

First Sunday in Advent

*A Service of Lessons and Carols
Based on the Great "O" Antiphons*

December 2 & 3, 2023

5:00 + 8:15 + 10:15

Prelude

Ringling of the Bells

Please rise and face the back of the church.

Prayer of Welcome

Pastor: All are welcomed in this House of the Living God; to sing of God's Name and to be refreshed by God's goodness;

People: And none are turned away.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, who enfolds us, accept our prayer and praise. As frankincense was brought to the Christ Child by the Magi, and as the angel offers incense before the throne of God amidst the prayers of all the saints, so now we bring to you our gift of incense. May these clouds ascending to you be a sign of our prayer. May their fragrance fill us with longing for the sweetness of Christ. May our offering today honor and please you. This we pray through the one whose coming we await, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

After a moment of silence, a bell is rung, then the Processional Psalm is sung.

Procession Psalm 141

Refrain



Choir: O Lord I call to You; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to You. (Refrain)

Choir: Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips. Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers. But my eyes are turned to you, O God; in you I take refuge. Strip me not of my life. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. (Refrain)

Greeting and Bidding Prayer

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

People: **The Great King who is to come.**

Pastor: Dear friends in Christ, in the stillness of this church we gather to mark the season of Advent, a season of waiting upon the Lord: who came once in the flesh as Savior and Redeemer of the world, who comes daily in word, Sacrament, and ordinary moments of human encounter, who will come again in glorious majesty to establish God's Kingdom of justice and peace.

Let us hear from prophets foretelling the first coming of Emmanuel and proclaiming "God with us." Let us remember prophecies fulfilled in the distant past and strive to proclaim Christ's transforming presence in our own generation.

Let us also pray for a renewed vision of God's righteousness on earth; where healing is freely offered to all: the poor and the oppressed, the privileged and the proud, the complacent and complicit, the sick and the suffering, prisoners and refugees, the forgotten and outcasts – that together we may proclaim and enact the coming of God's Reign.

May God give us ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to receive the message of Christ.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Homily

Antiphon I

❧ **SAPIENTIA**, quae ex ore Altissimi prodit, attingens a fine usque ad finem, fortiter suaviter disponesque omnia: veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiae.

❧ **WISDOM**, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

Reading I *The Wisdom of Sirach 1:1-10*

Wisdom is from the Lord,
and she dwells with God forever.
The sand of the sea, the drops of rain,
and the days of eternity – who can count them?
The height of heaven, the breadth of the earth,
the abyss, and wisdom – who can search them out?

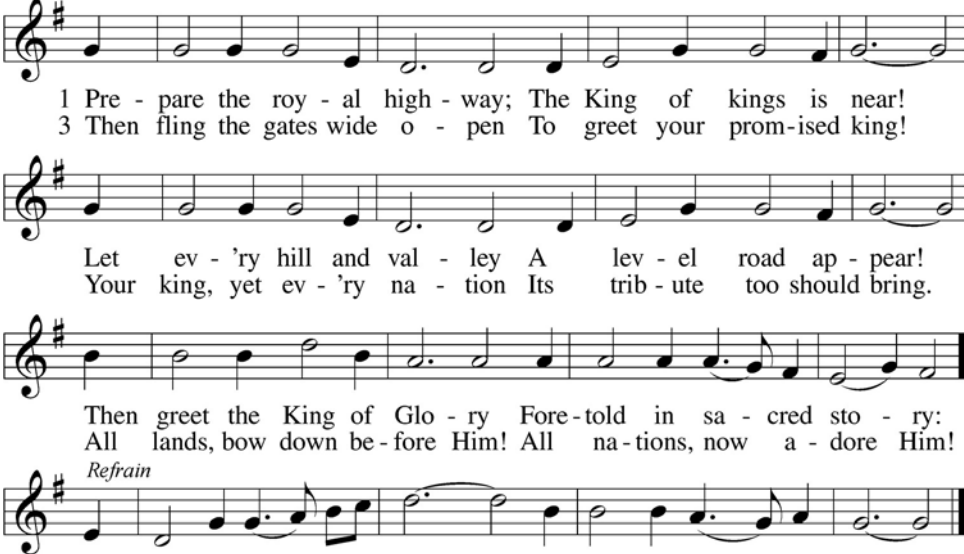
Wisdom was created before all other things,
 and prudent understanding from eternity.
 The root of wisdom – to whom has it been revealed?
 Her subtleties – who knows them?
 There is but one who is wise, greatly to be feared,
 seated upon the throne – the Lord.
 It is God who created her;
 who saw her and took her measure;
 who poured her out upon all God's works,
 upon all the living, as a gift;
 and lavished her upon those who love the Most High.

Please stand, as able.

Hymn

Prepare the Royal Highway

LSB 343, v. 1, 3



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom-ised king!

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.

Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!

Refrain

Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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Collect I

Pastor: O Wisdom, your words spoken in the beginning of creation generated a world of beauty and goodness: Come and instruct us in the way of prudence, that we may care for your world with justice and compassion; through the one whom we know as the Wisdom of the Ages, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Antiphon II



ADONAI, *et Dux domus Israel, qui Moysi in igne flammae rubi apparuisti, et ei in Sina legem dedisti: veni ad redimendum nos in brachio extento.*

ADONAI and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai: Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.

Reading II *Ezekiel 20:33-36, 40-41*

As I live, says the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, I will be king over you. I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out; and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face. As I entered into judgment with your ancestors in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into the judgement with you, says the Lord God.

For on my holy mountain, the mountain height of Israel, says the Lord God, there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land; there I will accept them, and there I will require your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your sacred things. As a pleasing odor I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will manifest my holiness among you in the sight of the nations.

Hymn

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

LSB 516, v. 1

1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."

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Collect II

Pastor: O Adonai, Ruler of the house of Israel, you rescued remnants of your people from slavery and exile: Come and with great might deliver us from all that binds us to sin and alienates us from you, through the one whom we know as Mighty Savior of all, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Antiphon III

○ **RADIX JESSE**, *qui stas in signum populorum, super quem continebunt reges os suum, quem gentes deprecabuntur: veni ad liberandum nos, iam noli tardare.*

○ **ROOT OF JESSE**, standing as an ensign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage: Come quickly and deliver us.

Reading III *Isaiah 11:1-10*

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—

³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;

⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling^[a] together;
and a little child will lead them.

⁷ The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

Hymn *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

LSB 359
(st 2 Cantor/Choir)

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra-grance ten-der With sweet-ness fills the
sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph-ets long have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -
sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.

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Collect III

Pastor: O Root of Jesse, you reach deep into our hearts, drawing forth our longing for justice:
Come and plant within us a passion for your Kingdom; through the one whom we know
as Root of all righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Antiphon IV

CLAVIS DAVID, *et sceptrum domus Israel; qui aperis, et nemo claudit; claudis et nemo aperit: veni, et educ vinctum de domo carceris, sedentem in tenebris, et umbra mortis.*

KEY OF DAVID, and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can close, you close and no one can open: Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death.

Reading IV *Revelation 3:7b-8, 11-13*

These are the words of the holy one, the true one,
who has the key of David,
who opens and no one will shut,
who shuts and no one opens:

“I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

LSB 338 (cantor sings st. 1)



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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Collect IV

Pastor: O Key of David, you open and no one closes; you close and no one opens: Come and liberate us from captivity to our past, that we may face your future's promise with boldness and purpose; through the one whom we know as the Son of David, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Antiphon V

ORIENS, *splendor lucis aeternae, et sol justitiae: veni, et illumine sedentes in tenebris, et umbra mortis.*

ODAYSPRING, *splendor of light everlasting: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.*

Reading V *Malachi 4:1-6*

“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the Lord Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the Lord Almighty.

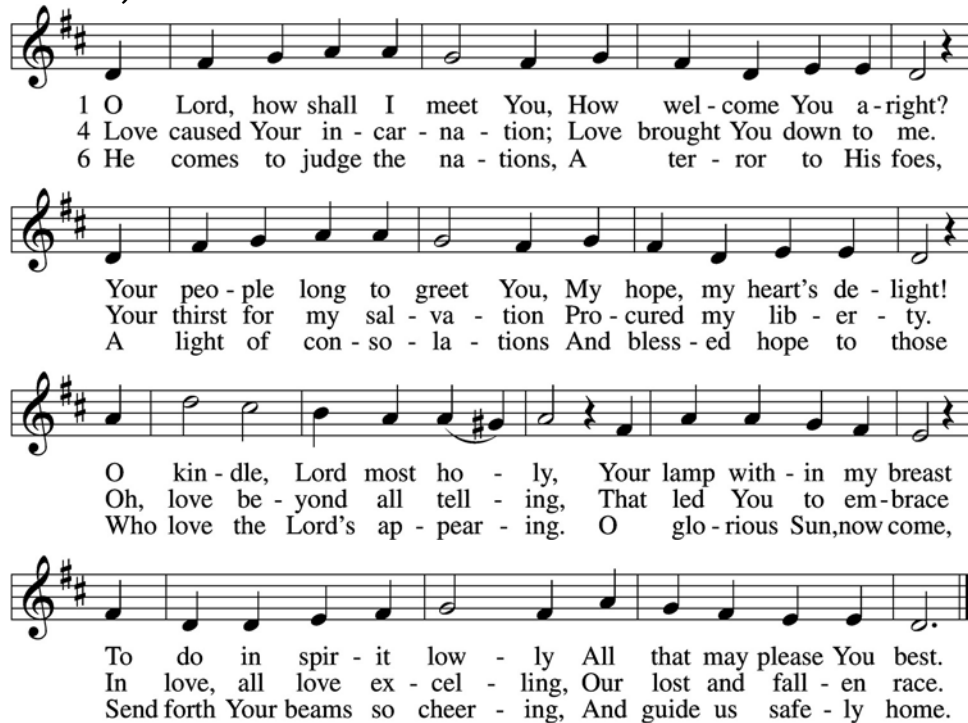
“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

Hymn

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

LSB 334 (st. 1, 4, 6)



1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.
6 He comes to judge the na - tions, A ter - ror to His foes,
Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
A light of con - so - la - tions And bless - ed hope to those
O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace
Who love the Lord's ap - pear - ing. O glo - rious Sun, now come,
To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.
Send forth Your beams so cheer - ing, And guide us safe - ly home.

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Collect V

Pastor: O Dayspring, you chase away the shadows of night: Come and enlighten our darkness with visions of reconciliation, that we who are alienated from one another may seek the

fullness of life together; through the one whom we know as the Light of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Antiphon VI

☉ **REX GENTIUM**, *et desideratus earum, lapisque angularis, qui facis utraque unum: veni, et salva hominem, quem de limo formasti.*

☉ **KING OF THE NATIONS**, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people:
Come and save us all, whom you formed out of clay.

Reading VI Revelation 19:11-16

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: "King of kings and Lord of lords."

Please stand, as able.

Hymn

A Stable Lamp is Lighted

(st. 1 sung by the Choir)

WORDS: Richard Wilbur (1921-2017)
TUNE: Andujar, David Hurd (b. 1950)

Choir alone 1. A sta - ble lamp is light - ed whose glow shall wake the
 All 2. (This) child through Da-vid's ci - ty shall ride in tri-umph
 All 3. (Yet) he shall be for - sak - en, and yield - ed up to
 All 4. (But) now, as at the end - ing, the low is lift - ed



sky; — the stars shall bend their voic - es, and ev - ery stone shall cry. —
 by; — the palm shall strew its branch - es, and ev - ery stone shall cry. —
 die; — the sky shall groan and dark - en, and ev - ery stone shall cry. —
 high; — the stars shall bend their voic - es, and ev - ery stone shall cry. —



And ev - ery stone shall cry, — and straw like gold shall shine; a barn shall har-bour
 And ev - ery stone shall cry, — though heav - y, dull and dumb, and lie with - in the
 And ev - ery stone shall cry — for ston - y hearts of men: God's blood up - on the
 And ev - ery stone shall cry — in prais - es of the Child by whose de-scent a -



hea - ven, a stall be-come a shrine. — 2. This
 road - way to pave his king - dom come. — 3. Yet
 spear - head, God's blood re-fused a - gain. — 4. But
 mong us the worlds are re - con - ciled. —

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Collect VI

Pastor: O King of the Nations, you defend the cause of the poor and raise up the oppressed of the earth: Come and build us into a world community where all are valued and the vulnerable protected; through the one whom we know as the Chief Cornerstone, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

Antiphon VII

O EMMANUEL, *Rex et legifer noster, expectation gentium, et Salvatore arum: veni ad salvandum nos, Domine Deus noster.*

O EMMANUEL, our King and Lawgiver, the anointed of the nations and their Savior: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Reading VII *Isaiah 43:14a, 15-19a; 7:14-15*

Thus says the Lord
your Redeemer; the Holy one of Israel:
I am the Lord, your Holy One,
the Creator of Israel, your King.
Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

The Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Hymn

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

LSB 356

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



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Collect VII

Pastor: O Emmanuel, God with us, you dwell beyond our farthest reach, yet are nearer to us than we are to ourselves: Come among us in these days of Advent expectation, that we may give birth to what is true, just, beautiful and good; for you are the one whom we know as Lord, and with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you abide with us, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Offering

Ways to Give

Giving a portion of the gifts God has given is, at its heart, an act of worship.

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+ Service of the Sacrament +

We believe that in this Sacrament we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. All who wish to receive the sacrament are invited to come forward to receive the unending forgiveness of Jesus Christ;

to become together what we consume: The Body of Christ in and for the world.

Children and those who would prefer not to receive the sacrament are welcome at the altar to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Please stand, as able.

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right and proper...evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus



Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Please be seated.

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357 (10:15)

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

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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Please stand, as able.

Prayer

Pastor: ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of God's blessing and set you free from all sin.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

People: Amen.

Pastor: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son +, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People: Amen.

Hymn

My Soul Rejoices

LSB 933



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the
great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He
fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion
bless - ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the
ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the
sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring
Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

Worship Leaders



Ministers: *The People of Trinity Lutheran Church*

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:15 am	Sunday 10:15 am
Preacher:	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>
Presider:	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Joshua Steele</i>	<i>Joshua Steele</i>
Communion Servers:		<i>Sue Fiehler</i>	<i>Jake Lipe, Rosalie Wilke</i>
Children's Message:	<i>Andrea Roettger</i>	<i>Andrea Roettger</i>	<i>Andrea Roettger</i>
Lector:	<i>Rose Nester</i>	<i>Taylor VanDyke</i>	<i>Grace Dick</i>
Acolyte:	<i>Naomi Hildreth</i>		
Organist:	<i>Jeff White</i>	<i>Jeff White</i>	<i>Jeff White</i>
Cantor:	<i>Nicole Heerlein</i>	<i>Nicole Heerlein</i>	<i>Nicole Heerlein</i>
Musicians:			<i>Sanctuary Choir</i>
Communion Prep:	<i>Dianne Davis</i>	<i>Annette Carson</i>	<i>Dorothy Brents</i>
Live Streaming:			<i>Hayden Koeltzow, Paul Koeltzow</i>
Greeter:			<i>Sue Brax</i>
Usher:	<i>Phil Koehr</i>	<i>Phil Koehr, Paula Wike</i>	<i>John Carroll, Ken Horvath, Kay Weber</i>
SONday School Music:	<i>Katy Moll</i>		
SONday School Leaders:	<i>Kay Weber, Paula Wike</i>		

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TRINITY TODAY

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!
We pray that your time with us today is uplifting
and encouraging as we follow Jesus together as
God's people.

Our ministry team and community of faith are here
to help you connect both with Christ Jesus and
with our ministry. If we can be of help to you in
any way, please don't hesitate to let us know.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

Worship Services - Saturday 5:00 - Sunday 8:15 & 10:15

THIS WEEKEND

Sammie Sunday after each worship service

SUNDAY

SONday School 9:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary

Uth 11:30 a.m. Parish House, 3rd flr.

MONDAY - SATURDAY

Soup Window 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY - THURSDAY

Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Parish House 3rd flr

WEDNESDAY

Adult Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Parish House, 3rd flr.

St Peter & Paul meal

Trinity Handbells 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Balcony

Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Balcony

Next Weekend

Sunday

Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary

Children's Christmas Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sanctuary

CONGREGATION

DCE Andrea Roettger keeps Call to Bethany Lutheran Church in Overland Park Kansas – DCE Andrea has accepted the Divine Call to serve as Director of Christian Education of Bethany Lutheran Church in Overland Park, Kansas (a suburb of Kansas City.) Her last weekend at Trinity will be December 9 & 10. Please keep her in your prayers as she transitions to Bethany in the next several weeks.

Upcoming Congregational Voter's meetings:

- Regular Voter's Meeting – Sunday, December 17, 2023 – re: Budget

Trinity Year End Financial Appeal

We're so thankful for your generosity this year! Your prayerful gifts have made it possible for us to begin renovation on our school building soon.

2023 has been a challenging financial year in many ways, including high inflation and a difficult investment marketplace. As a result, we're looking at a current shortfall for the year of over \$128,000.

We want you to know we're cutting expenses where we can, and prayerfully doing our best to be good stewards of God's gifts. We are not going broke, we have some backup reserves, but using them can be a slippery slope and those funds are not endless.

So, we're asking if you are able, to prayerfully consider an additional year-end gift to support Trinity's ministry, as a response to the gifts God has entrusted to you.

Financial Stewardship Report

	2023 YTD	2023 Budget	Variance	2022 YTD	2021 YTD
Member Contributions	\$433,156.	\$565,250.	\$(132,094.)	\$498,709.	\$449,409.
Community Care	<u>8,286.</u>	<u>35,792.</u>	<u>(27,506.)</u>	<u>18,096.</u>	<u>37,304.</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$441,442.	\$601,042.	\$(159,600).	\$516,805.	\$486,713

As of October 31st, church income is below budget by \$159,598 and is 15% and 13.4% lower than income for the comparable periods ending October 2022 and 2021, respectively. The current period net operating loss is \$128,701.

Panhandling - Please DO NOT give money, food or other items to any unhoused neighbors who might ask when you are at Trinity. Panhandling will not be tolerated on Trinity's campus, if someone needs food, please tell them "Soup Alley is open Monday - Saturday from 9:30-10:30" or "It's Trinity's policy not to give things out on Sundays"

Altar Flowers - Altar flowers can be and are more than mere ornaments. They are the expression of our love for God as well as a means of glorifying his name in all the earth. If you would like to provide flowers for a particular Sunday to mark a special life event such as birth and birthdays; anniversary of a wedding, baptism, confirmation; the memory of a loved one; or as a thanksgiving for life's blessings, call or email the church office (314-231-4092 x2, or office@trinitystlouis.com). You can also reserve a Sunday online on Church Community Builder, for more information check Trinity ENews.

Ministry of the Month: Martin Luther once said: "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to us that we should proclaim the Word of God through music." This is what the Choirs and Musicians of Trinity strive to do through our singing, ringing, and playing of instruments. Even the hymns we sing every week are vehicles for prayer, praise, and even Christian education. Participation in the Choir only requires a heart willing to dedicate the time to learn the music in weekly rehearsals from Labor Day through Memorial Day. Musical experience is helpful, but not required, to ring in the handbell choir, and anyone who is able to play an instrument is invited to use that talent to God's glory by letting Jeff White know of your interest. Both the Choir and Handbells meet on Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary. Let us know if you would like to be part of providing your gift to proclaim and praise.

Advent Devotionals - Advent devotionals are now available to be picked up in the back of the sanctuary.

For Youth & Young Adults - *Tune In to Christmas*

For Adults - *A Little Child Shall Lead Them*

MUSIC MINISTRY

Gateway Ringers - The Gateway Ringers will be performing a Christmas concert at Trinity on December 17 at 4:00 p.m. The group is an auditioned handbell ensemble, ringing six octaves of bells and seven octaves of chimes. There is no cost to attend, and an optional free-will offering will be taken to benefit the group. Trinity's Minister of Music, Jeff White, has rung with this group since 1999 and there may be a surprise premier of a special version of "We Three Kings." See Jeff if you would like more information.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Children's Christmas Worship Service - The Children's Christmas Worship Service will be Sunday, December 10 at 10:15 a.m. There are two rehearsals, Saturdays December 2 and 9 at 11:00 a.m. (Kids will also start learning the songs in SONday School, Sundays at 9:15 a.m.) You can sign up your child (zero-12th grade) in the back of the sanctuary or through the email families should have received the beginning of November.

SONday School - For children 3 years to 5th grade, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish House, 1st flr., opens with music led by elementary school music teachers Katy Moll and Rebecca Carroll. No SONday School December 10, 24 & 31.

Uth Service Project - 1st & 3rd Sundays for all youth 6-12th grade. Sunday, December 3 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Join us for Christmas Cookie Service Project, Bible study and lunch. RSVP in back of the church or check this week's Enews to register online.

Youth Confirmation Class - On break until January 9, 2024.

COMMUNITY CARE

Neighborhood: Humboldt Academy of Higher Learning Elementary School

Gift tags for Humboldt toy drive will be available NOW!. Please select a tag to purchase a \$20-25 gift for a kiddo. For ideas or to purchase a gift on amazon, please click this link <https://a.co/isAgV7K>

Community:

Sammie Sunday will be the first weekend of December (Dec. 2 & 3) – Thanks to a Thrivent grant we will be making turkey sandwiches! For more information on Thrivent Grants contact Kim Dann-Messier.

Join us after each worship service in the back of the church to make PBJ and meat & cheese sandwiches for our hungry friends. Stay as long as you'd like. If you're not at a service, consider making sandwiches at home and schedule a time through the church office to deliver. Bring your own sandwich material or let us do the shopping. Donation drop off days are Mondays and Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. by appointment.

1,408 Meals were served at Soup Alley in the month of October, an average of 54 meals per day.

Soup Alley Food:

- Prepared lunchmeat & PBJ sandwiches
- Bottled water
- Fruit (small oranges or bananas preferred)
- Chips/Pre-packaged snacks
- Pre-packaged snack cakes, desserts, etc.
- At this time, Soup Alley is in desperate need of **L and XL t-shirts and underwear.**
- **Winter Gear**
- **Plastic grocery bags**

If you're able to bring any items to Trinity for distribution, please schedule your drop-off through email at office@trinitystlouis.com. Donation drop off days are Mondays and Thursdays between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Continued thank you for this who bring donations to Soup Alley over the weekend. This past weekend we had sandwiches, chips, cookies, jackets, hoodies, t-shirts, winter gear and toiletries. Thank You!

Peter and Paul Meal: Trinity will serve the meal at Peter and Paul Parish on Wednesday, December 6th. Cooks arrive at 2:30 Servers arrive at 4:30. Please contact Mike Koenig at MichaelKoenig@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

New Community Care Donation Bins: Please place your Saturday/Sunday donations for Community Care in the marked bins in the "museum room." This will help us inventory items coming into Soup Alley.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday Adult Bible Study – Join us at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Tuesday Women's Bible Study – Tuesday's at 10:00 a.m. *"He Calls Me Loved"* In person or to register for Zoom check your ENews for the link.

Wednesday Bible Study – Meet at 10:00 a.m. Parish House, 3rd flr.

GIVING

There are many ways to Give:

Online giving: Check Trinity Weekend ENews for the link or go to <https://trinitystlouis.com/give/>.

In Person: Gifts of cash or check payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church" can be given in all worship services.

Mail: You can send your gift to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Souland Street, St. Louis, MO 63104

Gifts for your Family: Learning to acknowledge the abundance of God's blessings to us is the beginning step of putting together the gift plan within our overall estate plans. This Christmas when you receive gifts and consider writing thank-yous, try to communicate in those notes that you acknowledge that the gift came from the Lord through the one who gave you the gift. Then consider communicating that depth of blessing in the way you plan your estate. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Teresa Nelson at (319)351-6529 or Teresa.Nelson@lfn.org.

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Advent Wednesday Worship 12:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m., the overall theme is *The Family of Advent*.

December 6 -- Zechariah: *Whose Silence Turns to Song*, Luke 1:5-23

December 13 -- Elizabeth: *Who Celebrates the Miracle of Birth*, Luke 1:9-45

December 20 -- John: *Whose Humility Comes with Purpose and Power*, Mark 1:1-8

December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship services 3:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

December 25 – Christmas Day Worship service, 10:15 a.m.

No worship service on Saturday, December 23 at 5:00 p.m. or Sunday, December 24 at 8:15 a.m.

Regular Sunday Worship Service on December 24 at 10:15 a.m.

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PRAY

Birthdays ~ December 2 - 8

Quinn Muehlfarth	December 3
Cynthia Schulz	December 4
Dottie Drewes	December 5
Nhyiraba Harrison	December 5
Eva Aagaard	December 6
Jordan Holten	December 6
Oscar Keil	December 6
Haylee Wadley	December 6
Jenny Deem	December 7
Clara Abad	December 8
Lisa Haines	December 8
Henry Keil	December 8
Jan Kraemer	December 8
Kurt Poggemoeller	December 8

Parish Community

Annette Carson
Jessica Carson
Peter Carson
Nicholas Carson
Janet Carter
Andrew Cartmill & Kalee Huddleston
Larry Pawlowski & April Choi-Pawlowski
Brandon & Katie Cobie
Tyler
Dena Conner
Liam & Kian
Chuck & Nancy Conover
Tony & Elibeth Cook
Justine & Jeff Craig-Meyer
Mithcell, Dean, Shay & Shaun
Sandra Cunningham
Craig & Amy Heller
Jack & Carson

OUR DEACONS



Allen Helms



Joyce Binder



Patrick Hendershot



Ginny Kuhlhoff



Mary Marth



Lorene Mazdra



Jeaninne Meyer



Kay Weber



Paul Weinhold



Melba Wetmore



Mike Ziemann



Steve Albers