Trinity Staten Island



Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 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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INFORMATION FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING

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PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES WHILE WE GATHER

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY: Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news – and cause for exultation – for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:30 AM DECEMBER 15TH, 2024

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER				
Prelude		Gaudete	Brenda Portman (b. 1980)	
WELCOME				
CALL TO W	ORSHIP			
		Gaudete	16th Century Carol	
	Gaudete, gaudete! Christus est natus Ex Maria virgine, gaudete! Tempus adest gratiæ Hoc quod optabamus, Carmina lætitiæ	Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born Of the Virgin Mary – Rejoice! The time of grace has come – What we have wished for; Songs of joy		
	Devote reddamus.	Let us give back faithfully.		
	Deus homo factus est Natura mirante, Mundus renovatus est A Christo regnante.	God has become man, With nature marvelling, The world has been renewed By the reigning Christ.		
	Ezechielis porta Clausa pertransitur, Unde lux est orta Salus invenitur.	The closed gate of Ezekiel Is passed through, Whence the light is risen; Salvation has been found.		
	Ergo nostra contio Psallat iam in lustro; Benedicat Domino: Salus Regi nostro.	Therefore, let our assembly Now sing in brightness Let it bless the Lord: Greetings to our King.		

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

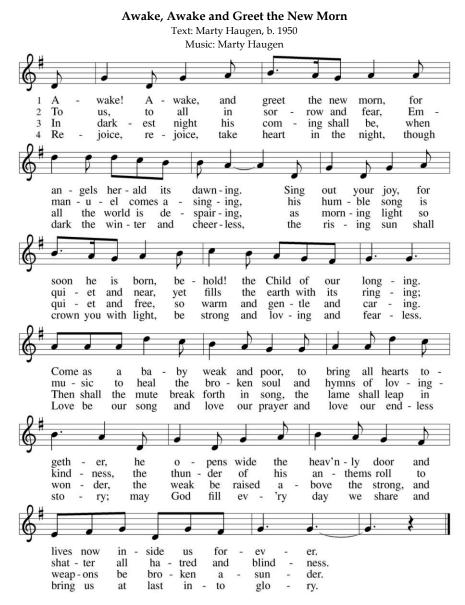
C Amen.

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.
 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 242



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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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; 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 victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Three candles are lit.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 3: 14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

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

PSALMODY



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

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become | my salvation.
³With joy you | will draw water from the wells | of salvation.
⁴ And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call | on God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name | is exalted.
⁵ Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done | gloriously; let this be known in | all the earth.
⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel. **R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4: 4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A Word of God, Word of Life.

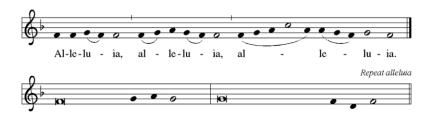
C Thanks be to God.

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:



I am sending my messen- | ger before you,* who will prepare your | way before you.

(Matthew 11:10)

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 3: 7-18

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

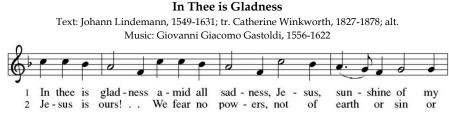
As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.
Please be seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY, ELW 867



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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.PThe peace and love of Jesus Christ be with you always.CAnd also with you.

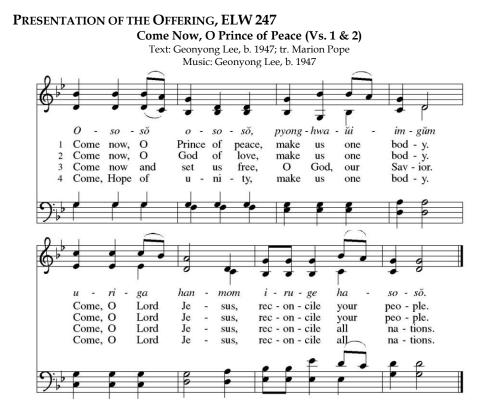
You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace and love with one another, and then be seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS (SEE BACK OF BULLETIN)

MUSICAL ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Away in a Manger Natalia Paruz, handbells Larry Sue

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OFFERING PRAYER

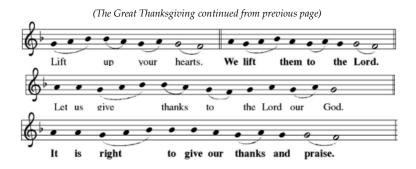
- A God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

MEAL

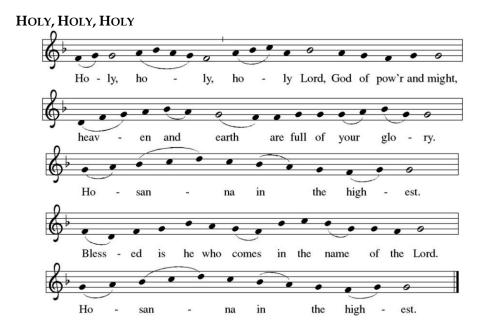
GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

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:



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.

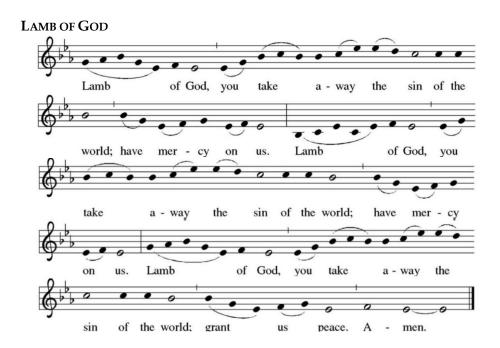
C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER



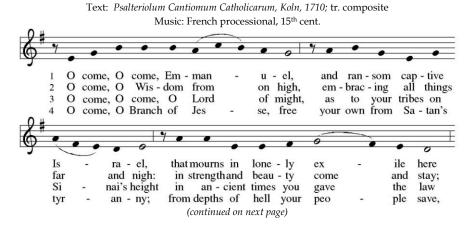
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

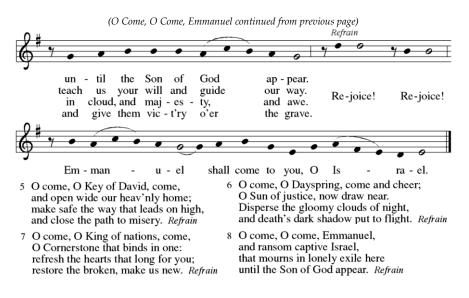


COMMUNION HYMN, ELW 257

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



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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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A 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 244



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DISMISSAL

- Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.** А
- С

POSTLUDE

Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Altar Guild	Regina Pearsall
Assisting Minister and Lector	Cindy Roberti
Organist and Music Director	Trent Whisenant
Ushers	Pat Zulch, Joyce LaMorte
Counters	Kathy Klein, Hillie Grossarth
Preacher/Presider	Rev. Dr. Stephanie Jaeger

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR OUR PRAYERS ~ Please contact us with names to be added or removed. Family and Friends of Richard Basso, Meah Guzman, 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.

ANNOL

TODAY

Bible Study: The Church Year and the Liturgical Calendar of Readings Today | 12 noon | Pastor's Office

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.



THIS WEEK

Church Council Meeting Monday, December 16 | 7:30 pm | Office + Zoom

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING WEEKS

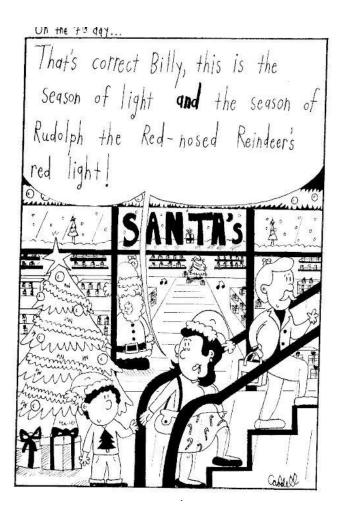
Compline Service on the Longest Night Sunday, December 22nd | 6pm | Sanctuary Join us as we mark the longest day of the year with chants and candlelight.

Christmas Poinsettia Ordering Now Through December 22

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. You can submit names using the insert provided with the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.



Commented [GU1]: Cari, could you make this beautiful graphic into a square and add it under the "Upcoming Weeks" column?



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