

The word "REJOICE" is written in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The letter 'O' is replaced by a white trumpet icon inside an orange circle. The word is flanked by two large, curved lines: a blue one on the left and an orange one on the right, resembling parentheses. The background is a light yellow-green gradient with faint musical notes and a trumpet icon scattered throughout.

REJOICE

in the Lord always: and again I say,

Rejoice.

Philippians 4:4, KJV



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.
We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Rejoice in the Lord always

November 30, 2025

Advent 1

Rejoice in the Lord always! The apostle Paul certainly knew what worry and distress felt like, and he maintained a realistic look at life's hardships. But he found a constant reason to rejoice. He shares that reason with us in Philippians 4. Our new church year begins with Paul's inspired words. Rejoice in the Lord always!

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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Come, O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Refrain



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 won - drous God,

2 Come, let us wor - ship 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,

Refrain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

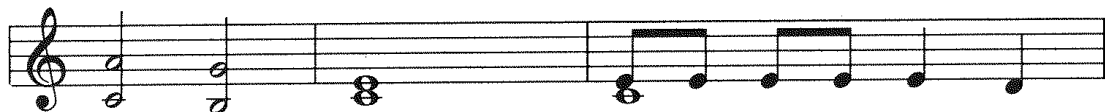
C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Psalm 5 Listen to My Prayer



1. Lis - ten to my prayer, O Lord, _____ and
 2. Lord, please let me do your will; _____ make



hear my sigh. Lis - ten to my prayer, O
 your way plain. Save me from my en - e -



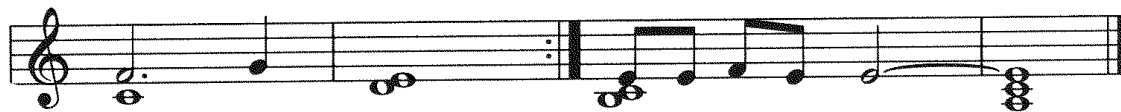
Lord, _____ and hear my voice. _____ Be - cause of
 mies, _____ and hear my voice. _____



your great love, I can come in - to your ho - ly



house. _____ I can bow down to you _____ in rev-'rence



meant for you. Lis - ten to my prayer. _____

THE WORD

First Lesson — Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

In the last days
the mountain of the LORD's house will be established
at the top of the mountains
and will be raised above the hills.

All nations will stream to it,
and many peoples will come and say,
"Come, let's go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us about his ways
so that we may walk in his paths."

For instruction will go out of Zion
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He will settle disputes among the nations
and provide arbitration for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plows
and their spears into pruning knives.

Nation will not take up the sword against nation,
and they will never again train for war.

House of Jacob,
come and let's walk in the LORD's light.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson — Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your graciousness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel—Matthew 21:1-11

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus then sent two disciples, telling them, “Go into the village ahead of you. At once you will find a donkey tied there with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them at once.”

This took place so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

Tell Daughter Zion,

“See, your King is coming to you,
gentle, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt,
the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did just as Jesus directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt; then they laid their clothes on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their clothes on the road; others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. Then the crowds who went ahead of him and those who followed shouted:

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in an uproar, saying, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Hymn 493 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
3 You saints, who here in pa - tience your cross and suf - f'ings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth, as he ap - proach - es, with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb you shall be - hold,
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph lay be - fore him your shin - ing crowns of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free.

Sermon—Philippians 4:4-7
Rejoice in the Lord always

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 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](#).

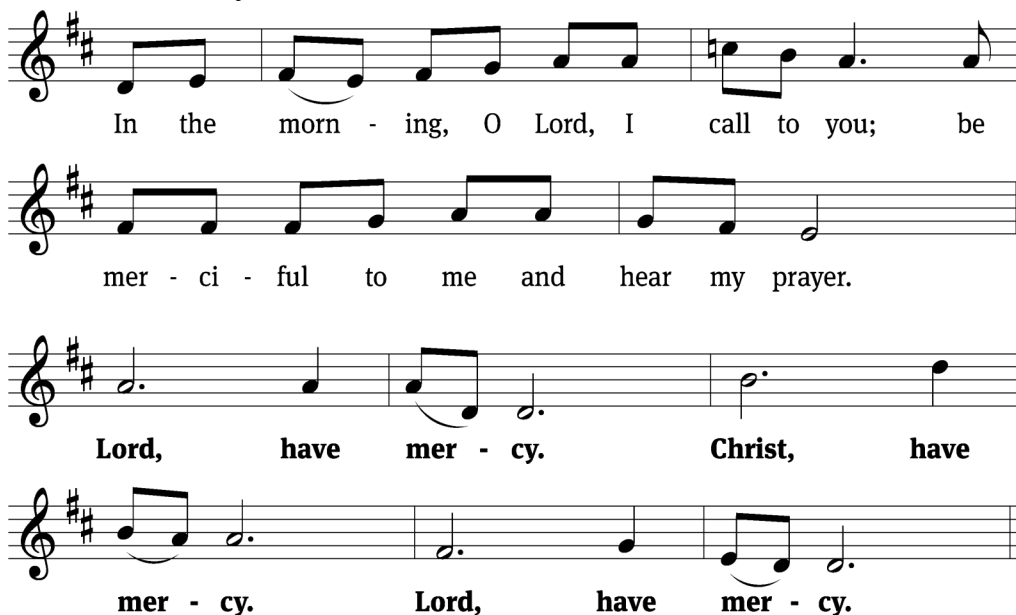
The QR code at right will also take you to the giving site.

Thank you for your offerings.



MUSICAL OFFERING

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

Come, dear Savior. We long for your appearing!

Come to cheer us with your promises, as you once cheered your ancient people throughout their long night of waiting and watching.

Come to restore our hope. Rouse us from the slumber of despair; lift our hearts from petty, earthbound goals; and direct our eyes above, from where you will soon come to make all things right again.

Come and work in us a godly grief and a genuine sorrow over sin. Forgive us for the shameful way we have dishonored you and the shabby way we have dealt with one another. Through your mighty Word, stir up in us a ceaseless yearning to give ourselves to others, as you have given yourself for us.

We pray also for those enduring great sorrow, for those undergoing spiritual trial, and for those whose restless hearts have no knowledge of your coming. Comfort, strengthen, and illumine them with the sweet peace born of your love, and keep them in the way of peace by your Holy Word.

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

Silent prayer.

Come quickly, dear Lord, and fill our longing eyes with the light of your coming! We wait, we keep watch, and in you we put our hope.

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 929 *May the Peace of God*



1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther,
2 May this peace which pass - es un - der - stand - ing,



and the grace of Christ the ris - en Son,
and this grace which makes us what we are,



and the fel - low - ship of God the Spir - it
and this fel - low - ship of his com - mun - ion



keep our hearts and minds with - in his love.
make us one in spir - it and in heart.

Refrain



And to him be praise for his glo - rious reign



from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.



We de - clare the name of the Lamb once slain—



Christ e - ter - nal, the King of kings.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister: Pastor Bart Brauer

Accompanist: Eva Brauer

Soloist: Hoby Brauer

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Sunday education

Sunday education for all ages begins at 9:15.

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.

Voters' meeting

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

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 will continue to collect items for a local food bank. Items may be placed in the 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

Wednesday..... 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible study

Saturday 1:30 p.m. Advent by Candlelight