



**BEHOLD,
I AM
COMING
SOON.**

REVELATION 22:12, ESV



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

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

I am coming soon
November 23, 2025
Last Sunday of Church Year

We are really blessed to be where we are in salvation history. Jesus already came long ago, and we are awaiting just one more event before eternal life begins in God's new creation: the return of Jesus. He says he is coming soon. And he wants us to know what that means for us right now.

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

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

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ORDER OF SERVICE—MARTIN LUTHER’S GERMAN MASS

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Psalm 130 (NIV)

The congregation speaks the words in bold.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

O Lord, hear my voice.

**Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.**

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,
O Lord, who could stand?

**But with you there is forgiveness;
Therefore you are feared.**

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits
and in his word I put my hope.

**My soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.

**He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

CONFESSION

P: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Almighty and merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.
 We have done those things that we should not have done,
 and we have not done those things that we should have done.
 Have mercy on us, Lord!
 Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
 according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn 934 Kyrie! God, Father



Ky-ri - e! God, Fa - ther in heav'n a - bove, you a - bound in gra - cious love,
 of all things the mak - er and pre - serv - er. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!
 Ky - ri - e! O Christ our King, sal - va - tion for all you came to bring.
 O Lord Je - sus, God's own Son, our me - di - a - tor at the heav'n - ly throne,
 hear our cry and grant our sup - pli - ca - tion. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!
 Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, guard our faith, the

gift we need the most, and bless our life's last hour that we leave this
 sin - ful world with glad - ness. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn 936 All Glory Be to God Alone stanzas 1,5

1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, for -
 5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One; o'er
 ev - er - more the high - est One, who did our
 all things you are Lord a - lone. O Je - sus
 sin - ful race be - friend and grace and peace to
 Christ, we glo - ri - fy you and the Spir - it,
 us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may his good
 Lord Most High; with him you ev - er - more shall
 will all hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
 be one in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4

The pronouncement that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

“How long, LORD, must I call for help and you do not listen
or cry out to you about violence and you do not save?

Why do you force me to look at injustice?

Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?

Oppression and violence are right in front of me.

Strife is ongoing, and conflict escalates.

I will stand at my guard post

and station myself on the lookout tower.

I will watch to see what he will say to me

and what I should reply about my complaint.”

The LORD answered me:

“Write down this vision;

clearly inscribe it on tablets

so one may easily read it.

For the vision is yet for the appointed time;

it testifies about the end and will not lie.

Though it delays, wait for it,

since it will certainly come and not be late.

Look, his ego is inflated;

he is without integrity.

But the righteous one will live by his faith.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Revelation 22:6-13

Then he said to me, “These words are faithful and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

“Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had shown them to me. But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you, your brothers the prophets, and those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!”

Then he said to me, “Don’t seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near. Let the unrighteous go on in unrighteousness; let the filthy still be filthy; let the righteous go on in righteousness; let the holy still be holy.”

“Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to repay each person according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Hymn 596 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray stanzas 3,4



3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,
4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;



help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed
teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right



that we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us when the
that we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, un - til



foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!
home at last he has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

Gospel: Luke 12:35-40

“Be ready for service and have your lamps lit. You are to be like people waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet so that when he comes and knocks, they can open the door for him at once. Blessed will be those servants the master finds alert when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will get ready, have them recline at the table, then come and serve them. If he comes in the middle of the night, or even near dawn, and finds them alert, blessed are those servants. But know this: If the homeowner had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Hymn 889 Jerusalem the Golden



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest—
2 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!
3 The Christ is ev - er with them, the day-light is se - rene;



the sight of it re - fresh - es the wea - ry and op - pressed.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect,
the pas - tures of the bless - ed are ev - er rich and green.



I know not, oh, I know not what joys a - wait us there,
where they who with their lead - er have con - quered in the fight
There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,



what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare:
for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white:
the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast.



to sing the hymn un - end - ing with all the mar - tyr throng,
 in mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us to that dear land of rest
 To God en - throned in glo - ry the Church's voic - es blend,



a - midst the halls of Zi - on re - sound - ing full with song.
 where sings the host of heav - en your glo - rious name to bless.
 the Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, the Light that knows no end.

Sermon— Revelation 22:6-13

I am coming soon!

Hymn 940 *We All Believe in One True God*



1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and
 2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and
 3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, who from both for -



Ho - ly Ghost, ev - er - pres - ent help in need,
 Mar - y's Son, who de - scend - ed from his throne
 e'er pro - ceeds, who up - holds and com - forts us



praised by all the heav'n - ly host, by whose might - y
 and for us sal - va - tion won, by whose cross and
 in all tri - als, fears, and needs. Bless - ed, ho - ly



pow'r a - lone all is made and wrought and done.
 death are we res - cued from all mis - er - y.
 Trin - i - ty, praise to you e - ter - nal - ly!

OFFERING

The ability to give from the heart is itself a gift from God. We thank God for the means to give. Even more, we thank God for the motive to give. Christ gave himself for us. We give as Christians out of love for Christ.

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

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.

C: Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.

P: Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned and deserve only your anger and punishment.

C: If you kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost.

P: We confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.

C: Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.

P: Around us we see the birth pangs of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, spiritual apathy.

C: Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.

P: Keep us faithful to your Word; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return as judge.

C: Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.

P: Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith.

C: Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private prayers.

Silent prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May he find us, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

C: **Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us.**

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.**

THE SACRAMENT

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather to celebrate the Testament of our Lord, let us take to heart the words of Christ by which he imparted to us his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

Let us remember and give thanks for his boundless love, which he proved to us when he redeemed us from God's wrath, from sin, death, and from hell by his own precious blood.

Let us faithfully confess that in this bread and wine—which are his body and blood—we receive the pledge and guarantee of his forgiveness.

Let us receive and enjoy this Sacrament according to the command that Christ gave, and glorify the name of the one who has so richly blessed us with this meal.

Hymn 943 Isaiah, Mighty Seer



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, the Lord of all in spir-it

did be-hold high on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, with robes that
 filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;
 six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of him. With two they veiled their
 fac-es as was right, with two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,
 and with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; one to the oth-er called and
 praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! Ho - ly is
 God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts!
 His glo - ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin - tels
 trem-bled at the cry, and clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

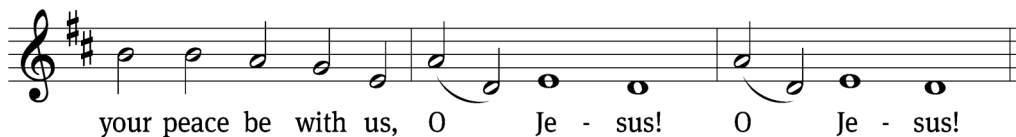
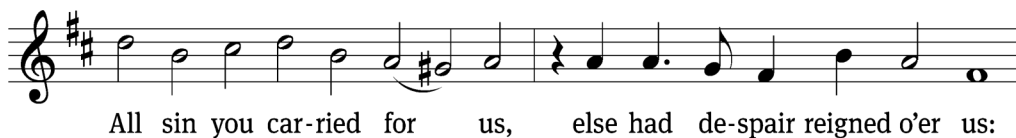
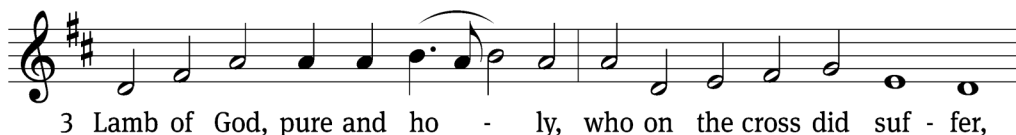
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: **Amen.**

Hymn 947 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy stanza 3



Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Trinity offers the Lord's Supper to communicant members of our congregation (and congregations in WELS and ELS). If you are not a communicant member and are interested in going through a course of study to prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper here, please speak with the pastor.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

Hymn 673 O Lord, We Praise You stanzas 1,3



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you,
3 May God be - stow on us his grace and fa - vor



in thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your
that we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior and live to -



bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that
geth - er here in love and un - ion, nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest com - mun - ion. O Lord, have mer - cy!



May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our
Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us; grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead
heav'n - ly - mind - ed he make us. Give your Church, Lord, to see



in all tri - al, fear, and need. O Lord, have mer - cy!
days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Education

Sunday education for all begins at 9:15 a.m. For adult Bible study, Steve Thiesfeldt will be presenting on the topic of the Christian's relationship with science. He is a retired science professor at Martin Luther College.

Thanksgiving potluck

We are looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving together with a potluck meal today after second service. Please join us!

Thanksgiving worship

We will worship for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m.

Voters' meeting

The next voters' meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 7, at 11:45 after second service.

Church decorating

Please come help us decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 29, at 9:30 a.m. We hope to see you there!

Advent by Candlelight in the SON-Light

Ladies of Holy Trinity: Please join us for our annual Advent by Candlelight. This is a wonderful Holy Trinity Lutheran tradition to focus our hearts and minds on the true joy and meaning of the Christmas season. Bring a friend or two to share in this special fellowship time. Please join us on Saturday, December 6, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Please sign up online (see the weekly email) or on the clipboard in the entry.

Food Bank donations

We are collecting items for a local food bank. Items they could use include: non-perishable food, diapers, wipes, formula, and personal care items, such as toothpaste, soap and shampoo. Look for a collection barrel in the entry way. You may contact our evangelism chairman, Del Valerio, with questions at (253) 653-4510 or *del.valerio@comcast.net*.

This week at Holy Trinity.

Today 11:45 a.m. Thanksgiving potluck
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving worship
Saturday 9:30 a.m. Church decorating