



TOGETHER IN CHRIST

| Abiding in God's eternal Word, embodied by Jesus and active in us

## HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 14, 2025 - 10am

### ADVENT III: ISAIAH PROPHECIES HOPE

God's Word fulfills God's promise.

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#### *Welcome to worship!*

The ushers are ready to assist you in any way.

Please help yourself to materials at the Family Worship Resource Table or the Child Comfort Corner at the sanctuary entrance.

#### **Prelude**

*The Holy Trinity Bells*

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Long-expected God,

**we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide.**

**We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.**

**We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake.**

**Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.**

**Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us,**

**that we may abound in the hope you have promised.**

**Amen.**

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness.

† You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

**Amen.**

#### **Hymn**

*Prepare the Royal Highway (verse 1)*

Hymn 264

- 1 Prepare the royal highway;  
the King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley  
a level road appear!  
Then greet the King of glory,  
foretold in sacred story:

#### **Refrain**

Hosanna to the Lord,  
for he fulfills God's word!

#### **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.**

#### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

**He came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may have hope;  
he came down that we may have hope; hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**Let us pray, Holy God, you send out your Word of life into the world that it would accomplish your purpose of redemption for all of creation. So transform us by this Word that we might deeply internalize it and live our lives according to its guidance. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **Welcome and Greeting**

#### **Gospel Lesson**

John 4:7-14

The gospel according to St. John, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### **Lesson**

Isaiah 55:1-13

- <sup>1</sup> Hear, everyone who thirsts;  
come to the waters;  
and you who have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread  
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup> Now you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.  
<sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
<sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,  
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Christmas Pageant**

*The Holy Trinity Mice*

Izzy Lynch  
Vivian Colvin  
Julian Torres  
Cece Colvin  
Leona Burton  
Sadie Cochran  
Jordyn Webb  
Julian Burton  
Charlee Sanghavi  
Lydia Schumacher  
Teddy Sheely  
Mia Torres

Ada Webb  
Jamie Fink  
Austin Abell  
Isabel Hallas  
Zoey Sanghavi  
Branham Webb  
Claire Christman  
Audrey Hallas  
Noah Schumacher  
Forrest Sheely  
Ben Abell

**Ministry Announcements**

**Prayers of Intercession**     **Response:** hear our prayer.

**LITURGY OF THE MEAL**

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- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment giv'n.
- 2 There is welcome for the sinner,  
and a promised grace made good;  
there is mercy with the Savior;  
there is healing in his blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.
- 3 For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make this love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify its strictness  
with a zeal God will not own.
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;  
it is something more than all:  
greater good because of evil,  
larger mercy through the fall.  
Make our love, O God, more faithful;  
let us take you at your word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving  
for the goodness of the Lord.

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.  
We lift them to the Lord.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy One, the beginning and the end... Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.** *sit*

### Communion

*All baptized believers of Christ as their Savior are invited to the table. Please approach the table as you are ready.*

*Children are invited to receive a blessing.*

*You may request gluten-free bread or grape juice by raising a finger to the communion server.*

### Blessing *stand*

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

### Closing Hymn

*All Earth is Hopeful*

Hymn 266

- 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.
- 2 People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:  
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";  
she conceived him, "God with us,"  
our brother, whose birth  
restores hope and courage to children of this earth.
- 3 Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;  
new highways opened, new protocols declared.  
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!  
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!
- 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.

### Prayer after Communion

God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

### SENDING

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### Blessing & Dismissal

May God who comes among us, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace, together in Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude

**Chancel flowers today are given** by Lynn Anderson in memory of loved ones.

## **Liturgical Ministers**

**Preacher & Presiding Minister:** Pastor Steve Wachtman **Director of Equipping Ministers:** Laura Hudson  
**Minister of Music:** Joshua Brodbeck **Director of Faith Formation:** Noelle Fox

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