



*Our mission, as God's people, is to **gather** in worship, **grow** in faith, and **go** in service in the name of our Risen Lord.
Our vision – Sharing God's love, hope and healing.*

**First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 27, 2022**

Prelude: "Soon and Very Soon" arr. by Mark Hayes

Welcome to Worship and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness:**

P Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C **Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

P Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of new beginnings,

C **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

P People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on + Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Lighting the Advent Candle: "Light of Light" arr. by Joel Raney (Congregation Sings)

Voi - ces cry out from a world in grief:
prayers of those who seek re - lief.
End their dark - ness, hear their call for
peace on earth, good will for all.

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*Responsive Reading for First Sunday - Light of Hope

L Advent is a time of reflection and renewal.

C **God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our hope.**

L Advent is a time of self-examination.

C **God of light, shine in our hearts and strengthen our resolve.**

L Advent is a time of joyful expectation.

C **God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our faith.**

L Advent is a time of service and searching.

C **God of light, shine in our hearts and ignite our compassion.**

L Today we light the first candle - the candle of hope - reminding us that in sending Christ, God sent hope of the earth. Hope for a world free from war and pain, hope for a sense of purpose and belonging, and hope for peace and prosperity for our children and our children's children. When Christ came, he brought us the Light of Lights. Light that fills us with hope, illuminates our lives, and shines in our hearts.

*Please stand as you are able.

***Greeting:**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day:**

All **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Our first reading is from Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation:** "Sanctuary" arr. by John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs

English:

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

Spanish:

Señor, prepárame para ser un santuario
Puro y santo, probado y verdadero
Con Acción de Gracias, seré una vida
Santuario para ti

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44**

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 24th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.

⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Pastor James Hilleson



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

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davissou, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

***Apostles' Creed:**

P&C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers:** (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "God, in your mercy" and your response is, "**receive our prayer.**"

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

A brief silence.

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

receive our prayer.

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

receive our prayer.

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care, especially those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict. Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God of compassion, you see those who are struggling to feed their children and to pay their bills. Open the hearts of our community leaders to help those in need. Guide our Ministry of Outreach, especially Open Hands and Project Stepping Stone, to help as many in our community as we can. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

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

Amen.

***Sharing the Peace:**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Offering:

If you would like to give electronically, you may

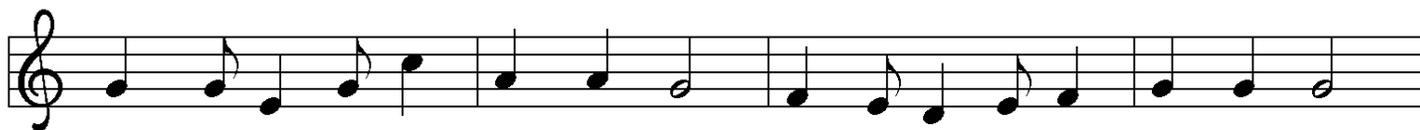
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2. Go to our website www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com and click on the green "Give" button.
3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

*Please stand as you are able.

*Offertory Hymn: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW 674

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1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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***Offering Prayer:**

L Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

***Words of Institution**

P 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.

P 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.

***Lord's Prayer:**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)

All **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.**

***Invitation to Communion:**

P Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

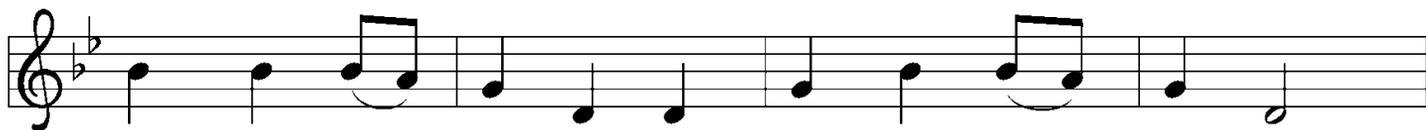
Communion Hymn: "Lamb of God" (setting 6)

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

Distribution:

This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We extend to you all that we have in the Lord Jesus and invite you to his Holy Supper. Those communing with us who haven't been baptized and desire God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in Holy Baptism are invited to talk to the Pastor. Communion is continuous as we kneel at the altar. White grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine. Communicants come to the altar down the center aisle, fill in the communion rail from left to right and return by the side aisles.

*Please stand as you are able.



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



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

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope
 Music: OSOSŎ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947
 Text and music © Geonyong Lee

***Post Communion Blessing:**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
 All Amen.

***Post Communion Prayer:**

L Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

***Sending Call and Response:**

L God's work!
 C **Our hands!**
 L God's love!
 C **Our hearts!**
 L God's story!
 C **Our voices!**

***Benediction:**

P God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, + bless you now and forever.
 C Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



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 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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***Dismissal:**

L Go in peace. Christ is near.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements for November 27, 2022

This week's Prayers: Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Bill Hoodlebrink's sister, Julia
Stephanie and Rich Thompson
Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother
Gwen Carey
Maria and her family in Ukraine
Arlene Murphy, Mike Metzcar's sister
Dan Haynes
For all who are sick and suffering
Roberta Debolt
Sue Metzcar
John Paul Metzcar
Liam, 2 year-old great grandson of Nancy Brown
Mary Broughton
For all who are suffering with Covid
For the people of Ukraine

Flowers at the Altar:

The bouquet of flowers are given by Virginia Finchum to the glory of God.

(If you would like to purchase a \$10 flower arrangement to decorate the altar, please fill out the flower chart on the closet door in the lobby/narthex and make sure to fill out a slip and put the slip in the envelope with your check or money and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you.)

Serving in Worship Today:

Acolyte: Micah Smith
Usher: John Huff and Jim Suding
Greeter: Marla Suding
Lector: Dustan Smith
Lay Worship Leader: Becki Bergs
Communion Assistant: Autumn Smith
Altar Guild: Jan Segedy

Birthdays and Anniversaries for November 27 - December 3, 2022:

Birthdays:
November 27 - John Pinckney
November 29 - Joy Jacobson
December 1 - Phil Dashler
December 2 - Brenda Thacker

Anniversaries:

November 29 - Bruce and Linda Reynolds

Calendar of Events for the Week of November 27:

Sunday, November 27 - Bible Study in room 102 (9am), and Worship (10am)
Monday, November 28 - Bible Study (10am) and Choir Practice (4pm)
Tuesday, November 29 - Walking Group meets in parking lot (9am), Binding Ties Group Meets (9:30am) and Ministry of Support Meeting (7pm)
Wednesday, November 30 - Riverside/Normal City Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting (7pm)
Thursday, December 1 - Project Stepping Stone Work Day
Saturday, December 3 - Church Decorating for Christmas (9am) and Step Aerobics (9:30am)

*Please stand as you are able.

From Outreach:

Collection of saltine crackers for the Panther Pantry at Southside Middle School begins this Sunday (27th). Our goal is 160 boxes to help with their Christmas season distribution to families in need. Any brand is fine, and we thank you for being a part of this holiday effort.

Thrivent's Michelle Walker and Christmas Gifts for Central Indiana Foster Children:

Thrivent's Michelle Walker is welcoming donations to **"Turn Away No Longer"**, a Central Indiana organization that serves foster children and their families. She is collecting specific clothing items for 25 children (see the links below) and 15 Blessing Baskets. If you would like to sponsor a child, sign up for an item(s) at a link below and bring **them unwrapped to Holy Trinity by Sunday, December 4**, or to our office by December 2nd. **Each item needs to be labeled with the family #, child #, boy or girl, and age.** If you would like to donate items for the **Blessing Baskets** a list of requested items is below. For monetary donations, checks may be payable to: "Turn Away No Longer".

Family # 52- 2 Children

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0d4aaaaf23a6ffce9-christmas131>

Family #53- 3 Children

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0d4aaaaf23a6ffce9-christmas132>

Family #58- 3 Children

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0d4aaaaf23a6ffce9-christmas137>

Family #59- 1 Child

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0d4aaaaf23a6ffce9-christmas138>

Family #63- 2 Children

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0d4aaaaf23a6ffce9-christmas142>

Blessing Basket Items:

24 oz. Dawn dish soap

115 oz. Tide liquid laundry detergent (unscented)

Puff tissues

20 oz. body wash

19 oz. Lysol disinfectant spray or wipes

18 Cascade dishwasher pods

4 or 6 pack of toilet paper

2 pack paper towels

All purpose 32 oz. Lysol cleaner

11 oz. liquid hand soap

12 oz. hand sanitizer

Large laundry basket

You are welcome to bring donations to Michelle's office: 3621 N. Everbrook Ln, Suite #4, Muncie, IN 47304.

All these items will be collected and packaged Tuesday, December 13, 3-5pm at Minnetrista Cultural Center, 1200 N. Minnetrista Pkwy, Muncie, IN 47303. Please let us know if you can help.

If you have any questions, please call 765 212-2307. Thank you for your help!

*Please stand as you are able.

Grace Village God & Grub, Mondays at 5pm:

"God & Grub" is a Grace Village program on Mondays at 5pm. Students gather in Youth Hall at 1st Presbyterian Church to share a meal and fellowship. They have about 14 students so far, and it's growing every week!

They are asking area churches to provide the weekly meal and **Holy Trinity has been asked to provide the meal on Monday, December 5.** We are asking for a volunteer or two to provide this meal for them. It could be as simple as spaghetti or chili or whatever you feel comfortable making. The meal would need to serve about 16-18 people, and be delivered to Youth Hall by 5pm; Grace Village will provide the drinks and tableware. If you can provide this meal for them, please contact the church office by November 28. Thank you!

Blue Christmas Service at High Street UMC, Tuesday, December 6 at 7pm:

Join us on Tuesday, December 6 as we gather with High Street United Methodist Church, 219 S. High Street, Muncie, at 7:00 P.M. for a Blue Christmas service. This is a service that offers comfort for those who are grieving and struggling to find joy and hope during the holidays.

Called To Lead?

Do you feel you are being called to leadership at Holy Trinity? The Nomination Committee is now receiving names for those willing to run for Church Council, starting in February, 2023. The terms are for two years and the meetings are the second Monday of each month. Your role would be to focus on the mission, vision, and strategic priorities of the congregation. Call the office or contact a member of the Nomination Committee.

Sincerely,

Nancy Carlson, Chair

Roger Hollands

Becki Bergs

Dawn-Marie Oberly

Project Stepping Stone Work Day, December 1:

Do you have an hour or two to spare on Thursday, December 1st? Come to a work day at our Project Stepping Stone house on Kilgore. No matter what your skill level, we will find a job for you. You could be sorting kitchen supplies and bed linens, painting, hanging blinds, cleaning, or moving furniture. We won't over-work you, but we need help getting ready for the third family to move into our transitional housing. It's FUN, no kidding. Let Dick Elias, John Scholl, Nancy Carlson or the church office know, and we'll send you the address and work hours.

From Outreach:

To Members and Friends of Holy Trinity,

We would like to share with you our plan for the 2022 Christmas season. There will be a regular Open Hands distribution on Saturday, December 17. It will be first-come first-served, as usual, with those coming receiving a small food card.

As in the past, we welcome referrals from members of the church submitted to the Church Office (282-0619) by Monday, December 12. We will also include Project Stepping Stone residents. Food cards for referrals will be for larger amounts, and recipients need not get in the line on the 17th.

Our goal to accomplish this work is \$1500. We are thankful for you--members and friends--who have been so generous in the past. If you feel led to help friends in need in our community, please designate your gift as Open Hands Christmas. Thank you.

Dan Beard, Chairman