



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Member Parish of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod since 1938
2200 Lee Street (in Five Points) Columbia, South Carolina

Gaudete Third Sunday in Advent

12 December 2021

Today's Hymns

<i>When All the World Was Cursed</i>	LSB 346
<i>Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding</i>	LSB 345
<i>Sing Praise to the God of Israel</i>	LSB 936
<i>Arise, O Christian People</i>	LSB 354
<i>The God of Abraham Praise</i>	LSB 798
<i>Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness</i>	LSB 636
<i>Hark the Glad Sound</i>	LSB 349

Dear Visitors, Members and friends

Welcome to all who are able join us in church for the Divine Service. Last year we put many practical changes in place so that we could continue as a congregation to gather around the Word of God and His Sacraments during the Covid Pandemic. Thank you for your cooperation and your patience. What does this mean? It means that we will have to cooperate and be patient with one another again (as always should be the case) as we change things, more or less, to our previous practices.

The offering will be received again in the Divine Service as an act of worship, and the those who desire and are prepared will again **come to the communion rail** to receive Holy Communion. In this in-between time, as we reconstitute our Altar Guild, ushers, acolytes and communion assistants, **the common cup alone will be used at communion.**

All who are able are encouraged to attend the Sunday Divine Service. As Dr Luther reminds us "we should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it." **We still encourage you to act responsibly** to protect yourselves and your neighbors from COVID and contagions such as colds and the flu with the liberal washing of hands, and staying home if you are sick. Still, Facebook live-streaming on Sunday mornings will continue and the camera setup will be adjusted to accommodate normal in person attendance. **Following the live-stream, please respond via email** with the names of those who participated in the worship service in your household to: **HolyTrinityLCMS.contactus@gmail.com**

For those with concerns, Pastor will be pleased to either bring the sacrament to your home, or to arrange an individual or small group communion service at the church by appointment during the week. **Please take advantage of these opportunities** to receive the means of God's grace in Jesus Christ.

If you would like to receive Holy Communion and/or Individual Confession and Absolution in church or at home, please contact Pastor Burger by phone at 803-799-7224.

For those who desire to send your Tithes and Offerings, here are some options:

Mail checks to: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Address: PO Box 5692, Columbia SC 29250-5692

On the "Memo" line, please include your envelope number if you know it.

Online Giving option: Use your bank's online Bill Pay service by adding Holy Trinity as one of your "payees" or "bills."

A Warm Welcome to You

Greetings in Christ as we gather around the Word of our Lord in the Liturgy today. Here we receive the gift of new life in Him and respond with thanks and praise. The Lord God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – creates and sustains faith in us by means of His Word and His holy Sacraments at large in the whole Christian Church on earth and in this Lutheran congregation.

Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

† In The Name of Jesus †
DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three

+ Psalm

Psalm 85; antiphon: v. 9

LORD, you were favorable | to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your | people;*
you covered | all their sin.
You withdrew | all your wrath;*
you turned from your hot | anger.

Restore us again, O God of our sal- | vation,*
and put away your indignation | toward us!
Will you be angry with us for- | ever?*Will you prolong your anger to all gener- | ations?
Will you not revive | us again,*
that your people may re- | joice in you?
Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.

Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,*
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to | folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.

Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;*
righteousness and peace kiss each | other.
Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.
Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*
and our land will yield its | increase.
Righteousness will go be- | fore him*
and make his foot- | steps a way.



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na - tion,
 2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,
 3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.
 Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.
 Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.
 The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re - pen-tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,
 By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,
 Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,
 That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.
 He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.
 Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

+ Invocation

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

C Amen.

+ Exhortation

LSB 184

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

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

+ Confession of Sins

LSB184

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Service of the Word

Stand

+ Introit

Psalm 85:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Philipians 4:4–5



Rejoice in the Lord | always;*
again I will | say, Rejoice.

Let your reasonableness be known to | everyone.*

The Lord | is at hand.

Lord, you were favorable | to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your | people;*
you covered | all their sin.

Will you not revive | us again,*
that your people may re- | joice in you?

Let me hear what God the | Lord will speak,*

for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to | folly.

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.

Rejoice in the Lord | always;*
again I will | say, Rejoice.

Let your reasonableness be known to | everyone.*

The Lord | is at hand

+ Kyrie

LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

Sit

+ Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1–11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

+ Gradual

Psalm 80:1–2



You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.*

Stir up your might and come to | save us!

Give ear, O Shepherd of | Israel,*

you who lead Joseph | like a flock!

+ Epistle

1 Corinthians 4:1–5

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn of the Day:

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

LSB 345



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
 2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
 3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
 4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
 △ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
 earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
 par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
 world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
 Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
 sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
 with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
 liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

+ Sermon



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
 2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
 3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His
 4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
 oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:
 way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,
 lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
 Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -
 His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and
 And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
 liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.
 grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.
 foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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+ Offering

+ Prayer of the Church



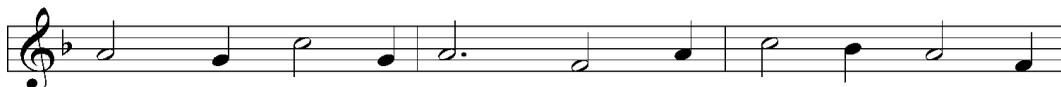
1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -
 2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the
 3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on
 4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn not from me a -



day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your
 best. Cast out what would of - fend Him, This great, this
 high; Be - neath His feet in ter - ror, The haugh - ty
 side, And help me to re - ceive You This bless - ed



sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The
 heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The
 soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and right, That
 Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger low Come



truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from
 low - ly val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -
 heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion And makes true prep - a -
 now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing Your prais - es



heav - en To all the world is shown.
 bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.
 ra - tion— It is the Lord's de - light.
 glad - ly And forth Your glo - ry show.

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Service of the Sacrament

+ Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C And with thy spirit.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

C It is meet and right so to do.

+ Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

+ Sanctus

LSB 195

G Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

+ The Lord's Prayer (Chanted)

LSB 957

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

+ The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

+ Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

+ Agnus Dei

LSB 198

G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.

+ Distribution



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand
 3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
 4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
 From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
 Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
 He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
 I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
 And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
 And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
 And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.

- 5 Though nature's strength decay,
 And earth and hell withstand,
 To Canaan's bounds I urge my way
 At His command.
 The wat'ry deep I pass,
 With Jesus in my view,
 And through the howling wilderness
 My way pursue.
- 6 The goodly land I see,
 With peace and plenty blest:
 A land of sacred liberty
 And endless rest.
 There milk and honey flow,
 And oil and wine abound,
 And trees of life forever grow
 With mercy crowned.
- 7 There dwells the Lord our king,
 The Lord our righteousness,
 Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
 The Prince of Peace.
 On Zion's sacred height
 His kingdom He maintains
 And glorious with His saints in light
 Forever reigns.
- 8 The God who reigns on high
 The great archangels sing,
 And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,
 "Almighty King!
 Who was and is the same
 And evermore shall be:
 Jehovah, Father, great I AM!
 We worship Thee!"

△ 9 The whole triumphant host
 Give thanks to God on high.
 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
 They ever cry.
 Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
 I join the heav'nly lays:
 All might and majesty are Thine
 And endless praise!

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+ Hymn:

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB 636



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding;
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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Stand

+ Nunc Dimittis

**☩ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all
people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

+ Thanksgiving

LSB 200

☩ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
☩ and His mercy endureth forever.

+ Post-Communion Collect

LSB 201

☩ Let us pray.	☩ Amen.
☩ The Lord be with you.	☩ And with thy spirit.
☩ Bless we the Lord.	☩ Thanks be to God.

+ Benediction

☩ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.
☩ Amen, amen, amen.

+ Hymn to Depart:

Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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Parish Announcements.

Sunday School for Children and Adults- The adult Bible Class meets in the parish hall, and the children meet in the Sunday School house at 9:30 AM.

Gift Baskets- LWML will be making Christmas gift baskets for our shut-ins. If you would like to contribute there is a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall with suggested items. Please bring your items to church by December 19th.

Poinsettias- We have pre-ordered the poinsettias that adorn the church at Christmas. If you would like to contribute to the flowers, the cost is \$6 per plant. Please place your donation in a “Designated Offering” envelope and mark it “Poinsettias”.

Christmas Church Cleanup- Please help us prepare the church for the celebration of Christ’s birth. There is a list in the parish hall with some of the tasks that need to be done. If you need to gain entrance into the building, please contact Wayne Yuris. Thank you for giving your time!

Holy Trinity Lutheran families – we have obtained 3 copies of a new 2022 resource called **Family Lectionary** . This resource is based on the historic one year lectionary and supports LCMS families who want to follow the weekly readings and participate in hymn memorization and other activities at home. The resource includes printables available via the Concordia Collective website. (For more info on this resource and its creator, check out Concordia Collective on Instagram)

We hope this resource will be a blessing to our HTLC children and their parents! The resource is free to you but due to cost and the need to preorder the resource, we have only purchased 3 copies this year. Interested? Pick up your copy today in the parish hall.