# Trinity Staten Island



# AOVENC Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024

#### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity Lutheran Church is a diverse Christian community committed to sharing and teaching the Word of God. We welcome all people and serve to provide Christian education, witness and outreach. In response to God's grace, we are called to address the needs of our changing community, care for others, worship God, develop leaders in our faith, and manage our gifts.

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#### PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES WHILE WE GATHER

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY:** Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the LORD of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:30 AM DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

# GATHERING

#### THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER

#### PRELUDE

Variations on 'Merton'	

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

According to Thy Gracious Word

Wolfgang Mozart (1756-1791)

Robert Lau (b. 1943)

According to Thy gracious word, In deep humility This will I do, my loving Lord, I will remember Thee. Thy body broken for my sake, My bread from heaven shall be; The cup, Thy precious blood I take, And thus remember Thee.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.* 

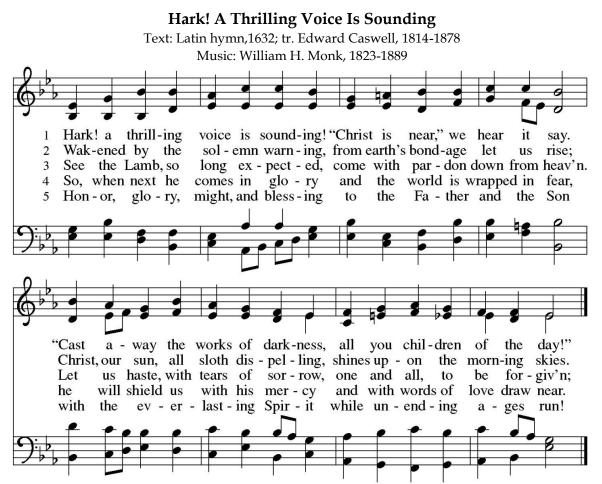
God of mercy,

- C we confess that we have sinned.
  We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.
  We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.
  God of might, we confess that we have sinned.
  We have turned away from our neighbors.
  We have trusted false promises.
- P God in our midst,
- C we confess that we have sinned.

#### We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us. A righteous branch springs forth:

- P A righteous branch springs forth:
  it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
  in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
  By the power of the Holy Spirit,
  receive the grace and forgiveness of God
  through + Christ Jesus,
  whose day draws near.
- C Amen.

### GATHERING HYMN, ELW 246



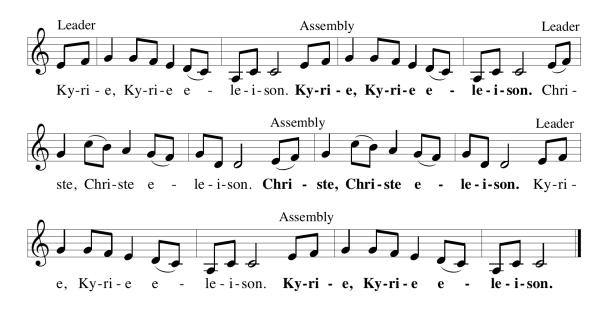
#### GREETING

- 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.

#### Kyrie

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Text: traditional Music: Daniel E. Schwandt, 2017 The assembly repeats the verse sung first by the cantor.



#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

A Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

The second candle is lit.

#### C Amen.

Please be seated.

# WORD

#### GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, READING, PREACH AND SONG

#### FIRST READING: MALACHI 3:1-4

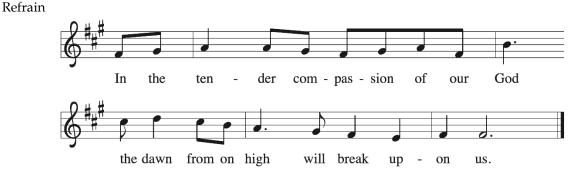
See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

- A Word of God, Word of Life.
- C Thanks be to God.

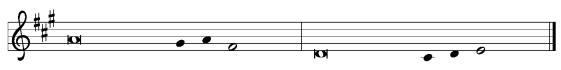
#### **PSALMODY**

#### Psalm - Luke 1: 68-79



The choir sings the refrain; the congregation then repeats.

Tone



The choir sings the non-bold verses, the congregation joins on the bold verses.

<sup>68</sup> Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,

you have come to your people and | set them free.

#### <sup>69</sup> You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,

#### born of the house of your | servant David.

- <sup>70</sup> Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies, <sup>71</sup> from the hands of | all who hate us,
- <sup>72</sup> to show mercy | to our forebears,

and to remember your | holy covenant.

- <sup>73</sup> This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:
  - <sup>74</sup> to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,

#### free to worship you | without fear,

<sup>75</sup> holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life.

<sup>76</sup> And you, child, shall be called the prophet of 1 the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,

- <sup>77</sup> to give God's people knowledge | of salvation by the forgiveness | of their sins.
- <sup>78</sup> In the tender compassion | of our God the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,
- <sup>79</sup> to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death, and to guide our feet into the | way of peace. *Refrain*

#### SECOND READING: Philippians 1: 3-11

A reading from Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full

insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

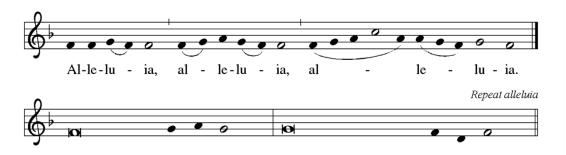
- A Word of God, Word of Life.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (WHEN CHILDREN PRESENT)

Please stand.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, ELW P.160

All sing the alleluia, then the Gospel verse according to the tone below and then repeat the alleluia:



Prepare the way of the Lord.\* All flesh shall see the salva- tion of God. (*Luke 3:4, 6*)

# GOSPEL READING: LUKE 3: 1-6

P The holy gospel according to Luke, the 3rd Chapter.

# C Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

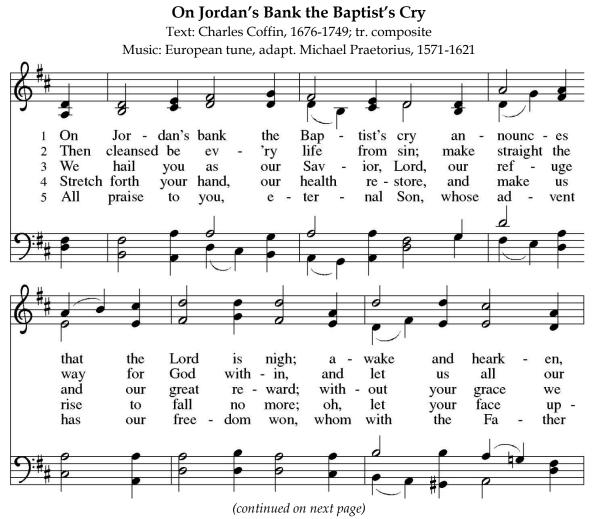
P The Gospel of the Lord.

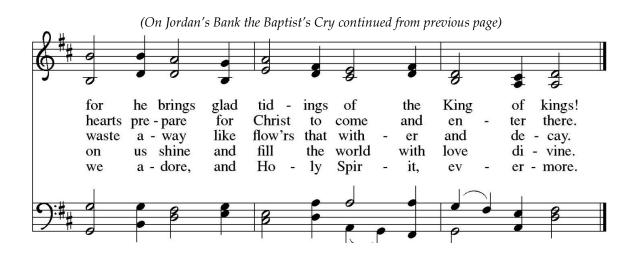
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

#### SERMON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY, ELW 249





#### 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**

*The lector ends each prayer petition by saying, "God, in your mercy," after which the congregation responds with "receive our prayer."* 

The pastor closes the intercessions with a prayer after which the congregation replies: "Amen."

#### PEACE

We greet one another with the peace and love of Jesus Christ.

P The peace and love of Jesus Christ be with you always.

#### C And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace and love with one another, and then be seated.

#### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS (SEE BACK OF BULLETIN)

#### **MUSICAL ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY**

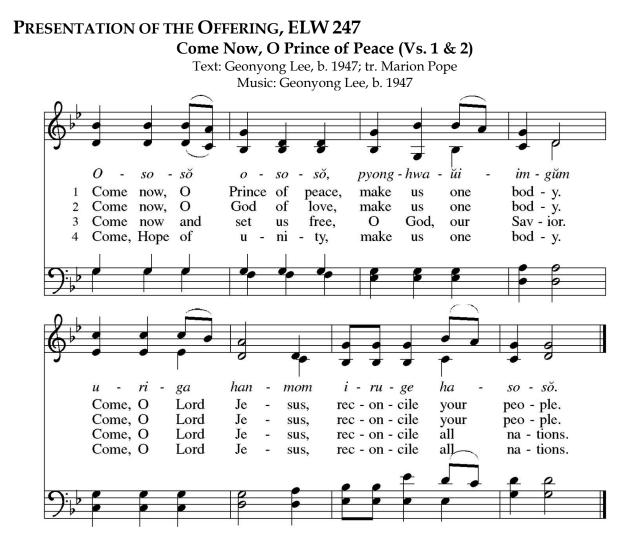
Out of the Wintry Gloom

Richard Shepherd (1949 - 2021)

Out of the wintry gloom of night, Out of the darkness of our days; Our Sun appears, a wondrous sight, A morning of unbroken praise.

O come, our Dayspring, and our Cheer, the herald calls, and we obey; Now lift us by your Advent here, The message comes, "Prepare a way."

Come now, O Prince of Glory, come! Come quickly, as dawn follows night; And dwell with us, here make your home, So all the world may see your light.



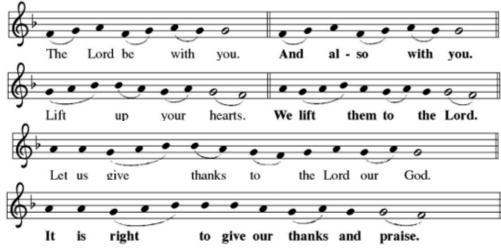
#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

- A God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

# MEAL

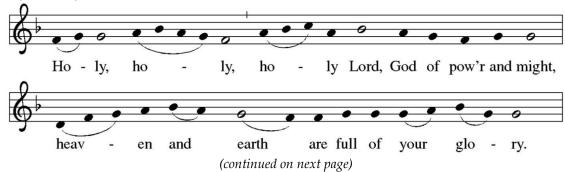
#### GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

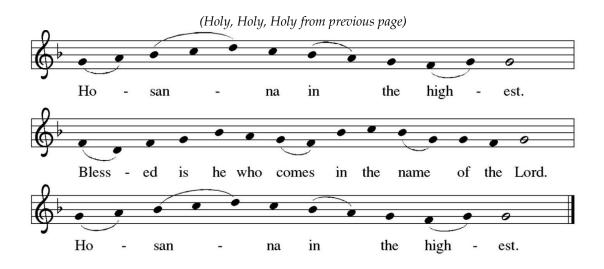
#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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. 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





P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

> 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,

full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

#### C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

#### C Come, Holy Spirit.

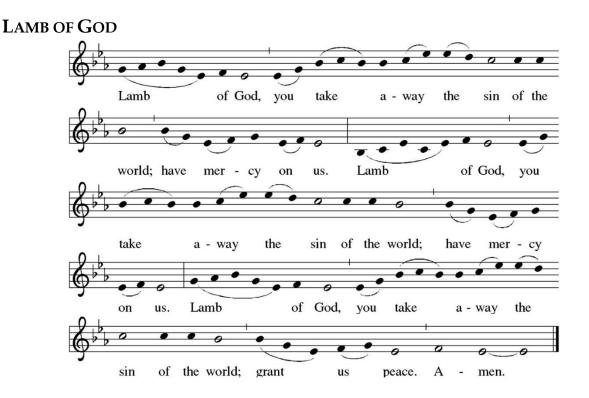
P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.



#### **COMMUNION HYMN, TFF 43**



#### COMMUNION HYMN, ELW 262



#### TABLE BLESSING

- P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ + strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.
- C Amen.

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#### **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.

C Amen.

# SENDING

#### GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

#### CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

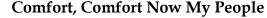
P Prepare the way of the Lord; refrain from sin; work for peace; protect the vulnerable; welcome the stranger; love all people; look for the coming of Jesus, for he is near.

#### BLESSING

P 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.

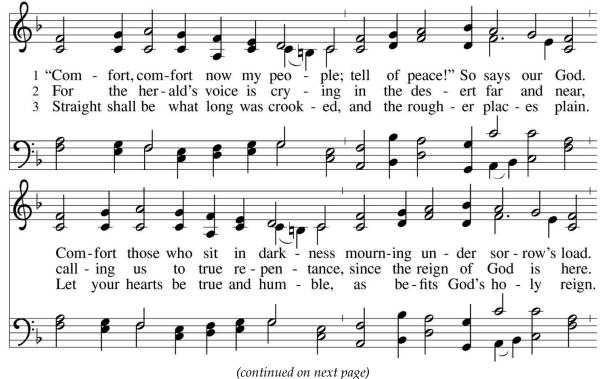
C Amen.

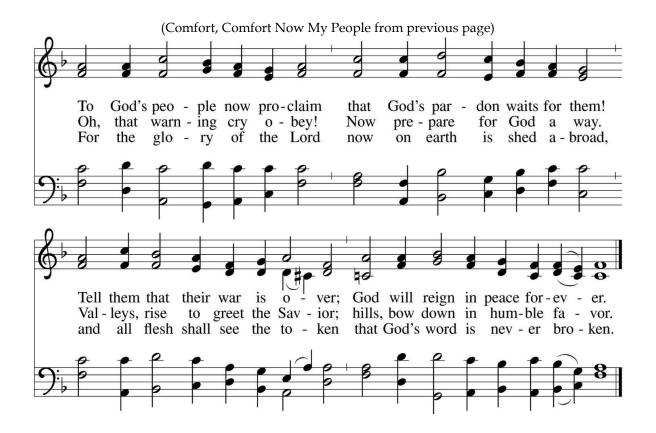
#### **SENDING HYMN, ELW 256**



Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635-1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Music: Trente quatre pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551





#### DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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#### WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Altar Guild	Kim Ryan
Assisting Minister and Lector	Martha Echols
Organist and Music Director	Trent Whisenant
Ushers	Marjorie Lawrence and Thimme Family
Counters	Luann Martin
Preacher/Presider	Rev. Dr. Stephanie Jaeger

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

FOR OUR PRAYERS ~ Please contact us with names to be added or removed. Susan Kiesling, Matt Casey, Marjorie Lawrence, Vincent Somma, Family and Friends of Dave Jaeger, Nico Velez, Nicholas Volpe, Family and Friends of Sawyer Sherk, Reath Edwards, Steven Chase and the Chase Family, Ronald Campbell, Carmen Acosta, Elizabeth N. Beyan, Roe Regan, Kim Russell, Diane Deutsch, Sylvia Ann Scott, Judy Killian, Carmen Cognetta. Mary & Israel Montalvo, Bob Rautenstrauch, Joan Nellis, Deacon Margaret-Ann O'Donnell, Barbara Stack, George Skilbred, Jessica Desens, Migdalia Jimenez, Laura Lupo, Ruth Dowling, David Dowling, Lura Hellem, Bobbie Wood & her daughter, Elizabeth Martin, Virginia Gill & Family, Roald & Marlies Meyer, Victor Mistretta, Carol Vikse, Steven Tercovich, Laura Konczynski, May Moore, Marlin Campbell, Ka-Ka, Kashief Campbell, Dianne Bombardi, Ian Grande, Edie Piazza, Christopher Jarrett, Laura Bunnell, Tony Leonardi, John Niemiec, Steve, Sonia Nunez, Ellen Nelson, Darlene Nellis, Cynthia Marsh Crowell, Pastor Wolfgang Laudert, Jackie LaMorte, the Pennington Family, Kristine Klumbach, Maryann, Frank and Dawn Fazio, Barbara Sanders and those who are suffering from the effects of the 9/11 attacks.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES:** Joshua Lentini, Sgt George E Turner, US Army, Sgt Brendan Jocsak, US Marines.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### TODAY

#### Confirmation

Sunday December 8 | noon- 2:30pm Youth will start out in the auditorium focusing on what it means to be church.

Advent Lessons and Carols Sunday December 8 | 4pm We hear the stories leading up to the birth of Christ, accompanied by carols and anthems.

### NEXT WEEK

**Feeding with TLC** Every Saturday | 9:30am | Volunteer Arrival Trinity's robust Feeding Ministry welcomes volunteers every Saturday to assist in feeding and providing food to our community members. Volunteers are

# especially needed on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Saturdays of the month. Contact the

church office for more info.

# **UPCOMING WEEKS**

Hat, Glove and Scarf Drive

Now Through December 15 | Narthex & Online Donate warm hats, gloves and scarves as a holiday gift for Feeding with TLC participants. Place donation in bin in narthex, or scan the QR code for the Amazon shopping list.



**Bible Study** The Church Year and the Liturgical Calendar of Readings Sunday, December 15th | 12 noon | Pastor's Office.

#### Compline Service on the Longest Night -Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> | 6pm

Join us as we mark the longest day of the year with chants and candlelight.

#### **Christmas Poinsettias**

Please contact the church office if you wish to sponsor poinsettias for the altar in memory or in honor of someone. Each plant costs \$15.00. You can submit names using the insert provided with the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

#### **2024 HOLIDAY SERVICES**

#### Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 8 at 4pm One of the most special services of the

year, we hear the stories leading up to the Birth of Christ accompanied by carols and anthems.

#### Compline on the Longest Night

Sunday, December 22 at 6pm Chants, candlelight, and ethereal beauty help us mark the longest night of the year, leading up to Christmas.

#### **Christmas Eve Service**

Tuesday, December 24 at 5pm

Our grand Christmas liturgy, we celebrate the birth of baby Jesus with familiar hymns, candlelight, communion, and sermon.

On the 7th day. Actually girls, "Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh" were the **gifts** that the Magi brought to the Christ child... it wasn't the name of a Bethlehem law firm. Neember: www. 8 8 8 30 the is

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