



# Trinity Lutheran Church and Preschool

Howards Grove, Wisconsin



TO MAKE THE SAINTS - "WISE UNTO SALVATION" AND TO "EQUIP FOR SERVING"

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## Welcome to Trinity!

**December 20, 2023**  
**Third Advent Midweek**  
**Vespers**

Worship:

Sundays at 8:00am and 10:30am

Sunday School/Bible Class:

Sundays at 9:15am

Advent Midweek Worship:

Wednesdays at 10:30am and 6:30pm

Date	Time	Acolytes	Greeters	Video Operators
Dec 20	10:30am		Jean Heibing	
	6:30pm	Ethan Fenn	Barb Wolfert	
Dec 24	4:30pm	Brody Timm and Owen Timm	Scott and Linda Plocar	Craig Lallensack
	6:30pm	Bryce Peter and Rylan Bahr	Dale and Linda Hopf	
Dec 25	9:00am	Andie Koenig and Macey Schuler	Rich Boje	Lance Liermann
Dec 31	8:00am	Emmett Kunze	Dave and Robie Scharinger	Mark Schorer
	10:30am	Ethan Fenn	Judy Luecke	

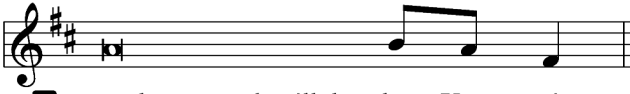
December	Ushers	Elders
8:00am	Team 5	Scott Plocar
10:30am	Team 2	Jim Post
December 20		

Date	Altar Guild
Dec 18-Dec 31	Connie Bitter and Linda Plocar

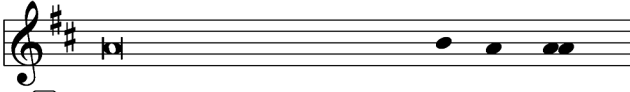
Opening Hymn: LSB 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory—Please rise for the final verse.



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



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



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** 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.

Psalm

Psalm 107:17–22

- P** 17Some were fools through their sinful ways,  
**C** and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;  
**P** 18they loathed any kind of food,  
**C** and they drew near to the gates of death.  
**P** 19Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
**C** and he delivered them from their distress.  
**P** 20He sent out his word and healed them,  
**C** and delivered them from their destruction.  
**P** 21Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
**C** for his wondrous works to the children of men!  
**P** 22And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,  
**C** and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

*Sit*  
Office Hymn: LSB 370 What Child Is This  
Reading

Luke 2:21–39

- P** A reading from Luke, chapter 2.

<sup>21</sup>And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. <sup>22</sup>And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout,

waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;  
<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation  
<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." <sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Responsory (Advent)**

LSB 230



**L** 1 Behold, the days  
are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise  
up for David a righ-teous Branch.  
2 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will  
dwell se - cure - ly.  
3 Glory be to the  
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



**C** This is the name  
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righ-teous-ness.

**Sermon**

*Sit*

**Offering**—Please rise as the offerings are brought forward to the altar.

**Prayer of the Church.** *We respond with Amen.*

**Kyrie**

LSB 233



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

**Lord's Prayer**

**C** 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.

## Collects



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**G** And let my cry come to You.

## Collect of the Day

**P** 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.

## Collect for Peace

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

## Benedicamus

LSB 234

**P** Let us bless the Lord.



**G** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**G** A - men.

*Sit*

## Closing Hymn: LSB 386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

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**An enormous and heartfelt THANK YOU to Connie Cortright for playing all of our Advent Midweek services, as well as two Sundays this month. We appreciate all your time and talents!**

## Please join us for Christmas/New Year's Worship

**December 24th: No Morning Worship/No Sunday School 4:30pm and 6:30pm-Candlelight Service**

**December 25th: 9:00am-Worship with Communion**

**December 31st: 8:00am and 10:30am Worship-No Sunday School**

**There will also be a Special Voter's Meeting to approve the 2024 budget TODAY —following the evening Advent worship service.**