



*...his*  
**Son**

WHO WAS DESCENDED FROM  
DAVID ACCORDING TO THE FLESH  
AND WAS DECLARED TO BE

*the*  
**Son**  
*of*  
**God.**

ROMANS 1:3-4



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

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

## **The Gospel is about the Son**

**December 21, 2025**

**Advent 4**

The apostle Paul was called to preach the gospel of God. Paul wrote down for us what the gospel is all about. The gospel of God is about the Son. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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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. Take away the burden of our sins, and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Psalm 89*

*Refrain*

For - ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the  
LORD, the good - ness of the LORD.

*Tone*

I will sing of the LORD's great love for- / ever;  
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all gener- / ations.  
I will declare that your love stands firm for- / ever,  
that you have established your faithfulness in / heav'n itself.  
The heavens praise your / wonders, LORD,  
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the / holy ones. *Refrain*  
Who is like you, LORD God Al- / mighty?  
You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness sur- / rounds you.  
Blessed are those who have learned to ac- / claim you,  
who walk in the light of your / presence, LORD.  
They rejoice in your name / all day long;  
they celebrate your / righteousness.  
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

## THE WORD

### First Lesson—Isaiah 7:10-14

Then the LORD spoke again to Ahaz: “Ask for a sign from the LORD your God — it can be as deep as Sheol or as high as heaven.”

But Ahaz replied, “I will not ask. I will not test the LORD.”

Isaiah said, “Listen, house of David! Is it not enough for you to try the patience of men? Will you also try the patience of my God? Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Lesson—Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God — which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures — concerning his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who was a descendant of David according to the flesh and was appointed to be the powerful Son of God according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection of the dead. Through him we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the Gentiles, including you who are also called by Jesus Christ.

To all who are in Rome, loved by God, called as saints.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **Gospel – Matthew 1:18-25**

The birth of Jesus Christ came about this way: After his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, it was discovered before they came together that she was pregnant from the Holy Spirit. So her husband, Joseph, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her publicly, decided to divorce her secretly.

But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

See, the virgin will become pregnant  
and give birth to a son,  
and they will name him Immanuel,  
which is translated “God is with us.”

When Joseph woke up, he did as the Lord’s angel had commanded him. He married her but did not have sexual relations with her until she gave birth to a son. And he named him Jesus.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

Hymn 315 *Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord*



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, who has tru - ly  
2 What the fa - thers most de - sired, what the proph - ets'  
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
4 Sav - ior, hear my wel - come cry— loud ho - san - nas



kept his word and at last to us did send  
heart in - spired, what they longed for man - y\_a year  
Ja - cob's Lord— him of two - fold race be - hold—  
lift - ed high! King of glo - ry, en - ter in;



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
cleanse my soul of ev - 'ry sin.

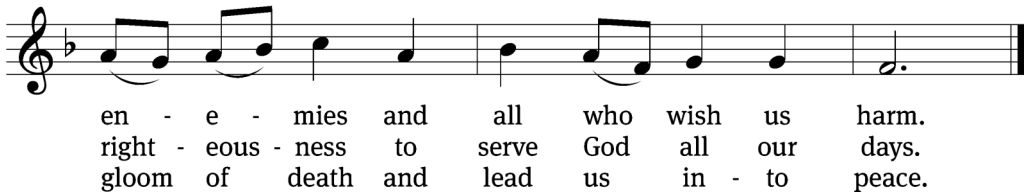
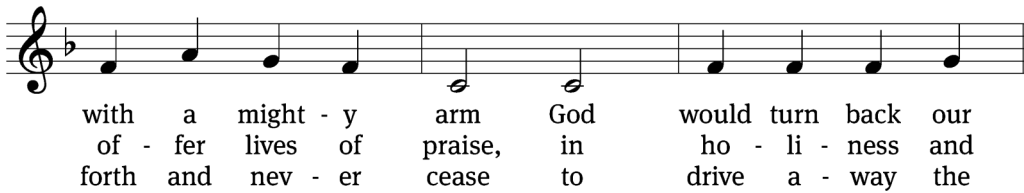
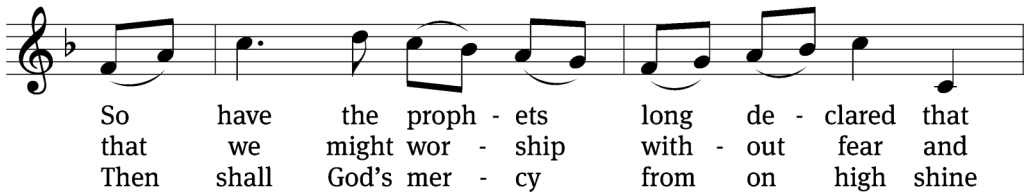
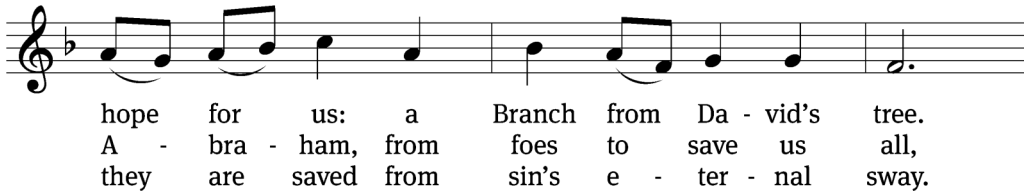
5 Crush for me the serpent's head that, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to you in faith, safely kept through life and death,  
6 And, when you shall come again as a glorious king to reign,  
I with joy may see your face, freely ransomed by your grace.

Sermon—Romans 1:1-7  
*The Gospel is about the Son*

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



## 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*



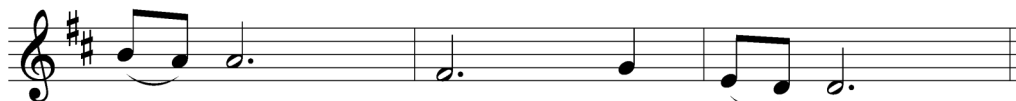
In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you; be



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

**P:** Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

**C:** **We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.**

**P:** As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

**C:** **Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."**

**P:** You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

**C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.**

P: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

**C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.**

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

*Silent prayer*

P: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus!**

### 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 313 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

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Accompanist: Eva Brauer

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## **Sunday education**

There is Sunday School for all ages today.

The adults will discuss the "Joy to the World" psalms (Psalms 96-98).

## **Teacher call updates**

We have called Mrs. Kris Ruth to serve as our 6th grade teacher and athletic director. Mrs. Ruth currently serves at Hope Christian Academy in Westland, Michigan.

Mr. Gibson has received a call to serve as principal at Grace Lutheran School in Glendale, Arizona.

Over the coming weeks Mrs. Ruth and Mr. Gibson will consider their calls to their current schools and the new calls they have received and determine where they can best serve the Lord. Please keep Mrs. Ruth and Mr. Gibson in your prayers.

## **Choir practice**

Our final choir practice will be today from 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

## **Holiday worship schedule**

December 24..... 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve

December 25..... 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day with communion

December 31..... 5:00 p.m. New Year's with communion

## **This week at Holy Trinity**

Today ..... 11:45 a.m. Choir practice