

DECEMBER



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## **Holy is his name**

**December 22, 2024**

**Advent 4**

It's Advent, and it's time for praise. Individual lives were deeply affected by Jesus' first coming, and they responded with words of praise. They praised God their Savior. Hearing their words, we too are compelled to speak and sing our praises to God.

Today we hear Mary's words of praise. "My soul glorifies the Lord...holy is his name."

Today's 8:00 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

- [www.htlc-wa.org](http://www.htlc-wa.org)

After the service, the recording can be accessed at the same YouTube site.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE — ADVENT

P: You heavens, sprinkle from above,  
and let the skies shower down righteousness.  
Let the earth open up so that salvation will sprout  
and righteousness will spring up with it.

**C: The Lord has created it.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

P: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins  
and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: The Lord is near to all who call on him,

**C: to all who call on him in truth.**

P: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**C: and grant us your salvation.**

*Hymn 320, stanzas 1,5-7 As Angels Joyed with One Accord*



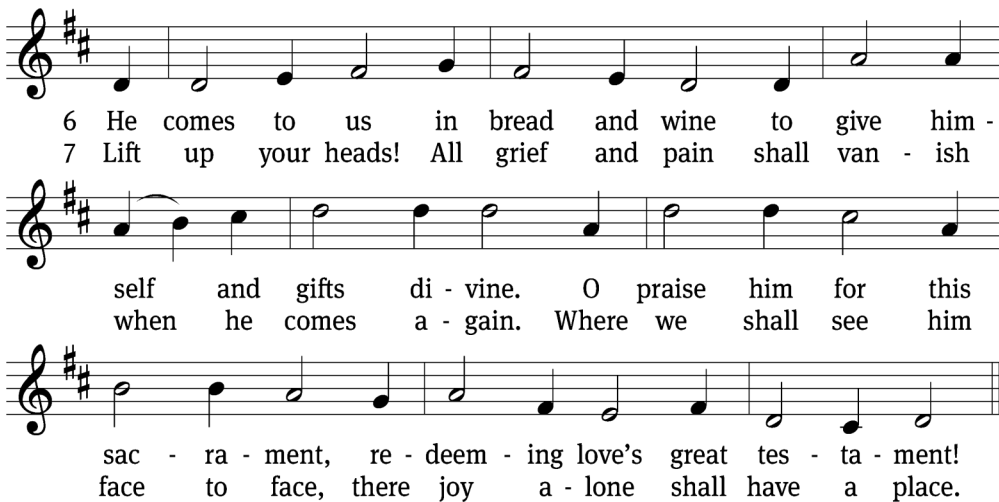
1 As an - gels joyed with one ac - cord up - on the  
5 He comes in wa - ter to the child and cleans - es



ad - vent of our Lord, so let us glad - ly  
it, from birth de - filed. This wash - ing seals his



praise the name of him who from the Fa - ther came.  
par - d'ning grace and shows the Fa - ther's kind - ly face.



6 He comes to us in bread and wine to give him -  
 7 Lift up your heads! All grief and pain shall van - ish  
 self and gifts di - vine. O praise him for this  
 when he comes a - gain. Where we shall see him  
 sac - ra - ment, re - deem - ing love's great tes - ta - ment!  
 face to face, there joy a - lone shall have a place.

## THE WORD

### First Lesson — Micah 5:2-5

Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are small among the clans of Judah;  
 one will come from you to be ruler over Israel for me.

His origin is from antiquity, from ancient times.

Therefore, Israel will be abandoned until the time  
 when she who is in labor has given birth;

then the rest of the ruler's brothers will return to the people of Israel.

He will stand and shepherd them in the strength of the LORD,  
 in the majestic name of the LORD his God.

They will live securely,

for then his greatness will extend to the ends of the earth.

He will be their peace.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Lesson — Hebrews 10:5-10

Therefore, as he was coming into the world, he said:

You did not desire sacrifice and offering, but you prepared a body for me.

You did not delight in whole burnt offerings and sin offerings.

Then I said, "See — it is written about me in the scroll —

I have come to do your will, God.”

After he says above, “You did not desire or delight in sacrifices and offerings, whole burnt offerings and sin offerings” (which are offered according to the law), he then says, “See, I have come to do your will.” He takes away the first to establish the second. By this will, we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

*Hymn 309 stanzas 2,6*



2 The ev - er - last - ing Son, in flesh con - tent to be,  
6 All glo - ry to the Son, who comes to set us free,



him - self a ser - vant's form puts on to set his ser - vants free.  
with Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.

### **Gospel—Luke 1:39-55**

In those days Mary set out and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judah where she entered Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped inside her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and your child will be blessed! How could this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For you see, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped for joy inside me. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill what he has spoken to her!”

And Mary said:

My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
because he has looked with favor on the humble condition of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed,  
because the Mighty One has done great things for me, and his name is holy.  
His mercy is from generation to generation on those who fear him.  
He has done a mighty deed with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud because of the thoughts of their hearts;  
he has toppled the mighty from their thrones and exalted the lowly.  
He has satisfied the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
remembering his mercy to Abraham and his descendants forever,  
just as he spoke to our ancestors.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

Hymn 956    *Holy Is Your Name*



1 My \_\_\_\_\_ soul is filled with joy as I  
2 I am low - ly as a child, but I  
3 I pro - claim your pow'r, O God! You work  
4 To the hun - gry you give food, send the  
5 In your love you now ful - fill all you



sing to God, my Sav - ior. You have looked up - on your  
know from this day for - ward that my name will be re -  
won - ders for your ser - vants; you have scat - tered the proud -  
rich a - way with noth - ing. In your mer - cy you are  
prom - ised to your peo - ple. I will praise you, God, my



ser - vant, you have vis - it - ed your peo - ple.  
mem - bered, and the world will call me bless - ed.  
heart - ed, you have lift - ed up the low - ly.  
mind - ful of the peo - ple you have cho - sen.  
Sav - ior, ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy.

*Refrain*

And ho - ly is your name through all gen - er -  
a - tions! Ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy to the  
peo - ple you have cho - sen, and ho - ly is your name!

Sermon— Luke 1:39-55

*Holy is his name*

## 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

## OFFERING

*You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9).*

*You may place your offering in the plates or use Online Giving.*

*The QR code at right will also take you to the giving site.*

*Thank you for your offerings.*



## MUSICAL OFFERING

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Dear Father, the time is near for us to commemorate the birth of your Son, our Savior. We wish to receive him into our hearts. But heavenly Father, our hearts are stained with sin. It is not fit as a home for one so pure and holy. There is pride, doubt, insincerity, false humility, and fleshly desire to want our will and not yours to be done. That is why we come to you and ask that you not only forgive us for this uninviting heart, but that you use your Word to root out all that makes us unfit to be called your own. Let us look forward, not only to the arrival of the Babe of Bethlehem but also the arrival of the King of kings as he comes in glory.

Almighty God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, hear the prayers of those who cry out to you in sickness or sorrow, in trouble or distress. Grant relief to those suffering pain, comfort to those who mourn, and recovery to those burdened by illness and disease. Look with compassion on the homeless, the destitute, those whose inner hurts we cannot see, and all who have none to care for them. Soothe and heal all who are broken in body or spirit, and bring us all to the perfect peace and rest of heaven, for the sake of Jesus, your Son and our Savior.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer.*

Hear us as we pray the prayer you have given us to pray.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

### THE SACRAMENT

P: Advent is a season of repentance as we await Jesus' coming. Let us confess our sins in preparation for receiving him in his Supper.

C: **Dear Lord, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n 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,



bles-sed is he, bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

### DISTRIBUTION

*Holy Trinity offers the Lord's Supper to communicant members of our congregation (and congregations in WELS and ELS). If you are not a communicant member and are interested in going through a course of study to prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper here, please speak with the pastor.*

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**C: his mercy endures forever.**

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

P: Dear Savior Jesus Christ, you have given yourself to us in this holy sacrament. Keep us in your faith and favor. As you live in us, let us also live in you. May your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Magnificat*



1, 3 My soul pro - claims your great - ness, O God, and my  
2 You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -



spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your  
lift - ed the hum - ble of heart. You have filled the hun - gry with



ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.



Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One, strong is your  
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One, strong is your



kind - ness ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the  
jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom - ised to



weak and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart. *st. 2*  
Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more. *st. 3*

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

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Accompanist: Joanna Grassell

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## **Sunday education**

Adults are studying Zephaniah and are in the fellowship hall.

Sunday School will meet in their assigned classrooms and are learning Old Testament lessons.

## **Christmas service invitations**

There are Christmas service invitations on the back table by the bulletins. Please take some to share.

## **Christmas eve music**

Join us between services on Christmas eve starting at 5:15 p.m. We will listen to Christmas music provided by the amazing musicians at our church.

## **Tuition assistance fund**

Holy Trinity has long been committed to providing Christian Education for families in the area. Some families have a harder time than others with tuition and we are here to help! This year we provided \$60,000 in tuition assistance for 46 students. In preparation for the 2025-26 school year we are seeking contributions to our tuition assistance fund to better meet those in financial need. A \$10,000 gift has been given to get this goal started. Please consider supporting this ministry of Christian Education at Holy Trinity with a gift. As we approach this Advent season and the coming of our Savior, we know HE is the most precious gift of all.

## **Holiday worship schedule**

December 24..... 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve

December 25..... 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day with communion

December 31..... 5:00 p.m. New Year's with communion