



**December 8, 2024**

**10:00 am**

## **SECOND 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**



*Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are*

*called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."*

### **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](mailto:pastoranalyse@holyltrinitybellerose.org) or the church office at [office@holyltrinitybellerose.org](mailto: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 + Peace**

Today we light the candle of peace. This year  
we have prayed for peace. This year we have  
prayed in peace: That people will find common  
ground. That nations will stop harming their  
citizens. That all who struggle with illness and  
fear will find calm. Today we pray with peace!  
We know God is with us in moments of peace  
and unrest. We know God is with us.

**Amen.**

*Light the second 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.**

2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,  
who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times once gave the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

*Refrain*

## GATHERING HYMN ELW 246 vs. 1, 4, & 5

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding!  
"Christ is near," we hear it say.  
"Cast away the works of darkness,  
all you children of the day!"

4 So, when next he comes in glory  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
he will shield us with his mercy  
and with words of love draw near.

5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son  
with the everlasting Spirit  
while unending ages run!

## 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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the  
way of your only Son. By his coming give to all  
the people of the world knowledge of your  
salvation; 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 Malachi 3:1-4 NRSV

*God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like  
Malachi (his name means "my messenger") will prepare the  
way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God's  
people, as silver and gold are refined.*

The first reading is from Malachi beginning at  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare  
the way before me, and the Lord whom you  
seek will suddenly come to his temple. The  
messenger of the covenant in whom you  
delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of  
hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his  
coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers'  
soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of  
silver, and he will purify the descendants of  
Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until  
they present offerings to the Lord in  
righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and  
Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the  
days of old and as in former years.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Luke 1:68-79 NRSV

We will now read responsively from Luke.

<sup>68</sup> Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,  
you have come to your people and set  
them free.

<sup>69</sup> **You have raised up for us a mighty  
Savior, born of the house of your servant  
David.**

<sup>70</sup> Through your holy prophets, you promised  
of old to save us from our enemies,

<sup>71</sup> from the hands of all who hate us,

<sup>72</sup> **to show mercy to our forebears,  
and to remember your holy covenant.**

<sup>73</sup> This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: <sup>74</sup> to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**free to worship you without fear, <sup>75</sup> holy  
and righteous before you, all the days of  
our life.**

<sup>76</sup> And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

**<sup>77</sup> to give God's people knowledge of  
salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

<sup>78</sup> In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon  
us,

**<sup>79</sup> to shine on those who dwell in  
darkness and in the shadow of death, and  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

## **SECOND READING** Philippians 1:3-11 NRSV

*The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.*

The second reading is from Philippians beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup> constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup> because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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 3:1-6 NRSV

*John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke beginning at the 3rd chapter.

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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 266 vs 1&4  
All Earth is Hopeful

**1 All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!**

**Furrows lie open for God's creative task:  
this, the labor of people who struggle to see  
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody  
free.**

**4 We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.  
This same Lord Jesus today has come to  
live  
in our world; he is present, in neighbors we  
see  
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.**

### **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.*

Refining God, move through your church. Root out  
practices that harm your people, and kindle a fire  
for sharing the gospel among bishops, pastors,  
deacons, and all the baptized. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, transform your creation. Steer us  
from habits that harm what you have made, and  
guide us in practices that preserve and restore  
creatures and habitats. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Ruling God, teach the nations your ways.  
Strengthen organizations and communities that  
broker peace and care for refugees, immigrants,  
and all caught in the center of conflict. Lord, in your  
mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Rescuing God, restore your people who are in any  
need. Heal all who are suffering *especially Bob  
Sarro, Janice Rajgopaul, Susan Henyan, Eugene  
Calamari, Loren Nouza, Ed Unz, Maureen Span,  
Athena Guarreillo, Peter Stiefel, Ruth Loomis,  
Betsy Sommerlatte and Lorcan Nouza.* Provide  
comfort and strength, and nurture sustained  
wholeness for the future. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Reforming God, fill this congregation with your  
presence. Enrich our seasonal preparations, and  
bless the efforts by worship committees, music  
ensembles, staff, clergy, and lay leaders as they  
work in the weeks ahead. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Reforming God, 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.**

Reassuring God, we remember those who have died and rest in you. Guide us in deep gratitude for their life, and allow us to learn from their faithful witness. 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 vs 1 & 2  
Come Now, O Prince of Peace

**1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.**

**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.**

**2 Come now, O God of love, make us one body.**

**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.**

*~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.**

### **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.*

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

### **COMMUNION HYMN ELW #631 v. 1-3**

Love Devine, All Loves Excelling

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.**

**3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without  
ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**

*~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 #239 v. 1, 2 & 4  
Hark, The Glad Sound!

**1 Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
the Savior promised long;  
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
and ev'ry voice a song.**

**2 He comes the pris'ners to release,  
in Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.**

- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,  
your welcome shall proclaim,  
and heav'n's eternal arches ring  
with your beloved name.

### **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: [holyltrinitybellerose.wordpress.com](http://holyltrinitybellerose.wordpress.com).

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

Next meeting: December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm.

### **ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**

Our Advent Bible Study *More Than Words* will begin **Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. 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 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm** at Salvatore's of Elmont. If you wish to attend, please **sign up by December 11<sup>th</sup>** 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 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 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

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

Tues., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> + Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service  
8:00 pm



Sun., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> + Christmas Pageant  
10:00 am during Worship

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

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