

Fourth Sunday in Advent



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The Fourth Sunday in Advent *(Rorate Coeli)* December 20/21, 2025

Saturday Worship 6:00 p.m. • Sunday Worship 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR RISEN LORD

Welcome to Trinity! Today in the Divine Service God proclaims to us through Word and Sacrament the forgiveness, love, and salvation that He has won for us through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. If you are new to Trinity or looking for a church home, we invite you to join our family. Please introduce yourself to our Pastors following the service. After the 8:00 a.m. worship service, please join us for coffee, fellowship, and Christian Education. At various points in the service you will be invited to refer to our hymnal, the **Lutheran Service Book** or LSB (image to the right), located on the back of the seat in front of you.



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RORATE COELI

“Rorate caeli” is the Introit for the Fourth Sunday in Advent, drawn from Isaiah’s prayer for God to send His righteous Savior (Is. 45:8). Traditionally connected with the angel Gabriel’s message to Mary, it echoes the Church’s longing for Christ to come in the flesh and redeem His people. Lutherans hear in this chant a plea for God’s grace to descend—not through our own efforts, but through His merciful sending of His Son. As Advent nears its fulfillment, this Introit teaches us to wait in trust, asking the Spirit to prepare our hearts to receive Christ. In the “Just One” whom the Father sends, the Church finds her hope, her righteousness, and her salvation.

THOSE SERVING IN WORD & SACRAMENT MINISTRY

Preacher: Pastor Matthew B. Synnott **Liturgist:** Pastor Mark J. Nelson (Sun) Chris Pasold (Sat)

Organist: Cantor Peter Wykert **Children’s Message:** DCE Scott Rauch

Saturday 6:00 Service – Comm. Asst.: Chris Pasold, Joe Bembenek; Altar Guild: Mark Morrow

Sunday 8:00 Service – Comm. Asst.: Eric Verplaetse, Michael Genovese, Jacob Mol, David Timm; Altar Guild: Connie Wagner; Acolytes: Rose and Lily Chamberlain; Sound: Chris Wahlmark; Ushers: Karl Engquist, Kevin Engquist

Sunday 10:45 Service – Comm. Asst.: Jon Reick; Altar Guild: Jane Nelson; Acolytes: Braden King, Matthew Seipold; Sound: Mark King family; Ushers: Josh and Leslie Rudnick

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Divine Service - Setting Four

+ We Come Into God's Presence +

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hymn 357 v. 1-4

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from

cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y

ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Please stand

Invocation: *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

- P** Beloved in the Lord, in this season of Advent we light the candles on this wreath in anticipation of the coming of Christ. May this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. As the prophet Isaiah says,
- C** **"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined."**

Light the Candle

4 Light the can-dle of HOPE to-day, the Giv-er of hope will come!___

Wel-come the hope we long and wait for, but on - ly Christ can give.___

Flick-er and flame and glow___ with hope, light up the world a - round you.

Flick - er and flame and glow___ with hope, light up the world a -

round___ you.___

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Confession of Sins

- P** Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



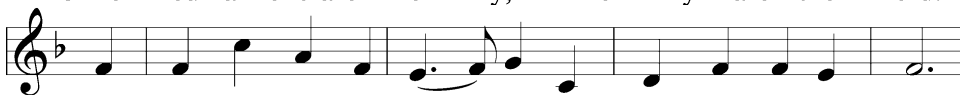
C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

C Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

+ God Speaks to Us +

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

¹⁵"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.'¹⁷And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken.¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 111 *(Psalm Tone A)*



¹Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,*

in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.

²Great are the works | of the LORD,*

studied by all who de- | light in them.

³Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,*

and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;*

the LORD is gracious and | merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who | fear him;*

he remembers his covenant for- | ever.

⁶He has shown his people the power | of his works,*

in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;*

all his precepts are | trustworthy;

⁸they are established forever and | ever,*

to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.

⁹He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.*

Holy and awesome | is his name!

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.*

His praise endures for- | ever!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

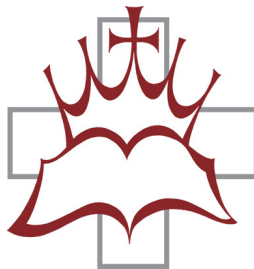
Luther's Small Catechism: The First Commandment

C **You shall have no other gods.**

A *What does this mean?*

C **We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.**

Please stand



Alleluia



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

These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 1:19-28

¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²²So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hymn 357 v.5-7

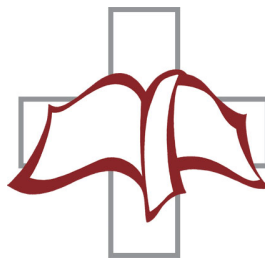
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen
6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.
clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.
Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Sermon

Sunday: Children's Message

Please stand



+ We Respond to God's Word +

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Offertory Hymn

"What Child Is This" v. 3

Hymn 370

3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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Prayers of the Church

☩ ... let us pray to the Lord: ☩ **Lord, have mercy.**

+ God Serves Us His Holy Feast +

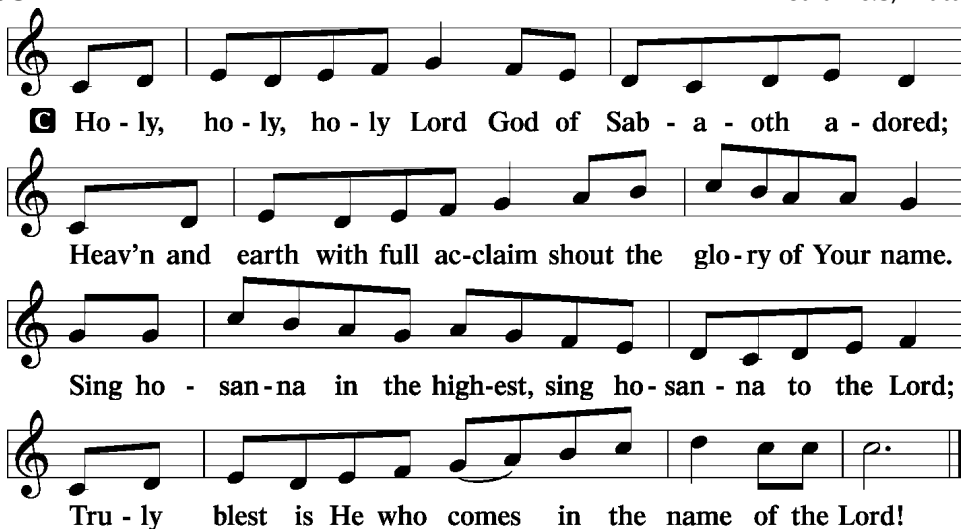
Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came in the flesh, comes now to us in His body and blood, and will come again in glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we glorify Your name and praise You singing:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo - ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:25–25*

Pax Domini

John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated

Distribution

Communion Statement

As a Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) church, we believe and confess that through the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. As we commune with faith and repentance, we receive the forgiveness of sins and power to amend our sinful lives. If you would like to commune with us but are not a member of a church in fellowship with the LCMS, we ask that you schedule a visit with our pastor before communing. Our communion practice is not intended to exclude anyone, but rather to make certain that we, in love, faithfully administer the sacrament according to Christ's institution.

If you are not communing, but wish to come forward to receive a blessing, please fold both arms across your heart. Children are also encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Sunday: Music During the Distribution

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

LSB 358

Saturday: Post-Communion Blessing

Please stand

Nunc Dimittis

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Prayer

P Father in heaven, filled with the real presence of Your Son Jesus Christ we wait in faith for when He comes again in glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ God Sends Us Out +

Benedicamus

Psalms 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Closing Hymn

"A Great and Mighty Wonder"

Hymn 383

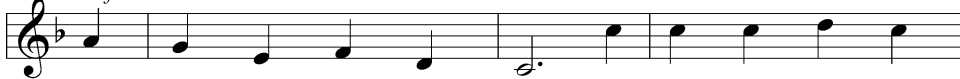


- 1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:
2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re - mains on high,
3 While thus they sing your Mon - arch, Those bright an - gel - ic bands,
4 Since all He comes to ran - som, By all be He a - dored,
5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And Sa - tan's ly - ing cease,



The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!
And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.
Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.
The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.
And Christ shall raise His scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

Refrain



Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: "To God on high be



glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

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Silent Prayer

Dismissal

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God!

Announcements and Welcome

Postlude

END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM TRINITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As we approach the end of the year, we will provide weekly updates to the congregation verbally and in the bulletin on the estimated amount needed for Trinity to meet our 2025 expenses.

As of December 21, our estimated amount needed to meet 2025 expenses = **\$117,658**.

As St. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth:

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work"

(2 Corinthians 9:7-8).

- We thank God for His abundant grace to us through His Son in all things.
- We thank our households for their generous giving to support our Trinity ministry.
- We humbly ask our households to prayerfully consider their contribution levels and whether they would be able to include an extra amount to help Trinity meet its expenses before year-end.

- We ask you to pray with us:

Gracious Father in Heaven, You abundantly provide all that we need. Grant us the blessings and joys that come from being cheerful givers like You. Guide our leaders to be good stewards of the offerings You provide through our families for Your Word & Sacrament ministry at Trinity. And bless us that we may abound in every good work through our Lord Jesus Christ. In His name. Amen.

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