

The image features two dark green silhouettes of people embracing. The person on the right is in the foreground, with their arms around the person on the left. The person on the left is slightly behind and to the side. The background is a lighter shade of green, creating a layered effect. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

The  
Lord  
stood  
by me  
and  
gave me  
strength...

2 Timothy 4:17, NRSV



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**May you be strengthened in your inner being**

**January 19, 2025**

**Epiphany 2**

When we get physically weak, the way back to strength involves getting rest, eating well, and becoming active again. But what do you do when your spirit gets discouraged? The apostle Paul, himself no stranger to affliction, offered up a fine prayer on behalf of discouraged spirits. It is now our prayer to use for ourselves and to share with others.

Today's 8:00 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

- [holytrinity.church](http://holytrinity.church)

After the service, the recording can be accessed at the same YouTube site.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE — MORNING PRAYER (ALTERNATE)

Hymn 831 *Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me*



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near  
2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, though their weight  
3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, and I will  
4 From God's joy can noth - ing sev - er, for I am



with his cheer; nev - er will he leave me.  
may be great, they will not de - feat me.  
trust him still when he sends me sad - ness.  
his dear lamb, he, my Shep - herd ev - er.

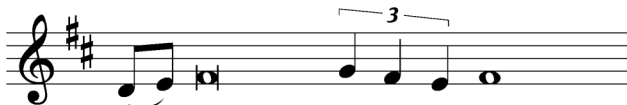


Who can rob me of the heav - en that God's Son  
God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sees them; he who knows  
God is good; his love at - tends me day by day,  
I am his be - cause he gave me his own blood

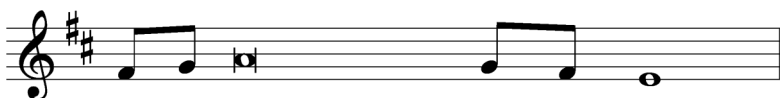


for me won when his life was giv - en?  
all my woes knows how best to end them.  
come what may, guides me and de - fends me.  
for my good, by his death to save me.

*Please stand.*



O Lord, o - pen my lips.



**And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.**



Hasten to save me, O God.



O Lord, come quickly to help me.



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Come, O come, let us wor - ship.

### *Come, O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord*

*Refrain Cantor/choir first time; assembly repeats, then sings after each verse*



Come, O come, let us sing to the Lord,



let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;



come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,



come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.



1 You are a great and a wondrous God,  
 2 Come, let us worship and, bow - ing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
 kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
 You are the God whom we call our own,



you made the seas and the dry land.  
 we are the flock that you shep - herd.

*Refrain*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

Psalm 63

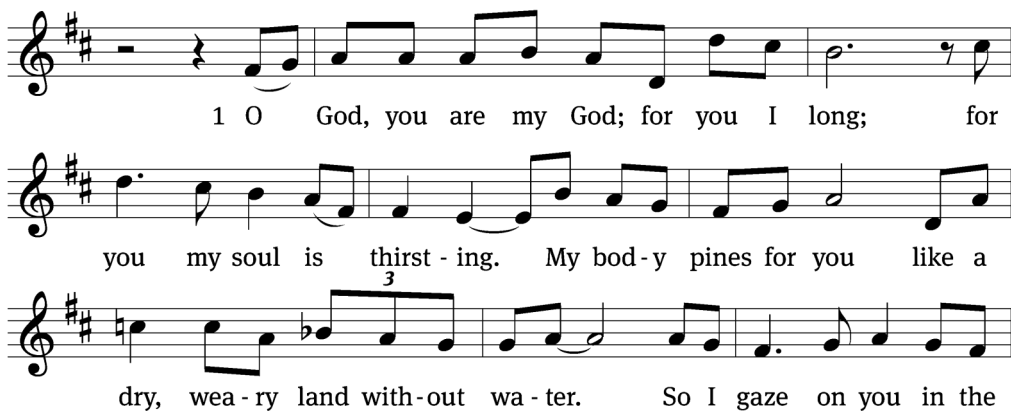
Congregation will sing the refrains, the cantor will sing the verses.

Refrain



In the morn-ing I will sing, I will  
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to  
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

Verse



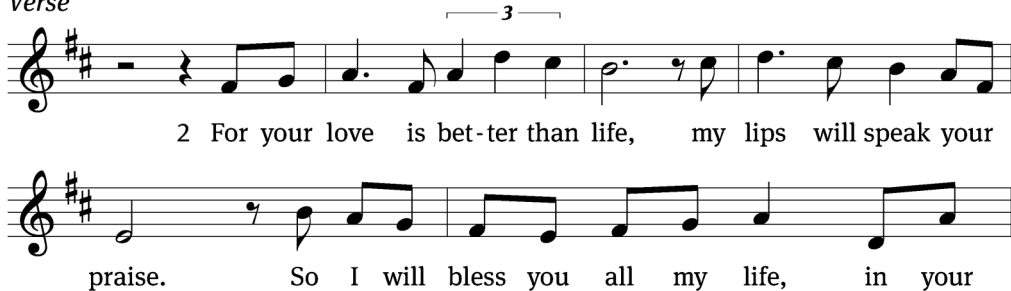
1 O God, you are my God; for you I long; for  
you my soul is thirst - ing. My bod - y pines for you like a  
dry, wea - ry land with - out wa - ter. So I gaze on you in the

Refrain



sanc - tu - ar - y to see your strength and your glo - ry.

Verse



2 For your love is bet - ter than life, my lips will speak your  
praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your

name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a

ban-quet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

*Verse*

3 On my bed I re-mem-ber you. On you I

muse through the night, 3 for you have been my help; in the

shad-ow of your wings I re-joice. My soul clings to

you; your right hand holds me fast.

*Refrain*

## THE WORD

### First Lesson — Isaiah 62:1-5

I will not keep silent because of Zion,  
and I will not keep still because of Jerusalem,  
until her righteousness shines like a bright light  
and her salvation, like a flaming torch.

Nations will see your righteousness  
and all kings, your glory.

You will be given a new name  
that the LORD's mouth will announce.

You will be a glorious crown in the LORD's hand,  
and a royal diadem in the palm of your God's hand.

You will no longer be called Deserted,  
and your land will not be called Desolate;  
instead, you will be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land will be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so your sons will marry you;  
and as a groom rejoices over his bride,  
so your God will rejoice over you.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Second Lesson — Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. I pray that he may grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, and to know Christ's love that



surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us — to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

### **Gospel — John 2:1-11**

On the third day a wedding took place in Cana of Galilee. Jesus's mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples were invited to the wedding as well. When the wine ran out, Jesus's mother told him, "They don't have any wine."

"What has this concern of yours to do with me, woman?" Jesus asked. "My hour has not yet come."

"Do whatever he tells you," his mother told the servants.

Now six stone water jars had been set there for Jewish purification. Each contained twenty or thirty gallons.

"Fill the jars with water," Jesus told them. So they filled them to the brim. Then he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the headwaiter." And they did.

When the headwaiter tasted the water (after it had become wine), he did not know where it came from — though the servants who had drawn the water knew. He called the groom and told him, "Everyone sets out the fine wine first, then, after people are drunk, the inferior. But you have kept the fine wine until now."

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

Hymn 847 *Be Still, My Soul*



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; bear pa-tient-  
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take to guide the  
3 Be still, my soul; when dear-est friends de - part and all is  
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on when we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to or - der  
fu - ture as he has the past; your hope, your con - fi - dence, let  
dark-ened in the vale of tears, then you will bet - ter know his  
be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap - point-ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; in ev - 'ry change he faith-ful will re -  
noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at  
love, his heart, who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your  
fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly friend  
last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay  
stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
his voice who ruled them while he lived be - low.  
from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.  
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Sermon — Ephesians 3:14-21

*May you be strengthened in your inner being*

Hymn 954 *Blessed Be the God of Israel*



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el, who  
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the  
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord, you



comes to set us free and rais - es up new  
cov - e - nant re - call, the oath once sworn to  
will pre - pare the way, to tell God's peo - ple



hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.  
A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all,  
they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that  
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine



with a might - y arm God would turn back our  
of - fer lives of praise, in ho - li - ness and  
forth and nev - er cease to drive a - way the



en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.  
gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

**OFFERING**

*"The kings of the nations will bring tribute to him and will present him gifts. All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him" (Psalm 72). We too bring*

our offerings to worship Jesus.

You may place your offering in the plates or use [Online Giving](#).

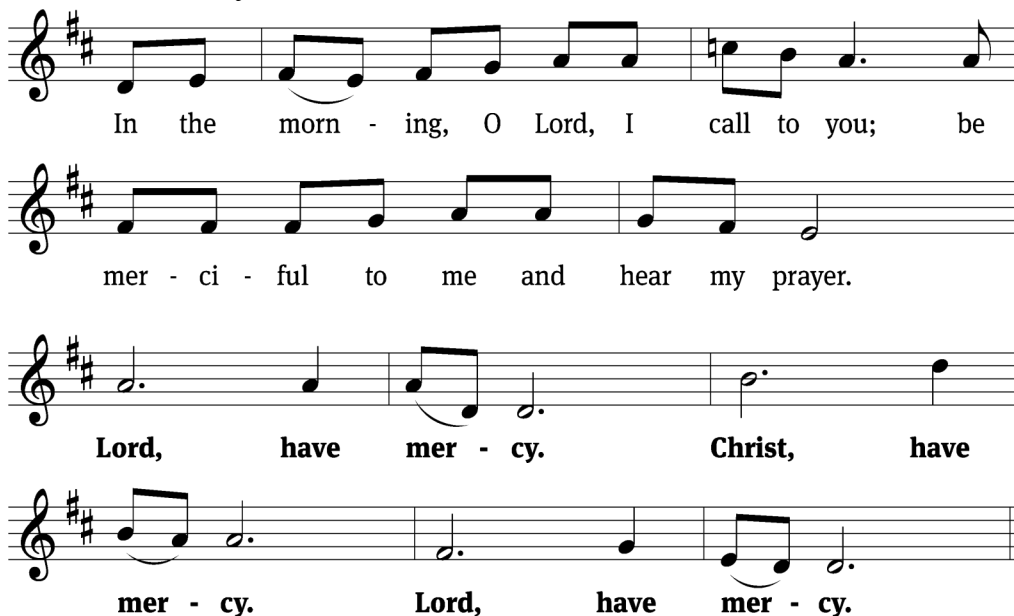
The QR code at right will also take you to the giving site.

Thank you for your offerings.



## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Lord, Have Mercy*



In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you; be  
mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.  
**Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have**  
**mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Kindest Father, God of all hope and comfort, grant us life-giving comfort and true peace of conscience in all the difficulties of life. Our hearts are full of anxieties, but your comforts are able to delight our souls. All the comfort of the world is empty and futile. In you alone is strength and support for our souls.

**C: All sorts of misfortunes weigh heavy on us, but your encouragement and comfort lighten the burden.**

P: Nothing in all creation can bring us down and sadden us so much that you cannot gladden us by your Spirit of joy. No adversities can so surround and

capture us that our heart cannot be freed by your grace. The tears stream from our eyes, but your gracious hand wipes them away.

**C: Without your strength, we would break under the weight of the cross. Without your help, we would be destroyed by numerous adversities.**

P: Extinguish in us the love of the world and created things so the misfortunes of the world and the changeableness of created things will bring us no bitterness. All earthly things are subject to the continual variations of change. Those who do not cling with undue love to the things of this present life will not be tormented by overwhelming anxiety when these things are lost. Please, O God, cast out the love and desire of the world.

**C: All earthly things may be thrown into disorder, changed, and rolled back and forth, but you are the immovable rock and most solid stone of our souls.**

P: Surely your peace passes understanding. That same peace will also overcome every attack of misfortune.

**C: We beg you with humble sighs for that inner peace.**

*Silent prayer.*

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**



Let us praise the Lord.



**Thanks be to God.**

### BLESSING



The Lord bless and keep you.



**A - men.**



The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



**A - men.**



The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



**A - men.**

Hymn 849 Lord, Take My Hand



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;  
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.  
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.  
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home.



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.  
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.  
so take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

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## **Sunday education**

Sunday education for all ages begins at 9:15. Let's make use of opportunities to grow in God's Word this new year.

## **Church Directory**

If you would like an updated copy of the church directory for your family, please take a copy from the back table next to the bulletins. Contact the office ([secretary@htls-wa.net](mailto:secretary@htls-wa.net)) if any of your information is incorrect.

## **HTLS open house**

Mark the dates on your calendar and invite your friends and family! We will be hosting our annual Open House on Sunday, January 26, from 12:00-1:30 p.m. and on Monday, January 27, from 4:30-6:30 p.m..

## **Future Eagle night**

Explore what Evergreen Lutheran High School has to offer on Wednesday, January 29, at 6:30 p.m., at their campus in Tacoma. Take a tour; learn about their programs and clubs; talk with teachers, staff, and current students. Discover how your student can thrive in the Evergreen Christ-centered, Growth-minded environment.

## **Father/Son Dodgeball**

Father/Son Dodgeball is back on Sunday, February 2. Come one and all to the gym and enjoy a fun-filled time of hitting each other with regulation dodgeballs. We will begin at 2:00 p.m. and end about 4:00 p.m. with root beer floats! Please email Tad Doviak at [tubatad@gmail.com](mailto:tubatad@gmail.com) to be sure there will be enough ice cream and root beer for everyone.

## **This week at Holy Trinity**

Tuesday ..... 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting  
Wednesday ..... 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible study  
Wednesday ..... 7:15 p.m. Adult choir practice