



NOVEMBER 29, 2009 ✠ 10:30 A.M.
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Our Lord's contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper.

Please turn off all cell phones and pagers before the liturgy begins.

* – those who are able may **stand**

Bold – all

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To parents with small children: *We are glad your family is worshipping with us. We have a nursery available and it is open from 8:15 – 11:30 a.m. Please use the garden entrance (on Addison); the nursery is right inside the door. If you or your child need a break from the service, feel free to walk to the narthex/back of the church.*

GATHERING

The ringing of the meditation bowl calls us to silence, centering and reflection as we prepare for the liturgy.

PRELUDE - *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

J. S. Bach

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Following an invitation the assembly kneels or is seated. Silence is kept for reflection.

Almighty God,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
and against our sisters and brothers.
Our words and deeds have not proclaimed
your reign of justice and truth.
We have failed to watch and pray
for the signs of your advent among us.
Forgive our sin,
and come quickly to save us.
Amen.

Stand and face the baptismal font at the rear of the nave. The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

Face the cross as it enters; you may bow as the cross passes, honoring the mystery of our salvation.

*CHANT – *Wait for the Lord*

The image shows two systems of musical notation for a chant. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1:
Vocal: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Piano: Accompaniment with chords and moving bass lines.

System 2:
Vocal: Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!
Piano: Accompaniment with chords and moving bass lines.

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*BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*GATHERING HYMN #436 *Wake, Awake for Night is Flying*

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

The presiding minister bows toward the assembly which is the body of Christ and the primary symbol of God's presence in the liturgy.

And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14–16

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The Lord is our righteousness"—proclaims that the Lord is even now working salvation for Israel.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10

The refrain is sung by the choir and repeated by the assembly. Verses are sung by the choir.

Refrain:



Musical notation for the Refrain: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. The notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, followed by a half note G4.

Tone:



Musical notation for the Tone. The notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, followed by a half note G4.

To¹ you, O LORD,
I lift¹ up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be¹ put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph¹ over me.**

Let none who look to you be¹ put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame¹ who are treacherous.

**Show me your¹ ways, O LORD,
and teach¹ me your paths.**

Refrain

Lead me in your¹ truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all¹ the day long.

**Remember, O LORD, your compas-¹sion and love,
for they are from¹ everlasting.**

Refrain

Remember not the sins of my youth and¹ my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your good-¹ness, O LORD.

**You are gracious and up-¹right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners¹ in your way.**

You lead the low-¹ly in justice
and teach the low-¹ly your way.

**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast¹ love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your¹ testimonies.**

Refrain

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Stand to welcome the gospel and turn to face the book as the gospel is read in the midst of the assembly.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John Ferguson

Sung by the choir then repeated by the assembly.



Stand up and raise your heads--
your redemption is drawing near. (Luke 21:28)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*GOSPEL: Luke 21:25–36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

As the gospel is announced you may trace a small cross on your forehead, lips and breast, a prayer that the Word may dwell in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(sung as above) – Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SERMON

SILENCE

HYMN OF THE DAY – #252 *Each Winter as the Year Grows Older*

*NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...let us pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

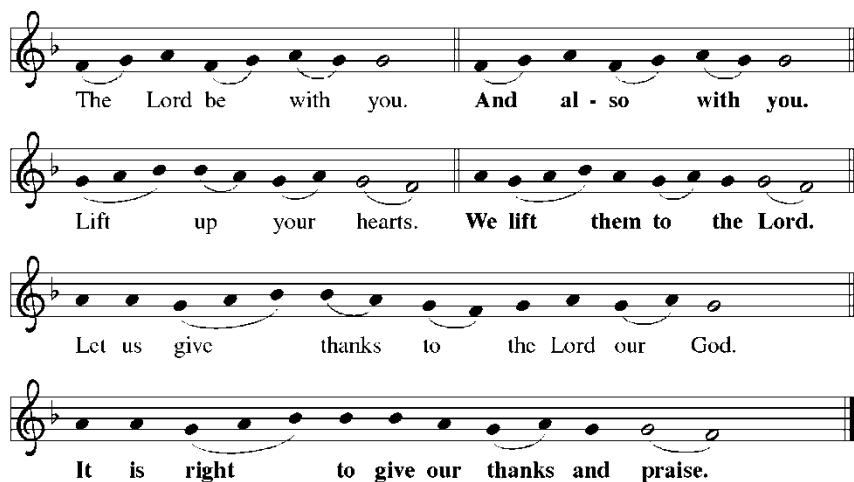
MEAL

GATHERING OF GIFTS AND SETTING THE TABLE

Guests are invited to fill out the yellow slip and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY HYMN – #248 *People, Look East*

*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.

The following acclamations are sung during the thanksgiving.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.



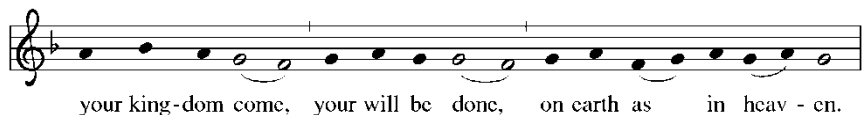
A - men, a - men, a - men.

As a sign of openness to the divine presence, you may join the presider in praying the Our Father with the ancient gesture of extended hands.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**



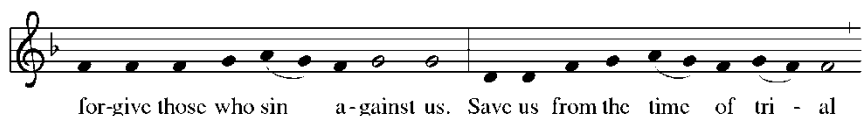
Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,



and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

***COMMUNION**

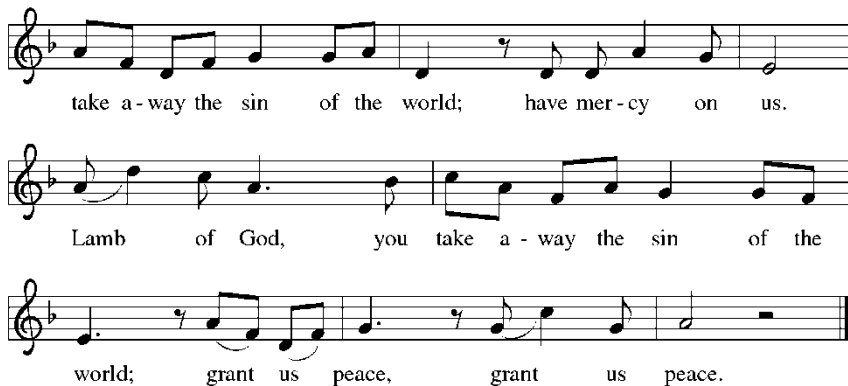
***LAMB OF GOD**



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, grant us peace.

Be seated.

All baptized Christians are welcome to commune. Others may come forward for a blessing. Communion will be by continuous line, and the bread will be placed in your hand (gluten-free wafers available from the pastor). The first (silver) chalice on each side is a common cup for drinking. The second chalice is for intinction (dipping the bread into the wine). Reception of the eucharist under one kind (bread or wine) is valid communion for those who must avoid either for health reasons.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Keep your lamps!*

Setting: Spiritual, arr. Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
 The time is drawing nigh.
 Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.
 Christian journey soon be over,
 The time is drawing nigh.

*PRAYER

SENDING

*BLESSING

Turn to face the cross as it recesses.

*SENDING HYMN – #246 *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

*SENDING

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.
Thanks be God.

POSTLUDE – *Wachet Auf*

Wayne Wold

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SERVING TODAY

PRESIDING MINISTER: Pr. Craig M. Mueller

MINISTER OF MUSIC: David R. Brackley

ASSISTING MINISTER: Ann Sanders

CRUCIFER: Greg Zinkl

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Thomas Braham and Seminarian Crystal Solie

READERS: Brian Von Rueden and Erika Robeck

MEDITATION BELL: Robin Taylor

USHERS: Celina and John Flowers

GREETER: Elvina Moen

SACRISTAN: Joshua Judd-Herzfeldt

ALTAR PREPARATION: Drew Knobloch

NURSERY ASSISTANT: Linda Johnson

COFFEE HOSPITALITY: Kathryn Band and Rick Boyum

*Flowers this week are given by Randy Wilson and Becky Sims
in honor of Hope's 2nd birthday.*

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY FORUM, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

This Sunday: Reflecting on the Scriptures of the Day – Seminarian Matthew Stuhlmuller

SIMPLIFY YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING - HELP IMPROVE LIVES

Fair Trade Holiday Fair at Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity will be hosting a Fair Trade Holiday Fair after worship services on November 22, November 29 and December 6. The Holiday Fair will feature a wide variety of gift items, including Advent calendars, musical instruments, Christmas ornaments, jewelry, boxes and baskets, in addition to our usual coffee, tea, chocolate, and note cards. All of the products are fairly traded and handmade by artisans and farmers from 35 countries around the world. Each purchase helps these people improve their lives and work their way out of poverty by making sure they are paid fairly for their labor and are treated with respect.

2010 COMMITMENTS

If you have not yet turned in your 2010 commitments, additional copies are at the back of the church. Please place them in the offering or mail to the church office. The Congregation Council will develop the 2010 budget in the coming weeks and your commitments help them to project income for the coming year.

HEALTH NOTES FOR FLU SEASON

With a heightened sense of the H1N1 virus and flu in general, here are some suggestions for ways we can protect one another. Hand sanitizer is available in the back of the church and the sacristy. If you intinct the bread into the wine, please make sure your hands do not touch liquid as our fingers carry many germs. Receiving communion in one kind (bread only) during the flu season, though not normative, is acceptable for those with health concerns.

WINTER DINNER GROUPS

We just wrapped up the fall dinner groups, and they were a great success! Over 50 persons participated, and so we are excited to announce the winter 2010 groups. Sign-up as a couple, with a friend, or by yourself at the back of the church or by e-mail (office@htchicago.org). Let us know if you are willing to host 8 - 10 people in your home and if you request a location near an el stop. The sign-up deadline is December 6. After that we will gather conflicts for January and February and group people based on availability. The hosts and guests will be notified of their group, and the hosts will provide further details. The hosts typically provide the main course and others will bring the side dishes. About 40 persons join Holy Trinity each year. Here's a chance to meet some new folks in our community.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Music for Brass and Organ

Sunday, January 17, 2010, 4:00 p.m

Featuring the Artemis Brass and David Brackley, organ

IN NEED OF NEIGHBORHOOD (383) PARKING PASSES

The City Clerk's Office (who manages the Parking Permit programs and provides the capability of selling passes to our office) has requested ALL exceptions the Alderman previously made to stop and passes be provided **only to residents**. This means that Holy Trinity, at this point, is not able to purchase ANY neighborhood guest parking passes. Because of this, we are in desperate need of our members who live within the boundaries of the 44th Ward to help provide us with these necessary passes as we near several large evening holiday services. Please, head down to the Alderman's office (1057 W. Belmont Ave) and purchase a packet of passes. You can drop them off in the office any time during the week or on Sunday. We would be more than willing to reimburse anyone who brings us passes.

FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED See the flower signup sheet at the back of the church and write a check to Holy Trinity for \$32 with "flowers" in the memo line or give through our online giving found at our website.

NEXT BAPTISM DATE: January 10, 2010. See information brochure in the narthex.

NEXT NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION DATES: January 31, April 18, 2010. More info at our website: www.holytrinitychicago.org

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

December 2 (Wed)	@ 7:00 p.m. – Advent Worship
December 6 (Sun)	*Second Sunday in Advent*
	@ 8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
	@ 9:20 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal
	@ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday Forum: This Sunday – Seminarian Crystal Solie
	@ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
	@ 10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
December 13 (Sun)	@ 4:00 p.m. – Advent Lessons and Carols

ADVENT AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAYS IN ADVENT

8:30 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday Forum

Nov. 29 and Dec. 6 - *This Sunday* - discussion of scriptures for the day

Dec. 13 and 20 - *The Infancy Narratives*

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist and Blessing of the Advent Wreath

WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

Worship at 7:00 p.m.

December 2 - htVespers

December 9 - Brief Eucharist

December 16 - The O Antiphons (service of prayer and song; the O Antiphons are the basis of the beloved hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Music by the St. Cecilia Consort, recorder ensemble).

*** NO WEDNESDAY service on December 23.

SPECIAL ADVENT EVENT

What Are We Waiting For? Led by Pr. Craig Mueller

Wednesday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.

Most of us spend a good deal of life waiting for our lives to get better, for the pain to go away, or for our luck to change. As much as Advent spirituality invites us to learn the virtues of waiting and patience, there is also wisdom in living in the "power of now," to quote well-known author Eckhart Tolle. As we prepare for Christmas, come and reflect on the gift of "waiting for what we already have."

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT

Sunday, December 13, 4:00 p.m.

Second annual service of anthems, hymns, carols and scriptures led by The Holy Trinity Choir. Join the Holy Trinity community to deepen your observance of Advent and preparation for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, Thursday, December 24

4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Eucharist (especially for families with young children)

10:30 p.m. The Christ Mass (Festival Eucharist)

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES DURING ADVENT

#1 – Gift Bags for the Lakeview Shelter (North Side Housing and Supportive Services).

Holy Trinity provides meals once a month to the shelter which is housed at Lakeview Lutheran, east of Wrigley Field. Choose any or all of these items and bring to Holy Trinity by Sunday, December 13:

One Day Bus Passes

Food Certificates

Socks, Underwear, Hats, Gloves

Soap Dishes

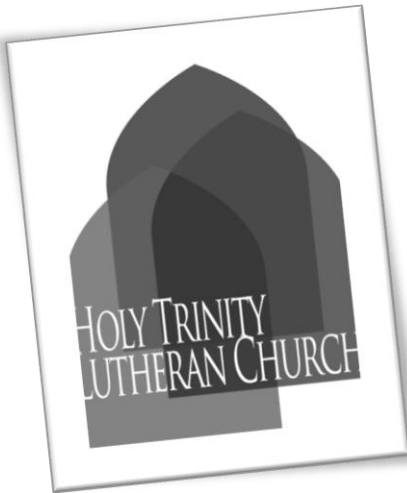
Toothbrush/holder

Nail clippers

Hand Warmers

#2 – Food for the Lakeview Pantry (most needed items: peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, juice, canned meats, canned soups/stews, canned fruit, canned beans/chili).

#3 – Donations to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal (click on "Donate Now" on our website or checks may be written to Holy Trinity)



A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

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Welcome to Holy Trinity! Wherever you are in your spiritual life and/or in your process of being comfortable in church or finding a church home, you are welcome here!

PARKING is available at McDonald's, Clark and Addison, on Sunday mornings when you are unable to find street parking. Please use the spaces in the southwest corner (near Addison and the alley). Pick up a permit at the back of Holy Trinity that you can keep in your car. Please do not use the lot on days of Cubs home games or you will be towed. (383 neighborhood parking permits are only needed from 6 pm – 6 am.)

Podcast of last week's sermon is available on our website.

Interested in membership? We would be delighted to have you join our community of faith in worship and ministry. New member orientation sessions are held throughout the year. Watch the bulletin or see our website for more information.

Silence. In addition to words and music our liturgy has several periods of silence. The resonance of the meditation bell calls us to a time of reflection and centering.

Holy Communion: All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Adults or children not communing may come forward for a blessing.

The Spiritual Life Center has offices at Holy Trinity, offering counseling and spiritual direction. Brochures are available at the back of the church.