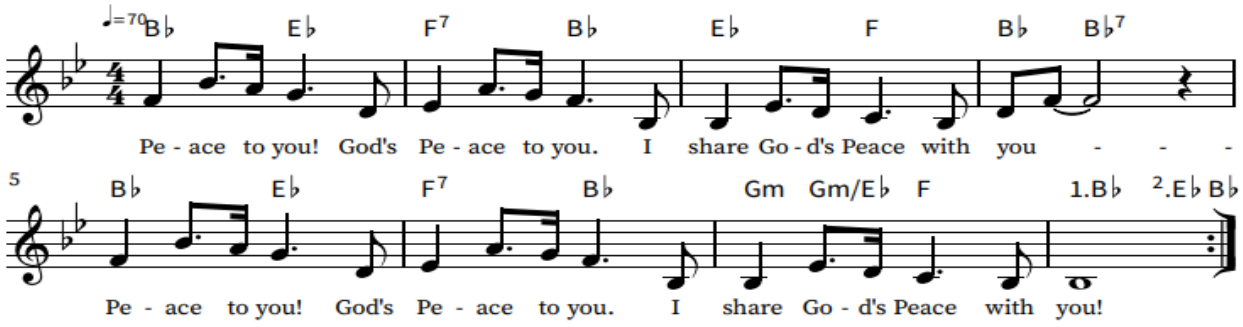
L We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to you, most holy God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.
C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P Please rise.
P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.

Peace



P Please be seated.

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P Please rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Holy Creator,
we are the clay and you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Receive these gifts shape them and our lives for your purpose,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

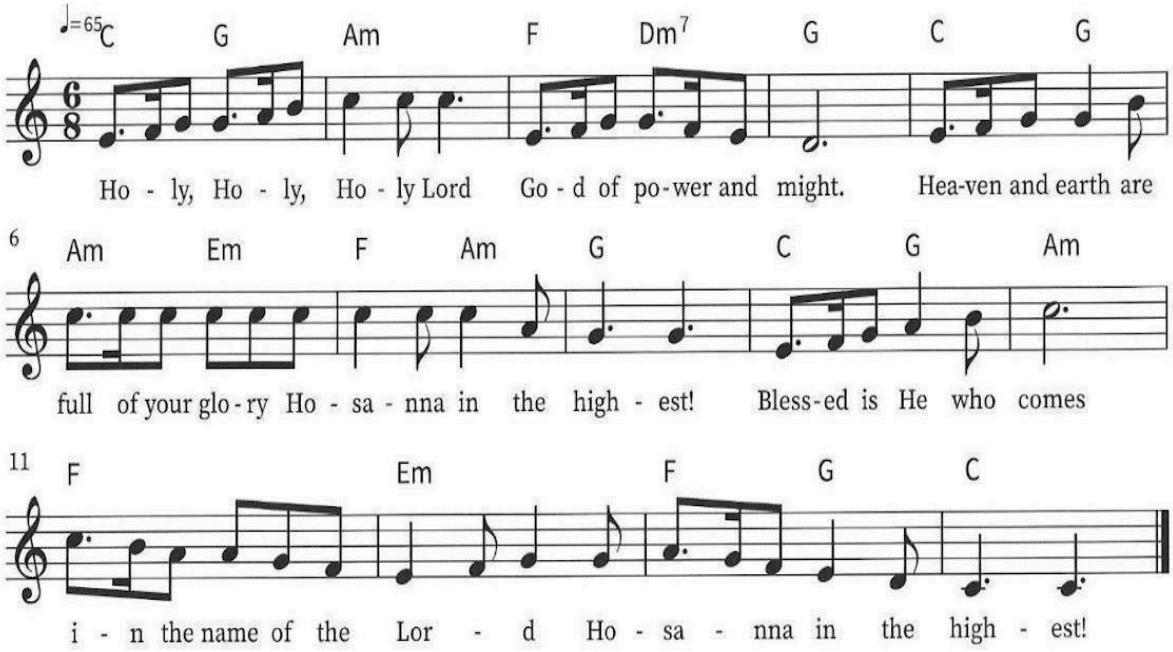
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

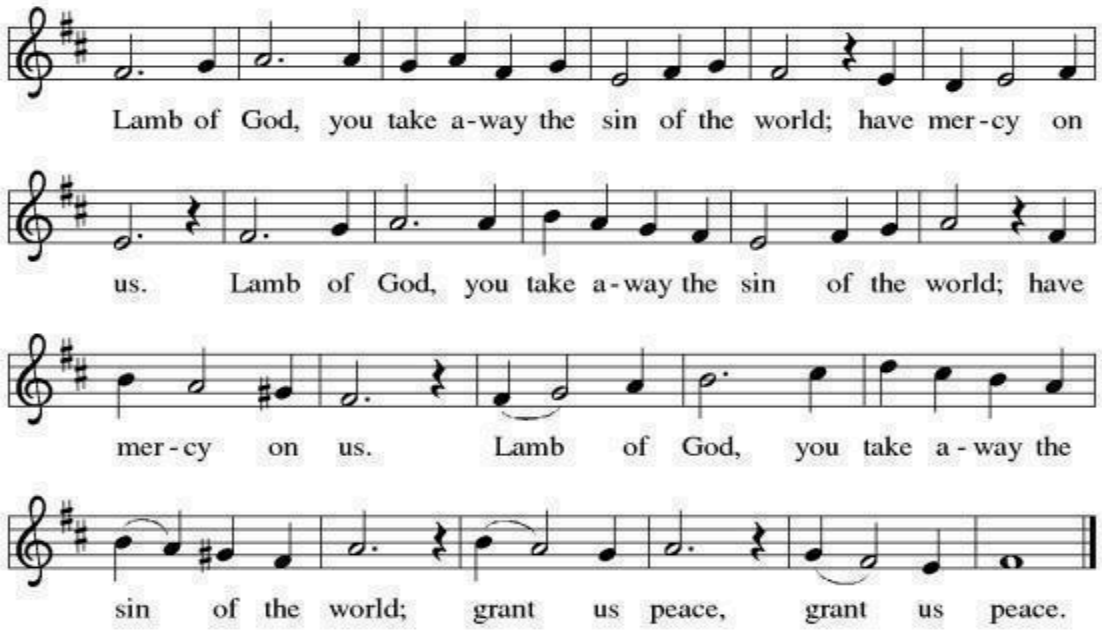
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

P Please be seated until the invitation.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
C Amen.

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A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.

If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.

P Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.
C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Providing God,
you feed your flock like a shepherd
and gather your people in your arms.
We praise you for the care and sustenance
you give at this meal and always.
As we leave your table, carry us near your heart,
and send us with confidence in the way
of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C Amen.

SENDING

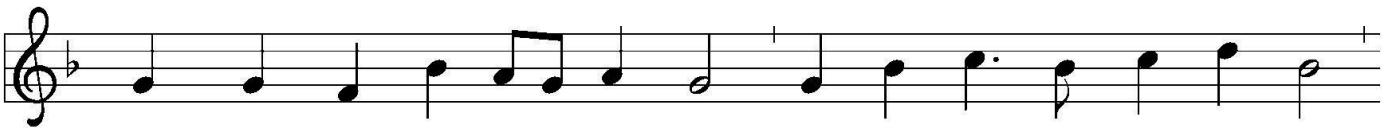
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

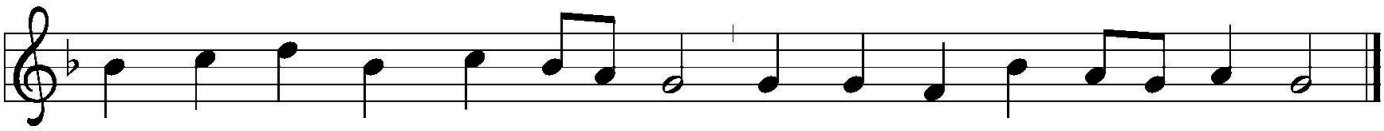
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.
In the name of the Father, ☩ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

SENDING SONG
ELW 263

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!

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Bring good news to the brokenhearted.
C Thanks be to God.



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This Week at Trinity

Sunday November 29
No Food Drive today

Tuesday December 1
TAG Book Group at 11 am

Wednesday December 2
Juliets Luncheon at noon. RSVP to Priscilla Myers
Evening Prayer on Zoom at 7 pm

Friday December 4
Interactive Nativity 5-7 pm

Looking Ahead

Sunday December 6
Last day for stuffed toy collection for Gemma Services
Bring your Angel Tree gifts for KenCrest
Blanket Drive begins: Donate new blankets to the Food Drive

Monday December 7
Christian Book Club 5:30 pm Empire Diner

Friday December 18
Last day for winter coat collection

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Serving Sunday 11/29	
Guest Musician	Ashley Hiester
Lector	Judy Flanigan
Greeter	Lori Peltier
Communion Assistants	Susan Chambers & Lynn Chialastri
Ushers	Ann Dungan & Brenda Aslin
Coffee Hour	Nancy Klein/Kristin Stoeber
Building Opener	Rick Cole
Altar Guild	Brenda Aslin
Counting Team	Jeff & Becky Shadle, Sharon Wilson
Serving Sunday 12/6	
Lector	Alma Nowmos
Greeter	Priscilla Myers
Communion Assistants	Ann Dungan & Judy Flanigan
Ushers	Wilmer Cressman & Lori Pelitier
Coffee Hour	Set Up Needed/Lynn Chialastri
Building Opener	Ann Dungan
Altar Guild	Trish Graves
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