



FIRST WEEKEND OF
ADVENT

November 26 & 27, 2022

"Faith as a Way of Life"

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Also on Sunday: Radio Broadcast on WRMN 1410 AM &
Live Stream: [Holy Trinity Lutheran Church \(holytrinityelgin.com\)](http://holytrinityelgin.com)

Our Purpose Statement:

A Christ-centered church sharing faith, hope, and love with each other, our neighbors, and the world.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Sisters and brothers, today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we set apart *these advent paraments* to the glory of God. Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe,
for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift;
you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children;
and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.
Send your blessing on *these paraments*, which we set apart today;
may they adorn this house, show us the beauty of holiness,
and so proclaim the glory of your majesty.

To you, O God, be all glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Advent Candle - Hope

God, what does hope taste like?

Does it taste like clear cool water after a faithful run

God says, faith is a path.

God light our path with Hope

Help us to the light the Hope candle

So we might find your justice, mercy and light.

Opening Hymn: The King Shall Come

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Call to Worship

God, we gather in faith

Looking for your ways

God we gather looking for you

Stay with us, as we gather in your name God

Call to Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Come all you who are heavy burdened, let us lay them at God's feet.

God, we confess that we want faith to be an easy answer to all of our questions, not a path to follow. I confess that like the disciples, sometimes keeping watch does not feel like enough. Sometimes faith does not feel like something to keep for others, or likes something that others can keep for me when I have a long lonely night of despair. I confess that sometimes the emptiness feels too overwhelming for me to trust the community to keep faith for me. Forgive us when we make one person keep faith alone. Help us to be a community of faith we pray. Amen.

Jesus is with us, we are never alone. So know the truth:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, you proved your faithfulness to your people when they cried out to you in distress. Be present in our distress, and show us how to be faithful to you in the midst of suffering. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Sermon

only)

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Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4 3:17-19

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

⁵Look at the nations, and see! Be astonished! Be astounded! For a work is being done in your days that you would not believe if you were told. ⁶For I am rousing the Chaldeans, that fierce and impetuous nation, who march through the breadth of the earth to seize dwellings not their own. ⁷Dread and fearsome are they; their justice and dignity proceed from themselves.

²I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer

concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

¹⁷Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will exult in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights. To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: *Emmanuel by Steve Angrisano*

soloist, Robert Balsamo
(Sunday only)

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Matthew 26:36-38

The holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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Blessing for the Beginning of Internship

O God, who through the Holy Spirit illumines the mind and sanctifies the lives of those who are called to rostered leadership in your church: look with favor upon the seminaries of our church in their efforts to instruct and form those who are to serve in the Sacred Ministry of the Gospel. Bless your people in this congregation who by word and example aid your servant, Vicar Andrea in learning to grow into a pastoral identity, develop a pastoral imagination, and grow in the competencies of ministry. Grant as we continue to serve together, submitting ourselves in obedience to your Son and guided by your Spirit, that our lives may be enriched and our ministries fulfilled with joy -- to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

It is the task of the student under the direction of the supervising pastor and in mutuality with the congregation to learn by doing and become by being.

I ask you, Andrea, are you willing to embrace this time of intentional teaching and learning in your ministry here, and will you seek God's guidance to be challenged and grow for the sake of the Gospel and to the Glory of God? If so, answer, "I am ready. May God help me, empower me, and form me in this ministry."

Vicar: I am ready. May God help me, empower me, and form me in this ministry.

(The congregation will rise.)

It is our opportunity as members of this congregation to serve as a teaching and learning congregation for a student in formation for Rostered Ministry in the ELCA. It is our opportunity to serve as place of learning and growth for Vicar Andrea who now begins her internship. It is our opportunity to accompany Andrea as she seeks to grow toward competence in the essential practices of ministry, to deepen her pastoral identity, and to embrace the call that God has placed upon her life.

Now I ask you, will you accompany and support this servant of God during internship? Will you uphold her in prayer? Will you help her grow into God's call for her life? If so, answer, "Yes, with God's help."

Yes, with God's help.

Almighty God, by whose call we are at work, bless and empower us in our ministry that what we do together will be pleasing in your sight and bring honor to your holy name.

Let us pray. Almighty God, we ask you to bless Vicar Andrea and this congregation. May this time of internship be rich with opportunities for growth. May we accompany her with grace. May we guide her with love. May we nurture her with compassion. Offer your continual help to all who labor in your love and service. Grant us your spirit, power and wisdom, steadfastness of faith, and hope for all good things; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care (*especially*). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Peace

The ministers and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

I invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Offering Prayer

Eternal God,

you make the desert bloom

and send springs of water to thirsty ground.

Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,

and make us messengers of your mercy and love

for all in need of your healing and justice.

We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

Dialogue

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:



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
 heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table: Advent

Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.
When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.
At this end of the ages
your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

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 life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again
in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us
and on this bread and wine we share:
strengthen our faith,
increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen!

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

Invitation to Communion

Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God, who has come to save you.

*All are welcome at Christ's Table. Please come up to the communion rails, either kneel
or stand as you are able.*

Sharing the meal

Communion Solo: Will You Come and Follow Me

(Sunday only)

soloist, Robert Balsamo

Blessing after communion

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

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God,

in this meal you have remembered your mercy,

bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.

As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,

sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.
Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Interim Pastor	Rev. Dave Daubert
Vicar	Andrea Delaney
Organist	Matt Wahl
Soloist (Sunday only)	Robert Balsamo
Radio Host (Sunday only)	Bruce Cook

Our Tithes & Offerings

When we practice gratitude, we begin to understand that everything is a gift from God and we can praise God for the gifts we have received which, in turn, leads us to be generous stewards of those gifts. As we seek to gather an offering for the mission of Holy Trinity in these times, we thank you for your sustained giving and support!

Regular Offering last week was \$2,301

Gathering Hymn

The King Shall Come



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

Hymn of the Day

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

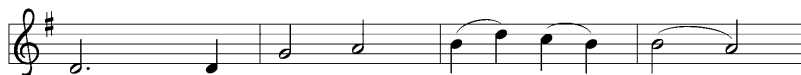
Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Sending Hymn

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



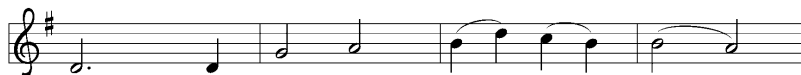
1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for our sal - va - tion slain;
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
all the saints this world re - ject - ed
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



join to sing the glad re - frain:
thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:
claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799