

ADVENT

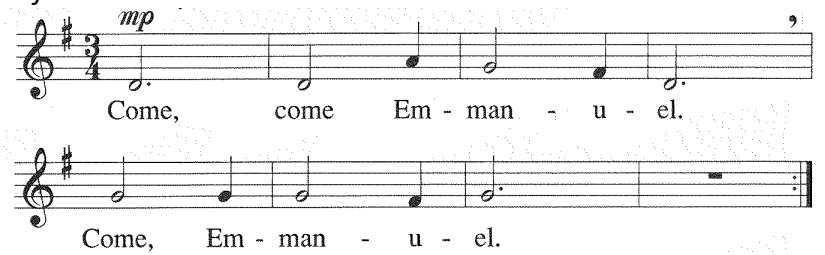
Prepare the Way of the Lord

ADVENT 1 – SETTING THREE **November 29, 2026**

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Advent Gathering Song *(choir sings the first refrain, congregation joins in the repeat)*

Refrain:



(Choir sings the verses and the congregation joins in on refrains)
Our redeemer forever, Oh come. (Refrain)
We are clay, you are potter, Oh come. (Refrain)
Rouse your power to save us, and come. (Refrain)
God will strengthen us always, so come. (Refrain)
Stay awake and be watchful, Oh come. (Refrain)
The appointed time will come. (Refrain)

Confession and Forgiveness (Psalm 130 CSB)

Out of the depths I call to you, LORD!
Lord, listen to my voice;
let your ears be attentive to my cry for help.

Lord, if you kept an account of iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD;
I wait and put my hope in his word.
I wait for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning—
more than watchmen for the morning.

Israel, put your hope in the LORD.
For there is faithful love with the LORD,
and with him is redemption in abundance.

And he will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

THE WORD

Prayer of the Day

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.
Amen.

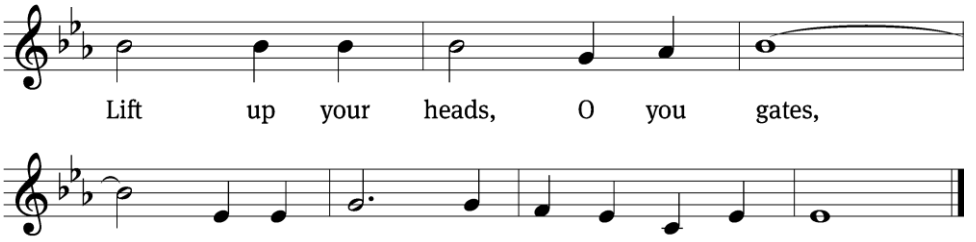
First Lesson – Isaiah 64:1-9

[1]If only you would tear the heavens open and come down,
so that mountains would quake at your presence —
[2]just as fire kindles brushwood, and fire boils water —
to make your name known to your enemies,
so that nations would tremble at your presence!
[3]When you did awesome works that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains quaked at your presence.
[4]From ancient times no one has heard, no one has listened to,
no eye has seen any God except you
who acts on behalf of the one who waits for him.
[5]You welcome the one who joyfully does what is right;
they remember you in your ways.
But we have sinned, and you were angry.
How can we be saved if we remain in our sins?
[6]All of us have become like something unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like a polluted garment;
all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities carry us away like the wind.
[7]No one calls on your name, striving to take hold of you.
For you have hidden your face from us and made us melt because of our iniquity.
[8]Yet LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter; we all are the work of your hands.
[9] LORD, do not be terribly angry or remember our iniquity forever.
Please look — all of us are your people!

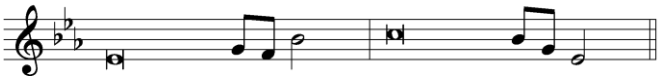
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24

Refrain



Tone



The earth is the LORD's, and every- / thing in it,
the world, and all who / live in it;
for he founded it / on the seas
and established it on the / waters.
Who may ascend the mountain / of the LORD?
Who may stand in his / holy place?
The one who has clean hands and a / pure heart,
they will receive blessing from God their / Savior. ***Refrain***

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you / ancient doors,
that the King of glory / may come in.
Who is this King of / glory?
The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in / battle.
Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you / ancient doors,
that the King of glory / may come in.
Who is he, this King of / glory?
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of / glory.
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***

Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

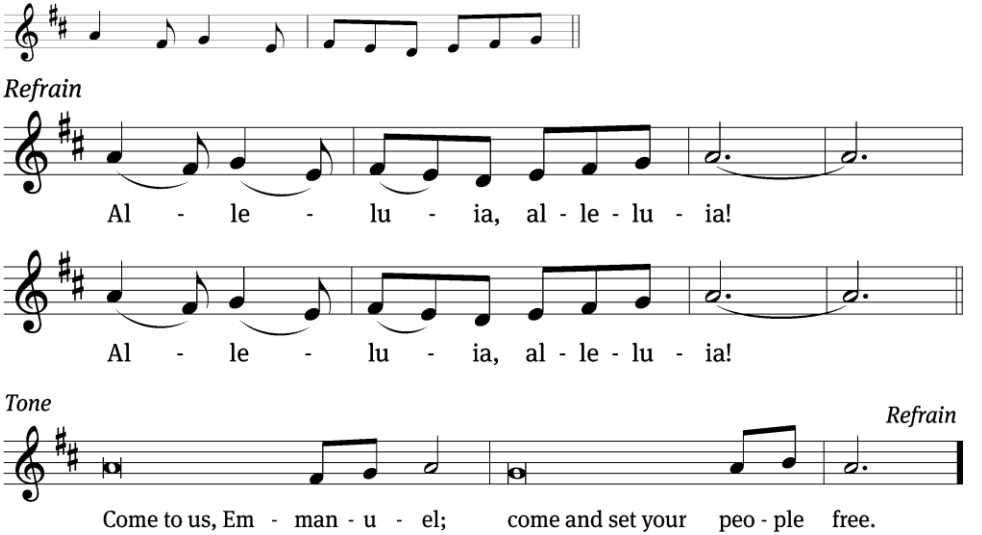
[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[4]I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus, [5]that you were enriched in him in every way, in all speech and all knowledge. [6]In this way, the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you, [7]so that you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8]He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you will be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful; you were called by him into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel – Mark 11:1-10

[1]When they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples [2]and told them, "Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. [3]If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here right away.'"

[4]So they went and found a colt outside in the street, tied by a door. They untied it, [5]and some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" [6]They answered them just as Jesus had said; so they let them go.

[7]They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and he sat on it. [8]Many people spread their clothes on the road, and others spread leafy branches cut from the fields. [9]Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted:

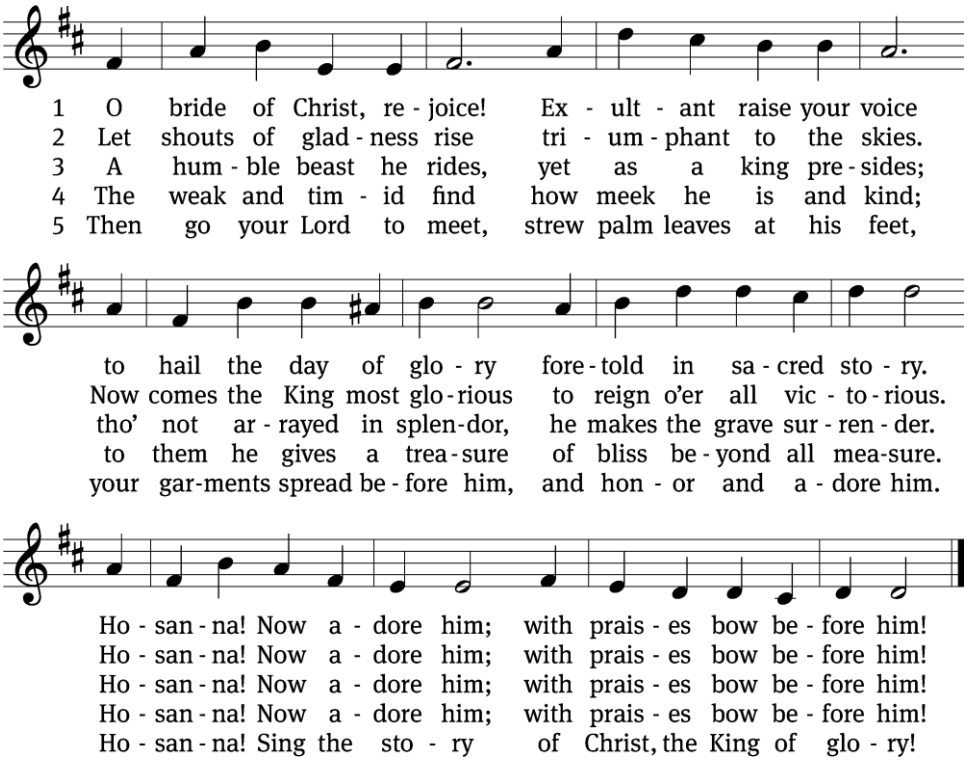
> "Hosanna!
> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
> [10]Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
> Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn 303 – O Bride of Christ, Rejoice



Sermon

Isaiah 64:1-9 *Don't be angry forever*

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

We worship God with our offerings. We give generously, in proportion to the money and possessions God has given us, to express love and gratitude to our Savior, Jesus Christ. We also give generously to support the work we are doing together through our church and school.

You may place your offering in the plate or use online giving.
The QR code to the right will take you to the giving site.
Thank you for your offerings.

Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church

Dear Father, the time is near for us to commemorate the birth of your Son, our Savior. We wish to receive him into our hearts. But heavenly Father, our hearts are stained with sin. It is not fit as a home for one so pure and holy. There is pride, doubt, insincerity, false humility, and fleshly desire to want our will and not yours to be done. That is why we come to you and ask that you not only forgive us for this uninviting heart, but that you use your Word to root out all that makes us unfit to be called your own. Let us look forward, not only to the arrival of the Babe of Bethlehem but also the arrival of the King of kings as he comes in glory.

So many people judge your law to be easy, even beneath them–Holy Spirit, help them really see what it says. "If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us." So many people see themselves as "basically good"–Holy Spirit, put into their minds and hearts your humbling and delivering

Word. Show all people the ugliness of their disobedience so that they might know the beauty of the Savior's scars.

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

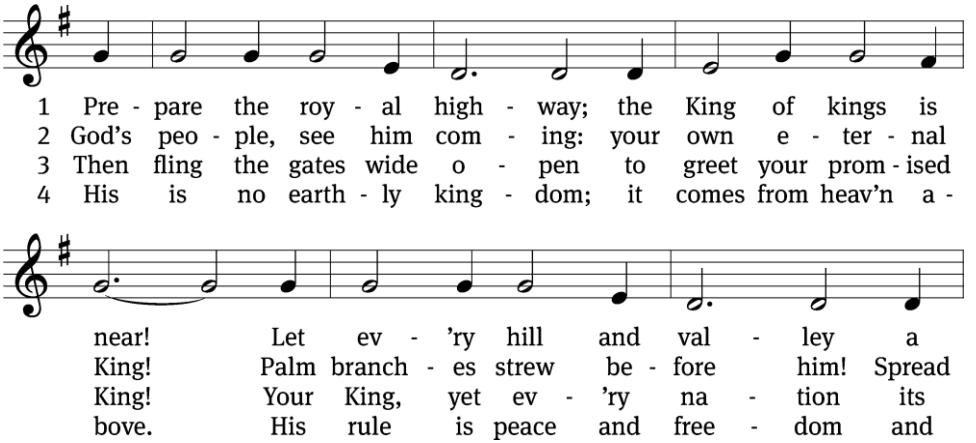
Lord's Prayer

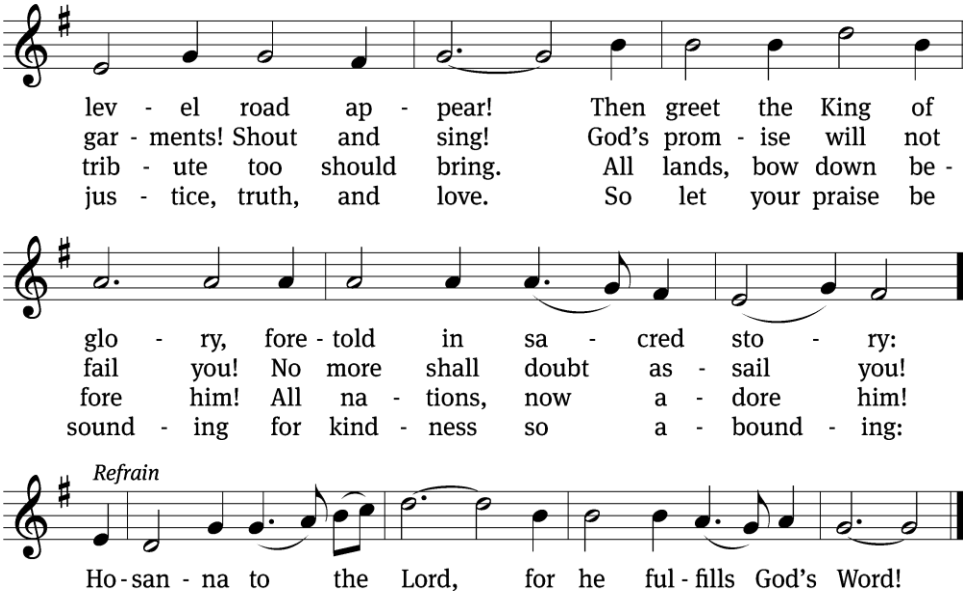
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

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.
Amen.

Hymn 302 – Prepare the Royal Highway





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Sunday education

Sunday education for all ages begins at 9:15 a.m.

Donation Envelopes

Today is the last day to update your giving envelope preferences for 2027. You may list your name and option on the table in the church lobby or send an email to *finsec@htls-wa.net*.

Advent by candlelight

Advent by Candlelight will be on Saturday, December 5, at 2:00 p.m. It is an event to help women focus on Christ during the busy holiday season. Please join the women of Holy Trinity for a wonderful time of music, fellowship and centering our hearts and minds on Christ Jesus in this holiday season. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite other women, especially those without a church home, to experience the true joy of Christmas.

Help is needed to make this event a success! Please sign up on the sheet in the entryway or contact Dee Eliason-*bdeliason@hotmail.com*, call 253-529-0377, or text 253-486-3712 and indicate if you can help with setup and decorations, readers, music, or clean-up.

Choir rehearsal

Please join us for choir rehearsal on Wednesdays: 12/2, 12/9, 12/16 at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday 12/20 in between services. You may contact Kathy Rausch with questions (*kathyrauschwa@pm.me*).

Giving Tuesday

On Giving Tuesday, December 1, donations made through Thrivent's online giving platform will receive a matching boost of up to $1 for every $1 donated. **Our church and school are both participating organizations.** This is a wonderful opportunity to maximize support for the ministries of our church and school.

How to Participate:

1. Scan the QR code below to let us know which organization you plan to support, your intended donation amount, and to sign up to receive a reminder email.
2. On Tuesday, December 1, visit *thrivent.com/give.*
3. Search for Holy Trinity Lutheran, refine search to Des Moines, and make your donation online.

Anyone can participate – you do not need to be a Thrivent member.

Important: Donations must be made through Thrivent's giving platform on December 1 to qualify for the matching funds. The QR code is for our church and school to track anticipated support; it does not replace making your donation through Thrivent.

Learn more: *thrivent.com/offers/giving-tuesday*

HTLS Giving Tuesday

This Giving Tuesday, December 1, help Holy Trinity Lutheran School make Christian education more affordable for families through our Tuition Assistance Fund.

Every donation and every share helps us get closer to our $10,000 goal.
The first $5,000 given will be matched by a generous donor.
Share with friends and family who may want to support our school!

Scan the QR code or visit https://holytrinity.school/giving-tuesday/
There are also cards on the table by the bulletins that you can take home.

This week at Holy Trinity

Wednesday.....9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible class
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.
At Holy Trinity, we live for the God who made us, saved us, and makes us his own.

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