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**Trinity Evangelical
 Lutheran Church**
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Together in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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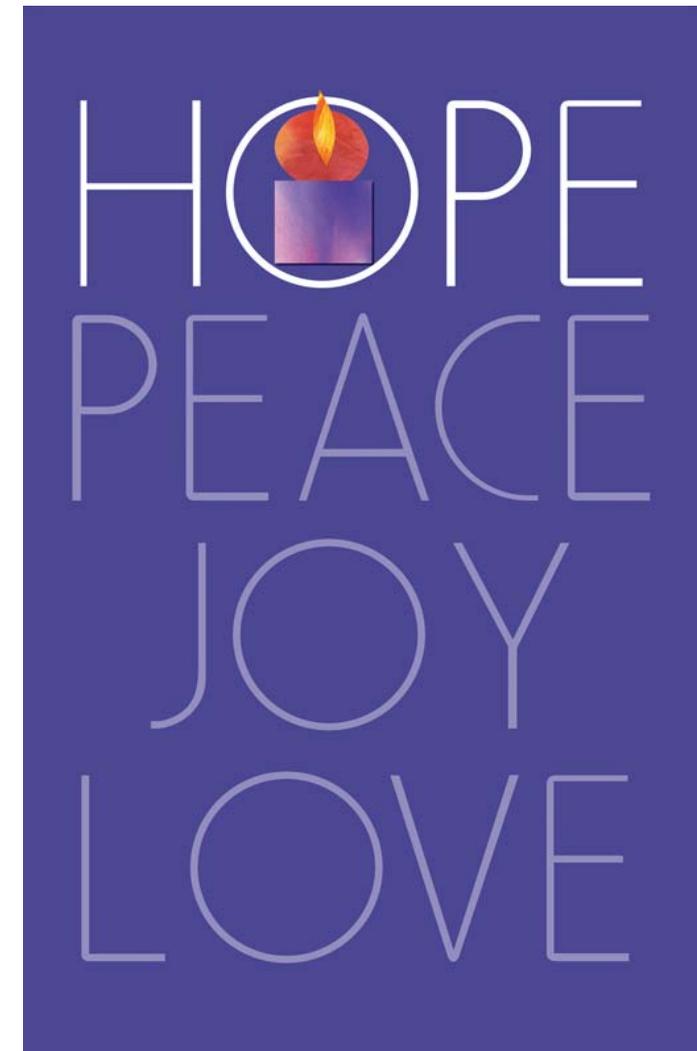
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November 27, 2016

First Sunday in Advent



Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 5

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

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

C Amen.

P Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God of all time,

C **we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

P 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!

C Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

JESUS: THE COMING ONE

P During Advent we celebrate that God comes to his people. Jesus is the One-who-comes.

C **We worship him!** (The first candle is lit.)

P Jesus shines as the One-who-comes.

C **Let the light shine!**

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE						
Date	General	Building Fund	Other	Flowers	Total	Attendance
Oct. 30	\$1,083.16	\$20.00	\$56.00	\$25.00	\$1,184.16	42
Nov. 6	\$2,519.00	\$405.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$2,984.00	46
Nov. 13	\$3,072.95	\$405.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$3,577.95	42
Nov. 20	\$1,025.00	\$45.00	\$24.00	\$0.00	\$1,094.00	40
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						

Month/Year	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Net Income	Year to Date	Budgeted Income
July 2016	\$10,252.14	\$13,812.33	-\$3,530.19	-\$19,719.49	\$13,547.18
August 2016	\$19,135.26	\$14,810.01	\$4,231.62	-\$15,674.16	\$13,547.18
Sept 2016	\$8,564.12	\$10,343.28	-\$1,779.16	-\$17,553.32	\$13,547.18
Oct. 2016	\$11,200.51	\$7716.44	\$3484.07	-\$14,069.25	\$13,547.18

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Organist; Choir Director; Keyboard	Flowers	Lector	Altar Guild	Coffee Host(s)	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
November 27, 2016	Ted Murphy	David McGinnis & Larry McGinnis	Mitchell Bean		Duane Pomeroy	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Janice Greenlee	Bob Horton	Pr. Michael Haar
December 4, 2016	Ted Murphy	Duane Pomeroy	Laurie Jackson		Ted Quast	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Liz Utech & Roxanne Wolf	Rosie Nichols	Pr. Shawn Norris
December 11, 2016	Andy & LaVell Winsor		Laurie Jackson		Marsha Chelson	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Smorgasbord	Ted Murphy	Pr. Shawn Norris
December 18, 2016	Donna Allen	Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean		Debbie Pomeroy	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Donna Allen, Carol Marker, & Marilyn Heckman	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Elwyn Luber

A Scandinavian Homecoming

December 11, 2016



We want to embrace our Scandinavian heritage and share some culture of the Scandinavian countries in a program with diverse educational and entertainment.

The Christmas program will be a part of the morning church service, followed by smorgasbord immediately afterwards in Fellowship Hall. In the afternoon, we will have time for sharing, tours, discussion of the history of Trinity, and short performances and presentations by area Scandinavian culture enthusiasts. A travel company will provide information about option future Scandinavian travel options. A tentative schedule of afternoon events is in the December *Trinity Tidings*.

The annual meeting has been scheduled for January 15, 2017, immediately after worship. Please begin preparing and submitting committee reports to be included in the annual report.

Remember our shut-ins!

Kathryn Axelton
Lucille Brill
Peggy Buchholz
Marlene Hassan
Marie Henriksen
Howard Kunard
Don Longren

Shawn Nowak
Roy O'Neil
Ron Owensby
Keith Springer
Naomi Walker
Evelyn Johnson



Please call the office, 233-0767.
promptly about hospitalizations in our church family.

To share a prayer request please contact Barbara Apps at 231-8402. She will get the prayer chain started.

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.

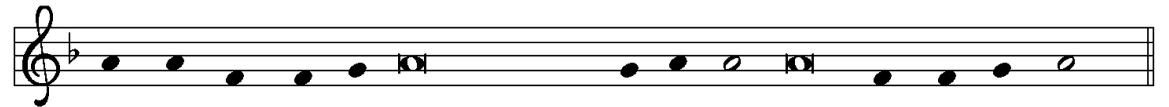
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



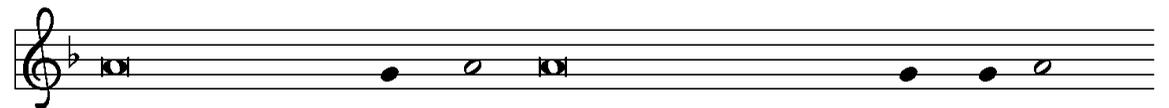
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



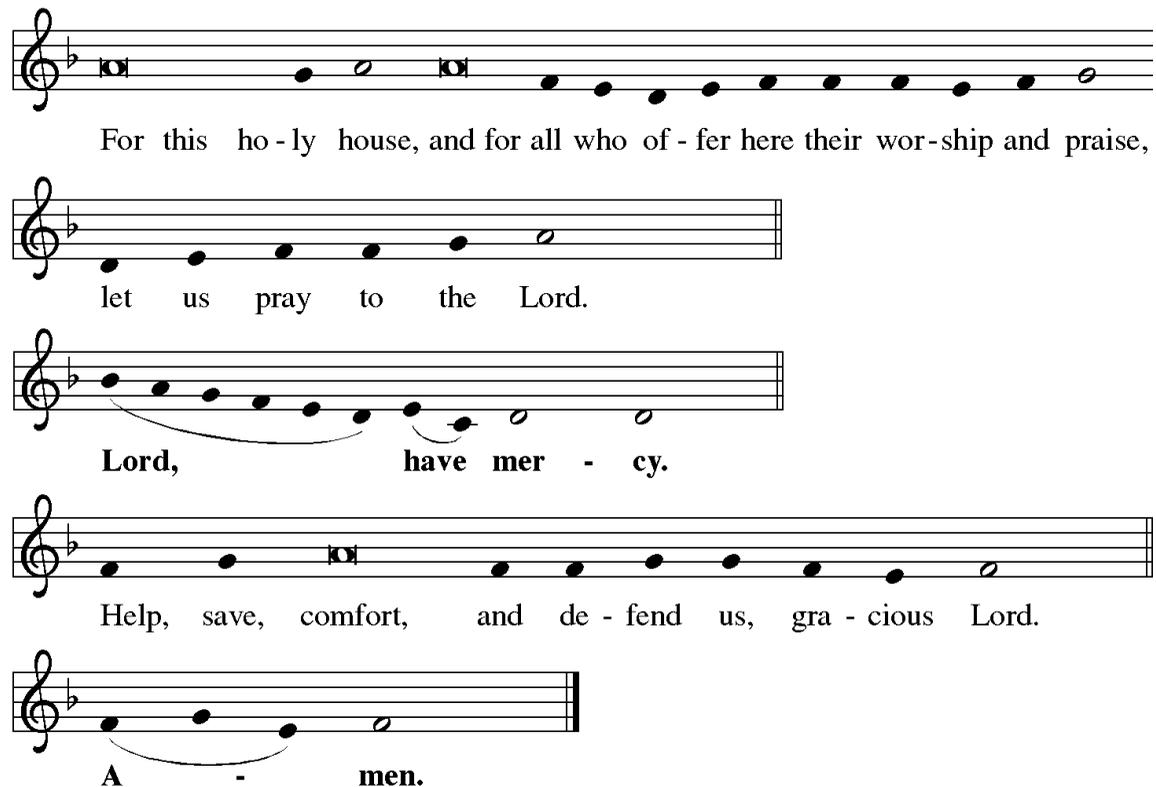
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
 A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we
 giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
 au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
 name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Nov. 27	Children's Sunday School	9:00 AM
.....	Adult Sunday School & Confirmation Class	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	Community Garden Work Meeting	4:30 PM
.....	Youth Group Meeting	5:30 PM
Mon., Nov. 28	Women's AA	5:00 PM
Tues., Nov. 29	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wed., Nov. 30	Women's AA	5:30 PM
Thurs., Dec. 1	Men's AA	6:00 PM
Sun., Dec. 4	Children's Sunday School	9:00 AM
.....	Adult Sunday School & Confirmation Class	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM

St. John's Lutheran Church LWML Bazaar and Luncheon Friday, December 2, 2016. Tickets are \$8.00 for an adult and \$3.00 for a child. Booths will open at 10:30am and lunch will be served from 11:00am thru-1:00pm.

We also will have one of the largest "Cookie Walks" in Topeka. The price for the cookies will be \$6.00 a pound.

We will be selling woodworking items, homemade craft items, gift items, paintings, quilts, etc. We will again be offering a baked goods area and the Sweet Shop.

All of our profits are divided among 30 different local and national mission groups. Without the participation from other churches and the general public, this would not be possible. We thank you in advance for your support.

Tickets are available at the church office Monday thru Thursday, 8-5 and Friday 10:00am to -2:00pm.

In January, we will have some guest speakers. On January 15, Rev. Barry Feaker from the Topeka Rescue Mission will give the sermon. On January 22 Pr. Keith Hohly from the Central States Synod office will conduct the worship and preach.

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office, 233-0767.

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for refreshments after worship.

We welcome Pastor Michael Haar to worship again today and say “thank you” for being with us.

Christmas Adoption

This year's adoption, sponsored by the Learning Committee, once again asks you to save your coins (and folding money) during Advent and put in the envelope included in the December issue of *Trinity Tidings* or drop your donation in the designated container in the narthex. Your contributions will be used to purchase gloves, scarves, and warm coats or jackets for children in need at a neighborhood elementary school. Included with our donation to the school of warm winter wear will be hats crafted by Ronni Longren, daughter of Linda and Don Longren.



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establish a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in that light of that Lord now!"

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122

Sung responsively



¹I was glad when they | said to me,
"Let us go to the house | of the LORD."

²**Now our | feet are standing
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem is built | as a city
that is at unity | with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the LORD.**

⁵For there are the | thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the | house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:
"May they pros- | per who love you.**

⁷Peace be with- | in your walls
and quietness with- | in your towers.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*My Lord, What A Morning
Wait For the Lord (repeat)*

ELW HYMN 438
ELW HYMN 262

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

The King Shall Come

ELW HYMN 260

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast of salvation.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

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. A - men.

We invite all the to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Children and/or adults who do not receive communion are invited to come forward with their families to receive a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.

**⁸For the sake of my kindred | and companions,
 I pray for | your prosperity.**

**⁹Because of the house of the | LORD our God,
 I will seek to | do you good."**

SECOND READING: 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 The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
 Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, unexpected event that will bring salvation or judgment upon people caught up in the usual affairs of daily life. He urges people to be alert and expectant.

[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 The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PR. MICHAEL HAAR

HYMN OF THE DAY *Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying* **ELW HYMN 436**

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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.

THE PRAYERS

A As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need.

A brief silence.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, self-control and justice.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

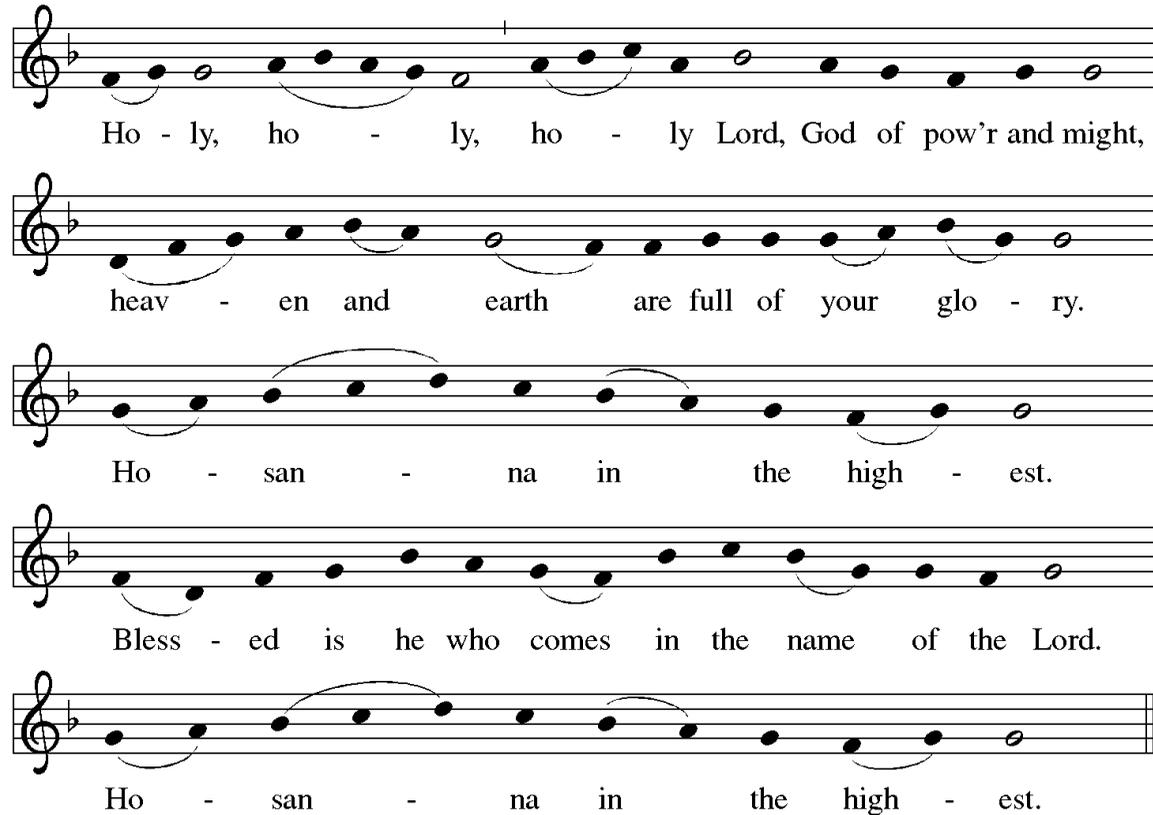
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

P 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 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.

A For the church and its leaders, and for all who work for the unity of the gospel; that the compassion of Christ break down all divisions, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the well-being of creation, for mountains and hills, lakes and rivers, snow and sunshine, plants and animals, and for all who care for the earth; that God raise up stewards to protect this good creation, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For peace among nations, for those who lead all levels of government, for judges and magistrates, and for those who speak for the voiceless; that all are treated with equity and fairness, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For those who are anxious and worried, for the sick and bereaved, for the homeless and imprisoned, for those in any need, especially Marsha Chelson, Lucille Brill, and Cathy Tunnell, that the compassion shown by Christ be embodied in caregivers and advocates, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For those who gather for word and sacrament, including Sargent's Chapel and Sedgewickville Lutheran and St. Mark Lutheran in Cape Girardeau, all in Missouri; and Bethany College in Lindsborg; for those who travel and prepare for the holidays, that in all our activities we give thanks to the Lord, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For Alex Ginter and Junior Utech as they celebrate their birthdays; for Kelly Patton, Jay Tunnell, Eleanor Jewell, Adam Heald, Michael McGinnis, and Monique Wyatt as they remember their baptisms; and for Jim & Susan Erickson as they celebrate their wedding anniversary, we ask your bountiful blessings. Lord, let us pray,

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the family of Tom & Mary Heald, we ask your comfort for the family at the death of Tom's mother, Teresa Heald, and give strength to other family members suffering illness. Lord, let up pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A In thanksgiving for those who have died and are at rest; that their witness to the gospel serve as examples of living the life of faith, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to you, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.