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First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2009

Holy Communion – 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

The Three Settings of *Saviour of the Nations, Come* J.S. Bach
from the *Eighteen Great Chorales*

SILENT PROCESSION OF CHOIR AND CLERGY (10:30)

THE ANTIPHON (10:30)

O Emmanuel from the Great “O” Antiphons Peter Hallock

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the desire of the nations and their salvation:
come and save us, O Lord our God.

Christopher Wietig, tenor

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things we have done

and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you,

and uphold us by your Spirit,

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy,

loved us even when we were dead in sin,

and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,

that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

THE HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel “Veni, Emmanuel”

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GREETING

From the one who was, who is,

and who is to come:

Grace and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

(10:30 only)

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

HOLY BAPTISM

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In 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."

THE ANTHEM (10:30)

Zion Hears the Watchmen Calling from *Cantata 140* J.S. Bach

Zion hears the watchmen calling; the faithful hark with joy entralling; they rise and haste to greet their Lord. See, He comes, the Lord victorious, almighty, noble, true and glorious, in heav'n supreme, on earth adored. Come now, Thou Holy One, the Lord Jehovah's Son! Alleluia! We follow all the joyful call to join Him in the banquet hall.

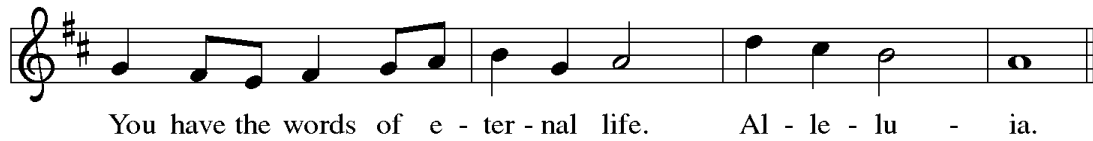
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

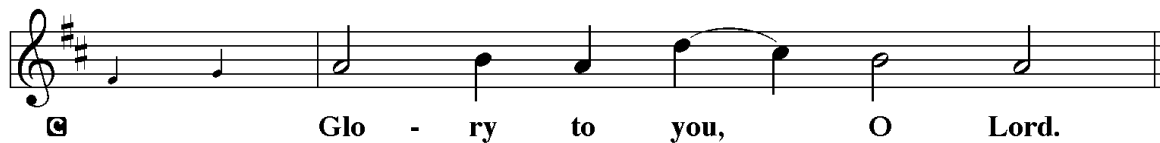
¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke



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.

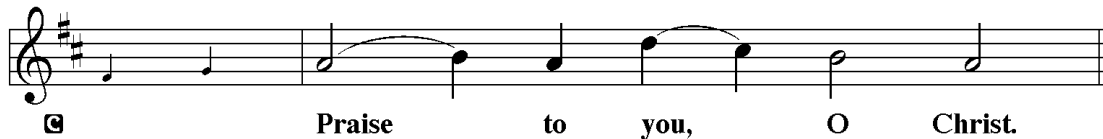
²⁵There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son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

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things

taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴Be 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, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be 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.



SERMON

The Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior of the Nations, Come

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“Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland”

CREED (8:30)

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,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 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,*
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Waiting and watching for our sure and certain hope, let us pray for the world redeemed, the church reformed, and for all people restored in the coming one.

A brief silence.

God of promise, your intention for the world is peace, justice, and righteousness. Keep this hopeful vision in our hearts, and strengthen us toward its fulfillment. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of righteousness, you call your people to live out your ways in the world. Give to the church your spirit of compassion and love, and increase our love for one another and for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, you know the fears and terrors we face. Be the strength of the weak, the addicted, the anxious, and those immobilized by fear. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of restoration, by your hand the heavens and the earth and all their inhabitants are continually being fashioned. As outer space and ocean depths continue to be explored, strengthen us to care for your creation and steward its resources faithfully. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, your word is a constant lamp for our feet and a light to our path. Lead this congregation in your ways, keep us mindful of the needy and forgotten, and strengthen our service to them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, the generations rise and pass away before you. As we remember the lives of all your saints, inspire us by their witness and support us by their communion as we continue in your word that will not pass away. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Alert and on guard for the coming of the Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting all things to your never-failing love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING (8:30)*Comfort Ye and Every Valley from Messiah*

G. F. Handel

Comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplish'd, that her iniquity is pardon'd. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Ev'ry valley shall be exalted and ev'ry mountain and hill made low: the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

Jason Weisinger, tenor

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING (10:30)*And the Glory of the Lord from Messiah*

G. F. Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together...

God of mercy and grace,**the eyes of all wait upon you,****and you open your hand in blessing.****From all that you have given us, receive these gifts,****signs of our thanksgiving and praise.****Fill us with good things at your table****that we may come to the help of all in need;****through Jesus Christ, our redeemer.****Amen.****OFFERTORY***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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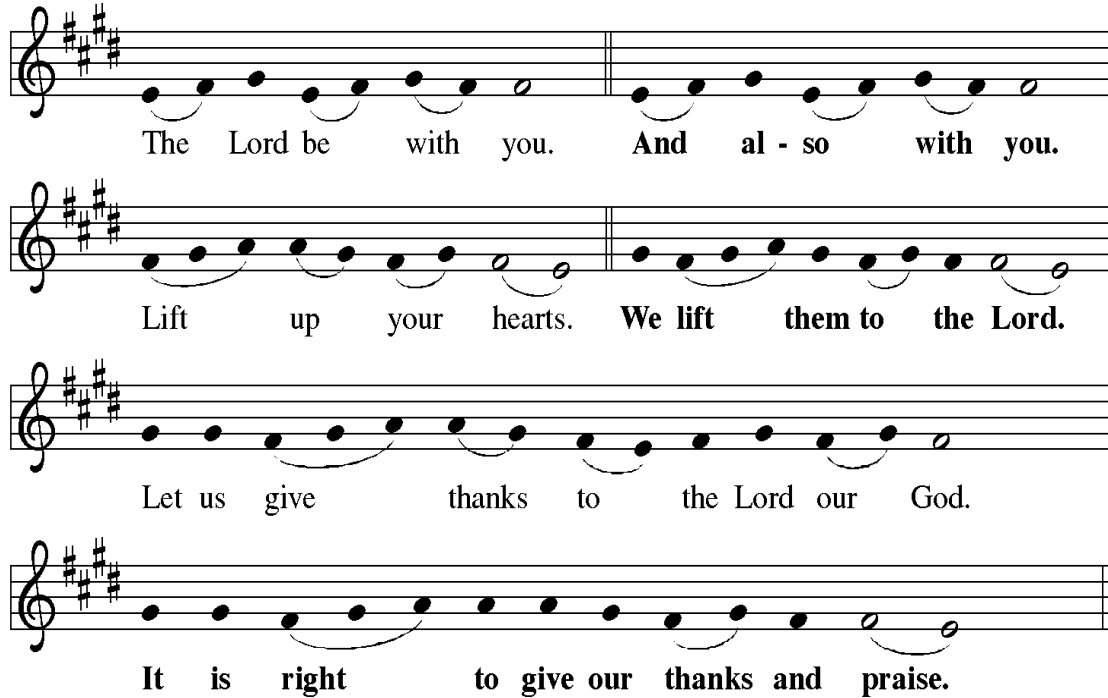
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

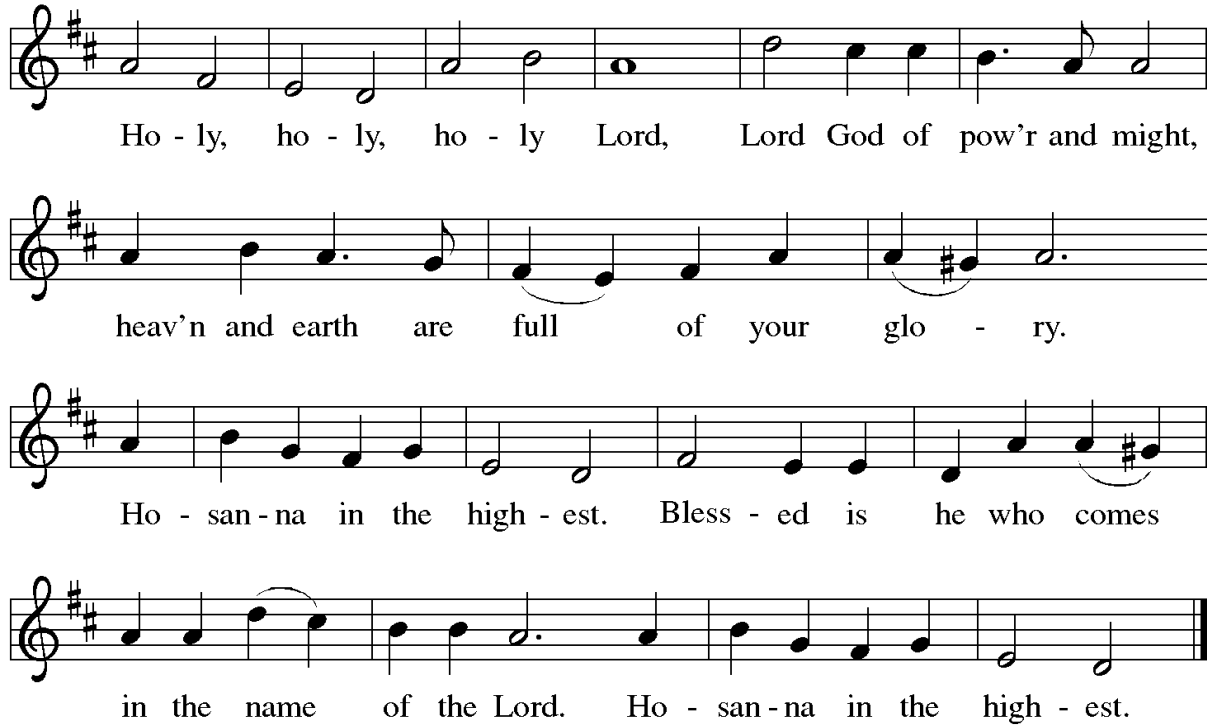
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 again 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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
 the Word made flesh.

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.

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.

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.

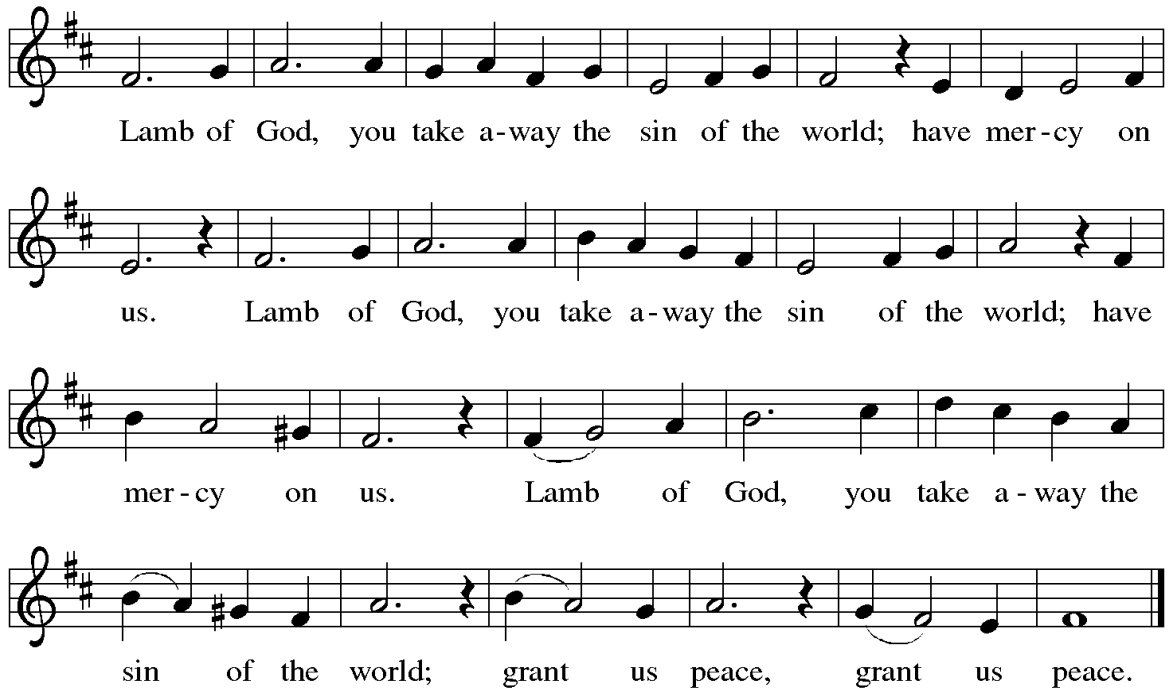
LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, 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.**

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

MOTET AT COMMUNION (8:30)

Panis Angelicus

César Franck

The bread of the angels is made the bread of man: the giver shows Himself in the form of the bread of heaven. O miraculous thing! To eat the Lord as an unworthy, humble servant. We implore Thee, triune God, so come to us that we dwell in you; through your ways lead us, who reach to you, to the light where you live.

Jason Weisinger, tenor

COMMUNION MOTETS (10:30)

Thee We Adore

T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, Thee, Who in Thy sacrament art pleased to be; both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail. Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail. O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to men doth here afford! O may our souls for ever feed on Thee, and Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God, cleanse us, unclean, in Thy most cleansing flood; increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from Thy presence flow. Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be, to gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face, the vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.

I Sat Down Under His Shadow

Edward Bairstow

I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**BLESSING**

The God of hope strengthen your hearts
as you await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
with all the saints.

Almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Blessed Be the God of Israel* “Forest Green”

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Communion Statement

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Non-communing adults and children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so. For those who are allergic to wheat, you may receive gluten-free wafers from the Pastor.

<i>HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP</i>

Congregational Council

Paul Bauchle, President Barbara Wozniak, Vice President
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 Carol Littlefield, Parish Accountant
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 Patrick Ryan, Steward of Buildings and Grounds
 Phillip Schlueter, Curator of the Organs
 Justin Pomietlarz, Youth Choir Director

The Rev. Dr. Charles D. Bang
 The Rev. John A. Buerk
 The Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

<i>THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY</i>

SUNDAY, November 29, 2009 – First Sunday in Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
 9:30 a.m. Adult Education (FR)
 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/baptism (MC)
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)/ Crib Room/Nursery (CI)
 11:45 a.m. Greening of the Church w/lunch

MONDAY, November 30, 2009

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)

TUESDAY, December 1, 2009 *Happy Birthday Pat Ryan*

- 4:30 p.m. Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus (MC)
 5:00 p.m. Lectio Divina (CH)
 6:30 p.m. Healing Together (CR)
 7:00 p.m. Advent Program (FR)
 7:30 p.m. Yoga (SS)

WEDNESDAY, December 2, 2009

- 9:30 a.m. VCJC Meeting (FR)
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)
 12:00 Noon Trinity Lunch Bunch
 5:30 p.m. WELCA/Needlers
 6:00 p.m. Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus (MC)
 6:00 p.m. Investment/Finance Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Chris Ed Meeting

THURSDAY, December 3, 2009

- 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir (SS)
 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (MR)
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MR)
 7:00 p.m. AA (RH)

FRIDAY, December 4, 2009 *Happy Birthday Chuck Rojek*

- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Moms Cookie Bake (RH)
 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (MC)

SATURDAY, December 5, 2009

- 4:30 p.m. McFarland/Zirpola Wedding (MC)

SUNDAY, December 6, 2009 – Second Sunday in Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
 9:30 a.m. Adult Education (FR)
 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/First Communion (MC)
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)/ Crib Room/Nursery (CI)
 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (FI)
 12:00 Noon Confirmation Luncheon (FR)

CH = Mansperger Chapel
 FR = Fellowship Room
 MR = Music Room
 SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room
 FI = Fireside Room/Library
 PS = Pastor's Study
 SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room
 MC = Main Church
 RH = Redeemer Hall
 YR = Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bang's Monday morning Bible Study will continue tomorrow, November 30 at 9:30 a.m.

Adult Education: This week we welcome Bob Franke from the Grant-Ferry organization, a group which is working to improve one of Buffalo's struggling neighborhoods, but one with great potential. Next Sunday our guest will be Diane Picard from the Massachusetts Avenue Project. MAP has focused on some very innovative programs, including an urban fish farm, to try to improve nutrition and access of fresh food as well as serving as an incubator for potential businesses. Our focus on feeding the needy will continue on December 13 with a presentation from the Loaves and Fishes Dining Room on Elmwood Avenue. On December 20 Roy Clare will re-introduce us to the music of the holidays.

Healing Together, the bereavement group run by Pastor Olsen, will meet the first Tuesday of each month beginning on December 1 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend and we encourage those who have experienced a loss to attend a meeting to see what our group is all about.

The next yoga class for beginners will be held this Tuesday, December 1 at the church from 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. An offering of \$5 is suggested. Please see Uli MacDonald for more information.

The "Trinity Lunch Bunch" will continue with a *hot lunch* each Wednesday in the activity room at Trinity Tower. Residents of Trinity Tower and senior members of Holy Trinity are welcome to come. A free will offering will be collected to cover the cost of the lunch.

The holidays are just around the corner and once again the Men's Group will begin collecting food and monetary donations for food baskets for the needy. The drive will continue through December 16.

Everyone is invited to help decorate the church for the Christmas season following the 10:30 a.m. service today. Lunch will be served for all who help decorate.

Once again the congregation is being asked to contribute toward the purchase of poinsettias and wreaths which will be hung in the church and placed in the chancel for Christmas. Order forms are available in the narthexes or in the December issue of *Our Church Paper*.

The congregational Christmas party will take place on FRIDAY, December 11. Reception in Fellowship Room at 5:30 p.m.; dinner in Redeemer Hall at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$8.00 adults/\$5 children/\$20 family price. Reservations must be made by today.

New News for the Newsletter!! In 2010, our “Church Paper” will be available online. You have a choice to make. Every recipient with an e-mail address on file will be sent a reminder that the latest edition of the newsletter is available, along with our embedded link to the site. If you wish to receive a print edition, you must communicate that to the church office 886-2400 as soon as possible. If you have an e-mail address, please send us a note to htlcofelca@aol.com. Thank you.

“Worship to go” are looking for volunteers to join them once a month to local health care facilities on Sunday afternoons. They are in need of musicians and those who would like to help with the service. The first Sunday of the month they go to Tonawanda Manor at 2:00 p.m. The second Sunday of the month they are at Wedgewood at 2:30 p.m. and the fourth Sunday of the month they are at Winwood on Delaware at 2:00 p.m. Please call Sister Donna if you would be available to help out in this very rewarding ministry.

ADVENT SCHEDULE

Each Tuesday in Advent, December 1, 8, 15 and 22 beginning at 7:00 p.m. and concluding at 8:30 p.m., we will gather for dessert, coffee and conversation on the book of faith “Advent Reflections”. Please join us each week or any week. If you would like to pick up a copy of the Advent Reflections book in advance of the study, please see either Pastor Bang or Pastor Olsen.

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 p.m. Church Family service at Holy Trinity

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Communion service at Parkside

9:45 p.m. Preservice music at Holy Trinity with full choir and instruments

10:30 p.m. Festival candlelight service of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30 a.m. Christmas service at Parkside

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At 8:30 a.m. the acolyte is Kelsi Hopkins. Lay reader is Susan Bundt. Communion assistant is Peter Bergenstock. Ushers are Kenneth and Ruth James.

At 10:30 a.m. the lay reader is Paul Kroll. Greeters are Ruth Kinmartin, Melissa Haller and Karen Kolb. Ushers are Martin Bauer (captain), Mark Bauer, Mary Sue Bauer, Scott Carmer, Clay Davis, Paul Hoebel, Anthony and Donna Kolody, Karen Reardon and James Van Slyke. Communion Assistants are Janet Archer, Ronald Leiser, Andrew Bauer and Emily Kaufmann. Worship assistants are Andrew Bauer and Emily Kaufmann, crucifers; Stefan Reboy, John Chen Brett, Abigail Hunt, Joshua Reboy and Dana Nostro.

The flowers at the altar are given in honor of Avery Matthew Best’s baptism by Helen and Martin Wright.



The sacrament of Holy Baptism has several parts which together constitute the fullness of the sacrament of initiation into the community of faith: presentation, thanksgiving, renunciation, profession of faith, baptism with water, laying on of hands and signation, and welcome into the congregation. Today we welcome into the Lord's family and in our fellowship in the gospel Avery Matthew, infant son of Matthew and Kristen Best.



**PLEASE, TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS
DURING WORSHIP. THANK YOU.**

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