# Welcome

# to Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday November 27, 2016 8:30 am Fírst Sunday of Advent

\*Please stand if able

Love God,

Love our neighbors,

Serve the World

#### **Prelude**

#### Welcome

# \*Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

#### Amen.

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God of all time,
we confess that we have not prepared
for your merciful reign among us.
We ignore our neighbors in need
and fail in the labor of justice and peace.
In your mercy forgive us.

Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new.
Rejoice in this good news!

Amen.

\*Gathering Hymn

"My Lord, What a Morning"

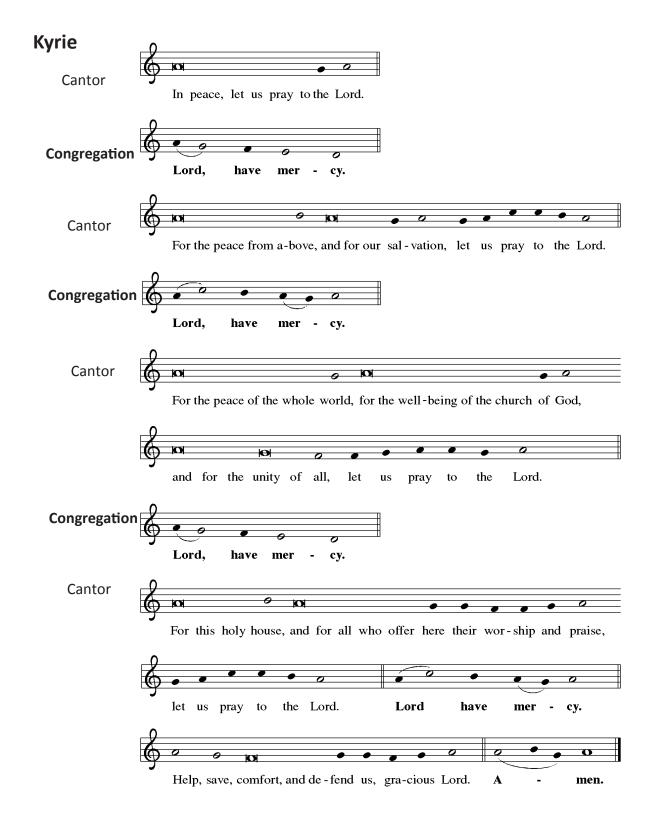
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# \*Greeting

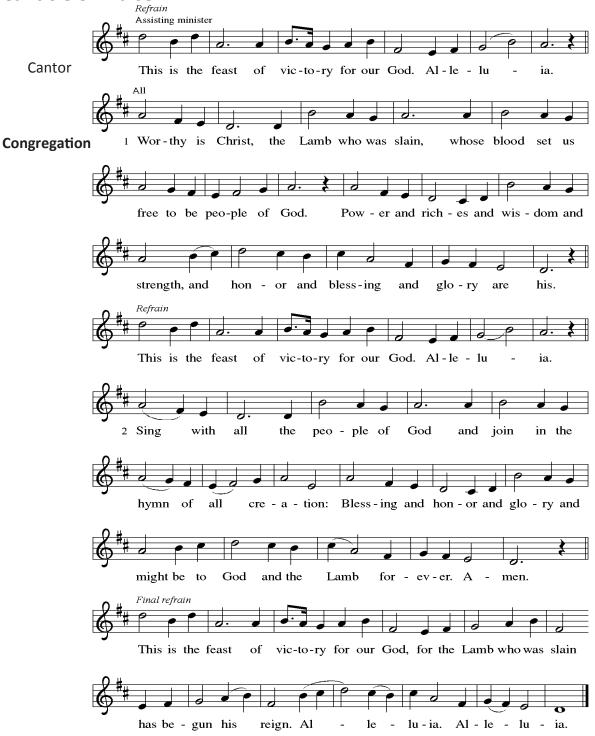
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.





### **Canticle of Praise**



# **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

## First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in that light of that Lord now!"

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills: all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm: Psalm 122

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

<sup>2</sup>Now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

<sup>4</sup>to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you.

<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

<sup>8</sup>For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.

<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

## Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

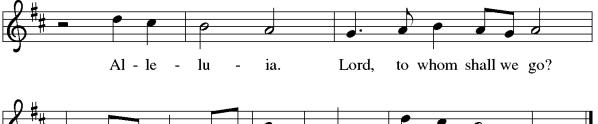
Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# \*Gospel Acclamation





# \*Gospel: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 24th chapter.

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, unexpected event that will bring salvation or judgment upon people caught up in the usual affairs of daily life. He urges people to be alert and expectant.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until

the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

**Sermon** Pastor Erik Feig

**Hymn of the Day** "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!" #246

# \*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 into hell. 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 of Intercession

...let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

#### \*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please extend a greeting of peace to those around you.)

(Please be seated.)

## Offering

## **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. **Amen.** 

# \*Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

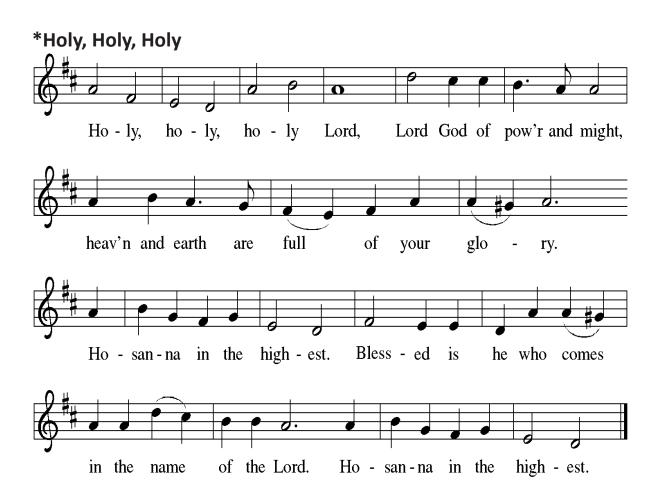
Lift up your hearts.

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



#### \*Words of Institution

## \*Lord's Prayer

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.

#### **Communion Distribution**

All who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal and are baptized are welcome to commune today. Communion today is served by intinction which simply means to come forward to the server to receive the wafer, hold on to it, then dip it into either wine or grape juice and consume the elements.

**Communion Hymns:** "Let Us Break Bread Together" #471

"Blessed Assurance" #638

## **Prayer after Communion**

God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### **Announcements**

## \*Blessing

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path.

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

\*Sending Hymn "People, Look East" #248

#### \*Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.