

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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

Rorate Coeli Fourth Sunday in Advent

19 December 2021

Today's Hymns

<i>O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide</i>	LSB 355
<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	LSB 357
<i>Comfort, Comfort Ye My People</i>	LSB 347
<i>On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry</i>	LSB 344
<i>Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring</i>	LSB 353
<i>O Bless the Lord, My Soul</i>	LSB 814
<i>Jerusalem, O City Fair and High</i>	LSB 674
<i>Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers</i>	LSB 515

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 at rev.burger@gmail.com or 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.

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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 111; antiphon: v. 9

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,*
in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.

Great are the works | of the LORD,*
studied by all who de- | light in them.

Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,*
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;*
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.

He provides food for those who | fear him;*
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.

He has shown his people the power | of his works,*
in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.

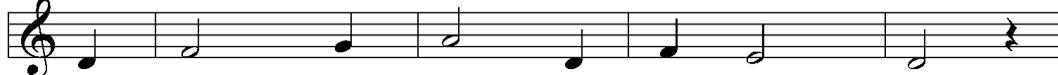
The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;*
all his precepts are | trustworthy;
they are established forever and | ever,*
to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.

He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.*
Holy and awesome | is his name!

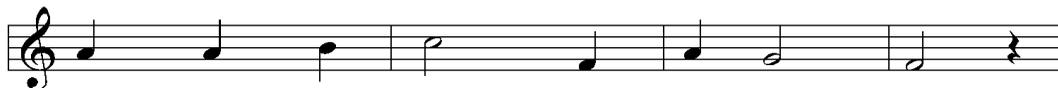
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.*
His praise endures for- | ever!

+ Acknowledgments

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1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;
 2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;
 3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;
 4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?



Come down, come down with might - y stride;
 As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.
 Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
 When will You come with com - fort strong?



Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;
 Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring;
 Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,
 O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;



Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
 To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.
 Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.
 Con - sole us in our vale of woe.

- 5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
 When will our hearts behold Your dawn?
 O Sun, arise; without Your light
 We grope in gloom and dark of night.
- 6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
 Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
 O come, lead us with mighty hand
 From exile to our promised land.
- 7 There shall we all our praises bring
 And sing to You, our Savior King;
 There shall we laud You and adore
 Forever and forevermore.

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

LSB 184

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 19:1, 4–6; antiphon: Isaiah 45:8a



Shower, O heavens, | from above,*
and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;

let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;*
let the earth cause them | both to sprout

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.*
In them he has set a tent | for the sun,

which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,*
and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of them,*
and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

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.

Shower, O heavens, | from above,*
and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;

let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;*
let the earth cause them | both to sprout.

+ 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.

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. **C** Amen.

+ Gospel

John 1:19-28

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

+ Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead † and the life of the world to come. Amen.



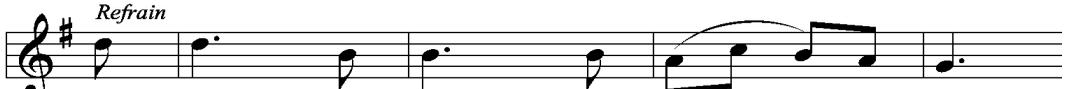
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from



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!

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
 And open wide our heav'nly home;
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to misery.

Refrain

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of all mankind;
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
 And be Thyself our King of Peace.

Refrain

+ Hymn:

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

LSB 347



1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
 2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
 3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
 4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
 dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no
 far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the
 plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
 more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,
 King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
 fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
 Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
 Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
 Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."
 pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
 see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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+ Offering

+ Prayer of the Church

+ Hymn:

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LSB 344



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in; And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Service of the Sacrament

+ Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

G We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

G 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.

C Amen.

+ Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C **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.**

Sit

+ Distribution

+ Hymn:

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

LSB 353



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of
 4 Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,
 worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
 sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,
 hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us,



Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!
 To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.

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+ Hymn:

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

LSB 814



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
 3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
 4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
 For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
 'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
 He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

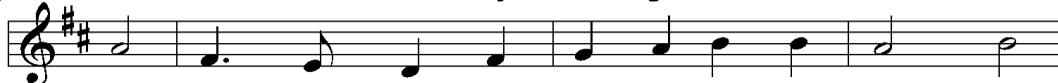
5 He fills the poor with good;
 He gives the suff'ers rest.
 The Lord hath judgments for the proud
 And justice for th'oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways
 He made by Moses known,
 But sent the world His truth and grace
 By His belovèd Son.

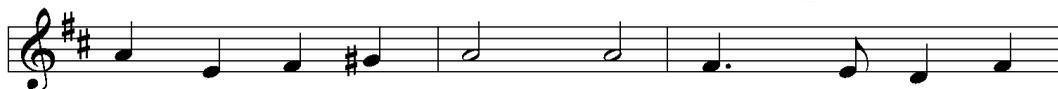
+ Hymn:

Jerusalem, O City Fair and High

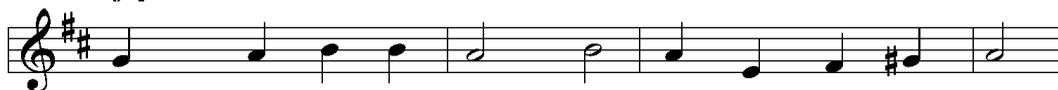
LSB 674



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, O cit - y fair and high, Your
2 O hap - py day, O yet far hap - pier hour, When
3 The pa - tri - archs' and proph - ets' no - ble train, With
4 Un - num - bered choirs be - fore the shin - ing throne Their



tow'rs I yearn to see; My long - ing heart to
will you come at last, When by my gra - cious
all Christ's fol - l'wers true, Who washed their robes and
joy - ful an - thems raise Till heav - en's arch - es



you would glad - ly fly, It will not stay with me.
Fa - ther's love and pow'r I see that por - tal vast?
cleansed sin's guilt - y stain, Sing prais - es ev - er new!
ech - o with the tone Of that great hymn of praise.



E - li - jah's char - iot take me A - bove the low - er skies, To
From heav - en's shin - ing re - gions To greet me glad - ly come Your
I see them shine for - ev - er, Re - splen - dent as the sun, In
And all its host re - joic - es, And all its bless - ed thron'g U -



heav - en's bliss a - wake me, Re - leased from earth - ly ties.
bless - ed an - gel le - gions To bid me wel - come home.
light di - min - ished nev - er, Their glo - rious free - dom won.
nite their myr - iad voic - es In one e - ter - nal song.

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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

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C** and His mercy endureth forever.

+ Post-Communion Collect

LSB 201

- A** Let us pray.
- P** The Lord be with you.
- A** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Amen.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- C** Thanks be to God.

+ Benediction

- P** 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.
- C** Amen, amen, amen.

+ Hymn to Depart:

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LSB 515



1 Re - joyce, re - joyce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride-groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
 Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
 Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
 A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.
 In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

Parish Announcements.

Flowers for the Divine Service are given to the glory of God today by Chris Nienhuis in celebration of her birthday.

Sunday School for Children and Adults- There will be no Bible class or Sunday School on December 26th.

Advent Compline with Communion- will be this Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm. Please join us.

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!

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