



Trinity Lutheran Church



*Therefore you also must be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at
an hour you do not expect.*

Matthew 24:44

November
30
2025

1st Sunday of
Advent

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

Jesus said to the disciples, "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Matthew 24:36

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We are glad you are here!
It is always good to be together, hearing the Word.
Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.
Thank you, Parker Jackson, for leading worship today.

PRELUDE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 3

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

ELW 246

- 1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness, all you children of the day!"
- 2 Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 See the Lamb, so long expected, come with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all, to be forgiv'n;

4 So, when next he comes in glory and the world is wrapped in fear,
he will shield us with his mercy and with words of love draw near.

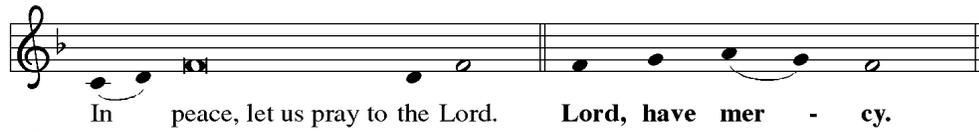
5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son
with the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878

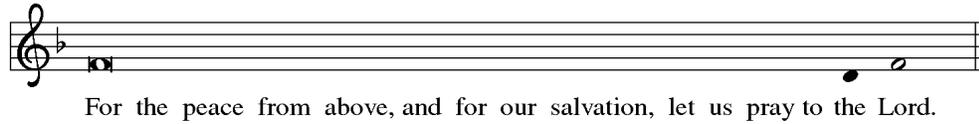
GREETING

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.**

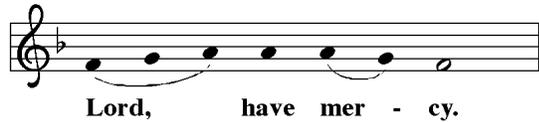
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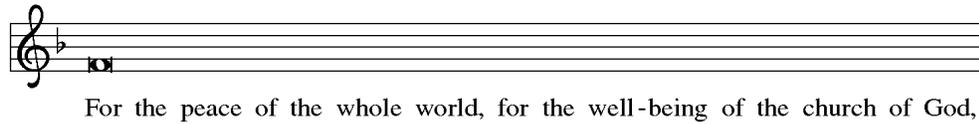
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



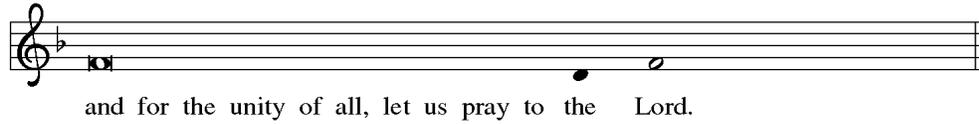
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



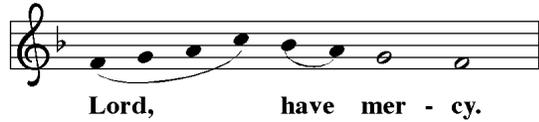
Lord, have mer - cy.



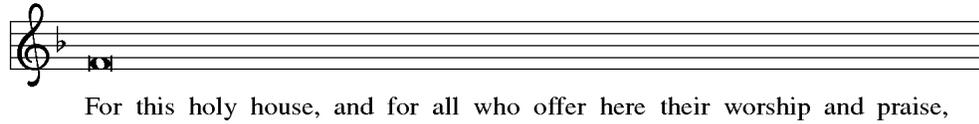
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



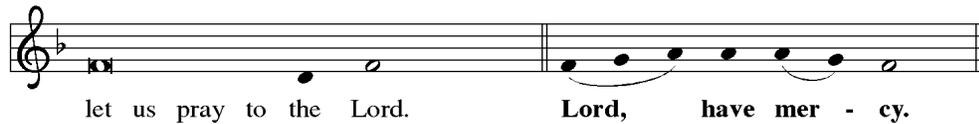
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



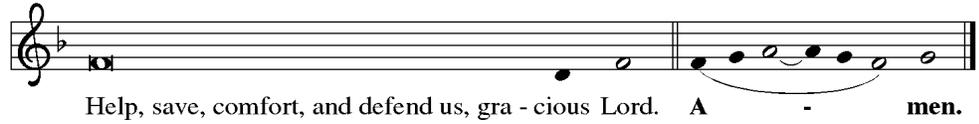
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A 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

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

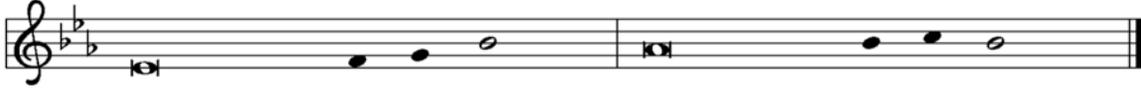
²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he 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



- ¹ I 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.**
- ³ Jerusalem 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.**
- ⁵ For 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.**
- ⁷ Peace be with- | in your walls
and quietness with- | in your towers.
- ⁸ **For the sake of my kindred | and companions,
I pray for | your prosperity.**
- ⁹ Because of the house of the | LORD our God,
I will seek to | do you good.”

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14

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

L The Word of the Lord.
Please stand as you are able.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

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

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:36-44

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 the 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 hour you do not expect.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

PARKER JACKSON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

ELW 436

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying; awake, Jerusalem, at last. Midnight hears the welcome voices, and at the thrilling cry rejoices: “Come forth, you maidens! Night is past. The bridegroom comes! Awake; your lamps with gladness take!” Alleluia! Rise and prepare the feast to share; go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.
- 2 Zion hears the watchmen singing, and all her heart with joy is springing. She wakes, she rises from her gloom. Her dear friend comes down, all glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious: her star is ris’n; her light is come. Now come, O Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God’s own Son. Sing hosanna! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all, and follow to the banquet hall.

- 3 Gloria! Let heav'n adore you! Let saints and angels sing before you,
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone. Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming, with angel choirs around your throne.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thund'ring might of such glory.
| There we will go: what joy we'll know! There sweet delight will ever flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. Composite. Text © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

APOSTLES CREED

P Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your
promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

A God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction. Uphold and
strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Teach us your
ways and lead us in your paths. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of the earth, we seek your goodness in creation. Empower us to care for
forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges, and mediators. Cast out
words of hate and transform them into words for building up community.
Remake implements of war to sow peace. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and com-
panions who are ill or despairing especially Parker Jackson, Shelley Andrews,
Junior & Liz Utech, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. Surround all with
care and consolation. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another. Nurture therapists, counselors, and sponsors in their care for others. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God of all, we pray for Junior Utech as he celebrates his birthday, and for Julie Reeves as she remembers her baptism God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last, bring us with all the saints to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

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.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

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.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The tempo and meter are not explicitly stated. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic accompaniment with chords and moving lines in the bass.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly
provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering
and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

A O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way
through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to
the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be
honor and glory forever. **C Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P May God who comes among us, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, grant us
patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and
always.

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
 2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your

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 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps

trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

Refrain
 Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;
 chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Keep awake.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Nov. 30 1st Sunday of Advent
 5th Sunday Special for Topeka Rescue Mission
 Adult Sunday School..... 9:30 AM
 Worship 10:30 AM
 Coffee Hourafter worship

Tues., Dec. 2..... Quilters 9:00 AM

Wed., Dec. 3 Soup Supper..... 5:30 PM
 Advent Midweek Worship..... 6:15 PM
 at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church.....

Sun., Dec. 7 Doorstep Food Collection Day.....
 Hymn Sing Along..... 10:15 AM
 Worship 10:30 AM
 Town Hall Meetingduring coffee hour
 Congregational Life meeting..... Noon

Worship Assistants

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Hosts
Nov. 30	Braxdon Penry	Bob Horton,	Laurie Jackson	Marcy Carlson	Donna Allen & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Parker Jackson	Steve Luoma
Dec. 7	Braxdon Penry	Dean McGinnis, Ted Murphy	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Ashley Watson & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Curt Lewis	
Dec. 14	Ella Bosch, Curt Lewis	Marcy Carlson, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Marcy Carlson	Ashley Watson & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Parker Jackson	
Dec. 21	Cindy McGinnis	Bob Horton, Curt Lewis	Mitchell Bean	LaVell Winsor	Ashley Watson & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Duane Pomeroy	

Current Doorstep Needs ~ November 2025

Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)

- Men's Underwear ~ All Sizes
- Men's Jeans ~ Especially Sizes 32 & 34 waist
- Men's Belts & Shoes ~ All Sizes
- Men's Long Sleeve T-shirts (Small & Medium)
- Men's & Women's Pajamas ~ All Sizes
- Women's Jeans ~ Sizes 2 – 18
- Women's Underwear
- Boys Jeans ~ Sizes 4 – 16
- Boys Shirts ~ Sizes 3 – 10
- Girls & Teens Jeans & Leggings ~ All Sizes
- Girls Shirts & Tops ~ All Sizes
- Tennis Shoes (Men, Women & Kids ~ All Sizes)
- Queen Size Bed Sheets

Blankets & Comforters ~ All Sizes, especially Queen

Hygiene Items: Full Size: Shampoo, Conditioner, 2-in-1 Shampoo/Conditioner, Bar

Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Hairbrushes, Razors

Diapers – Sizes Newborn, 5 & 6



Food Room Needs:

- Vegetable, Cream Mushroom, Chicken Noodle & Tomato Soups Tuna
- Peanut Butter Canned Vegetables: Corn, Green Beans, Peas & Baked Bean
- Canned Fruit: Peaches, Cocktail, Pears Canned Beans: Pinto, Black, Chili
- Ramen Noodles Canned Milk Saltine Crackers

The last day we can take clothing & household donations (gently used) is

Wednesday, November 26th @ Noon.

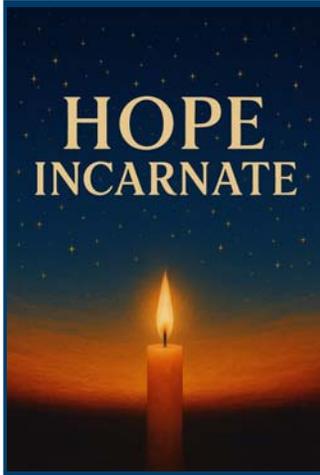
We need the space for our Christmas Adoption Project.

Donations will resume December 22nd, Dec 29th ~ 31st from 9am – 2pm.

Donations Accepted:

**Monday – Friday
9am – 2pm**

1119 SW 10th Ave
(10th & Buchanan)
Use the South Door



HOPE INCARNATE

Advent midweek evening services
Wednesdays, December 3rd, 10th and 17th
6:15 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
2021 SW 29th St, Topeka, KS

There will be a soup supper before worship,
starting at 5:30 pm.

Volunteers are needed to provide soup
and for speaking parts during worship.



Please note the envelope in this bulletin for our 5th Sunday Special. The money collected in these envelopes will be donated to the Topeka Rescue Mission.



**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Worship
December 24, 2025, 4:00 pm**



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10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

Together in Community

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We are a faith community brought together to worship God and to be of service to the needs of the world as the Great Commandment is our guide in our lives (*Matthew 22:36-39, Mark 12:29-31, and Luke 10:26-27*). We are a congregation that seeks to reach all those in our county with members spread throughout Topeka area, while being rooted in Historic Old Town. In our faith, we hope to be a symbol of Christ's love in the world (*John 15:12*), to be a community of support and care (*Galatians 6:2*), and to proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ came to be a Savior for all people (*Colossians 1:13-14*).

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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