

### Today's Ministers

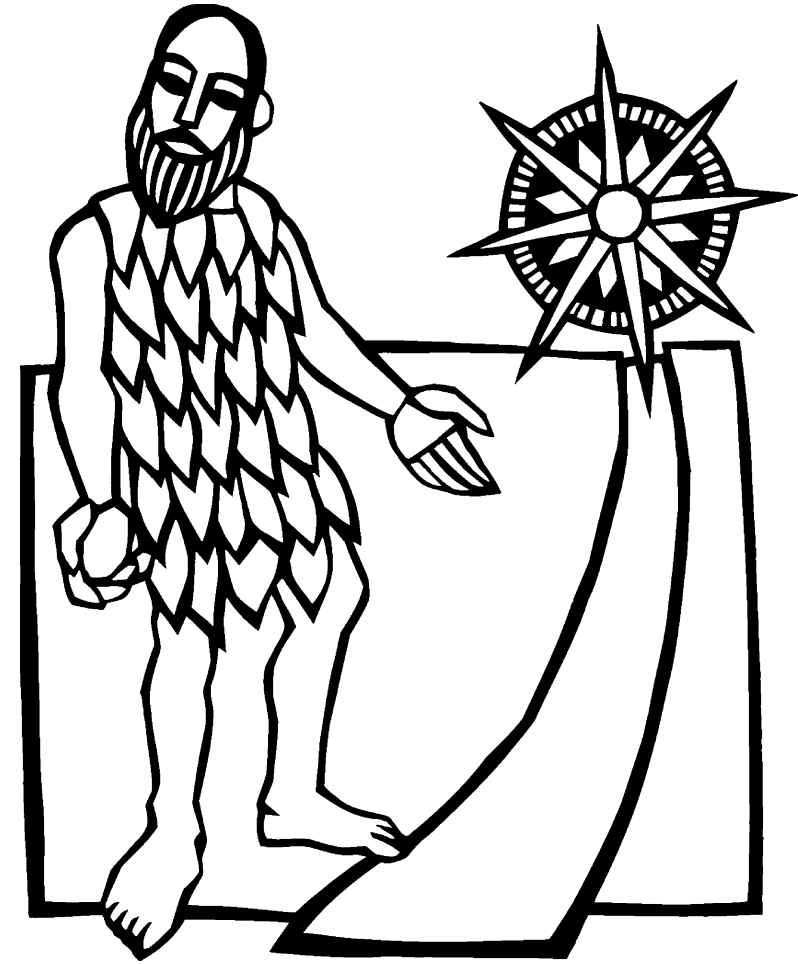
Presider: Vicar Aaron  
Preaching: Vicar Aaron  
Assisting Minister: Pat Benoit  
Crucifer: Karson Hanson  
Acolyte: Aldwin Kellar  
Reader: Tami Robinson  
Children's Message: Karissa Armbrust  
Music: Karissa Armbrust  
Audio/Streaming: Karson Hanson  
& Andrew Hanson

Greeters: Tami Robinson & Joyce Becht  
Ushers: Steve & Renee VanAtter  
Altar Guild: The Benoits  
Counters: Edith Hannett & Bryce Quarve  
Fellowship: Lee & Marilyn Jackson  
Bread: Tami Robinson  
Wine: Henderson  
Eternal Candle: Henderson  
Flowers:

### Next Week's Ministers – December 21

Presider: Vicar Aaron  
Preaching: Vicar Aaron  
Assisting Minister: Karissa Armbrust  
Crucifer: Cedar Hilger  
Acolyte: Zander Radke  
Reader: Margretta Spady  
Children's Message: Vicar Aaron  
Music: Bryce Leifeste  
Audio/Streaming: Karson Hanson  
& **TBD**

Greeters: Judy & Lloyd Kellar  
Ushers: Darrel & Peggy Miller  
Altar Guild: Kristina Radke  
Counters: Andrew Hanson & Sierra Armbrust  
Fellowship: **TBD**  
Bread: Tami Robinson  
Wine: Henderson  
Eternal Candle: Henderson  
Flowers: Hellers/Greens



Third Sunday of Advent  
Year C  
December 14, 2025



Welcome!

Mission Statement

Trinity Lutheran is a place to gather, refresh the faithful, and reach out with word and service to all others through the Holy Gospel.

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Land Acknowledgement

Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homeland of the Shoshone-Bannock, Nūūmū (Northern Paiute), Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla tribes.

Our location here was made possible by the displacement and dispossession of these tribes. We acknowledge and honor these tribes, who have and continue to care for this land, which is their home since time immemorial.

Follow us on



Services are live streamed on our Facebook and YouTube pages, and the bulletin is available on the website to follow along.

Who We Are

Trinity Lutheran Church is a congregation in the Treasure Valley Cluster in the Northwest Intermountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) which is one of 150 member churches in 96 countries that are part of the Lutheran World Federation.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Today 9:00 am  
10:00 am  
11:15 am

Sunday School  
Worship  
Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday 12:00 pm  
2 – 4 pm  
7:00 pm

Al-Anon (Sunday School room)  
Study Group (Koinonia Room)  
Church Council meeting

Wednesday 6:15 pm  
7:00 pm

Advent Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall)  
Blue Christmas Service

Thursday 6:30 pm

Al-Anon (Fellowship Hall)

NEXT WEEK

December 21 9:00 am  
10:00 am  
11:00 am  
11:15 am  
12-3 pm

Sunday School  
Worship  
Pack/Deliver Christmas Food Boxes  
Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)  
D&D Session

Monday 9:00 pm

Epistle Articles Due

Tuesday 12:00 pm  
2 – 4 pm

Al-Anon (Sunday School room)  
Study Group (Koinonia Room)

Wednesday 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service  
Christmas Eve

Thursday

Christmas

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**For healing:** Colton (Fran & Elwood's grandson – brain tumor)  
Monica Perez (friend of Edith Hannett – in need of a kidney)  
Angel Bray (Cancer is dormant – Margretta's granddaughter)  
Alex Witherspoon (healing from traumatic brain injury – Amanda Hanson)  
Eileen Warner (Received pacemaker. Kristina Radke's Mom)  
Linda Larson (in treatment for lymphoma – Mary Braudrick)  
Tina Zielinski (Ankle/Leg healing daughter of Randy & Martha Miller)  
Cody (Youth with heart condition – Emily Bentley)  
Addie (Teenage Crohn's disease – Cathy Winwood)  
Rita (Renee's sister -- Renee VanAtter)  
Linda Dombeck (health issues – Mary Braudrick)  
Gail Leininger (recovering from shoulder surgery – Mary Helen)  
Jamie Senne (baby diagnosed with heart condition)  
Glynis Calhoun (post-surgery recovery – Mary Braudrick)  
Shawn Houston (upcoming surgery – Linda Dombeck)  
Heather Baldini (having hysterectomy surgery – Kristina Radke)  
Heidi Baldwin (health issues – Carr family)

**For Andrew** (from Elizabeth Schnabel)  
**For Berger Family** (mourning loss of daughter from Mary Helen & Gail)  
**For Allissa Smiley** (mourning loss of husband Joe – Mary Helen)  
**For Family of Amy Bal** (died from pneumonia -- from Radke Family)  
**For Mitchell family** (mourning loss father Malcom – Mary Helen)  
**For Daughter in Iowa** (searching for Nurse Practitioner job – Mary B)  
**For Shannon Miller** (mourning loss of Pat Malloy, past member of Trinity)  
**For EJ & Laura Clubb** (mourning loss of Elvin Clubb – Lloyd & Judy Kellar)  
**For Jane Leininger** (mourning loss of mother – Gail Leininger)  
**For Jerry Radke** (has been moved to nursing home – Radke family)  
**For Family of Lisa Therrell** (mourning loss of Lisa Therrell)

### People in the Armed Services:

Brett Collins (grandson of Helen Collins – Marines)  
John C. Collins II (grandson of Helen Collins – Navy SEAL)  
Bill MacDonald (Navy)  
Amanda Love (Cathy Winwood's Niece – Army)

*Prayer concerns will be removed after two months on the list  
unless you let the office know otherwise.*

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

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

### Guide to the Bulletin

**C: Congregation** P: Presider A: Assisting Minister R: Reader

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please rise as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

*Gather the children around the font. Invite the children to repeat each sentence.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: We praise you, O God, for water.

**C: We praise you, O God, for water.**

P: We need water to drink.

**C: We need water to drink.**

P: We need water to wash.

**C: We need water to wash.**

P: We need water to grow.

**C: We need water to grow.**

P: We praise you, O God, for water.

**C: We praise you, O God, for water.**

P: We praise you, O God, for baptism.

**C: We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

P: We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.

**C: We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.**

*Invite the children to stretch their hands out over the font. Pour water over their hands into the font.*

P: We praise you, O God, for water.

**C: We praise you, O God, for water.**

P: Amen, with water.

**C: Amen, with water.**

*Invite the children to mark their own or one another's foreheads with water and the sign of the cross.*



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS** – will be happening this month on the the 17<sup>th</sup>. Soup time is 6:15pm and the evening worship service is at 7pm, including on Christmas Eve. We encourage everyone to attend as we share food and faith during this holiday season.

**HEALTHCARE VIGIL** – Bishop Meggan Manlove is encouraging members to attend a candlelight vigil Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Lloyds Square.

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

**John of the Cross, renewer of the church, died 1591**

John was a member of the Carmelite monastic order, and worked to reform it. His writings reflect a deep interest in mystical thought and meditation.

**Tuesday, December 16, 2025**

**Las Posadas (LLC)**

This celebration, long popular in Mexico, takes its name from the "posadas," or lodgings, sought by Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. Their search is reenacted in a neighborhood, unsuccessfully, until finally they are welcomed in, and a party commences.

**Saturday, December 20, 2025**

**Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church, died 1552**

Born to an impoverished nobleman, Katie eventually took vows as a nun, but around age twenty-four she and several other nuns who were influenced by the writings of Martin Luther left the convent. Six children were born to Katie and Martin.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DONATIONS BY VERSE** – One of the readings for December 14<sup>th</sup> is from James 5:7. The verse talks about the patience the farmer has for the land to produce precious crops. Church in Community is asking that you bring in cans of vegetables for the pantry. Thank you!

**ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET** – Pick up a printed copy in the Narthex or see the PDF version on our website!

**FOOD PANTRY** – Thanks to everyone who brought in food and hygiene items for the food pantry! – Church in Community

**ENDING YEAR OF GRATITUDE** -- A great way to end our year of gratitude is to remember to be thankful to Trinity members for all their support (monetarily & physically through hard work) that helped with Church in Community projects this past year. Trinity has touched the lives of many in our community and we are so incredibly grateful and thankful for this. – Church in Community

**CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES** – Church in Community is wanting to fill 6 food baskets for people in need this Christmas. Please purchase item(s) and return to church by Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Food items go in the big basket in the Narthex and gift cards go into the VanAtter's mailbox or into the office. On Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>, after church service, please plan on staying to help pack and deliver the food baskets. Thank you!

**DECEMBER NOISY OFFERING** -- On Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> will be going towards assisting the senior citizen program through Lake Lowell Animal Rescue. Many senior citizens are on a limited budget and struggle to pay their heating, power, and other bills in the winter while having enough money to buy food for their pets. Monies collected will be used to purchase cat and dog food for these senior citizens. If you prefer, you can purchase cat/dog foods and bring them into the church. Boxes will be in the Narthex for collection. Here are a few guidelines for your donations: All pet foods must be made in the USA; Only 5–10-pound bags (weight lifting restrictions for senior citizens); Small bags of cat litter; Gently used blankets are also needed. Thanks so much for caring!

**EQUAL EXCHANGE** -- These products make great Christmas gifts for bosses, teachers, co-workers, family and friends. An Equal Exchange gift will give twice—it gives back to the famers AND to the receiver. Oops, it gives THREE times! When you purchase an Equal Exchange item in November and December you will be entered into a drawing to win Equal Exchange goodies! Thanks to the many Trinity members who donated monies towards the raffles!

## **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

## **KYRIE**



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORY TO GOD

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.  
C: Thanks be to God.  
C: I love this Church!

*Consider taking your bulletin home with you  
so that you can pray for those on our prayer list during the week  
and will know what activities are happening this week at Trinity.*



Notes

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**SENDING HYMN****People, Look East****ELW #248**

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.***You may be seated.***The Last-Minute Christmas Program**

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran's Intergenerational Christmas Program. Your participation is greatly appreciated but not required. All songs lyrics are printed below so you can join us in singing. Karissa will help guide us. There are slips of paper at the end of each pew. Details will be provided during the program on what we will do with them. Please enjoy the program and have a very Merry Christmas. And don't forget to join us for Christmas cookie decorating after worship. Thank You, Amanda and Sierra.

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
 "Glory to the new born King,  
 peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
 God and sinners reconciled!"  
 Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
 join the triumph of the skies;  
 with th' angelic host proclaim,  
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
 Hark! the herald angels sing,  
 "Glory to the new born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings,  
 risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by,  
 born that man no more may die,  
 born to raise the sons of earth,  
 born to give us second birth.  
 Hark! the herald angels sing,  
 "Glory to the new born King!"

## O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him  
Born the King of Angels:

*Chorus*

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!  
Glory to God  
In the highest

## What Child Is This?

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!  
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!

*Please rise as you are able.*

## COMMUNION HYMN (2)

## Each Winter as the Year Grows Older

ELW #252



1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,  
2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for  
3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from  
4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the  
5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the  
war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and  
death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that  
north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can  
pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.  
scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.  
we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.  
kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.  
new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

## SENDING

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

*Please rise as you are able.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray

A: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## BLESSING

P: God, the Source of glory,  
God, the Word of life,  
God, the Spirit of truth

✙ bless you all, now and forever.

C: Amen.



*You may be seated.*  
*The ushers will tell you when it is time to go up to receive communion.*

**DISTRIBUTION**

**Holy Communion**  
Everyone, including children, who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome to Christ's table.

**Gluten free wafers** are available. Simply ask the Pastor.

**Cups in the tray: The inner ring of cups is white grape juice.**  
The outer ring of cups is rose wine.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God

ACS Setting 12

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.

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

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  
  
For Christ is born of Mary  
And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King  
And Peace to men on earth

*You may be seated.*

**THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*Please rise as you are able.*

## The Advent Wreath

One of the best-known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting in the midst of growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. Sometimes the wreath is embellished with natural dried flowers or fruit. Its evergreen branches lead the household and the congregation to the evergreen Christmas tree. In many homes, the family gathers for prayers around the wreath.

### Third Week of Advent

*Use this blessing when lighting three candles.*

P: Blessed are you, God of might and majesty, for you promise to make the desert rejoice and blossom, to watch over the strangers, and to set the prisoners free.

As we light these candles, satisfy our hunger with your good gifts, open our eyes to the great things you have done for us, and fill us with patience until the coming of the Lord Jesus.

P: O ransomed people of the Lord, come,

**C: let us travel on God's holy way and enter into Zion with singing. Amen.**

P: O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.

In Christ you bring life from death; ..... The earth is full of your glory.

**C: The earth is full of your glory.**

P: We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth. 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.

P: 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.

P: Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:  
The earth is full of your glory.

**C: The earth is full of your glory.**

P: O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, .....  
The earth is full of your glory.

**C: The earth is full of your glory.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C: 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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who are hungry, come!

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

All are welcome to Christ's table.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful  
might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life..... The earth is full of your glory.

**C: The earth is full of your glory.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your  
promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your  
mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

You may now greet those around you saying "Peace be with you".  
You may shake hands, bump elbows, hold up two fingers in the "Peace sign".  
Do whichever is comfortable for you.

You may be seated. Our liturgy continues with the offering.



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

You may also give online at: [nampatrinity.org](http://nampatrinity.org)

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### OFFERING SONG

### He Came Down

ELW #253



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have light; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have joy;

Please rise as you are able.

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure.  
Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the  
gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the  
world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C: Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

## THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....

.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn: