

TRINITY STATEN ISLAND

Holy Eucharist

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025 • 10:30 AM

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about this community 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 support and advocate for our dynamic community, care for others, worship God, develop leaders in our faith, and steward the gifts we have been given by God.

Our Values: Love + Community + Inclusion + Service + Creativity +
Faithfulness + Learning

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today's worship Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

Please silence all electronic devices before the service.

You are invited to participate throughout the service with the bold responses and in all hymns.

GATHERING

prelude Sonata no. 5 for Harpsichord, K.377

Domenico Scarlatti
(1685-1757)

welcome *Pr. Stephanie Jaeger*

introit Savior of the Nation's Come

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

*Savior of the nations, come;
virgin's son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth:
God has chosen such a birth.*

Please stand for Confession and Forgiveness

confession and forgiveness
Blessed be the holy Trinity, **☩** one God,
whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Long-expected God,
we confess that we look to ourselves
for the peace and security only you can provide.
We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.
We become impatient while waiting
and weary of keeping awake.
Free us from self-reliance,
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.
Increase our trust in God's timing,
and awaken us to your advent among us,
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.
Amen.

God judges us not as we deserve,
but according to God's own righteousness.

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✚ You are freed and forgiven,
saved by grace,
and ready to welcome the Savior.
Amen.

gathering hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (ELW 257, vs 1-4)

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,

Refrain

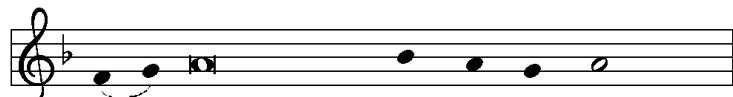
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

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

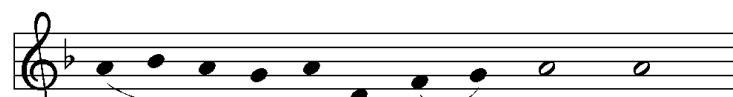
Text: Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
 Music: French processional, 15th cent.

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.

kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



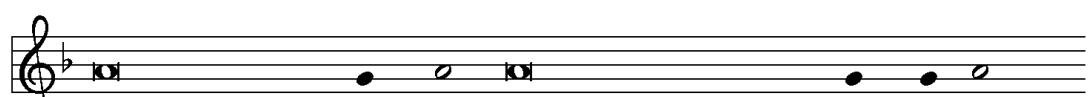
Lord, have mercy.



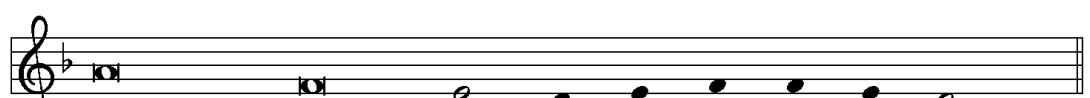
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



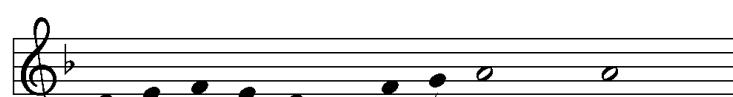
Lord, have mercy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.

(turn page for remainder of the Kyrie)

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For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

prayer of the day Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

All are seated

lighting of the advent wreath Today we light the first, second, third, and fourth candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle represents hope, the second candle peace, the third candle joy, and the fourth candle and final candle love.

The candles are lit.

A reading from John 13:34 – “Jesus said to them, I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The candles are lit.

Let us pray. Loving God, your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive your love; and following the

example of your Son, spread that love to a love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, who loved us to the end.

Amen.

children's message *Children are invited forward for a message with Pr. Stephanie*

WORD

first reading *Isaiah 7:10-16*

A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁰ The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

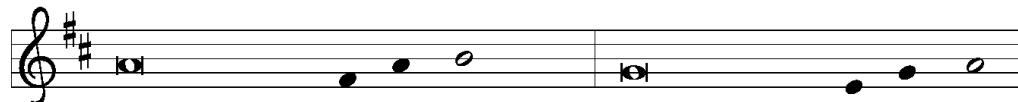
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psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 *The choir sings the refrain once, all repeat*



Let your face shine up - on us, and we shall be saved.

Tone



The choir chants the non-bold verses, the congregation joins on the bold verses

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
 shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

² **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,
 stir up your strength and | come to help us.**

³ Restore | us, O God;
 let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁴ **O LORD | God of hosts,
 how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?**

⁵ You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
 you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

⁶ **You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,
 and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**

⁷ Restore us, O | God of hosts;
 let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

¹⁷ **Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,
 the one you have made so strong | for yourself.**

¹⁸ And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
 give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

¹⁹ **Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;
 let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. *Refrain***

second reading Romans 1:1-7

A reading from Romans.

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

All stand for the Gospel Acclamation

gospel acclamation

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

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gospel reading Matthew 1:18-25

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated for the Sermon

sermon *Pr. Stephanie Jaeger*

Please stand for the Hymn of the Day

hymn of the day “He Came Down” (ELW 253)

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light;
 he came down that we may have peace;
 he came down that we may have joy;

hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

Text: Cameroon traditional
 Music: Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

the apostles' creed

**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 *The assisting minister leads our prayers. You are invited to respond to each petition as follows:*

*...God of grace,
Receive our prayer.*

At the end of the prayers, the pastor says

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

Amen.

peace *The peace and hope of Jesus Christ be with you always.
And also with you.*

During the passing of the peace, many will shake hands, hug, or simply make a peace sign

After exchanging a sign of peace, please be seated

announcements *Please see this week's Trinity Times for announcements*

offering



The offering collected this Sunday supports the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church. Our inclusive congregation has special commitments to the arts, addressing hunger and poverty in our community, and Christian education. Help us bring the healing love of God into the world by donating generously. To give online, scan the QR code.

anthem at the offertory

E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

*Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be.*

*Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing holy, holy, Lord!*

*Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!*

*E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!*

Please stand for the Presentation of the Offering

presentation of the
offering

1

*O - so - sō o - so - sō, pyong - hwa - ūi - im - gūm
Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.*

*u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sō.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.*

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The assisting minister leads us in prayer

offering prayer

Nourishing God,
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,
that we may rejoice and be for the world
signs of your kingdom come.

Amen.

MEAL

the great thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

preface

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:

sanctus

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 in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

thanksgiving at the table

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:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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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.
Come, Lord Jesus.

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.
Come, Holy Spirit.

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

Amen.

the lord's prayer Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

invitation to communion Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace. We commune today at the kneelers at the front row of pews. Come forward to the kneeler closest to you via the center aisle, as indicated by the usher. You will receive the host from the pastor and wine or grape juice from the assistant. You may leave your used cup in the white bowls at the start of the side aisles as you return to your seats.

agnus dei

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in a treble clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a staff. The lyrics are as follows:

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A-men.

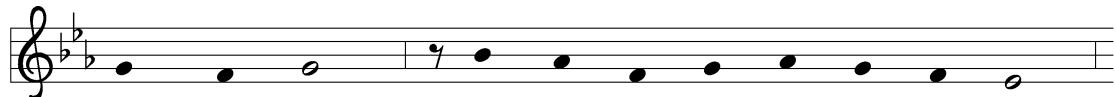
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communion hymn

“Creator of the Stars of Night” (ELW 245)



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
 2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in
 3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all
 4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,
 splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child
 hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you hear us when we call.
 of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.
 like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.
 Music: Plainsong mode IV

communion hymn “All Earth Is Hopeful” (ELW 266)

To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.

y el sur - co_a-bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our

mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our

cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver-dad. dar-nos li-ber-tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate-way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946
 Music: Alberto Taulé

After communion, all stand and receive the blessing

table blessing May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ \pm strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.
Amen.

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The Assisting Minister leads us in prayer

prayer after communion

Let us pray.

God our host,

at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.

Send us forth, eager to share the feast,

welcome the stranger,

and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING

blessing

May God who comes among us,

Father, **+** Son, and Holy Spirit,

grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,

and good news to share today and always.

Amen.

blessing and lighting of
the Christmas tree

*Our blessing of the tree begins with the assisting minister leading us in a
responsive reading of Psalm 96:11-13*

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at your coming, O Lord,
for you come to judge the earth.
You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

The presider continues with a prayer.

Be praised, O God, for the blessings around us that point to you.
Be praised, O God, for the signs of this holy season that awaken in us
wonder.
Praise for the steadfast green of this tree, like your love, enduring all
seasons.
Praise for the light that illuminates our darkness, like Christ, who brings
light to the world.
Join our voices with all of creation, who sing at your coming:
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Bless this tree, in the name of the Father, and of the Son [†], and of the
Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The tree is lighted and the sending hymn begins.

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sending hymn "Joy to the World" (ELW 267)

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: English melody, 18th cent. :arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

dismissal Go in peace. Keep awake.
Thanks be to God.

postlude Fantasia on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Alec Rowley
(1882-1958)

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning! Please join us for Coffee Hour downstairs.

WORSHIP LEADERS

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Organist Trent Whisenant
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IN OUR PRAYERS

Justin Solomon, Cindy Roberti, Pat Zulch, Sean Reardon, Lori Homan, Dianne Bombardi, Joseph Campitiello, Barbie Parker, Amy Fittapaldi, Vincent Pizzolo, Gonca Latif-Schmitt and her family, Rita Fowler, Josie Honus, David Dowling, Jörg and Madeline Dreusicke, Jasmine Drake, Joanna Smith, Perry Summerford, Denise Melious, Maria Alvarez Castro, Friends and Family of Phillip Herbst, Angel Luis Rios, Marlies Meyer, Glen Danischewski, Ronnie Bero, Mary Bruno, Pennington Family, Carmen Cognetta, Deacon Margaret Ann O'Donnell, Migdalia Jimenez, Jessica Desens, Edith Piazza, Alice Evensen, Sean C. Sweeney, Janet A. Cleary, George Turner, Christopher Jarrett, Meah Guzman, Carmen Aponte, and James Ciccolella

For those in our armed services, especially
Joshua Lentini, Sgt George E Turner, and the US Army

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