

Trinity Lutheran Church
Sunday, November 29, 2026
1st Week of Advent
Fairness as a Way of Life
Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* arr. Michael Burkhardt

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who calls out to the weary, whose word endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord!" We are called to confess our sin and turn back toward God's love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Comforting God,

C: we are your people, but we have neglected to call on your name. We are your people, but we have not remembered your ways. We are your people, but we have forgotten your hold on us. We are your people, but now we fade like a leaf, and our sins, like the wind, take us away. Restore us as your people. Cleanse us from our sin, and clothe us in your righteousness. Amen.

P: "Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God, who has clothed you with the garments of salvation and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness. God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. In the name of † Christ, your sins are forgiven: Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice in the Lord!

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

GATHERING SONG *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* **ELW #257**

vs. 1, 2 & 6 Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum
French processional

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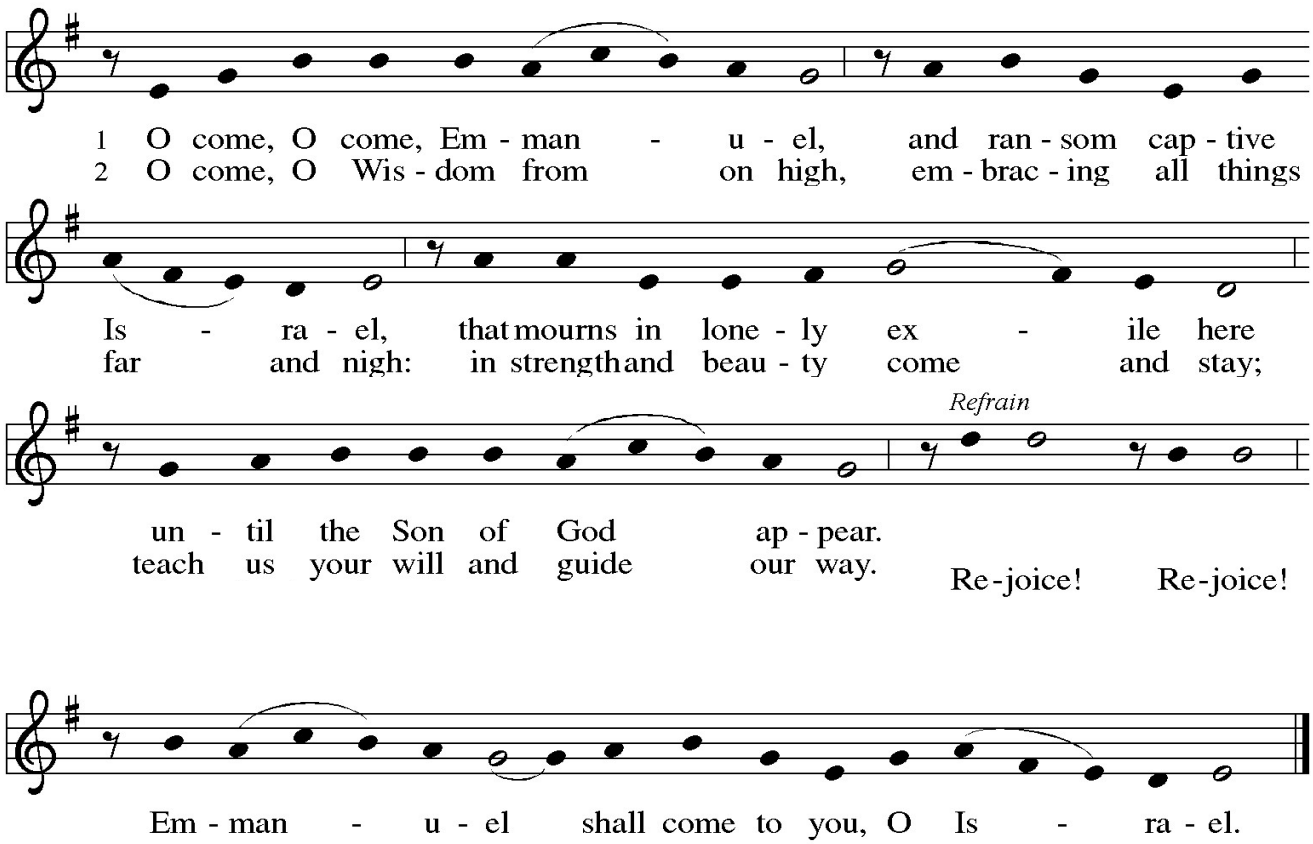

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

INVOCATION

P: May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy and justice of God, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE Mass of Restoration

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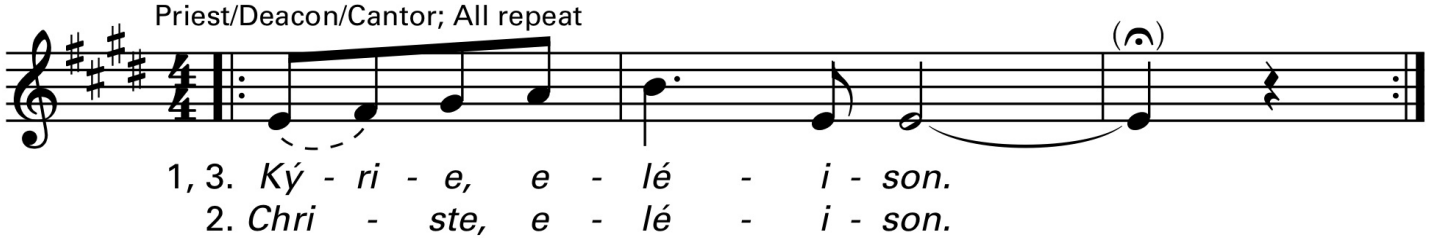

SONG OF PRAISE *"Glory To God"* Mass of Restoration

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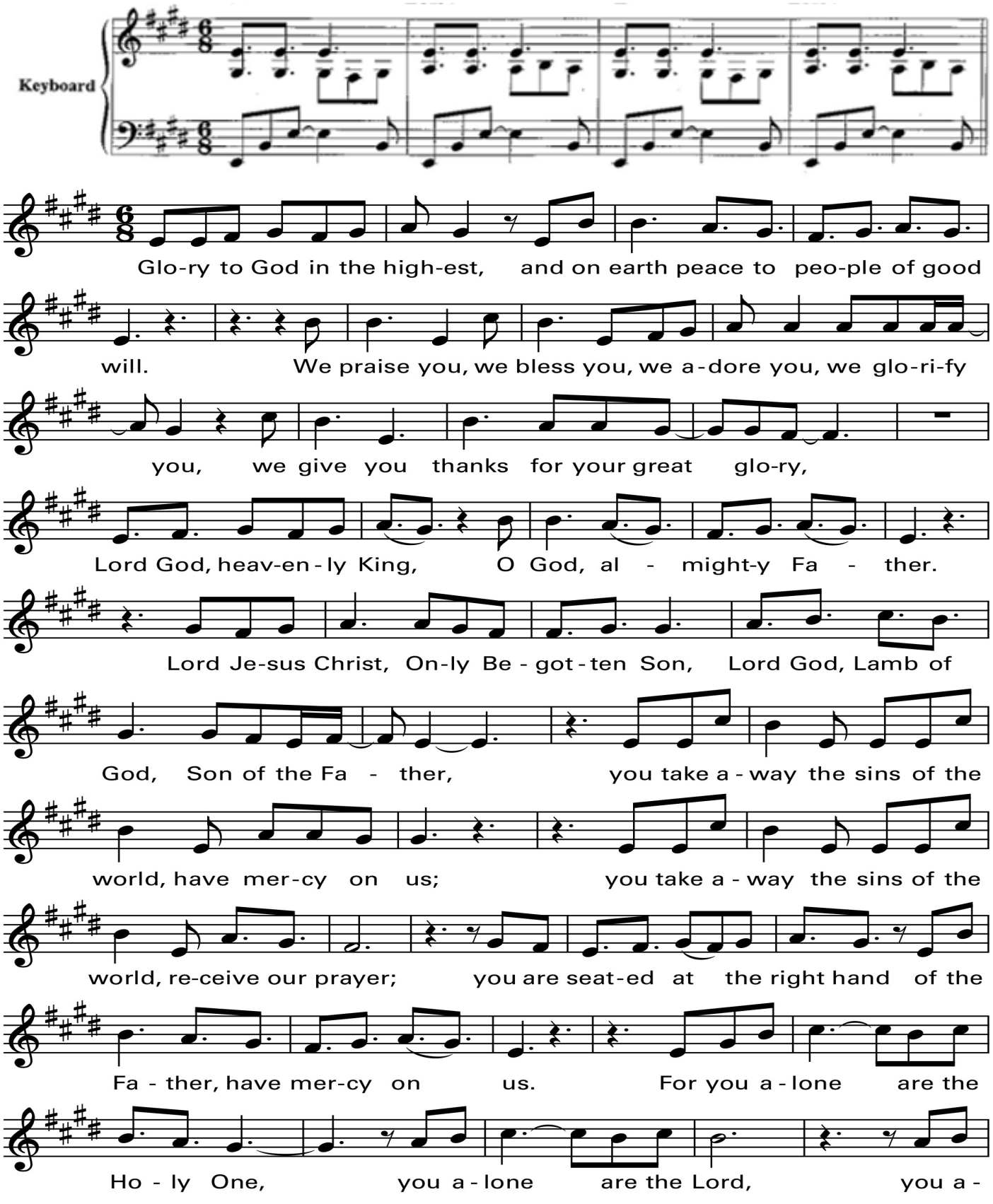

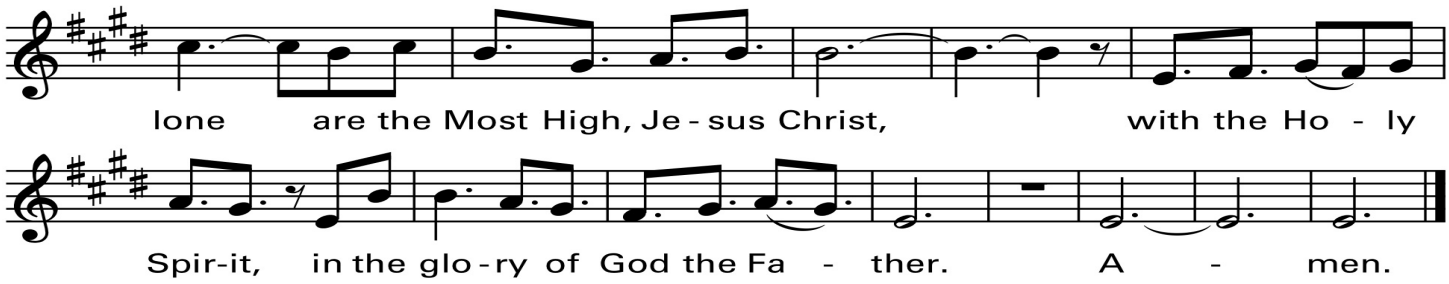

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, you proved your faithfulness to your people when they cried out to you in distress. Be present in our distress, and show us how to be faithful to you in the midst of suffering. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH **ELW #240**

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

vs. 1 Wayne L. Wold, Yiddish folk tune

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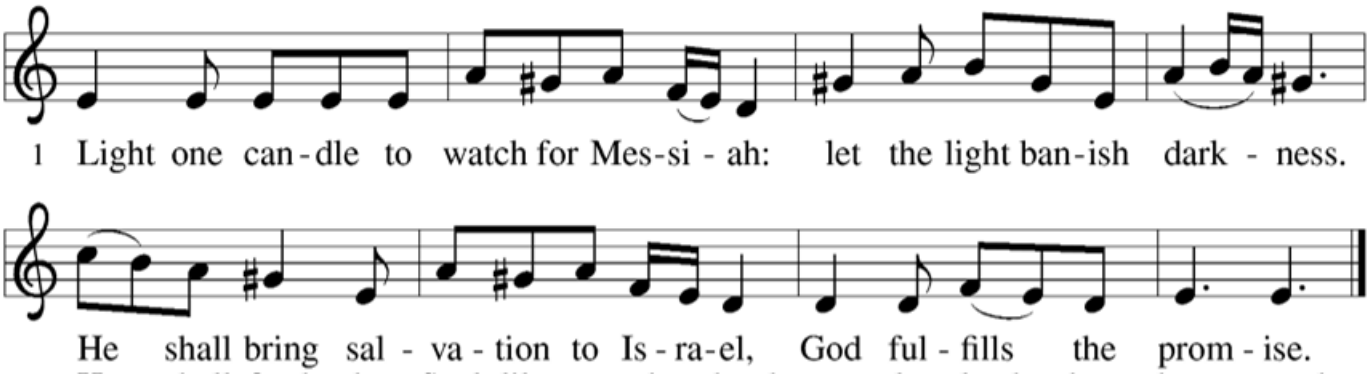

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & OFFERING **Pastor Kaari**

MUSICAL OFFERING *"Greensleeves"* arr. Susan T Nelson

Nadine Hunt & Larry Almeida 16th Century English Melody

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *"Alleluia"* Mass of Restoration

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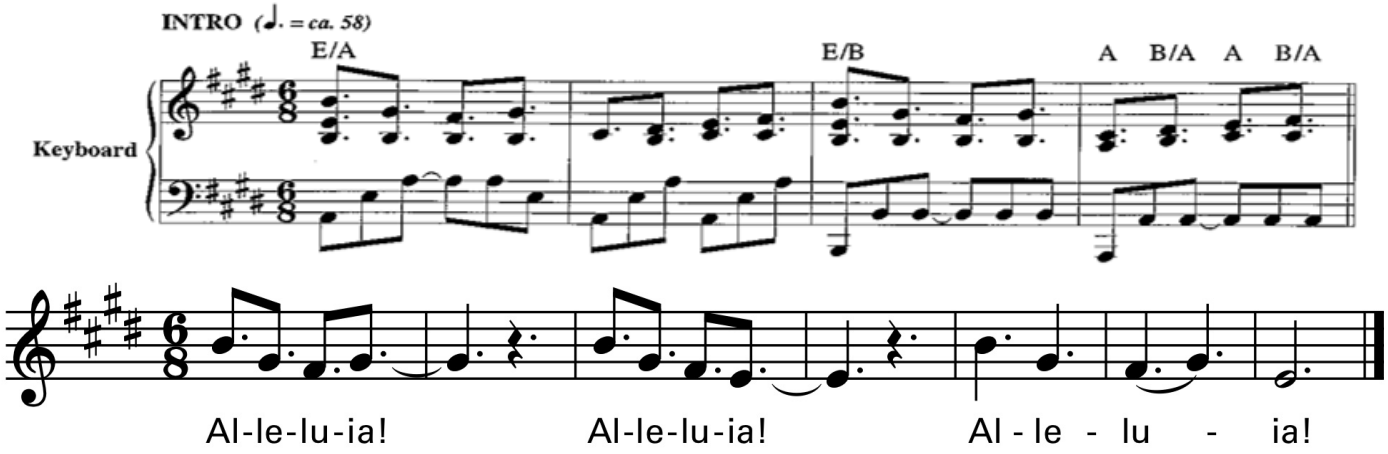

GOSPEL READING **Habakkuk 1:1-7, 2:1-4, 3:17-19**

L: The good news according to Habakkuk

1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. 2 O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not
listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? 3 Why do you make me see wrongdoing and
look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. 4 So the law
becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment
comes forth perverted. 5 Look at the nations and see! Be astonished! Be astounded! For a work is
being done in your days that you would not believe if you were told. 6 For I am rousing the Chaldeans,
that fierce and impetuous nation, who march through the breadth of the earth to seize dwellings not
their own. 7 Dread and fearsome are they; their justice and dignity proceed from themselves.

1 I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will
say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. 2 Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. 3 For there is still a vision for the
appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come;
it will not delay. 4 Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their
faithfulness.

17 Though the fig tree does not blossom and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive
fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the
stalls, 18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation. 19 God, the Lord, is my
strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer and makes me tread upon the heights.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Praise be to God.

SERMON **Pastor Kaari**

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Lost in the Night"* **ELW #243**

vs. 1, 3 & 4

Nordic hymn; tr. Olav Lee
Finnish folk tune

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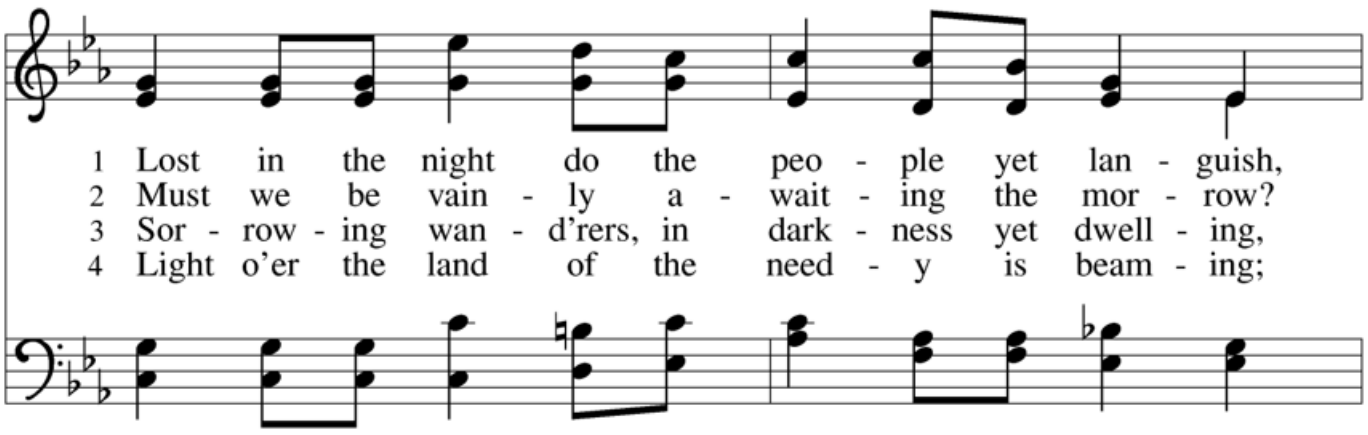

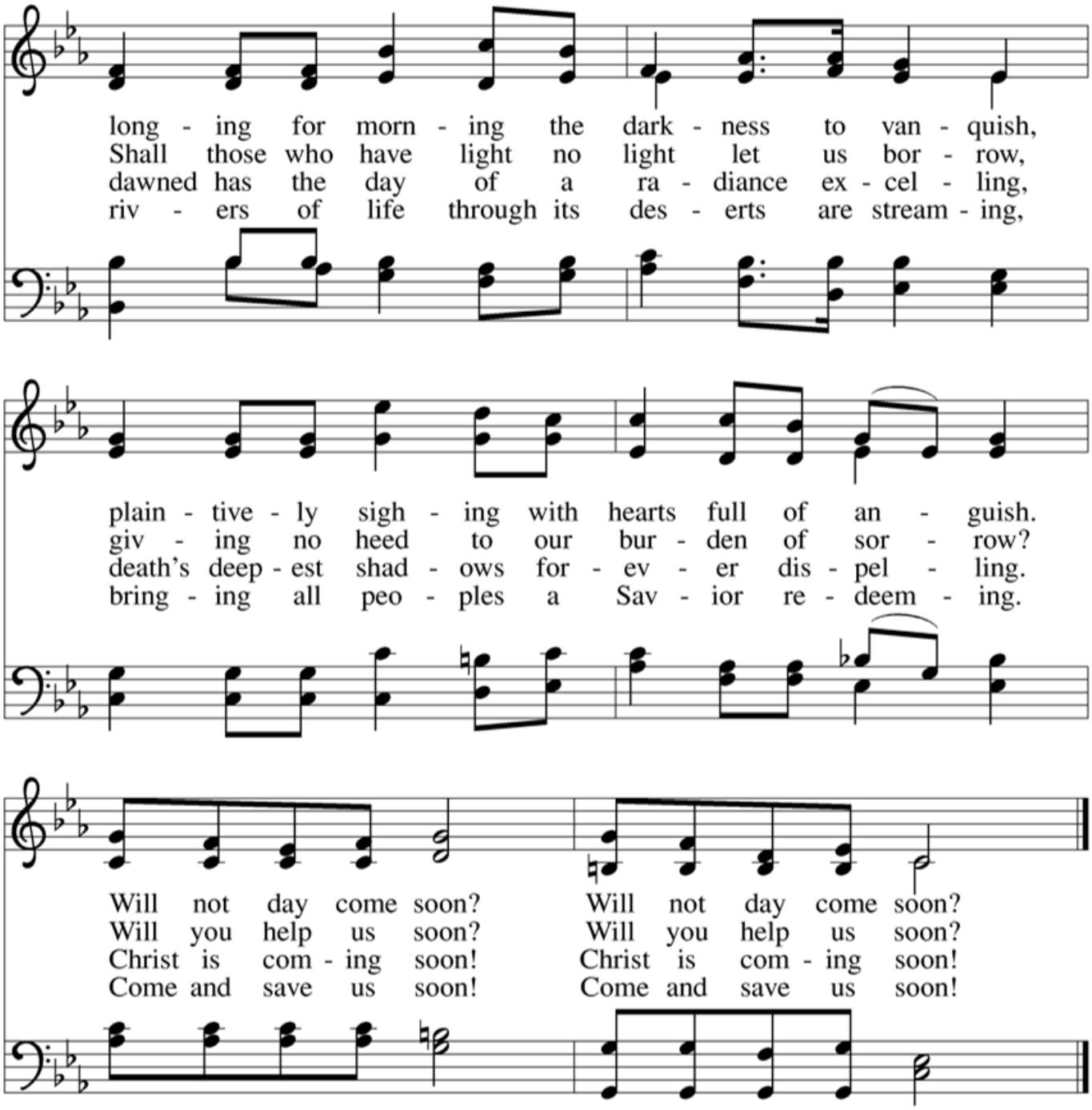

CREED

We believe and trust in God who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus – the Word made flesh – to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the power of the Spirit.

We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect for creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and hope.

In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Iona Abbey Worship Book

PRAYERS

P: God, in your mercy.

C: Receive our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

If you have a monetary offering, please place in the plate as you leave worship today, or use this code to give electronically.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Holy Creator, we are the clay and you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Receive these gifts shape them and our lives for your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *"Holy"* Mass of Restoration

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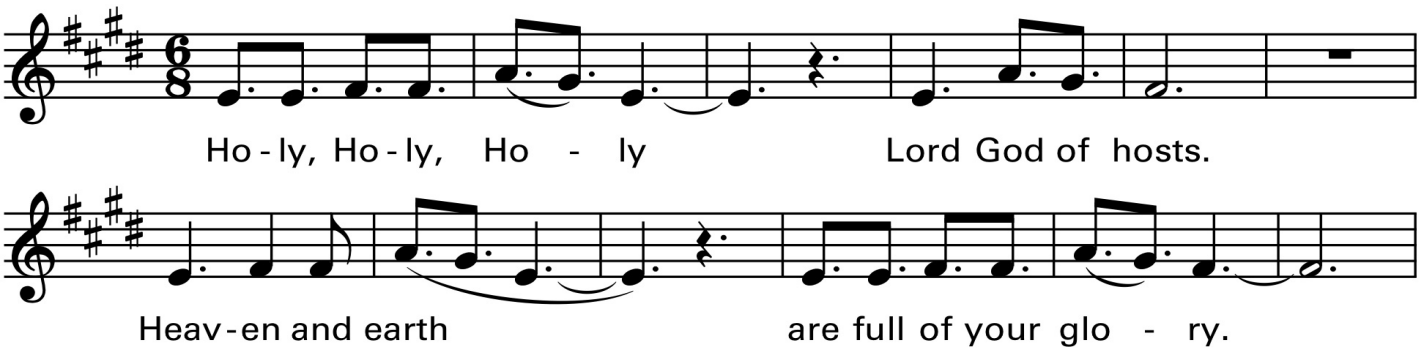

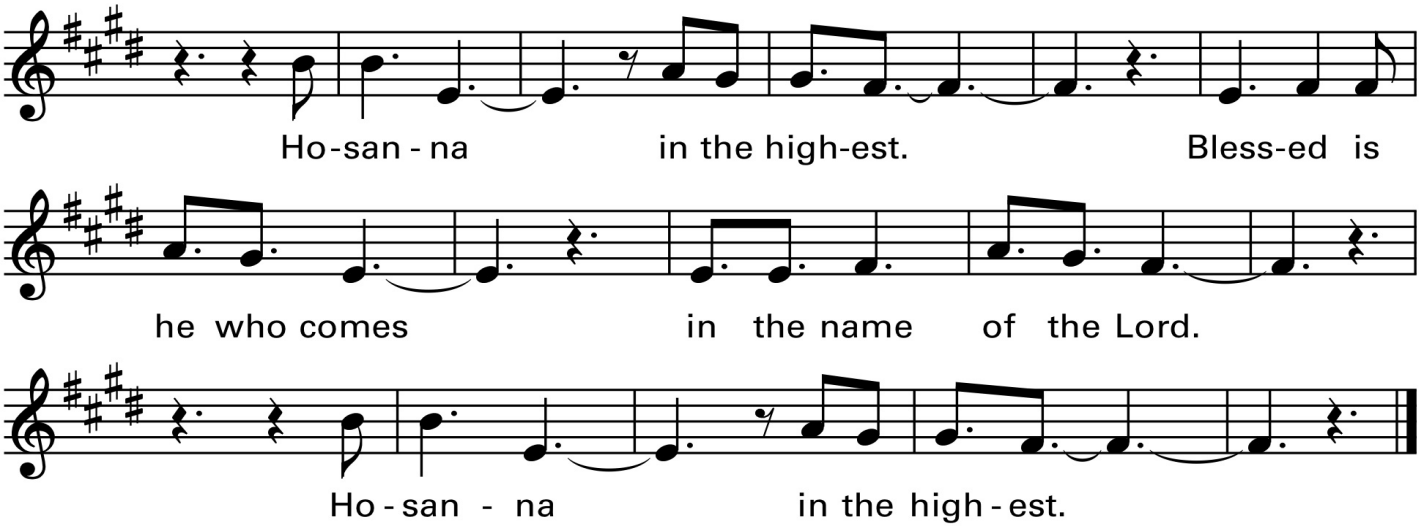

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night…
…gave it to the disciples, saying:

C: Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

P: …gave it for all to drink, saying:

C: This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER **ELW pg. 112**

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *"Lamb of God"* Mass of Restoration

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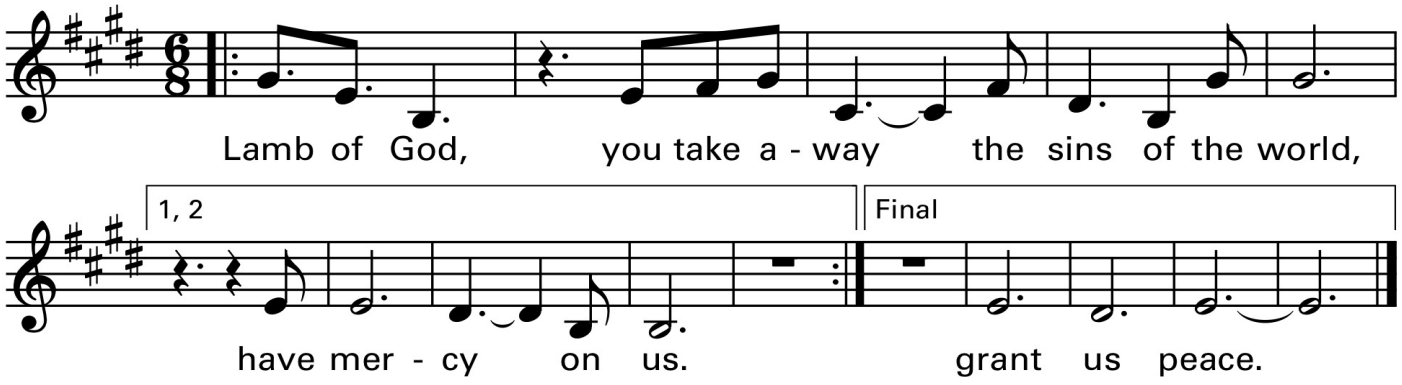

COMMUNION *"In the Bleak Midwinter"* arr. Joseph Martin

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Providing God, you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your people in your arms. We praise you for the care and sustenance you give at this meal and always. As we leave your table, carry us near your heart, and send us with confidence in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

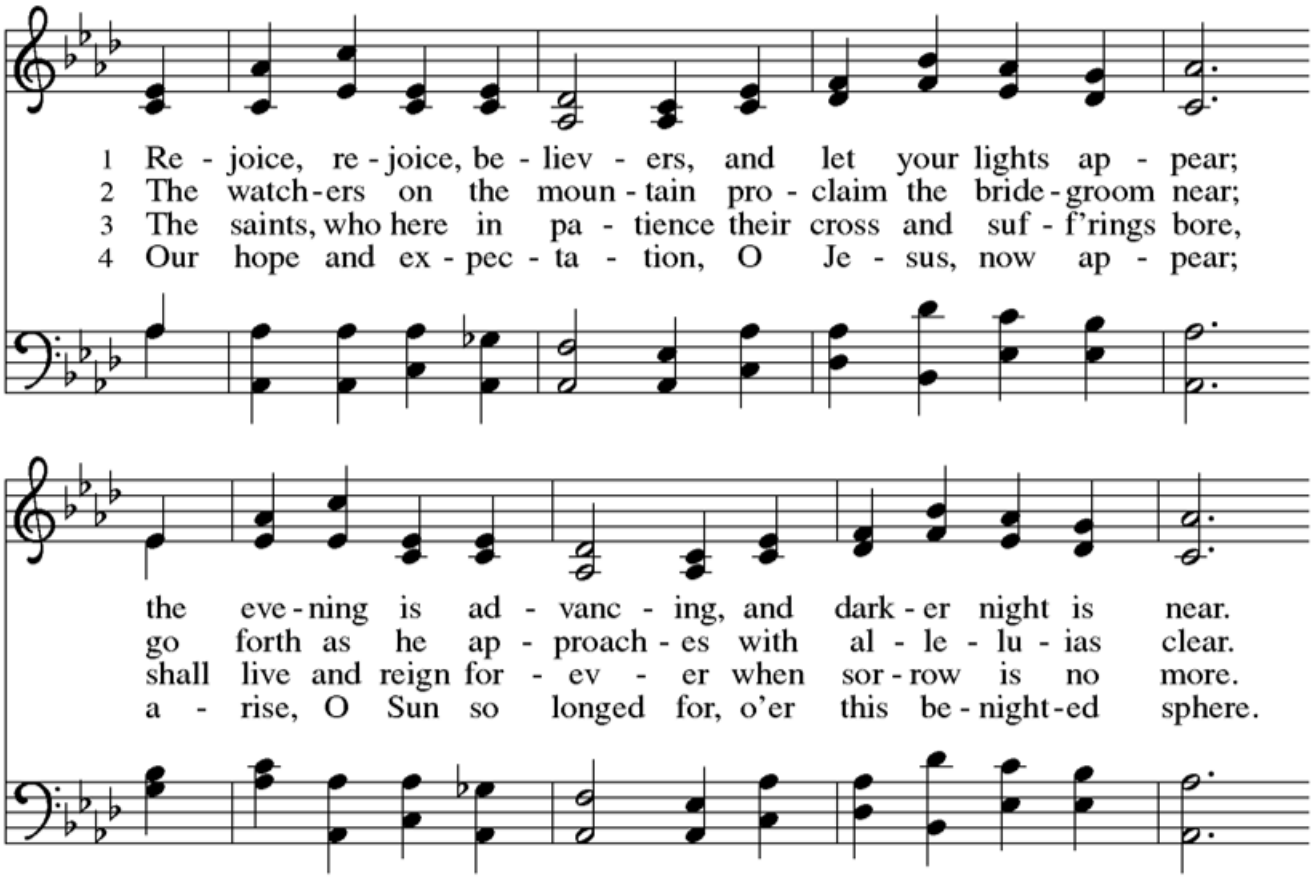
P: God our provider, God our feast, God our companion, † bless you now and forever.

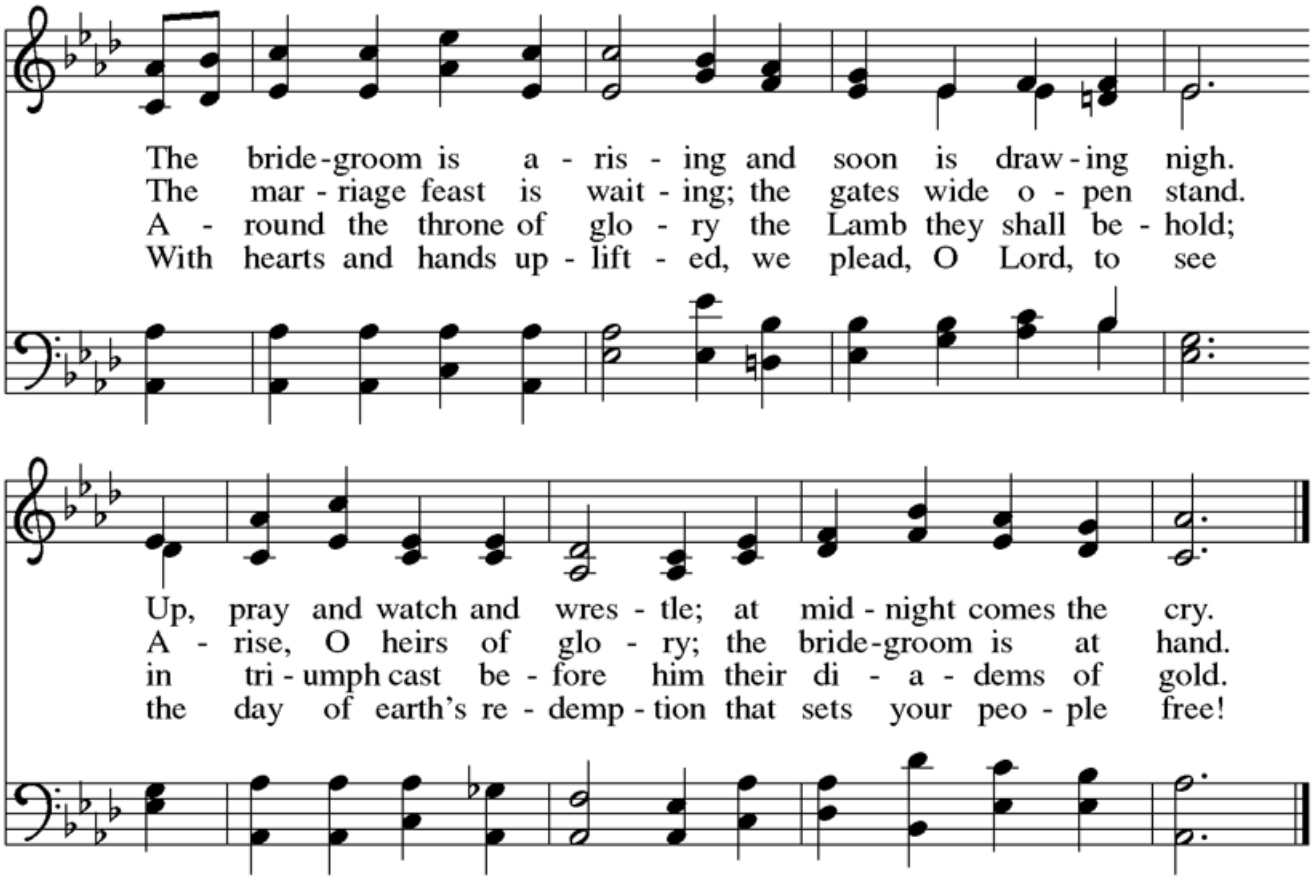
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"* **ELW #244**

vs. 1, 2 & 4

Laurentius Laurenti;
tr. Sarah B. Findlater
M: Swedish folk tune Public Domain





SENDING

P: Go in peace. Bring good news to the brokenhearted.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"Wake, Awake for Night is Flying"* arr. Paul Manz

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Prayer List

Members

Judy Titus
Mourning for Keith Titus, husband of Judy Titus
Mourning for Tim Anderson
Marilyn Bycroft
Howard Smith
MaryAnne Carr
Ezra Orchard
Joann Bondhus
Gloria Weiderspon
Carol Arnold
Mary Ann Armstrong
Polly Sersen
Eric Biedermann
Jean Purath
Shirley Garvin
Madyson Hopkins

Friends & Family

Ruth & Frank Lutes, sister of Patty Telleen
Chris Albrecht, family of Barbara Lambert
Mourning for Don Cobb, father of Steve Cobb
Hollie Diederick, daughter of Barb Klaman
Carolyn Horton, wife of Harold Holter
Keith Tellinghuisen, cousin of Nyla Anderson
Alex Smith & family, friends of Clint & Sara Carney
Courtney Mabry & Ben Stevens, family of
Kevin & Kathy Mabry
Wendy Tomaschow, sister of Amy Jo Martinson
Tae, family of Clinton Ellerbe
Bob Cushatt, friend of Patty Telleen
Robert Musselman, father of Sarah Sanchez
Erin Slocum, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse

To all who gather: We are Reconciling in Christ, which means we strive to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and to work for racial equity and to commit to anti-racist work.

We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. God makes no distinction based on race; ethnicity; immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental circumstances; or other life circumstances. God loves and welcomes all people. Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

> From Pastor Rick: This community affirms its welcome by accepting me in this place. Diagnosed with Huntington's (HD), my progressing symptoms and neurodiversity are displayed publicly. The uncontrolled movements (chorea) may limit my functionality, or appear in other ways; yet, it is an opportunity to learn and love alongside one another. HD is part of me, but I am not defined by the diagnosis. As for all of us, I am defined as child of God.

Guests and Visitors: All are invited to receive the gluten free bread and wine of Holy Communion (juice is also available). Your offering is your presence in worship. Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Don't forget your 'Sweet Treat' plate from the welcome desk!

Worship Note: The red hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) page numbers are found in the front while song numbers are in the back. NTF is for the Now the Feast & Celebration booklet. If you have any questions about worship or Trinity, our clergy or welcome table hosts are happy to help.

Parents and Caregivers: God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If helpful, please use the Family Break Room outside the worship space or a "Worship Activity Bag" - available near the welcome table. On Sunday, if needed, we offer a fully trained Nursery; staffed by Tiffany K. and Zoe K.

Special needs: Hearing-assistance devices are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those who are unable to come forward. Our Welcome Table Hosts can help with any of these special needs.

This Week's Calendar:

Monday (Nov 30)
12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside
6:30 pm NoCo Male Spirituality-Room 5

Tuesday (Dec 1)
7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Breakfast Club
6:15 pm 301FP Soc/Eco Justice-Room 2

Wednesday (Dec 2)
5:45 pm Bells of Trinity-Room 1
6 pm Advent Service
6:30 pm Advent Supper
6:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday (Dec 3)
9:30 am Bible Study-Room 2
11 am 301 Clergy Mtg-Fireside
11 am Christmas Decorating

Friday (Dec 4)
10 am Quilting Group-Room 2

Saturday (Dec 5)
12 pm Sweet Treats-Kitchen
2-6 pm Set up Alternative Gift Fair
5 pm Worship

Sunday (Dec 6) ***Advent 2***
Alternative Gift Fair! 830-1230
9 am Adult Forum-Room 2
9 am Confirmation-Room 8
9 am Sunday School-Room 3
9 am Youth Group-Room 6
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Fellowship

In Ministry Today

Lesson Reader: Rick Aust
Welcome Table Host: Cheryl & Ron Smith
Fellowship Host: Steve Backsen
Bread Baker: Dan Merz
Prayer Writer: Pat Wiedower
Communion Assistants: Tim & Susan Snyder, Erik Elliott & Liz Johnson
Flower Arrangement: Volunteers of St Paul's Episcopal

Trinity's Pastors:

Pastor Rick Reiten & Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt

Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	Music Coord. & Organist
Tessa Espinosa	Chancel Choir Director
Clinton Ellerbe	Saturday Worship Leader
Austin Naylor	Bells of Trinity Director Financial Manager
Deana Andrist	Office Administrator
Amanda Backsen	Director of Communications/ Volunteer Coord.
Chad Carpenter	AV Technician
Jennifer Reeve	Shared Children's Minister
Tiffany Klijewski	Nursery Coord.
Zoe Klaman	Nursery Attendant

Staff Emails are available on our website

Coming Up:

Wednesday, December 9
Advent Service @ 6pm
Supper @ 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 13
Shared Worship-Children's Pageant
& Choir Cantata

Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.

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