

# **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM**

**NOVEMBER 28, 2021**



**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**P** Presiding Minister    **A** Assisting Minister    **C** Congregation

## CARILLON

## WELCOME

## CHANTED INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Peter Graf, cantor

*These words were written in the 5th century by Caelius Sedulius and set to music by Giovanni Pierluigi de Palestrina (ca. 1525-1594); edited by Charles H. Giffen.*

<i>A solis ortus cardine</i>	From lands that see the sun arise,
<i>ad usque terrae limitem</i>	To earth's remotest boundaries,
<i>christum canamus principem,</i>	The virgin born today we sing,
<i>natum maria virgine.</i>	The Son of Mary, Christ the King.

**P** Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

O house of Jacob, come,

**C** Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen

*Please stand.*

## GATHERING HYMN

245 Creator of the Stars at Night

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

## 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

Peter Graf, Cantor

Cantor: Turn to us again, O God our Savior, let your anger cease from us.  
Lord, have mercy.

**C**



Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." are written below the notes, with "mer" and "cy." connected by a hyphen.

Cantor: Show us your compassion, O God our Lord, grant us your salvation.  
Christ, have mercy.

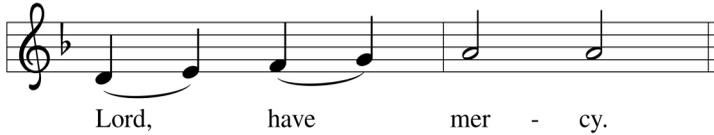
**C**



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Cantor:        Come and bring salvation; we wait, O God;  
                     may your glory dwell in us.  
                     Lord, have mercy.



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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☐ **Amen**

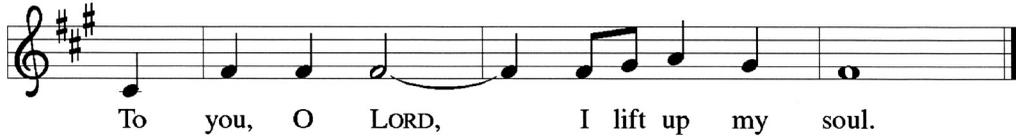
## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

*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 God is even now working salvation for Israel.*

- ☐ Word of God, word of life.
- ☐ **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 25:1-10

*The psalm is sung by the congregation and the choir by alternate verse. The congregation sings the refrain after the choir and again where indicated.*



To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

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

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

**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths. ☞**

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

**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting. ☞**

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

**You are gracious and up- <sup>1</sup> right, O LORD;**  
**therefore you teach sinners <sup>1</sup> in your way.**

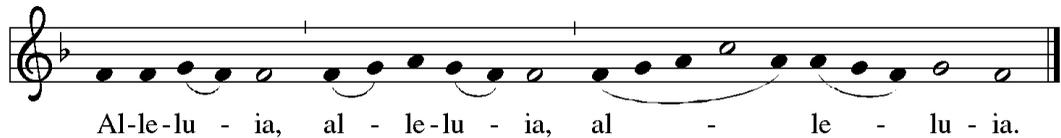
You lead the low- <sup>1</sup> ly in justice  
and teach the low- <sup>1</sup> ly your way.

**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast <sup>1</sup> love and faithfulness**  
**to those who keep your covenant and your <sup>1</sup> testimonies. **

## TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

*Please stand as you are able.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **THE HOLY 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.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

*After the reading:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

260 The King Shall Come

CONSOLATION

## **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 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**

*Please kneel or sit.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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

*Following the introduction, the choir sings the response. After each petition, the congregation joins in singing the response.*



O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. Mar - a -  
na - tha! Mar-a - na - tha! O come, Lord Je - sus, come.

Text: Traditional

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*After the final response:*

**P** 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.

**C** Amen

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another from a distance and then be seated.*

## **OFFERTORY**

The Prophecy

Robert J. Powell

The Trinity Choir

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray. God of our waiting and watching,

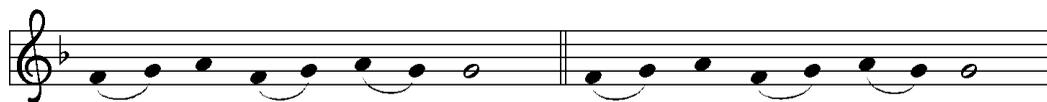
**C** **we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives  
to the service of all your people.**

**Prepare the way before us**

**as we meet you in this simple meal,**

**through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen**

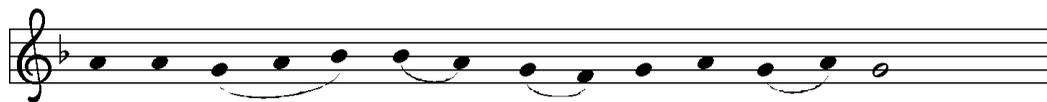
## GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



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.



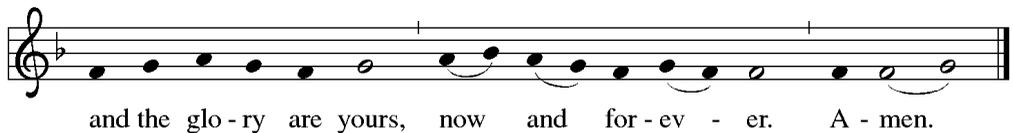
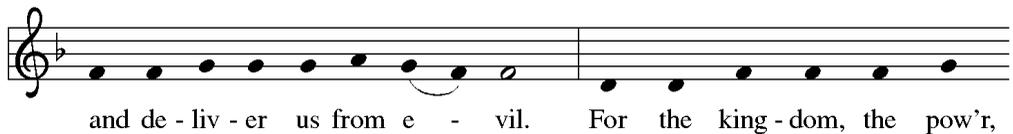
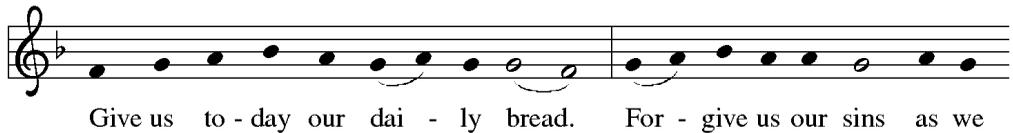
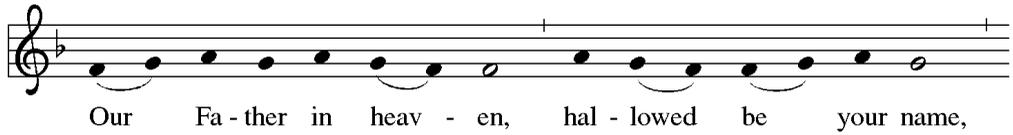
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## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

- P** Holy One...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- P** With this bread and cup...We look with hope for his coming.
- C** **Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** Holy God...Bring us the gift of peace on earth.
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P** All praise and glory...one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

**C** Amen

*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.

## DISTRIBUTION

*We invite all who wish to receive the Risen Christ in this meal to join us at the Lord's table. Coming to the altar, following the direction of the usher, be sure to maintain a safe distance between households. If you are in need of a gluten-free wafer or would prefer grape juice to wine, please ask your server. Returning to your seat, please deposit the used glass in the baskets provided. Those not receiving the sacrament may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar for communion, tell the usher and the sacrament can be brought to you. God bless you with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation!*

*After all have received Communion, please stand as you are able.*

### **TABLE 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** Let us pray. Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.
- C** Amen

### **BLESSING**

- P** 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.
- C** Amen

## SENDING HYMN

259 Fling Wide the Door

MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Christ is near.

**G** Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

Fling Wide the Door

Robert J. Powell



## Leaders in Today's Liturgy

**Presiding and Preaching:** Pr. Alan Wolkenhauer

**Assisting Minister:** Dcs. Deborah Graf

**Minister of Music:** Karen S. Eddinger

**Acolyte:** Danielle Smith

**Greeter:** Mae Sunderland

**Altar Guild:** Anita Dolak, David Himes, Amy Reinsel, Amy Stewart-Himes,  
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