

**COME,
LORD  JESUS**

Trinity Lutheran Church

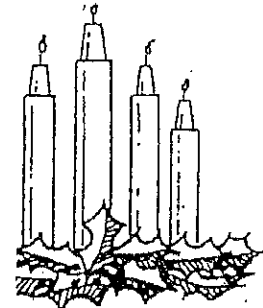
Third Weekend in Advent
December 10 & 11, 2011
5:00 p.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:15 a.m.

*The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to be a loving
Christ-centered community actively reaching out to all people.*

Sunday School Opening (10:00)

Prelude

Ringling of the Bells



Welcome

We welcome you to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church, a historic parish serving today's people. We pray that your worship experience will bring you closer to God's love in Jesus Christ and equip you for living out your faith life in Him. Visitors and regular attendees are reminded that there is a nursery on Sunday from 10:00-11:30a.m. for infants -3 years of age. The nursery is staffed by adults and located in the parish house, attached to the sanctuary. Sunday school occurs during the service in the parish house for children 3-10 years old. Sunday school children will then join back in the service before celebrating the Lord's Supper. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery and Sunday school. Hearing assistance is also provided for those who need it. See an usher or the sound board operator for help. Prayer Request Forms are attached to bulletin. If you would like a prayer spoken in the worship service or placed on our prayer chain, fill out a yellow card and prepare to hand it to the aisle during the sermon hymn.

An Advent Candlelighting Carol

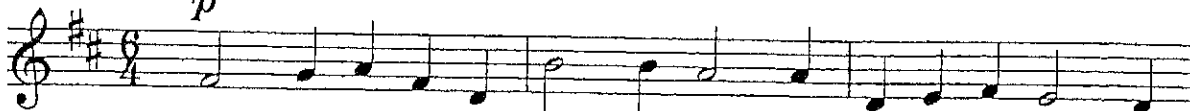
Light the Candle

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1987

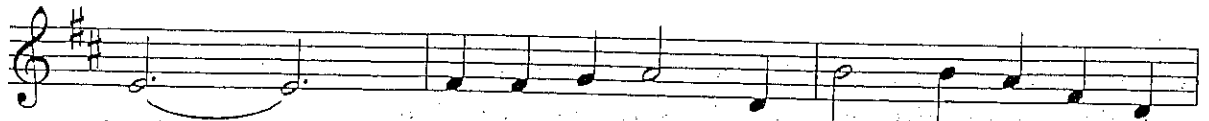
Carl Schalk

Gently

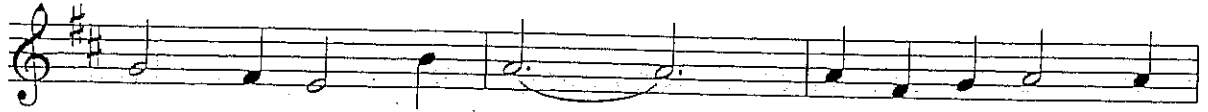
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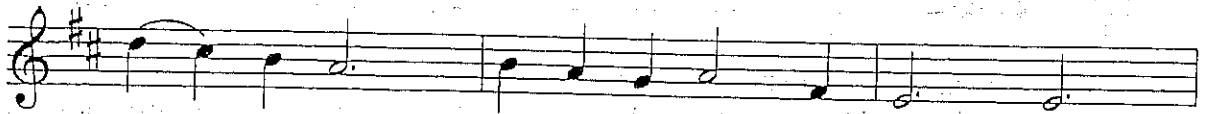
(Advent 1) Light the can - dle of LOVE to - day, the Giv - er of love is
(Advent 2) Light the can - dle of PEACE to - day, the Giv - er of peace is
(Advent 3) Light the can - dle of JOY to - day, the Giv - er of joy is
(Advent 4) Light the can - dle of HOPE to - day, the Giv - er of hope will



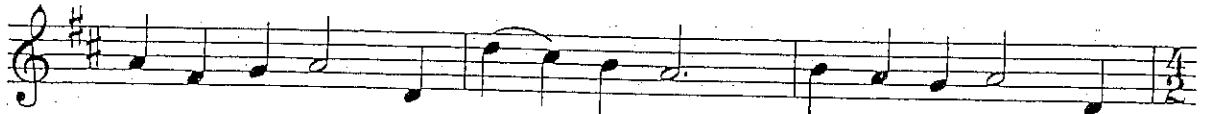
here! _____ Wel-come the love we live and die for, but
 here! _____ Wel-come the peace we fight and cry for, but
 here! _____ Wel-come the joy we crave and pay for, but
 come! _____ Wel-come the hope we long and wait for, but



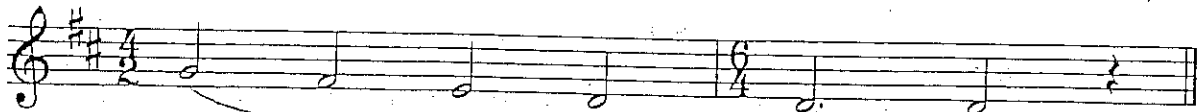
on - ly Christ can give. _____ Flick - er and flame and
 on - ly Christ can give. _____ Flick - er and flame and
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 on - ly Christ can give. _____ Flick - er and flame and



glow___ with love, light up the world a - round you.
 glow___ with peace, light up the world a - round you.
 glow___ with joy, light up the world a - round you.
 glow___ with hope, light up the world a - round you.



Flick - er and flame and glow___ with love, light up the world a -
 Flick - er and flame and glow___ with peace, light up the world a -
 Flick - er and flame and glow___ with joy, light up the world a -
 Flick - er and flame and glow___ with hope, light up the world a -



round _____ you. _____
 round _____ you. _____
 round _____ you. _____
 round _____ you. _____

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Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Leader: Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,
People: who will prepare Your way before You.

Leader: Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
People: Say to those who have an anxious heart, 'Be strong; fear not!'

Leader: Be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.
People: Behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rst all things
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,
Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law
tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,

Refrain
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And teach us in her ways to go.
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re-joice! Re-joice!
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
And close the path to mis - er - y.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

This hymn is based on seven ancient antiphons (see facing page) that were used at Vespers during the last seven days of Advent.

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.
Tune: French, 15th cent.; setting: C. Winfred Douglas, 1867-1944

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L M and refrain

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L O Lord, o - pen my lips;

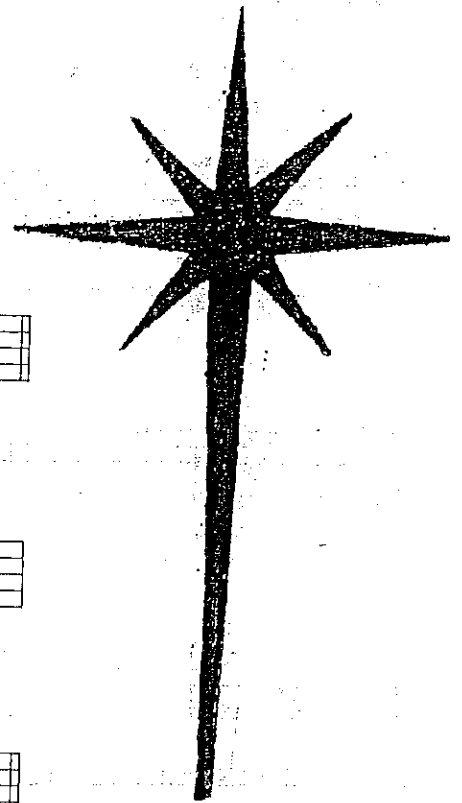
G and my mouth will de - clare your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;

G make haste to help me, O Lord.

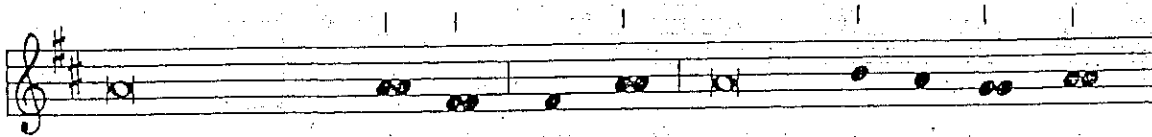
G Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

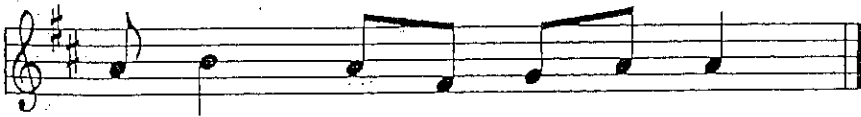




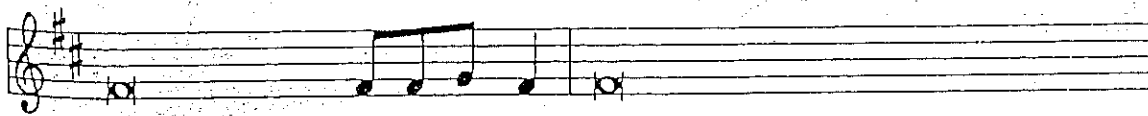
☐ Praise to you, O Christ, King who comes to save us.



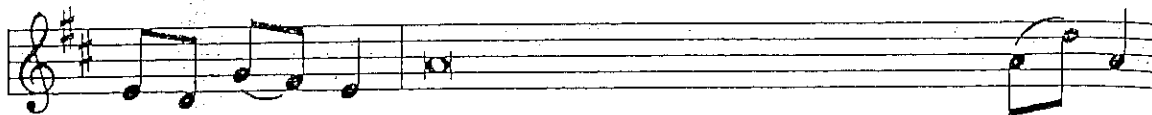
☐ Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



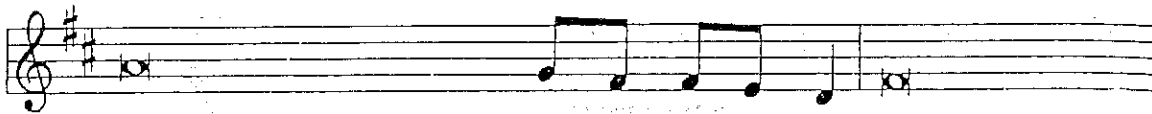
☐ Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.



☐ Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



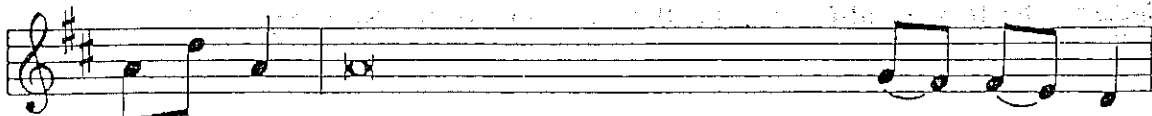
our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



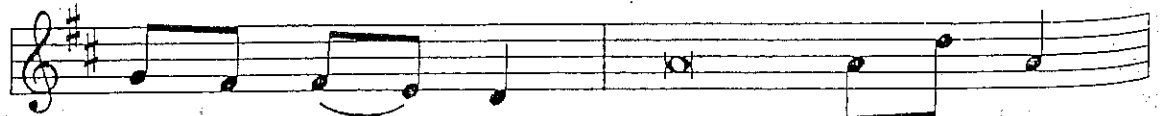
in his hand; the strength of the hills is his al - so.



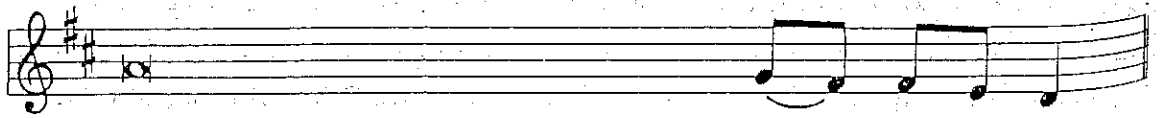
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land



Oh, come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the



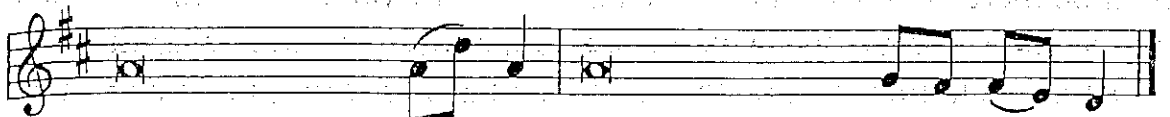
Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



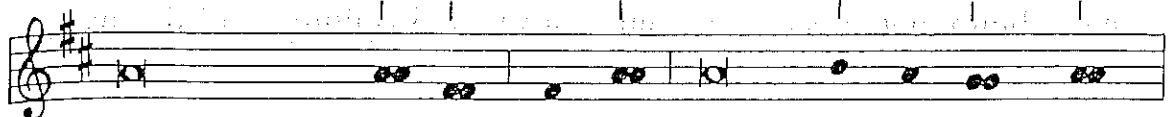
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.



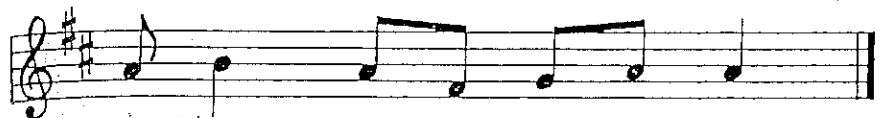
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men



Ⓛ Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



ⓐ Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.

Salutation and Collect

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

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

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; ²it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 146

Blessed is he whose help is the God of ' Jacob,
whose hope is in the ' Lord his God,

who made heav-' en and earth,
the sea, and all that ' is in them,

who keeps faith for-' ever;
who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the ' hungry.
The Lord sets the ' pris'ners free;

the Lord opens the eyes ' of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are ' bowed down;

the Lord loves the ' righteous.
The Lord watches over the ' sojourners;

He upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked He ' brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign for-' ever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.

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.



Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” ⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem

and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the 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 in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to 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 he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

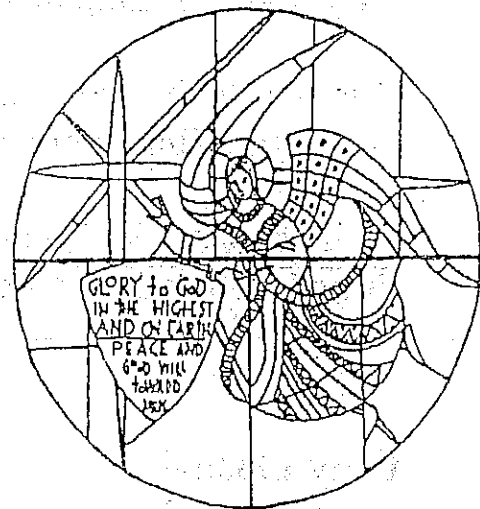
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Christmas Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
Who sent His Son as my Savior on Christmas Day.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Announced by the angels
Worshipped by the shepherds
Adored by the wise men,
Who lived to suffer, die and rise,
To free us from sin, death, and the power of the devil;

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
Who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas
And by whose continuous works in my heart
I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ
The treasures of my love
And live under Him as my King, both now and forever. Amen



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
 Δ 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.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite
 Tune: adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621; setting: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934

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Luke 1:57-66

⁵⁷Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, ⁶⁰but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." ⁶¹And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." ⁶²And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. ⁶³And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. ⁶⁴And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed; and he spoke, blessing God. ⁶⁵And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, ⁶⁶and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

O God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, You remind us to be prepared and ever ready for the coming of Your Son, as Judge of the living and the dead. By Your Holy Spirit cause us truly to be repentant and to turn to You in faith, that receiving Christ's own righteousness we may joyfully prepare for His return. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Gracious Lord, You have called each of us to our families, to this congregation, and to our daily work. Put Your special hand of blessing on We pray that You would enable us to be faithful in our various vocations and to remove those obstacles in our lives that would prevent others from seeing You in us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Empower Your Church, O Lord, that Your precious Word and holy Sacraments may rightly be proclaimed and administered so that true repentance and faith and all the gifts of Your Spirit may abound everywhere. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Look upon our nation with Your favor, O God. Grant wisdom, understanding and honesty to those who govern that we may dwell in peace and that Your Word may have free course to call all our citizens to Your mercy and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of comfort, grant patience to all who await the joy of Your abiding and healing presence: those afflicted with physical sickness especially..... the discouraged and those who mourn especially..... Remind us all of the shortness of time, and grant us courage to serve our neighbor while it is still day. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, grant that we may receive the body and blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus, this day in true repentance and faith, that we may be strengthened for the journey of the coming days, and sustained in holiness and righteousness all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.



Leader: Brothers and sisters, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for reflection.)

Leader: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know---the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed, but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me by Your forgiveness, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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

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

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

Peace of The Lord

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

People: And also with you.

Distribution

Distribution Hymns



When time began, the Word of God brought light to all creation.
The time fulfilled, as God had willed, bears tidings of salvation.

Hear, hear the Word anew, a promise kept for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Christ, the son of Mary!

To us a promised Child is born, to us a Son is given:
God's dawning light dispels the night; the shades of death are riven!

Hear, hear the Word anew, a promise kept for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Christ, the son of Mary!

And still the Word of God proclaims the blessed, saving story:
"The Word behold, foretold of old, fulfilled in wondrous glory!"

Hear, hear the Word anew, a promise kept for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Christ, the son of Mary!

To us a promised Child is born, to us a Son is given:
God's dawning light dispels the night; the shades of death are riven!

Hear, hear the Word anew, a promise kept for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Christ, the son of Mary!

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.

The promise of the Lord, once made, cannot be broken,
 What Joseph's vision told becomes the Spirit's token,
 Foundation firm and sure where faith secure may build,
 Isaiah's faithful word in Christ is now fulfilled!

When darkest seems the night, God's gracious Word is beaming:

"To us a Child is born"—the hope of our redeeming!

"Whom shall I send," God asks, "to share such victory?"

Let faithful saints reply, "Lo, here am I—send me!"

"Glory to God on high," the heav'nly hosts are singing,

"And peace to all on earth!" The echoes still are ringing.

The message they proclaim shall nevermore be stilled:

In Christ, the Word made flesh, God's promise is fulfilled!

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You most heartily that You have fed us in these holy mysteries with the body and blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. We humbly ask You so to assist us with Your grace that we may continue in patience as true members in the mystical body of Your Son and do the good works that You desire; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-ty brings.

When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
 But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
 And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
 The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925, alt.

Tune: *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813, ed. John Wyeth;
 setting: Paul J. Grime, b. 1958

CONSOLATION
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Worship Leaders

Ministers: The People of Trinity Lutheran Church

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. David B. Marth

Liturgists: Seminarian Jake Dickerhoff (5:00)

Seminarian Matt Peters (8:45)

Seminarian Paul Rieger (10:15)

Lectors: Audrey Vanderbles (5:00)

Neal A. Orabka (8:45)

Jeaninne Meyer (10:15)

Organists: Jim Munden (5:00)

Wes Kassulke, Director of Music (10:15)

Pianist: Linda Taff (8:45)

Crucifer: Liam Perry (10:15)

Acolyte: Annie Castro (10:15)

This Week at Trinity
December 11-17, 2011

Sunday	Youth Confirmation Class	8:30 a.m.
	Adult Bible Class	8:45 a.m.
	Morning Eucharist	8:45 a.m.
	Sunday School Opening	10:00 a.m.
	Morning Eucharist	10:15 a.m.
	VintageTen Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Church Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Morning Bible Class	10:30 a.m.
	Midweek Advent Service	12:10 p.m.
	Soup & Salad Supper	6:00 p.m.
	Midweek Advent Service	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Bell Choir Practice	6:00 p.m.
	Adult Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Evening Eucharist	5:00 p.m.
	Movie Night in the Parish House	6:15 p.m.

PRAYERS – Please remember the following in prayer this week:

those celebrating their birthdays – James Heine (12/11), Stacey Herrell (12/11), Rebecca Rust (12/11), Henry Stirnaman (12/11), Eric Beckley (12/12), Gary Robinson (12/12), Monica Tapp (12/13), Alice Townzen (12/13), Mandy McNece (12/14), Pastor Jason Rust (12/13), Samantha Wilson (12/13), Rob Berger (12/15), Martha Peters (12/15), Cori Levin (12/17), and Amanda Stahl (12/17);

those in the Trinity family for whom we give thanks – John and Sheila Wright, Elvera Wurtz, Jim Zarndt, Ray Zeitinger, Mike Ziemann, Gary and Mary Zucker; Becki Wells and Justin Heinen who were married here on Saturday;

those who are ill, hospitalized or shut-in;

our global link to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya which is providing desperately needed food rations to refugees in northeast Kenya.

CD copies of weekend worship services are available FREE by calling the Church Office. Allow a few days for mailing delivery.

Worship at Trinity

Saturdays at 5 P.M.

Sundays at 8:45 A.M. and 10:15 A.M.
(Children's Sunday School during 10:15 service)

VintageTen Worship – Sunday at 10:30 A.M.

(Downtown Loft Ministry)

German Worship – 4th Sunday at 8:45 A.M.

Study and Fellowship

Adult Bible Study – 9 a.m. Sunday morning

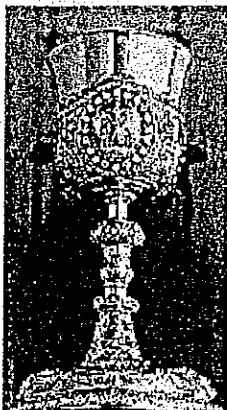
Check the bulletin or the website www.trinitystlouis.com for additional Bible study, fellowship, and service opportunities throughout the week.

Prayer Request

Prayer Request Forms are attached to the bulletin. If you would like a prayer spoken in the worship service or placed on our prayer chain, complete a yellow card and prepare to hand it to the aisle during the sermon hymn.

Participation in Holy Communion

We invite to the Lord's Table those who make this confession:



- I acknowledge that I am a sinner and desire Christ's forgiveness.
- I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sins, Satan and death.
- I believe that the Risen Christ is truly present in the Sacrament, and that with the bread and wine I receive His true Body and Blood for my forgiveness.
- I resolve to dedicate myself to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular group worship, sacrificial giving and thankful living.

Non-Lutherans communing for the first time at Trinity are asked to speak with the pastor before doing so.

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2011 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE at Trinity & VintageTen

Advent Season Christmas Preparation

WEDNESDAYS IN SOULARD

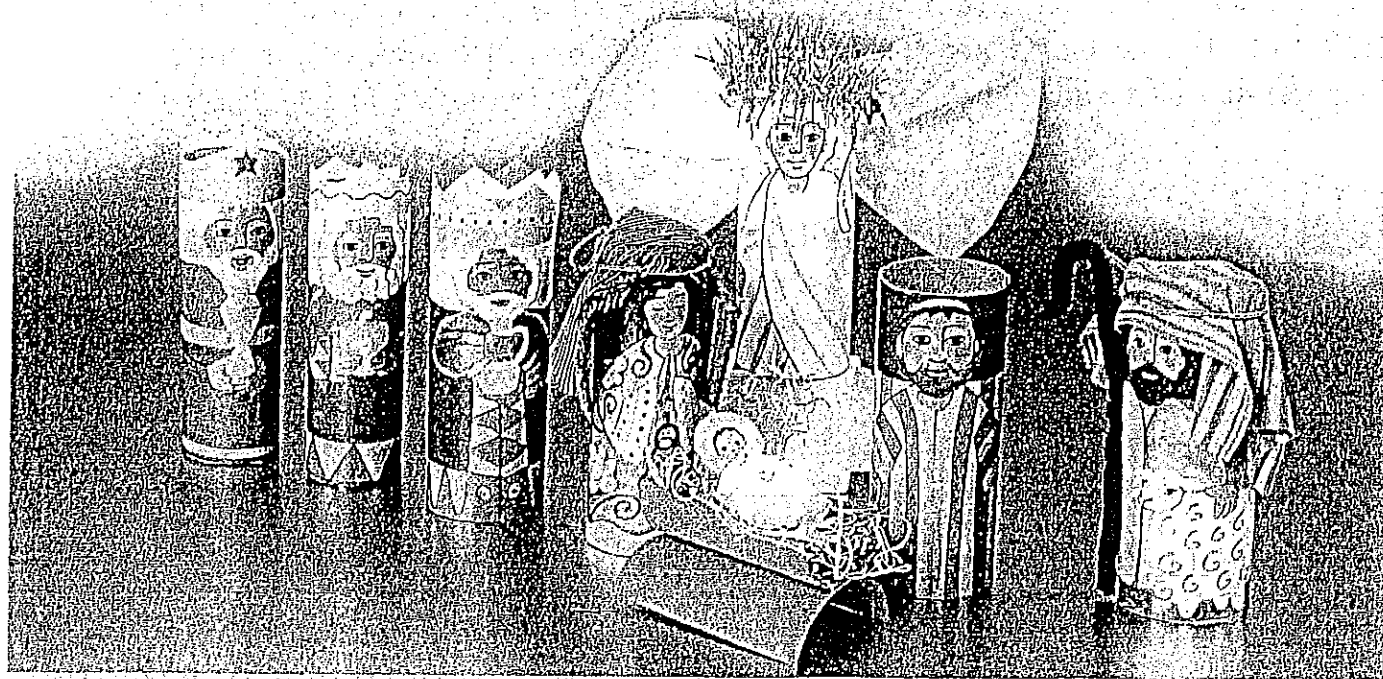
Wednesday, Dec. 14

12:10 & 7 PM Songs and Meditation
6 PM Soup Supper, Parish House

WEEKENDS IN SOULARD & DOWNTOWN

Saturdays in Soulard, 5 PM, Dec. 10, 17

Sundays in Soulard, Dec. 11, 18, 8:45 & 10:15 AM
10:30 AM at VintageTen, 1004 Locust downtown



Christmas and New Year's Celebrations

Congregational Christmas Party,
School Hall, Sat., Dec. 10, 6:00 pm.

German Christmas Service
Sunday, Dec. 18, 8:45 AM in Soulard

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day,
Saturday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve,
7 & 10:30 PM in Soulard
Sunday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day,
10:00 AM only, in Soulard
10:30 AM at VintageTen 21

New Year's Eve Weekend
Saturday, Dec. 31, 7 PM in Soulard
Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012,
Name of Jesus Sunday,
10:00 AM only, in Soulard
10:30 AM at VintageTen

Trinity Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange

“A CHRISTMAS WONDER” is the theme of Concordia Publishing House’s children’s event at the main store (3558 South Jefferson) this Saturday, December 17th from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Come for story time, caroling, Christmas cookies and crafts. All children receive a free book and ornament. RSVP if possible to 268-1268.

THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR presents a Christmas Festival at Christ Church Cathedral in downtown St. Louis this Saturday, December 17th at 2:00 & 5:00 p.m. Tickets in advance are \$20 by calling 1-888-747-4589 or online at www.nlca.com.

Shoe Boxes for Christmas

While parents helped decorate the sanctuary on Sunday, November 27th, the children did a fantastic job decorating shoe boxes that we are hoping to fill with items for needy children for Christmas. If you are interested in taking one of these home and filling them, we have some suggestions listed below or whatever you like. You can bring them to church and put in the back of the sanctuary or they can be dropped off at the church office. We will be handing these out the week before Christmas.

Hats	Gloves	Socks
Crayons	Markers	Pencils
Books	Small games	Candy

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES REPORT – As we head into the final month of the calendar budget year, Treasurer Clay Degenhardt reports our 11-month totals:

	2011 Actual	2101 Budget	2010 Actual
Member Contributions	\$ 412,373	\$ 440,000	\$ 424,962
Other Income	\$ 123,854	\$ 143,000	\$ 145,265
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 536,227	\$ 583,000	\$ 570,227
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 561,169	\$ 583,000	\$ 602,881
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FLOWERS – The poinsettias adorning the chancel this weekend are gifts to the glory of God from Justin and Becki Heinen in thanksgiving for their marriage; and from Bob and Jan Kraemer for blessings received on their birthdays.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS – The German Christmas Worship Service at Trinity is next Sunday, December 18 at 8:45 a.m. in our sanctuary. Everyone is also invited to the German Christmas Vespers at Peace Lutheran Church on Barracksvuew in South County, I-255 and Telegraph, TODAY (Sunday) at 2:30 p.m.

MOVIE NIGHT – Everyone is invited to attend a “Christmas Movie Night” this Saturday, December 17th at 6:15 p.m. in the Parish House. Free admission and popcorn to see Nicholas Cage in “The Family Man”.

POINSETTLAS – If you would like to place a poinsettia plant in the chancel for Christmas, use an envelope on the back table to let us know. \$15 per plant.

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I am willing to serve in the following areas:

_____ **Ushering at one of the following services**

- _____ Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.
- _____ Christmas Eve 10:30 p.m.
- _____ Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.
- _____ New Year's Eve 7:00 p.m.
- _____ New Year's Day 10:00 a.m.

_____ **Preparation of Holy Communion**

- _____ Saturday Evenings
- _____ Sunday Mornings

_____ **Assisting refugees and immigrants**

- _____ Transportation to appointments
- _____ Transportation to Church
- _____ Transportation to ESL classes
- _____ Wherever I'm needed

_____ **Nursery**

- _____ Sunday Mornings
- _____ Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.
- _____ Christmas Eve 10:30 p.m.
- _____ Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.
- _____ New Year's Eve 7:00 p.m.
- _____ New Year's Day 10:00 a.m.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____