



December 1, 2024

10:00 am

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Facebook Live/Virtual

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**We are blessed that you
have joined us today.**

Notes on worship:

BOLD type = people of God = You

Regular type = leader

Italic type = directions or explanations

Introduction to the Day



Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to

spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Bellerose! We are so glad that you are here to worship with us either in person or online. **If you are seeking a church to call home, welcome and we hope you find the comfort of Christ’s Beloved Community here.** If Pastor Analyse or the Prayer Team can provide any care for you at present, please reach out in person or at pastoranalyse@holyltrinitybellerose.org or the church office at office@holyltrinitybellerose.org.

~Please stand as you are able~

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned.

**We trust earthly powers and human
authority alone.**

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned.

We plead: come to us.

Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth:

it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God

through ✠ Christ Jesus,

whose day draws near.

~Please be seated~

Lighting of the Advent Wreath + Hope

Today we light the candle of hope. This year we have prayed for hope. This year we have prayer in hope: That natural disasters would cease. That difficult times for ourselves or our loved ones would come to an end. That violence of all kinds would stop. Today we pray with hope! We know God is with us in moments of hope and hopelessness. We know God is with us. **Amen.**

Light the first candle.

~Please stand as you are able~

WREATH LIGHTING HYMN ELW 257 vs 1

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.***

GATHERING HYMN ELW 244 vs 1, 3 & 4

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

**1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry.**

**2 The watchers on the mountain
proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches
with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
the bridegroom is at hand.**

**4 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free!**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

W&P #36

Emmanuel

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
his name is called Emmanuel.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

~Please be seated~

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16 NRSV

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The Lord is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

The first reading is from Jeremiah beginning at the 33rd chapter.

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10 NRSV

We will now read responsively Psalm 80.

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

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Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are
treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths. R**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you
have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O Lord, your compassion
and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my
transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast
love and for the sake of your goodness,
O Lord.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners in your
way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ **All your paths, O Lord, are
steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and
your testimonies.**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
NRSV

*Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica,
Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from
his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings
for the people of this growing church.*

The second reading is from First
Thessalonians beginning at the 3rd chapter.

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in
return for all the joy that we feel before our God
because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most
earnestly that we may see you face to face and
restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and
our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And
may the Lord make you increase and abound
in love for one another and for all, just as we
abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so
strengthen your hearts in holiness that you
may be blameless before our God and Father
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his
saints.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able~

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW 262
Wait for the Lord

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!**

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36 NRSV
*God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of
that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay,
perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be
given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised
redemption.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke beginning
at the 21st chapter.

Glorify to you, O Lord

Jesus said: ²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun,
the moon, and the stars, and on the earth
distress among nations confused by the
roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will
faint from fear and foreboding of what is
coming upon the world, for the powers of the
heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see
'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power
and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things
begin to take place, stand up and raise your
heads, because your redemption is drawing
near."

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the
fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they
sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and
know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also,
when you see these things taking place, you
know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I
tell you, this generation will not pass away until
all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and
earth will pass away, but my words will not
pass away.

³⁴ "Be on guard so that your hearts are not
weighed down with dissipation and
drunkenness and the worries of this life, and
that day does not catch you
unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come
upon all who live on the face of the whole
earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you
may have the strength to escape all these

things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

~Please be seated~

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

~Please stand as you are able~

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 438 vs 1&3

My Lord, What A Morning

Refrain

*My Lord, what a morning;
my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.*

- 1 You will hear the trumpet sound,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*
- 3 You will hear the Christian shout,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith saying the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of
the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not
made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came
down from heaven; by the power of the
Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the
virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures; he
ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead, and his kingdom will
have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from
the Father and the Son. With the Father and
the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He
has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

*~Please remain standing as you desire,
otherwise please be seated~*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission, and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of the cosmos, all creation shows that your presence is near. Help us sense your goodness and love in the sun and moon, in sprouting leaves and bare branches, in the roaring sea and quiet breeze. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all

in authority hearts for justice and peace.
Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit
the common good. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of change, you accompany us through
life's transitions. Be near to all who are
changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or
facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those
who are ill or suffering *especially Bob Sarro,
Janice Rajgopaul, Susan Henyan, Eugene
Calamari, Jackie Mercorelli, Loren Nouza, Ed
Unz, Maureen Span, Athena Guarreillo, Peter
Stiefel, Jackie Sanfedele and Ruth Loomis.* In
times of change, remind us of your steadfast
love. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of community, your Spirit holds us
together. Sustain our care for one another
*especially Midnight Run and the All Saints'
Food Pantry.* Inspire us to seek new ways to
live together and to embrace the diversity of
thought and identity in our communities. Lord,
in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

You call us into a deeper relationship to be
your church for the sake of the world. Help us
to see with new eyes the injustices within
church and society. Call us to have a loving
heart that respects and uplifts the humanity
and dignity of every person; open our ears to
listen to and learn from the experiences of
people of color. Open our mouths to speak up
and about injustices. Join us with others to
work for racial equity and inclusion for all
people. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of memory, we give you thanks for faithful
ones who have died. Tend to our grief and
sorrow with renewed trust in your promise of
abundant and eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these
prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the
name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always!
And also with you!
Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

~Please be seated~

OFFERING

~Please stand as you are able~

OFFERTORY HYMN ELW 247 V. 2-4
Come Now, O Prince of Peace

**2 Come now, O God of love, make us one
body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.**

**3 Come now and set us free, O God, our
Savior.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.**

**4 Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.**

~Please stand as you are able~

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,
you made the whole world,
even the farthest stars,
and you draw near to feed us.
We praise you for these gifts of bread and
wine.
Strengthen us with this food
that we may live in expectation
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might; Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him. By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive

those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

~Please be seated~

COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Table. We receive communion in the form of a wafer and a small cup of wine or grape juice. Please tell the ushers if you need the bread and wine brought to you. If you are not yet receiving communion, or do not wish to receive today, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Follow the usher's directions.

~Please stand as you are able~

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God feeds us with tender mercy.
Come to the table.

TABLE BLESSING & COMMUNION PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Let us pray.

Generous God,

we thank you for the gift of life,
for the bread of salvation.

We thank you for coming among us,
for leading us into peace.

We thank you for showering us with mercy,
for sending us into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us
as we feed the hungry in your name.

Amen.

~Please be seated~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Please stand as you are able~

BLESSING

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 260 vs 1 & 5

The King Shall Come

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.
- 5 The King shall come when morning dawns
and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
come quickly, King of kings.

DISMISSAL

What is our Mission? **Welcoming all to grow in faith; living Christ's message of serving and loving neighbors near and far.**
Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
Thanks be to God.

***Thank you for worshipping
with us today.***

***We are blessed by your
presence.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

IN PERSON SERVICES every Sunday Live and via Facebook Live @ 10:00 am. You don't have to belong to Facebook to watch. Video will also be available on our interactive bulletin at: holytrinitybellerose.wordpress.com.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting: December 10th @ 7:30 pm.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Our Advent Bible Study *More Than Words* will begin **Monday, December 2nd**. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Books are \$15.

PIANO FUNDRAISER

Holy Trinity has a new Grand Piano! If you would like to donate towards the cost of paying it off, and invest in Holy Trinity's music ministry please put your donation in a "Keys of Grace" envelope, located periodically in your bulletin and on the table in the narthex.

HOLY TRINITY'S CENTENNIAL

Holy Trinity turns 100 in 2026! If you would like to be on the planning committee to organize celebrations throughout the year, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

WOMEN'S GROUP CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Women's Group Christmas Dinner will be on **Wednesday, December 18th, at 6:00pm** at Salvatore's of Elmont. If you wish to attend, please **sign up by December 11th** on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

CHURCH MERCHANDISE

We have a webstore! As a certified non-profit Holy Trinity receives money back for every item purchased. Purchase Holy Trinity shirts, hats, mugs etc. by visiting <https://www.bonfire.com/store/holy-trinity-lutheran-church-merch/>

YOUTH GROUP

The youth meet twice a month on the first and third Saturday's from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for 2 - 8 grades and 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm for 9th grade and up. Contact Diane Gilroy for more information.

ALTAR GUILD

Looking for volunteers to help Denice, Joe, & Pastor Analyse with Altar Guild responsibilities.

WOMEN'S GROUP

This group is women getting together to discuss relevant topics and books, spend time uplifting and supporting each other. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm. All are welcome. Any questions contact Carol Robinson or Denice Watkins.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All positions available. Learn a new skill. The video camera is really user friendly. See Pastor for additional information.

YOGA PRACTICE

Yoga, Thursdays, at 7 pm in the Friendship Hall. One hour for only \$10. Contact Carol Robinson, 917-208-7340, for additional information.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree in the Narthex has some new decorations! As we await the coming of Emmanuel this month help us also give to Midnight Run. Pick up an ornament from the tree and help those in need this holiday season.

BIRTHDAY CAKE SIGNUP SHEET FOR 2024

Please see signup sheet in the narthex.

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

9 Laura Stiefel
13 Jean Klarman
16 Ruth Nouza
16 Rebecca Knoetig
29 Tiffany & Don Hanratty
30 Carol & Tony Albasini
30 Nancy Aragona

2024 Advent & Christmas Schedule

Fri., Dec. 20th + Blue Christmas
At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
7:00 pm

Tues., Dec. 24th + Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
8:00 pm



Sun., Dec. 22nd + Christmas Pageant
10:00 am during Worship

Sun., Dec. 29th + Lessons & Carols
10:00 am during Worship.

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