



**HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
BELLEROSE**

December 22, 2024

10:00 am

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PAGEANT SUNDAY

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



Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one

"more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

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@holytrinitybellerose.org or the church office at office@holytrinitybellerose.org.

~Please stand as you are able~

CONFESSON 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.

Amen.

~Please be seated~

Lighting of the Advent Wreath + Love

Today we light the candle of love. This year we have prayed for love. This year we have prayed in love: That we will love ALL our neighbors as ourselves. That no one will be hungry or homeless. That all will come to know your love. Today we pray with love. We know God is with us in moments of love and hate. We know God is with us.

Amen.

Light the third candle.

~Please stand as you are able~

WREATH LIGHTING HYMN

ELW #257 vs 1-4

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.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.

Refrain

3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Refrain

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain

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 the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the story of your son's birth, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of hope, peace, joy, love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

~Please be seated~

FIRST READING Zephaniah 3:14-20 NRSV

The prophet Zephaniah's message is mostly one of judgment for sin. This reading, however, which comes from the conclusion of the book, prophesies joy for Judah and Jerusalem. Judgment has led to repentance, and God's salvation is at hand.

The first reading is from Zephaniah beginning at the 3rd chapter.

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
¹⁷ The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
¹⁸ as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
²⁰ At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:1-4, 19-6 NRSV

We will now read responsively from Psalm 89.

¹ Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim
your faithfulness.
² **For I am persuaded that your
steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in
the heavens.**

³ "I have made a covenant with
my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to
David my servant:
⁴ **'I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for
all generations.'**"

¹⁹ You spoke once in a vision and said to
your faithful people: "I have set the crown
upon a warrior and have exalted one
chosen out of the people.

²⁰ **I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed
him.**

²¹ My hand will hold him fast
and my arm will make him strong.

²² **No enemy shall deceive him,
nor shall the wicked bring him down.**

²³ I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.

²⁴ **My faithfulness and steadfast love
are with him, and he shall be
victorious through my name.**

²⁵ I will set his hand on the sea,
and his right hand on the rivers.

²⁶ **He will say to me, 'You are my
father, my God, and the rock of my
salvation.'**

SECOND READING Philippians 4:4-7 NRSV

Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns with the hope that they will experience God's joy and peace.

The second reading is from Philippians beginning at the 4th chapter.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 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 John 1:6-8, 19-28

NRSV

John the Baptist heralds the mighty one who is coming. John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.

The Holy Gospel according to John beginning at the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²²Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"

as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?"

²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you

do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

~Please be seated~

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:

THE FUMBLY, BUMBLY ANGELS

HYMN ELW #290 vs. 1 & 3

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain

*Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!*

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

3 Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

SCENE I

HYMN ELW #289

Angels We Have Heard on High

1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

*Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.*

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song?
Refrain

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Refrain

SCENE 2

HYMN ELW #279 vs. 1 & 4
O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

4 O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Immanuel!



SCENE 3

HYMN ELW #300 vs. 1
The First Noel

1 The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields
as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their
sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so
deep.

Refrain

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.*

SCENE 4

HYMN ELW #267 vs. 1 & 3
What Child is This?

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels
sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

3 So bring him incense, gold, and
myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

SCENE 5

HYMN ELW #267 vs. 1, 2 & 4
Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature
sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills,
and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

**4 He rules the world with truth and
grace**
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

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 who reforms, fill your church with courage to do your will. Empower your people in taking risks that bear fruit. Raise up leaders who will proclaim the good news.

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God who creates, you hold in balance diverse ecosystems. Encourage efforts to protect wild lands from devastation. Care for animals and people in the path of destructive fires, storms, and other disasters. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God who leads, this world cries out for true justice. Guide legislatures, judges, and lawyers in actions steeped in love and restoration. Increase the desire to advocate for all who are confronted with discrimination and oppression based on race, gender, sexuality, class, or age. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God who embraces, help us notice the places where your people are hurting or sick. We pray especially for *Bob Sarro, Janice Rajgopaul, Susan Henyan, Eugene Calamari, Loren Nouza, Ed Unz, Peter Stiefel, Ruth Loomis, Betsy Sommerlatte, Lorcan Nouza, Heather Chittum, Osmin Chittum, and Biaggio Santanastasio*. Show your compassion and remember your people in love. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God who abides, you dwell among the people of this congregation. Deepen our relationships with one another, and make us aware of the diverse talents and gifts present here. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God our example, this world cries out for true justice. Guide legislatures, judges, and lawyers in actions steeped in love and restoration. Increase the desire to advocate for all who are confronted with discrimination and oppression based on race, gender, sexuality, class, or age. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God who consoles, we thank you for the time we have had with loved ones who have died. Comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. 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 #473
Holy, Holy, Holy

**Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are holy, God. Repeat**

~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, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

EUCARISTIC 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

~Please stand as you are able~

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 270 vs 1-3
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"*

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

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: January 14th @ 7:30 pm.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Our Advent Bible Study *More Than Words* concludes tomorrow, **Monday, December 23rd**.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

If you would like to make a Christmas Memorial, please return your forms with payment to the Church office by **TODAY!**

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. We are about halfway to our \$6,000 goal!

HOLY TRINITY'S CENTENNIAL

Holy Trinity turns 100 in 2026! *If you would like to be on a sub-committee* to plan celebrations throughout the year, please sign up on one of the sign-up sheets 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/>

CONFIRMATION

If your child is currently in Grade 5 or higher we are going to start Confirmation classes in January. Please let Pastor Analyse know if your child is interested in participating in once a month classes during coffee hour with the expectation of confirming in the spring or fall of 2026.

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 responsibilities.

PINECREST CAMP SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday, January 12th for Camp Sunday. We will have guests from Lutheran Leadership Ministries to tell us about camp this summer!

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 Analyse 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.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree in the Narthex has some new foliage! As we give thanks for all that we have this month, it help us also give to ***Midnight Run*** up an ornament from the tree and help those in need celebrate the holidays.

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

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



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



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



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