



## Sunday, December 12, 2021 Third Sunday of Advent

### Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who alone does wonders,  
who lifts up the lowly,  
who fills the hungry with good things.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

God for whom we wait,  
**in the presence of one another,**  
**we confess our sin before you.**  
**We fail in believing that your good news is for us.**  
**We falter in our call to tend your creation.**  
**We find our sense of self in material wealth.**  
**We fear those different from ourselves.**  
**We forget that we are your children**  
**and turn away from your love.**  
**Forgive us, Blessed One,**  
**and assure us again of your saving grace.**  
**Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!  
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
✝ your sins are forgiven.  
You are children of the Most High,  
inheritors of the eternal promise,  
and recipients of divine mercy.  
God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.  
**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn**

**No. 242**

# Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn 242



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



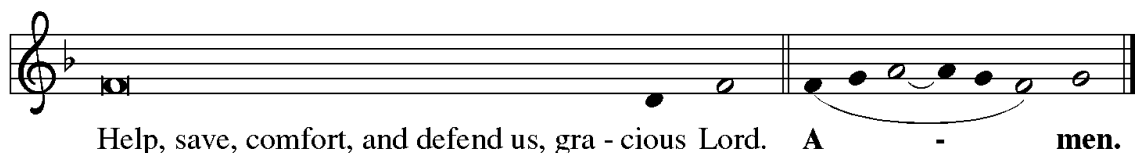
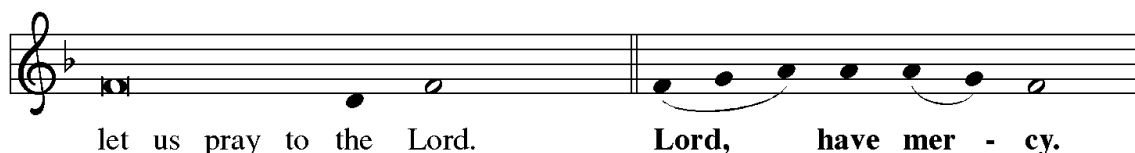
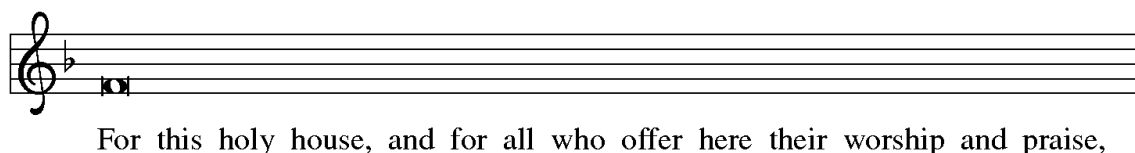
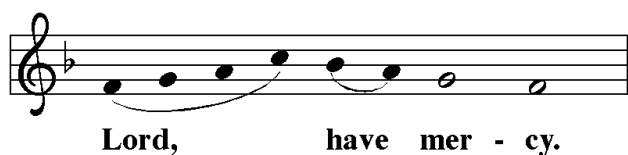
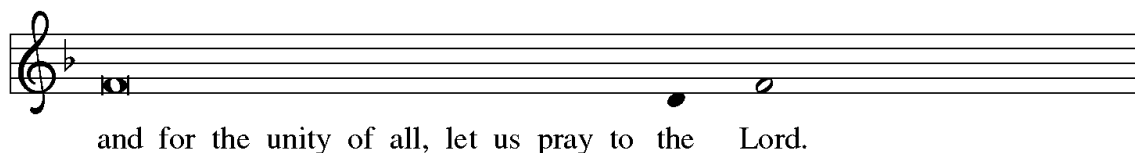
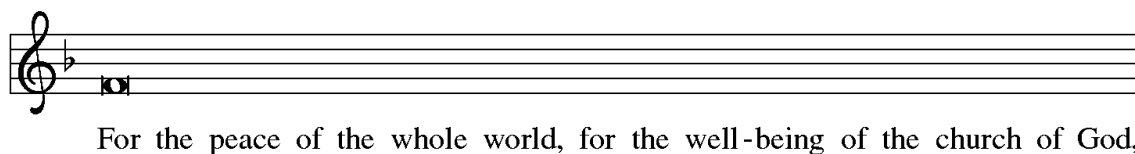
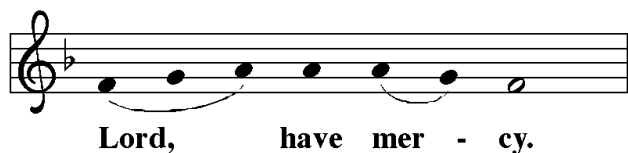
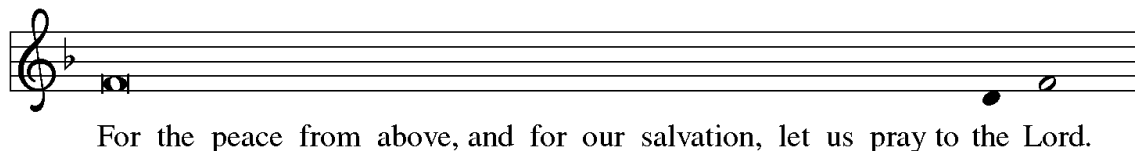
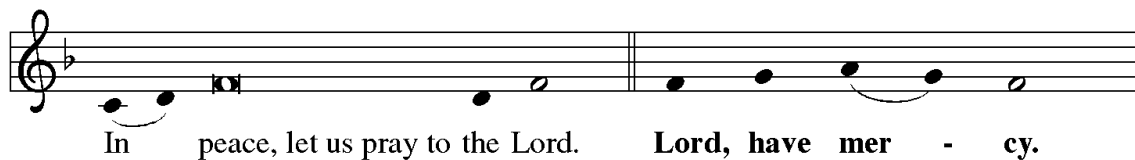
lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

## Greeting

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie



# Canticle of Praise

Assisting minister



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

A11



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

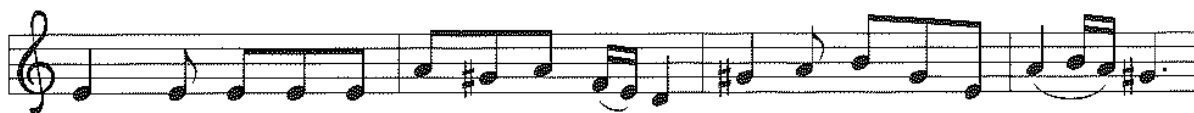
Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### Hymn: Light One Candle - verse 3

**No. 240**



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
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He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Let us pray: **We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath  
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.**

**As we light the candles on this wreath,  
strengthen our hearts**

**as we await the Lord's coming in glory.**

**Enlighten us with your grace,  
that we may serve our neighbors in need.**

**Grant this through Christ our Lord,  
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.**

**Amen.**

***We light the third candle of Joy***

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### First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

<sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise

and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home,

at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised

among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6**

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

<sup>3</sup>**With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.**

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

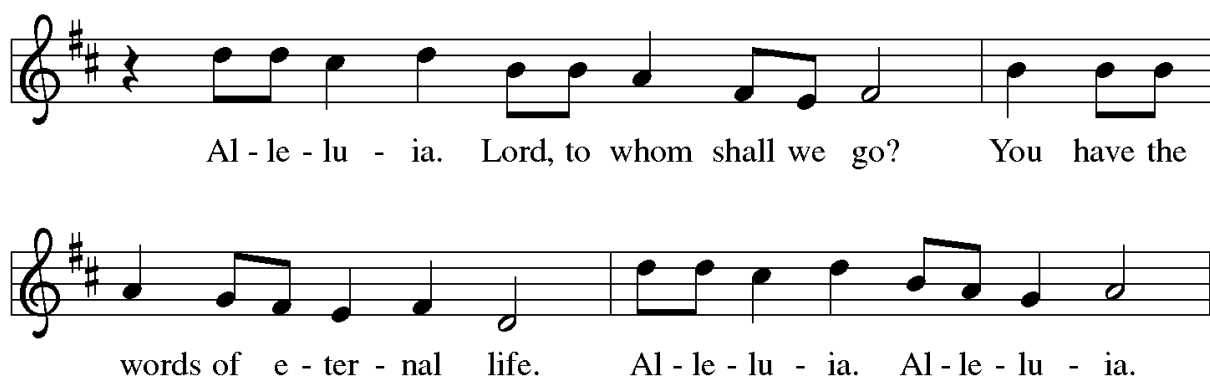
### **Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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### **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.

## **Gospel: Luke 3:7-18**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory be to you, O Lord**

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” <sup>13</sup>He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children’s Message**

## **Sermon**

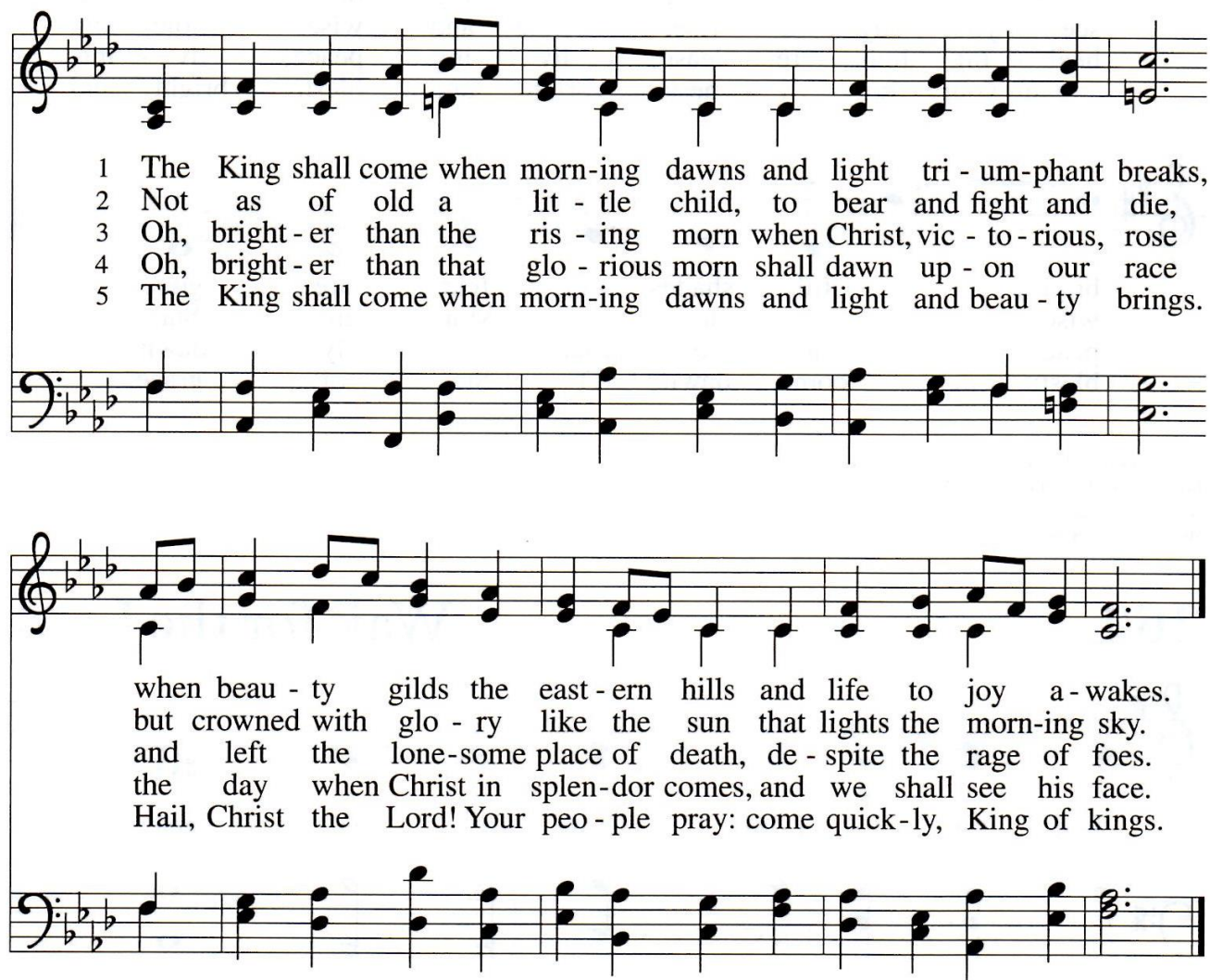
**Hymn of the Day: The King Shall Come**

**No. 260**



# The King Shall Come

260



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phunt breaks,  
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose  
 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race  
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
 and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
 the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

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## Apostles' Creed

**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 was 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 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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

Holy God, renew your church and raise up leaders who announce your good news. Grant peace to congregations and seminarians in the midst of transition. Guide the work of candidacy and call committees. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, your Spirit brought forth the earth and all that is in it. Breathe life into us, that we are inspired to live in harmony with one another and the planet. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Shepherding God, you lead your people in paths of righteousness. Raise up prophets in our own day who warn against captivity to greed and point us to the freedom found in generosity. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing God, you come near in times of worry and need. Cradle us in your arms, that we trust you and are not afraid. Attend to any who are hungry, imprisoned, or ill this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing God, you exult over us in singing. Enliven the song of this assembly and bless the ministry of church musicians (*especially*). With instruments and dance, join our voices to the song of all creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for your servants who showed us your goodness and grace (*especially*). By the power of your Spirit, keep us steadfast in faith until we make our home with you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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.**

**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 forever.**

**Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that we may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: Joy to the World**

**No. 267**



## Joy to the World

267

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler
Lector:	Sally Warner
Usher:	Guy Miller

At 10:30...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler
Lector:	Candy Beatty
Usher:	Denny Sessler

December Altar Care: Ann Strean and Sally Warner

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God by Guy and Laura Miller in celebration of Josh's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Ray Remy and Family in the passing of Nancy;  
For all directly or indirectly effected by the COVID-19 virus;  
FAITH members, including; Ruby Stierhoff;  
The Roman Catholic parishes of Sandusky;  
The ministry of Habitat for Humanity in providing housing for low-income working families in our area.

## ATTENDANCE

December 5: 41 + 19 = 60    Sunday School:

**DONATIONS TO OUR "PENNY JUG"** support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



**THIS MORNING'S LOOSE CASH OFFERING** (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits our Current Expenses Fund. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

**OUR ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be TODAY Sunday, December 12 at 4:00 pm. "The Lights of Christmas" will be held at Tyler Yetter's barn at 6460 CR 247 (Vickery Road) Vickery. Watch for the camel with the Bethlehem sign on him so you will know where to go! Please bring your own chair as there will not be any there.



**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN** would like to give everyone a Big Thank You for all your support in purchasing the coasters and mug sets. With your support they were able to purchase all the items on their Project Noelle child's wish list.

**SAVE THOSE CHRISTMAS CARDS** for next year. The kids will be making more coasters for another project.

**THANKOFFERING BOXES ARE NOW AVAILABLE.** You can pick them up in the church sanctuary or call the church office and Carol will mail one out to you or meet you at the church door. Make a daily contributions through Christmas Eve. Return on Christmas Eve. Donations support Trinity's Community Mission Fund

**AS THE END OF THE YEAR DRAWS NEAR,** the Worship and Music committee is asking that you consider joining in and helping with our worship services by participating in any of the following services you can do here at Trinity, Altar Committee, Ushers, Lectors, and Communion Assistant. Please see either Nancy Volmer or Sally Warner if you are willing to be a part of these wonderful ways to serve your church and our Lord.



**Worship Helpers**

**PASTOR IN THE OFFICE:** Pastor Ralph will be in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays each week for a couple hours in the morning. If you would like to see him, we ask that you call the church office before coming to be sure he is here and did not have an obligation elsewhere.

**NEWSLETTER UPDATE:** Trinity is looking to phase out our monthly MAILED newsletter by the first of 2022. With postage prices going up along with other supply costs it doesn't seem very cost effective. We are encouraging members to find the newsletter on our new updated website trinityelca.com under the news tab. If you would like to receive a copy via email, please let the church office know by emailing Carol at trinityelca@bex.net she will send you one each month. There will be several paper copies available at the church for you to pick up on Sunday mornings if you would like to do that. If you are unable to access the newsletter by any of these means, please call the church office at 419-626-0204 and let Carol know that you still need a mailed copy, and she will send one out.

This change is a big one for us and we are giving it a try. If we find this just doesn't work, we will consider going back to mailing everyone's.



**UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER!** Start looking for the ugliest Christmas sweater you can find OR make up one on your own. We're asking you to wear those sweaters on Sunday, December 19. No prizes, just a little thing to do as we hopefully can still be worshiping together! Please keep these sweaters nice, no dirty sayings or pictures, and let's just be happy to do something different during the Holiday season together!

**A SLIGHT CHANGE TO OUR SOCK & MITTEN TREE THIS YEAR.** Care and Share and Crossroads have a good supply of hats and mittens for the season so this year we are asking for Seats and Feets, (underwear and socks). If you already have hats and mittens, then please feel free to bring them in. Watch for the tree in the back of the sanctuary

**HELP BRING JOY TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE LUTHER HOME OF MERCY,** many without family to provide a Merry Christmas. This year the "Helping Hands" tree will be devoted to them. Please take one, two or more "hands" off the tree in our sanctuary, shop and return your gifts with the hands attached by Sunday, December 19th. Your gifts do not need to be wrapped. We will deliver the items on December 20th.

**OUR ELCA GOOD GIFTS TREE** will be back again this year also. This is our annual wider church mission support event. Take an ornament and fill out an envelope with your information on it and place your purchase amount inside. Put your envelope in the collection plate and take your ornament with you!

## This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Worship Services Sunday School Jam Session Sunday School Program	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 4:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Crossroads Meal Advent Devotional Service "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	1:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
THURSDAY	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
FRIDAY	Carol on Vacation	Office Closed
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Communion Services Wear Your Ugly Sweaters	8:00 am & 10:30 am





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And Joseph also went up from Galilee,  
from the city of Nazareth, to Judea,  
to the city of David,  
which is called Bethlehem, because he was  
of the house and lineage of David,  
to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed,  
who was with child.  
And while they were there, the time came for her  
to be delivered.  
Luke 2:4-6



Let us accompany Mary and Joseph,  
on their journey and await  
the appearance of the King.  
My beloved Redeemer, I know that in this journey,  
the angels in heaven accompanied You  
but I also wish to accompany You, O my only love.