

Liturgy at
Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

December 2, 2018 + 9am and 11am

First Sunday of Advent, Year C



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.

Prelude

(9am)

*Wachet auf, ruft uns
die Stimme*

("Sleepers, wake, a
voice is calling")

J.S. Bach (1685-
1750)

(11am)

*Creator of the Stars
of Night*

(based on hymn #245)

Richard Warner
(b. 1908)

Confession and Forgiveness

*Help Us Create **SACRED SPACE** by powering down*

Please do not use cell phones and other electronic devices.

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

As you pass the *baptismal font* upon entering or leaving the church, and/or on the way to communion, you may *dip your hand in the water* and *make the sign of the cross*. This is an ancient body prayer to remember you are a baptized child of God. Simply touch your forehead to chest, then your left to right shoulder.

GATHERING

*All may **make the sign of the cross**, the sign that is marked at baptism, where indicated by the +.*

Blessed be the, Holy Trinity + one God, our light and our salvation.
Amen.

Let us prepare for Christ's coming by turning from our sin and seeking God's tender mercy and compassion.

***Kneel.** A period of silence is kept.*

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.

In the advent of Christ the dawn from high
breaks upon us with light and healing.
Through Jesus Christ, God looks with favor on you, +
and forgives you all your sin.
Amen.

***Turn** to face the Advent Wreath.*

Sung in harmony.

1 – high voices (sopranos/altos)

2 – low voices (tenors/basses)

3 - All



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son.

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the first candle on this wreath,
rouse us from sleep that we may be ready to greet our Lord
when he comes with all the saints and angels.
Enlighten us with your grace
and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.
Grant this through Christ our Lord
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Amen.

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

*Our liturgy is multi-sensory and shows the significance of our bodies and all of God's creation. Used in many religions, the sweet smell of **incense** represents the rising of our prayers and the aroma of Christ spreading in procession throughout the world.*

We honor (cense) the primary symbols of the liturgy: the people, font, ambo (lectern), book of scriptures, cross, and table (altar).

#436 Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

*During the greeting the presiding minister and assembly **bow toward one another.***

We learn from Eastern cultures the deep significance of a bow as a sign of mutuality and the presence of Christ among us.

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

The English translation of the Greek sung here is "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy."

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Gathering Hymn

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... Amen.

~ be seated ~

WORD

First Reading

| Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Jeremiah passage is chosen as a condensed form of the gospel: the LORD will come to restore justice among the people. It came to be that Christians called Jesus their Lord, the divinely-sent descendant of King David.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10

| Paraphrase: Martin

| Leckebusch

The assembly sings the Psalm together

1 LORD, I glad - ly trust in you: let me not be
2 In your hands I place my past: all my sins you
3 Teach me what is true and good; let me hear and
4 When my trou - bles mul - ti - ply you a - lone can

put to shame. As I look up toward your throne
know so well. Your for - give - ness, LORD, I need,
un - der - stand! In the choic - es I must make
bring me through: so with all your saints I say,

make your gra - cious pro - mise known: God my ref - uge
for my guilt is great in - deed; ev - en great - er
show my heart the way to take, so that I may
"Be my strength and shield to - day." Since I know you



and my hope, your protective care I claim.
 is your love—mercy more than I can tell.
 always tread on the path which you have planned.
 hear my prayer, LORD, I gladly trust in you.

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 Music (REDHEAD 76 | 7.7.7.7.7): Richard Redhead, 1853, P.D.

We pray with Paul that all our waiting for God be characterized by lives of gratitude, love, blamelessness. Such readying contrasts sharply with what our culture expects of us during the weeks of December.

Word of God, word of life.
 Thanks be to God.

Stand to welcome the gospel as Christ—the Word of God—as it is proclaimed among us in this place and time. Turn to face the book as the gospel is read in the midst of the assembly, a sign of Christ among us.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Alleluia...

The reading calls us to join the Christians of the late first century, wishing for the end of all evil and sorrow and for the coming of the joyous reign of Christ. Christians believe that Christ has already come, is coming in this liturgy in word and sacrament, and will come at the end of all things. Like a tree of life, the fig tree is already full of leaves.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia...(sung as above)

~be seated~

Second Reading

| 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel Acclamation

| Setting: John Ferguson

The choir/cantor sings the Alleluia and the assembly repeats. The choir/cantor sings the verse.

Gospel

| Luke 21:25-36

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.

Sermon

Silence

Hymn of the Day

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

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

Setting the Table

Offertory Hymn

Great Thanksgiving

The thanksgiving includes the following:

| Dialogue

Following the sermon there is a time of silence for reflection and quiet meditation. Our liturgy is not only made up of words, gestures and music, but also moments of silence.

~stand~

#435 *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

After each petition:

Let us pray:

Come, Lord Jesus.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

~ be seated ~

MEAL

A special welcome to newcomers! We invite you to fill out the yellow slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate when you come up for communion or as you depart.

We thank you for your generous support of Holy Trinity. We seek to **do church differently** as we address racial justice, climate change, and take stands for the rights and dignity of all people created in the image of God. Most of our congregation gives online and you can set up one-time or recurring donations at giving.htchicago.org.

This week's loose offering is designated for the Lakeview Pantry. Checks and envelope offerings support Holy Trinity's overall ministry unless designated otherwise. Offerings may be put in the plate on the way to communion.

~stand~

#245 *Creator of the Stars of Night*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef, treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:



Music: *Missa Emmanuel*, Richard Proulx (b. 1937) © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.

Hoping beyond hope, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

| Preface

| Holy, Holy

This ancient song is the musical climax of the liturgy and uses texts from Isaiah and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. At the words "blessed is he who comes," some make the sign of the cross as a connection to our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection.

| Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer
 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 responses during the Thanksgiving at the Table echo the presiding minister.

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.

Breaking of the Bread
 Please remain standing.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
 Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Tune: Jacques Berthier, © with text, 1984. Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. Text: John 6; adapt. by Robert J. Batastini

~ be seated ~

All are welcome at Christ's table, including children. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received either by drinking from the (silver) common cup, or by saving the bread and dipping it in the second (glass) cup. Gluten-free wafers are available from the presiding minister. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing, keeping your hands folded over your chest. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone.

*Holy Trinity's radical welcome is also an **invitation to baptism** and a deeper connection to community. If you are not baptized, please speak to one of the pastors to learn more about the process of adult baptism.*

In the stillness is the Word, bearing promise and comfort and the hope for which we wait. But how long this time of waiting for the One who's coming soon, for the dawning, the knowing, for the Light, the Way, for the Word.

Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by any din of drums,
Nor his manners, nor his airs, nor by anything he wears.
Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by his crown or by his gown,
But his coming known shall be by the holy harmony
which his coming makes in thee.

(Text: Anonymous)

Keep your lamps trimmed and a-burning, for this work's almost done.
Children, don't grow weary, for this work's almost done.
Darker midnight lies before us, for this work's almost done.
Christians, don't grow weary, for this work's almost done.
Lo the Bridegroom soon is arising, for this work's almost done.

~ stand~

Let us pray. *brief silence*
...Amen.



Communion

(9am)

Communion Anthem

*Thou Shalt Know
Him When He
Comes*

Paul W. Lohman

(11am)

Communion Anthem

*Keep Your Lamps
Trimmed and
Burning*

Spiritual, arr. K. Lee
Scott

Silence

Prayer

Blessing

SENDING

Having heard the word and shared the eucharist, we are sent to live our baptism through words and deeds, making known the love of Christ, and working for justice and peace in our families, communities, and world.

*Turn to face the cross as it recesses, you may **bow** as it passes, honoring the mystery of our salvation.*

Sending Hymn

#246 *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

Sending

...Go in peace. Christ is coming soon.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

(9am)

Rhapsody on
Helmsley ("Lo, he
comes with clouds
descending")

Lloyd Webber
(1914-1982)

(11am)

Wake, Awake, for
Night is Flying

Wayne Wold (b.
1954)

*Following the liturgy, several things happen simultaneously: some folks **greet one another** and converse; others listen to the **organ postlude**; and others move to the front of the sanctuary for **refreshments and social time**.*



ADVENT

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

PRESIDING MINISTER	-----	-(9am) Pr. Michelle Sevig; (11am) Pr. Craig Mueller
PREACHING MINISTER	-----	Pr. Craig Mueller
MINISTER OF MUSIC	-----	David Brackley
CANTOR (11am)	-----	Marji Shannon
ORGAN (11am)	-----	John Weit
ASSISTING MINISTER	-----	-(9am) Ryan LaHurd; (11am) Vicar Noah Herren
INCENSE	-----	-(9am) Matt James; (11am) Jonas Ellison
CRUCIFER	-----	-(9am) Micah Cisneros; (11am) Cassie Moran
SACRISTAN	-----	-(9am) Matt James; (11am) Jonas Ellison
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	-----	-(9am) Carol LaHurd, Ken Duckmann
	-----	-(11am) Jeremy Loch, Aana Vigen
MEDITATION BELL	-----	-(9am) Matt James; (11am) Anne Hulslander
READERS	-----	-(9am) Christian Cisneros, Mary Bucklin; (11am) Phyllis Geistlinger, Jeremy Loch
INTERCESSIONS	-----	-(9am) Vicar Noah Herren; (11am) Troy Medlin
ACOLYTE TORCHBEARERS	-----	-(9am) Katie Peyton, Gavin Bender; (11am) Parker and Demi Spalla
ALTAR PREPARATION	-----	-(9am) Denise Mineck; (11am) Phyllis Geistlinger
WELCOME HOSPITALITY	-----	-(9am) Eric Breese, Mark Stolt; (11am) Tom and Laura Spalla
BREAD, COFFEE HOSPITALITY	-----	Ken Duckmann

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walk the Labyrinth by Candlelight

Monday, December 10, 6pm-8:30pm

HTLakeview, Passavant Hall (upstairs)

Drop in anytime for some meditative, quiet reflection on your Advent journey.

Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesday, December 5, 7:00 pm

Join us to observe Advent with this beloved service

Giving Tree

The giving tree is back and this year the goal that Holy Trinity has set is to purchase one hundred and fifty **\$25 Target gift cards** to benefit the guests of the South Loop Community Table! We will have 150 tags on the tree, so please take as many as you are able to purchase.

Just be sure to let us know how many tags you take on the form next to the tree. You can also make a donation online at giving.htchicago.org and we'll buy the gift card(s) for you! These cards will need to be back to church by the ***morning of December 23.***

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES

Wednesday, December 5

+ 7pm – Holden Evening Prayer (*HTLakeview*)

Sunday, December 9

+ 4pm – A Festival of Music for Advent and Christmas (*HTLakeview*)

Monday, December 10

+ 6:30pm-8:30pm – Candlelight Labyrinth Walk Available in Passavant Hall (*HTLakeview*)

Saturday, December 15

+ 6pm - Cookies and Carols Potluck Event Following 5pm Worship (*HTLoop*)

Thursday, December 20

+ 7pm – Blue Christmas/Longest Night Service (*HTLoop*)

Fourth Sunday of Advent + Saturday/Sunday, December 23

+ Normal Weekend Schedule – 5pm Saturday at *HTLoop*; 9am and 11am on Sunday at *HTLakeview*
+ *No Sunday School*

Christmas Eve + Monday, December 24

+ 4:30pm – Family Christmas Eve Liturgy (*HTLakeview*)
+ 4:30pm – Family Christmas Eve Liturgy (*HTLoop*)
+ 8pm – Grace Episcopal’s Christmas Eve Liturgy (*HTLoop*)
+ 9:45pm - Pre-service music (*HTLakeview*)
+ 10:00pm - The Christ Mass (*HTLakeview*)

Christmas Day + Tuesday, December 25

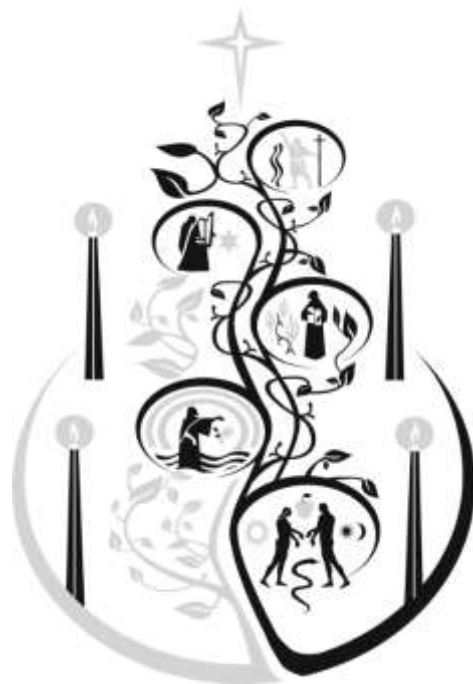
+ 10am - Christmas Day Eucharist (*HTLakeview*)

First Sunday of Christmas + Saturday/Sunday, December 29/30

+ Normal Weekend Schedule – 5pm Saturday at *HTLoop*; 9am and 11am on Sunday at *HTLakeview*
+ *No Sunday School*

Epiphany + Saturday/Sunday, January 5/6

+ Saturday, 5pm – Epiphany Festival Eucharist at *HTLoop*
+ Sunday, 9am – Epiphany Festival Eucharist at *HTLakeview* w/Choir and Children’s Participation
+ Sunday, 10:15am – Epiphany Reception with Three Kings Cake
+ *No Sunday School*



The Word



Became Flesh

*Lasagna Dinner to Follow
Fundraiser for Youth Ministries
Suggested Donation: \$10 or \$25 per family.*

A Festival of Music for Advent and Christmas

Sunday, December 9 | 4pm

The Holy Trinity Choir, Children's Choir, and Orchestra
Free Admission



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NEWCOMER OR FIRST TIME? WELCOME!

- + **Whoever you are**, wherever you're from, whatever the color of your skin, whomever you love or marry, or whatever your feelings about religion or spirituality, you are welcome here.
- + **If the rituals and practices** of our liturgy are new to you, please participate as you feel comfortable and are able.
- + Please fill out a **yellow slip in the pew rack** and place it in the offering basket.
- + **More information** on Holy Trinity, Lutheranism, worship practices, marriage and baptisms at the welcome table.
 - Upcoming baptism dates: January 13, 2019
- + **To families with small children**: We are glad you are here! If your child needs a break from the service, feel free to walk to the narthex/back of the church. **Nursery**: open 8:45am – 12:15pm Use the garden entrance on Addison; nursery is inside the door. **Special children's materials** are on a rack at the back of the church.
- + **Sunday School for children ages 4-12**: Children age 4- 12 are invited to join us for Sunday school each week. We begin promptly at 10am. Children age 4 through grade 2 meet upstairs in Passavant Hall. Children grades 3-6 meet in the Spiritual Life Center. Contact Pastor Sevig (msevig@htchicago.org) if you have any questions.
- + **Offerings**: We rely on the generosity of members and friends to support the programs, staff, building, and ministries of Holy Trinity and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. A large number of the congregation gives their offerings online. You can also **donate online** at giving.htchicago.org. We still have an offering basket available during worship as well! We appreciate your contributions of time, talent, and financial support!
- + **Photos and Social Media**: As worship services and most Holy Trinity gatherings are public events, please know that your presence here means that you may be included in photos or videos that may be posted on HTLC social media. If you do not wish to be in photographs or videos, or if you do not want photos of your children used, please complete the form at media.htchicago.org. HTLC social media administrators will make every effort to not include them in HTLC social media.

DO YOU CONSIDER HOLY TRINITY YOUR CHURCH HOME?

Register by filling out the yellow slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or register online at holytrinitychicago.org/register.

You will receive our e-newsletter.

SPONSOR POINSETTIAS & GREENS



Sponsor the greens and poinsettias that will decorate our church at Christmas in honor or in memory of a friend or relative. Please make a check or envelope earmarked "Christmas Greens" in the amount of \$20 - \$100:

Donations can also be made online at our giving website, giving.htchicago.org.



Donor's name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

All donations must be received by **Sunday, December 16** in order to publish names and dedications in Christmas bulletins.



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Purpose Statement

Open to the Mystery...
Connect, Strengthen, and Serve with Joy!

Guiding Principles

Act with courage
Be radically inclusive
Cultivate empowering relationships
Delight in God's beauty
Engage With Intention



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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