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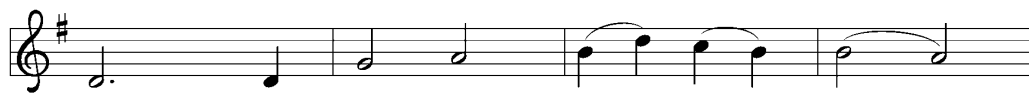
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**PRELUDE** *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* M. Balderston (b.1923)

**ENTRANCE HYMN** *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* ELW 435



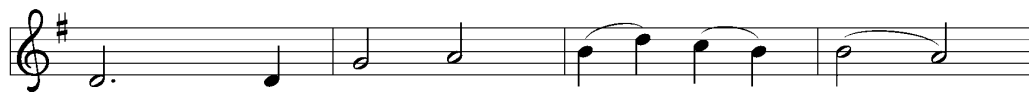
1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,  
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for our sal - va - tion slain;  
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;  
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
all the saints this world re - ject - ed  
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



join to sing the glad re - frain:  
thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:  
claim the king - dom as thine own.



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



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!  
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.  
Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725-1799

## 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.**

## KYRIE *congregation sings portion in bold*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:    **G** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## HYMN OF PRAISE



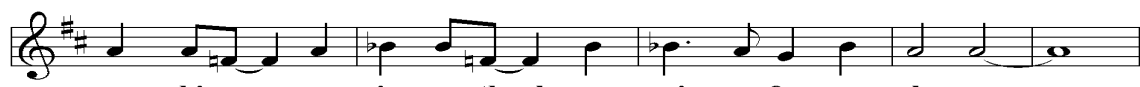
**G** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



**G** glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**I** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



**G** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



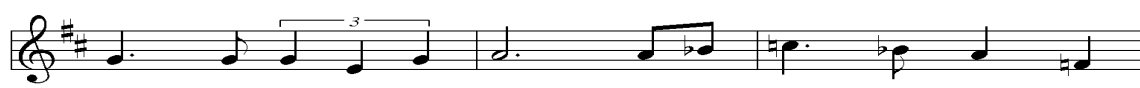
**G** glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**II** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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☒ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.  
 ①  
 ② For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.  
 ☒ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,  
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Martha Cooley, Mary Anderson

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE.

*The candle is lit.*

Scripture: Psalm 33:20 – We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

Prayer: Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. **Amen.**



## FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

Anne Vermillion

A reading from Isaiah.

<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 *read responsively*

<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 my brethren and companions' sake,  
 I pray for your prosperity.**  
<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the LORD our God,  
 I will seek to <sup>1</sup> do you good.”

**SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14**

A reading from Romans.

<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**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
 Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

ELW 436



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
 heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.  
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. composite  
 Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai  
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## THE 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 to the dead.

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.

## THE PRAYERS

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care especially Pauline, Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Adrian, Nikki, Phyllis, Alice, Ronnie, Helen, Barbara and others we name now (*worshippers may add names silently or aloud*). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Other prayers may be offered now.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*Come, Lord Jesus* Jim Strathdee

Trinity Choir

*Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person or send it by mail. We thank you for sharing not only your monetary gifts but also your gifts of time and talent to further our mission to share Jesus' love in worship, fellowship, hospitality, and community, doing God's work with our hands.*

4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new  
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming  
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965  
 Music: BESANÇON, French carol  
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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

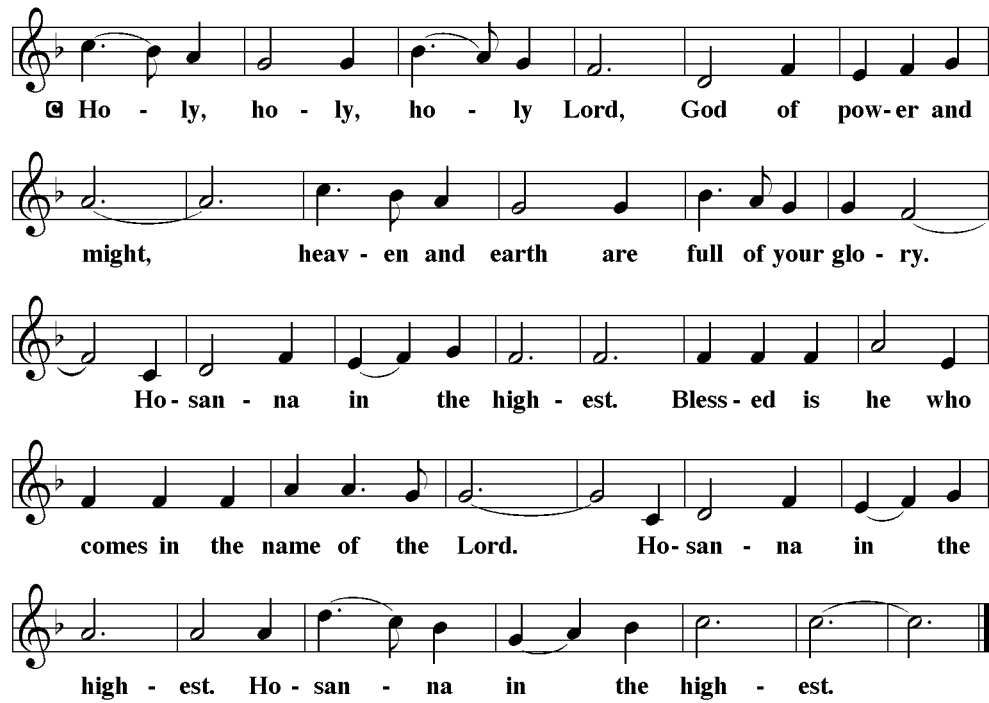
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
that by this Holy Communion we may know  
the unity we share with all your people  
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

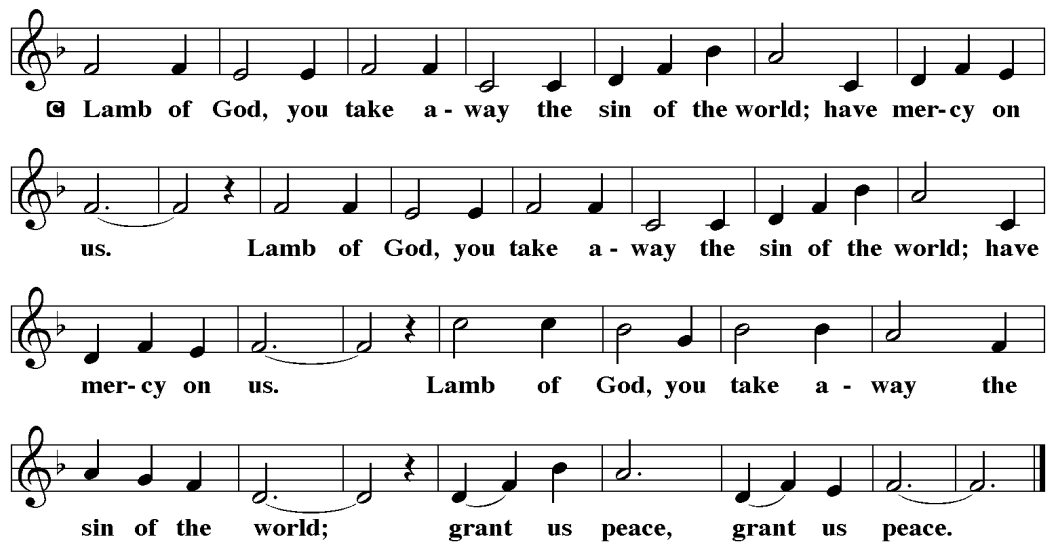
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**COMMUNION** *Those communing from home, have your package ready to open, but do not consume the elements until the pastor acknowledges those at home and says: "Take and eat. The body and blood of Christ given and shed for you." Then you may partake.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

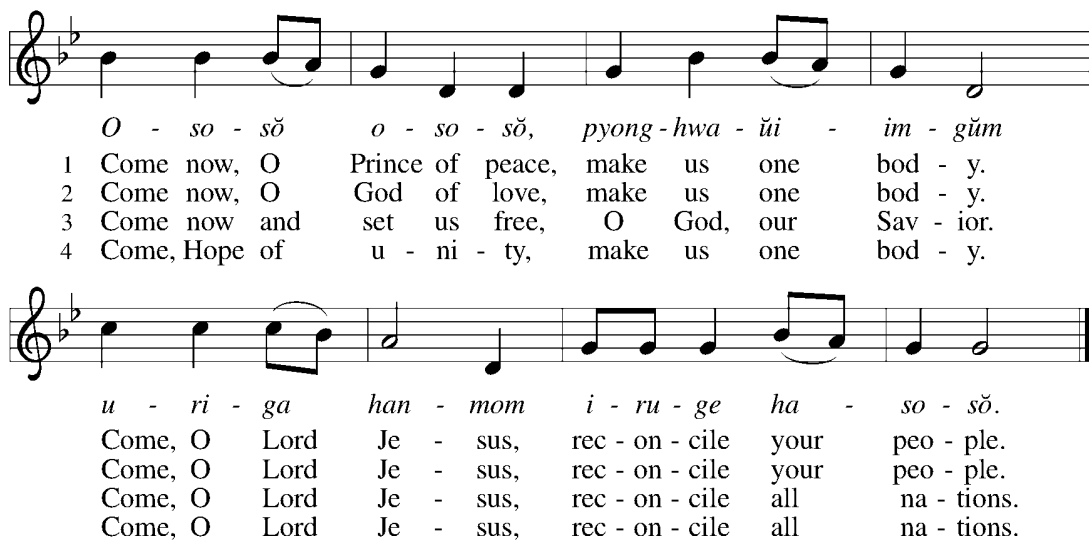
## COMMUNION HYMN



**☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on**  
**us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have**  
**mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the**  
**sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## HYMNS DURING COMMUNION *Come Now, O Prince of Peace: Ososõ, ososõ*

ELW 247



**O - so - sõ o - so - sõ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gũm**  
1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.  
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.  
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.  
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

**u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sõ.**  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -  
 2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in  
 3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all  
 4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,  
 splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child  
 hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
 ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
 Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you hear us when we call.  
 of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.  
 like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.  
 from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.  
 Music: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM, plainsong mode IV  
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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING





1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! “Christ is near,” we  
 2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth’s bond - age  
 3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don  
 4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is  
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. “Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,  
 let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,  
 down from heav’n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,  
 wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy  
 and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!”  
 shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
 one and all, to be for - giv’n;  
 and with words of love draw near.  
 while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878  
 Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Wachet Auf!*

Karl Davin (1823-1884)

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**Trinity's annual congregation meeting will follow worship on Sunday Dec. 11.** At this meeting members will be asked to vote on the 2023 proposed budget and elect council members. Leaving Council will be Sue Scheulen and Dan Painter. Nominees to fill the vacancies are Dorrie Greene and Carole Pfisterer. Those wishing to attend by Zoom will need to log off (hang up if you are using the phone) the Sunday service meeting and log back in with the following: Meeting ID: 841 4458 7970 Passcode: 355924 Dial 1-301-715-8592

# TRENDING @ TRINITY

Thank you Trinity. Due to your generous donations, those of neighboring churches and community businesses, 102 families (400+ people) were given Thanksgiving dinner. And now, it's time to do it again for Christmas. Items needed by **December 11<sup>th</sup>** for the Christmas food baskets are: cookie mix, pancake mix, pancake syrup, canned peas, canned fruit, spaghetti and sauce.

The Angel Tree is in the Narthex. Choose as many angels as you wish. Purchase the gifts, Gifts are to be wrapped, clearly marked with the child's information (i.e.: FAM-MTOWN #1), and dropped off at church absolutely no later than Sunday, Dec. 11. Once the Angel Tree project is complete, the tree will remain in place in the Narthex and becomes the Tree of Warmth, for your donations of hats, gloves and scarves.

This morning following worship Pastor will have a one session adult study looking at the ELCA Social Statement on Climate Change. ELCA social statements are teaching and policy documents created to assist us in thinking about and discussing social issues in the context of faith and life. Everyone is welcome to attend this discussion.



**Taizé** Beginning this Wednesday Trinity will offer an Advent Taizé service at 7PM. Taizé is a form a Christian prayer originating from the ecumenical Christian community of Taizé in France. It is a time to "come away and rest for awhile" through experience of the simplicity and depth of the Word of God. Please join us.

Next Sunday Trinity choir and all members have been invited to help lead the singing of the Christmas carols as one of the Stephens City neighborhoods lights its Christmas tree. The event takes place at 6PM at the corner of Rt. 11 and Stephens Run St. near the Capon Valley Bank. Warm up your vocal chords and come join the fun.

The holiday Community meal will be Wednesday, December 7. The sign up list is in the parish hall for all those willing to provide a portion of the meal and/or help with set up, serving or clean up.

Monday, December 12 Trinity will host the Shenandoah Valley Chamber Orchestra for a special holiday concert at 7PM. This musical evening is free and open to everyone, so bring your friends, neighbors, coworkers and family!

Please plan ahead now with your holiday gatherings to include worship at Trinity. Because Christmas falls on a Sunday, there will be one Christmas Eve service at 7PM. There will be Christmas Day worship on Sunday the 25th at 9:30AM.

Anytime you shop Amazon, if you log in through Amazon Smile and choose Trinity as your charity, the church receives a percentage of the cost.



# Poinsettias



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