

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

December 4, 2022 - 9:30 a.m.



Second Sunday in Advent

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

Service of Word and Sacrament

In the bulletin: The asterisk () invites you to stand as you are able.
Boldface type indicates the congregation's responses. At the sign of the cross (✠),
you are invited to make that same sign upon yourself in remembrance of your baptism.*

✠ GATHERING ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Thomas Gieschen

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who comes to wake us from sleep,
who leads us into the light of grace. **Amen.**

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,
we open our hearts to you, O God.

Search us and know us.

Reveal all that we keep inside.

**To you, O God, we confess our sins,
known and unknown.**

**Forgive us, renew us,
and leads us in your ways of justice and peace.**

**Make us reflections of the radiant love
of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

In ✠ Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven
and all things are made new.

Rejoice in this good news! **Amen.**

*Greeting

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

stanza 1-harmony 2-harmony 3-unison

1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
 2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
 3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-prepare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.
 the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm
 that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

***Advent Candle Lighting**

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light these candles,
enkindle within us the fire of your Spirit,
that we may be light shining in the darkness.
Enlighten us with your grace,
and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.
Amen.

We light two candles.

***Response Hymn No. 257**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI, EMMANUEL

2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain* Re-joice! Re-joice!
Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.

By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of its roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day there will stand as a signal to the peoples the root of Jesse, of whom the nations shall inquire, and whose dwelling shall be glorious.

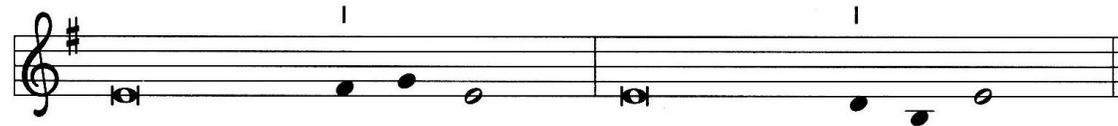
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

A cantor introduces the refrain; all repeat it.

All sing verses and refrain as indicated.



¹Give the king your jus- tice, O God,
and your righteousness to 1 the king's son;

²that he may rule your 1 people righteously
and the 1 poor with justice;

³that the mountains may bring prosperity 1 to the people,
and the 1 hills, in righteousness.

⁴Let him defend the needy a- 1 mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush 1 the oppressor. *Refrain*

⁵May he live as long as the sun and 1 moon endure,
from one generation 1 to another.

⁶Let him come down like rain upon 1 the mown field,
like showers that wa- 1 ter the earth.

⁷In his time may the 1 righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall 1 be no more.

¹⁸Blessed are you, LORD God, the 1 God of Israel;
you alone do 1 wondrous deeds!

¹⁹And blessed be your glorious 1 name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- 1 men. Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jewish people on behalf of the truth of God in order to confirm the promises given to the ancestors, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify our merciful God. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with the people of God"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise the Lord"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in whom the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

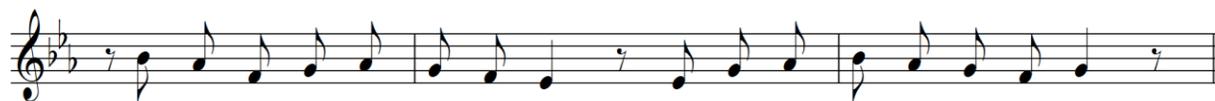
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Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



O God of God, O Light of light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
To you, who shares the Fa - ther's throne, Come, share with us your light a - gain,



to you in heav - en's glo - ry bright the song of praise for - ev - er rings.
Be all the glo - ry you have won, All thanks and praise! A - men. A - men.

***Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the dominion of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the paths of the Lord.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when John saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²With a winnowing fork in hand, he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer for Understanding

O God, open our eyes to your presence this Advent season.
Speak again your word of life and help us
to listen, to believe, and to respond.

Amen.

Sermon

A Different Kind of Christmas Series
“It’s Not About Perfection”

Pastor Becki Verbridge

*Hymn of the Day No. 249 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

PUER NOBIS

stanza 1-unison 2-harmony 3-harmony 4-unison 5-unison

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 you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, 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.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

***The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***The Prayers**

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

A brief silence is kept.

Holy One, you send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make our bishops, pastors, deacons, directors of faith formation and lay preachers confident in their proclamation, that their words and our lives would bear witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, send your Spirit upon all living creatures. Provide them with shelter and care, and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, send leaders to our nations, cities, schools, and businesses to work on behalf of those for whom life is a struggle, especially those living in poverty, those who are isolated and forgotten, those who are oppressed. Re-commit every heart to your paths of justice, reconciliation, and peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, send your servants to care for the sick and injured. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill. We pray for those on our prayer list, especially...Tom, Jim, Frederica, Amanda, Christa & Claus, Gabriel, Shirley, Judy, and Susan. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Embolden those who dare to ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in us all a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, you send your saints in every age, those who are celebrated and those more humbly recalled. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

✦ MEAL ✦

***Sharing of the Peace**

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

We share the peace of Christ with one another.

Offering Anthem

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn

arr. Frahm, Lasky

Trinity Choir

For text, see hymn #261.

***Offertory Hymn No. 294**

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

stanza 1-harmony 2-harmony 3-unison

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
3 What . . . can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

***Invitation**

Christ comes to us in, with and under the bread and wine to nourish our faith.
 The uncontainable presence, grace, love, forgiveness and
 mercy of Christ come to us in this simple meal that spans all time and space.
 All baptized children of God – regardless of denominational background –
 are welcome and invited to share it with us.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
 through our Savior Jesus Christ.

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 to judge the world in righteousness.
 And so, with all the choirs of angels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus**

Sing in harmony.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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.

***Prayer at the Table**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
 Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
 Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
 Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
 Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
 Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
 Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.
 Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
And bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen

***The 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**

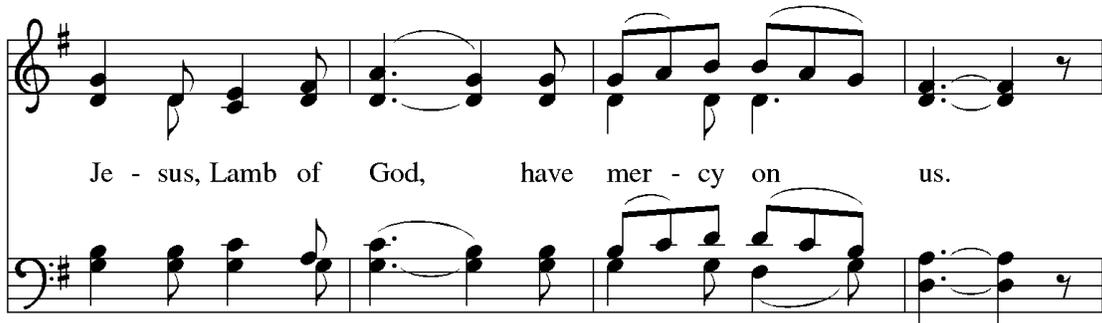
Following the Lord's Prayer, you may be seated.

God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

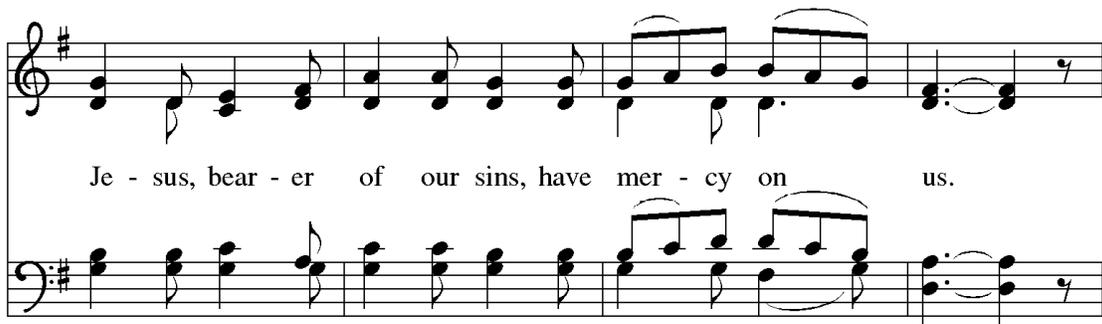
Communion Hymn

Lamb of God

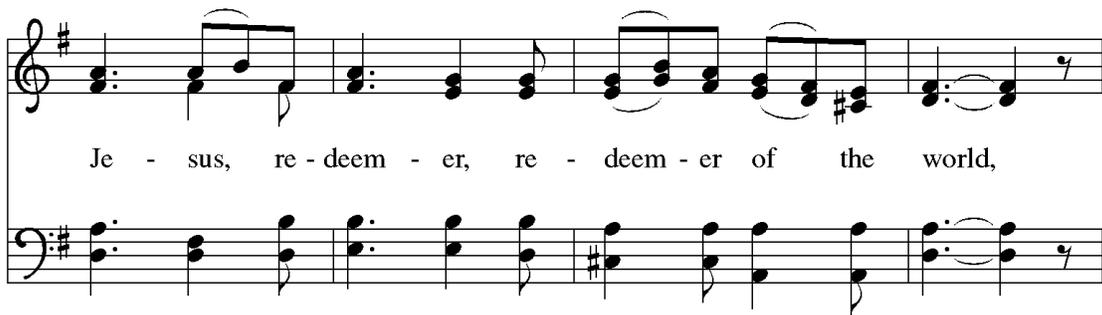
Sing in harmony.



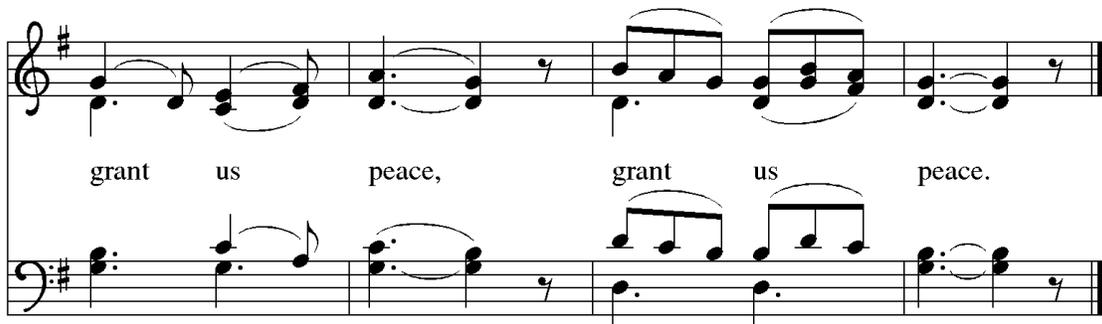
Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*The Communion

Those celebrating with us from your homes: please share the bread and wine or grape juice with one another using these words: The Body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. An *Amen* or *Thanks be to God* is spoken in response to these gifts.

Those celebrating with us in person: Please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and an individual cup of wine or white grape juice from those serving. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.

Hymn No. 241

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
2 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.
3 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.
4 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
who mourn your joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.

Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast
A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
All hail 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.
that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.
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.

Sing repeatedly, in harmony.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (one sharp). The treble staff contains a melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!" The system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

✠ SENDING ✠

***Post Communion Prayer**

Most High God, you have come among us at this table.
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

Amen

***Benediction**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

Amen.

***Sending Hymn No. 264**

Prepare the Royal Highway

BEREDEN VÄG FOR HERRAN



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

We go to bring Jesus to people through love and the Word of God.

***Postlude**

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Alec Wyton

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Sunday, 12/4	9:30 a.m.	<i>Worship</i> <i>No LIFT today</i>
	12:00 p.m.	<i>Trinity Book Club</i> – Scharf Library
Monday, 12/5	8:00 a.m.	<i>Morning Devotions</i> – Facebook Live
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Property Team meeting</i> - Library
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Advent Devotional</i> – via Zoom
Tuesday, 12/6	8:00 a.m.	<i>Morning Devotions</i> – Facebook Live
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Derbytown Chorus</i> – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, 12/7	8:00 a.m.	<i>Morning Devotions</i> – Facebook Live
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Advent Stories & Soup Lunch</i> – Room 202
Thursday, 12/8	8:00 a.m.	<i>Morning Devotions</i> – Facebook Live
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Trinity Bell Choir</i> - Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Trinity Choir</i> – Choir Room
Friday, 12/9	9:00 a.m.	<i>Faith Five Check-in</i> – via Zoom
Saturday, 12/10	9:00 a.m.	<i>DLM open</i> – Fellowship Hall
Sunday, 12/11	9:30 a.m.	<i>Worship</i> <i>No LIFT today</i>

In Our Prayers...

Week of December 4: Tom Lawson, Jim Verbridge, Frederica Cohen, Amanda Baker (relative of Molly Phelps), Christa & Klaus Lang (friends of Bob Hoskins), Rev. Gabriel Baumgardner (brother of Tom Baumgardner), Shirley Jordan (member), Judy Eisenhart (member), Susan Detwiler (member).

Week of November 27: Richard DeBerry (member), Sandy Hamilton, Tom Lawson (husband of Ann Lawson), Laura & Sue Jones (friends of Hannah Miller)

Week of November 20: Karen Isaiah, Larry Ivery, & Kris Dietrich (all friends of Frederica Cohen), Don Parsisson (member), Sandra Plummer (member), Larry Saler (father of Amanda Archbold).

**Individuals added to our prayer concerns will remain on Holy Trinity's printed list for four weeks. The names of those making the request will be printed next to the name of the person being prayed for. We kindly ask those making the request to keep our prayer list coordinators updated as to the status of the person they are requesting prayer for. We would be glad to continue praying for individuals (adding them for another four weeks) upon request. If you have updates or additions to the prayer list, please contact Sally Richenbacher, Rachel Núñez, or Pastor Becki Verbridge.*

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Welcome	Bob Foutty	(330) 268-2934
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...Activity Coordinators...

Activity	Coordinator	Phone
Acolyte Coordinator	<i>Please pray as we search for a new coordinator.</i>	
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Archives	Ricki Ethington	330-644-4663
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Council President	John Guran	330-606-3915
Meditation Memorial Garden	Nan Riemenschneider	330-239-1086
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Readers	Nancy Riemenschneider	330-239-1086
St. Bernard's Hot Meals	<i>Please pray as we search for a new coordinator.</i>	
Stewardship	Tom Baumgardner	330-603-3691
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Women's Bible Study	Velma Pomrenke	330-864-6866

