

OUR ADVENT EVENSONG WITH LESSONS AND CAROLS is *tonight* at 5:00 p.m. at Trinity. Come and welcome the beginning of the Advent season!

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Hank Cossairt, (Nov. 30); Matthew Oolman, (Nov. 30); Joe Rottman, (Nov. 30); Mary Baldwin, (Dec. 1); George Engen, (Dec. 2); Emory Brunett Sr. (Dec. 3); Daniel Travsky, (Dec. 3) and Owen Cossairt, (Dec. 6). Happy Birthday!

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Lutheran University Ministries will be Caroling for Cans! This includes a collection at Trinity as well as an adventure to caroling in the Laramie Community on December 10th @ 5 p.m. Cans will be donated to Interfaith following our caroling event. If you would like to join them, please contact Adam Huck @ ahuck@uwyo.edu or 720-324-0520.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held on December 14 at 10:30 a.m. Rehearsals are held during Sunday School times, so attendance is very important! Please provide Jennifer Lyford with contact information for your child or call her (760-1411) with any questions you may have.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! There will be openings on Church Council for next year. Please consider running for Council for 2015. Let a current Council member know if you're interested or have questions about what this commitment entails. It's a wonderful way to share your time and talents.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: Join us for worship as we celebrate the *Nativity of our Lord Jesus* on Wednesday, December 24th.

5:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols

9:00 p.m. Holy Communion Candlelight Service

FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

During the Advent season we watch & wait for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. Christ came to us as a baby in Bethlehem. Christ comes among us now in the Word and Sacraments. And Christ will come again at the end of the ages. Our response to Christ's love and forgiveness is joyful service to our neighbors, those who are next door and those around the world. Grateful for the faithful who have gone before us, Trinity congregation celebrates new opportunities for ministry. We pray for an awareness of God's "new thing" springing forth among us. May God inspire us to respond openly and generously.

Please place your "Plan for Giving" form in the consecration box near the baptismal font in the center aisle. Your time and talent offerings will be tabulated and shared with congregational leaders. They will invite you to offer your gifts to God's ministry at Trinity. Note: Your financial commitments will be kept confidential. Have you misplaced your "plan for giving" form? See Andrea Toven or Pastor Rachel to obtain another.

THE FINANCE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER is the financial update for the first ten months of 2014

Jan-Oct. budgeted expenses: \$183842.96

(yearly budget divided by 12 * 10)

Jan-Oct. actual general fund expenses (checks written): \$172512.87

Jan-Oct. actual deposits to general unrestricted account: \$164839.68

Financial status: Yearly unrestricted offerings versus general fund expenses as of 10/31: - **\$7643.49**

This indicates that we are not meeting giving expectations to support the annual budget. Please review your current giving and consider expanding your offerings for the end of the year and into the future as you are able.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 2nd Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

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Serving the Church

	<u>TODAY (11/30)</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY (12/7)</u>
<i>Lector:</i>	8:00 a.m. Maia Anderson	8:00 a.m. Steve Boss
	10:30 a.m. Eric Nye	10:30 a.m. Debbe Conyers
<i>Acolyte:</i>	8:00 a.m. Trey Muhsman	8:00 a.m. Madie Jablin
	10:30 a.m. Ian Meyer	10:30 a.m. Marlena Meyer
<i>Ushers:</i>	8:00 a.m. Mark Rehwaldt	8:00 a.m. The Jablin Family
	Jennie Lawrence	
	10:30 a.m. Debbe Conyers	10:30 a.m. Jason & Trey Sherwood
	Lindsay Conyers	
<i>Greeters:</i>	8:00 a.m. Mari & Mikayla Martinez	8:00 a.m. Mark Rehwaldt
	10:30 a.m. Ed & Lois Hiller	Jennie Lawrence
		10:30 a.m. George & Jennifer Zenor
<i>Nursery:</i>	8:00 a.m. Hailey Anderson	8:00 a.m. Lexi Dockter
	10:30 a.m. Lexi Dockter	10:30 a.m. Rosalind Kidwell

Stewards: S. Boss & J. Lyford

Altar Guild: Mike & Julie Nutter

Coffee Fellowship:

	<u>This Week at Trinity</u>
Sunday, November 30	8:00 a.m. Worship (HC)
	9:15 a.m. SS / Coffee Fellowship
	10:30 a.m. Worship (HC)
	5:00 p.m. Advent Worship Service
Tuesday, December 2	9:00 a.m. Quilters
Weds., December 3	10:00 a.m. Women's Study
	6-8 p.m. Weds. Get-Away
	7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
	7:00 p.m. Confirmation
Sat., December 6	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ McDonald's

PLEASE RECYCLE THE BULLETINS: Feel free to take home any part of the bulletin that you would like. Recycle the rest at the ends of the back pew. Thanks.



**You do not know when
The Lord of the House is coming
MK.13:35**

CHRIST IS PRESENT WITH US as we worship today. We are grateful that you are among us. If you are looking for a church home, please speak with Pastor Rachel and indicate your interest on the pew pad.

Welcome University Students! We gather Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. at Trinity. There's a free supper, great conversation and informal worship.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. If you are unable to approach the communion rail, please let one of the ushers know and we will come to you. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray or in the glass chalice.

A nursery is provided during worship just off the South Lobby area, for children ages 5 and younger.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are found in the back of the pew in front of you. If you wish, please fill them out and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. PEW PADS are found at the inside end of each pew. Please sign, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Terrialee Lankford, Eric Engen, Desiree Stonum, Shirlee Engen Jacobsen and their families in loving memory of our parents, Gil & Ialene Engen. Gone from our midst, but present in our hearts.

his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN: "Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"

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*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,
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

With longing and hopeful expectation, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Come, long-expected one. Awaken your church to be alert for signs of your coming in unexpected people and places. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Come, Savior of the nations. Let your justice and righteousness dwell among all the peoples of the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Come, Creator of all. Amidst the shortness of life, teach us to wonder at the sun, moon, stars, mountains, oceans, and all creatures great and small. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Come, Love divine. Enfold with your mercy all who watch and wait for hope in the midst of suffering, hardship, poverty, unemployment, illness, or grief. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Come, giver of grace. Turn this community toward the light of your forgiveness and mercy as we wait for the advent of Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Come, creative Spirit. Inspire us by the faith of those who have gone before us as we trust in your promise to bring all things to fulfillment in Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

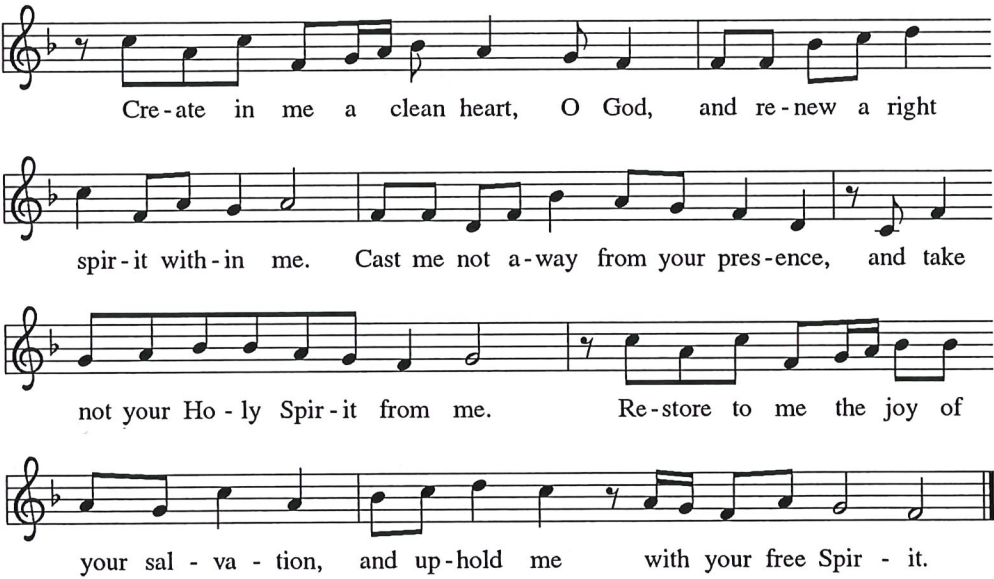
Receive our prayers, faithful God, as we watch and wait for your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***PEACE**

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

OFFERING

***CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY**



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

***PRAYER**

Let us pray.
God of abundance,
we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,
and with them our very lives.
Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need
until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

strengthened among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

***GOSPEL READING: Mark 13:24–37**

The holy gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
³²But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts

and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

PSALM: Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph ¹like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- ¹on the cherubim.
²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, ¹and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and ¹come to help us.
³Restore ¹us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we ¹shall be saved.
⁴O LORD ¹God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your ¹people pray?
⁵You have fed them with the ¹bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of ¹tears to drink.
⁶You have made us the derision ¹of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh ¹us to scorn.
⁷Restore us, O ¹God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we ¹shall be saved.
¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at ¹your right hand,
the one you have made so strong ¹for yourself.
¹⁸And so will we never turn a- ¹way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- ¹on your name.
¹⁹Restore us, O LORD ¹God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we ¹shall be saved.
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light ¹to the eyes.

Glory be to the Father and ¹to the Son:
and to the ¹Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now and e- ¹ver shall be:
world without end. ¹Amen.

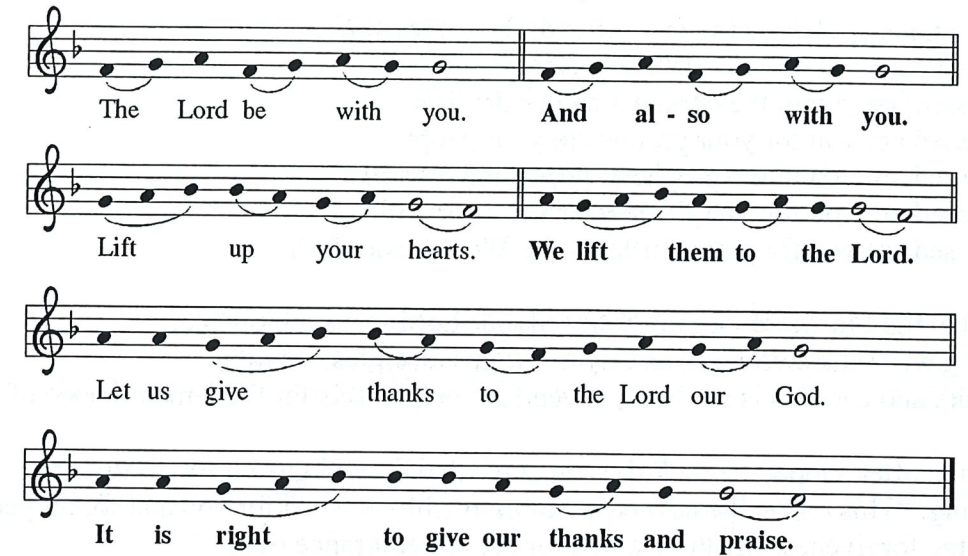
SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

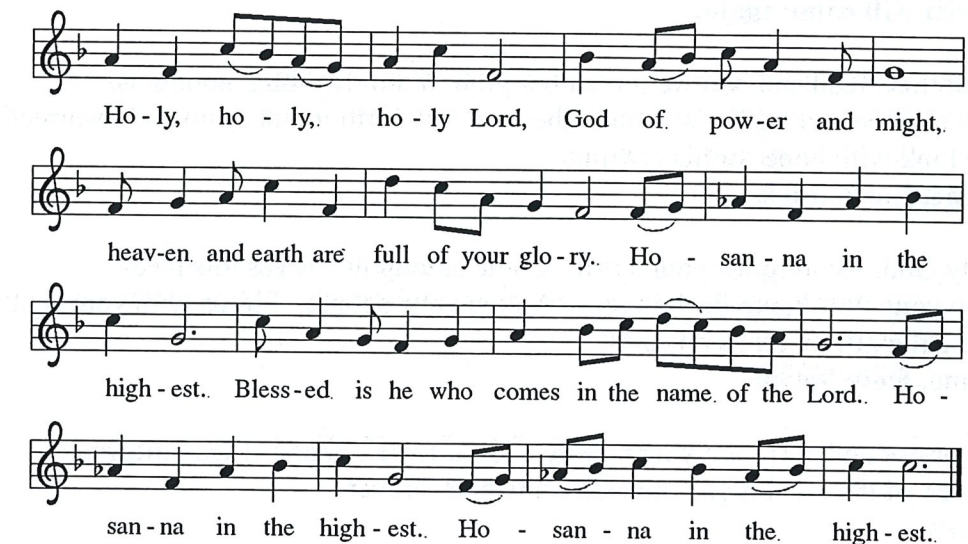
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that
has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him,
in speech and knowledge of every kind — ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



***PROPER PREFACE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.

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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** (In unison)

Let us pray.
**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection
waken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless
until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

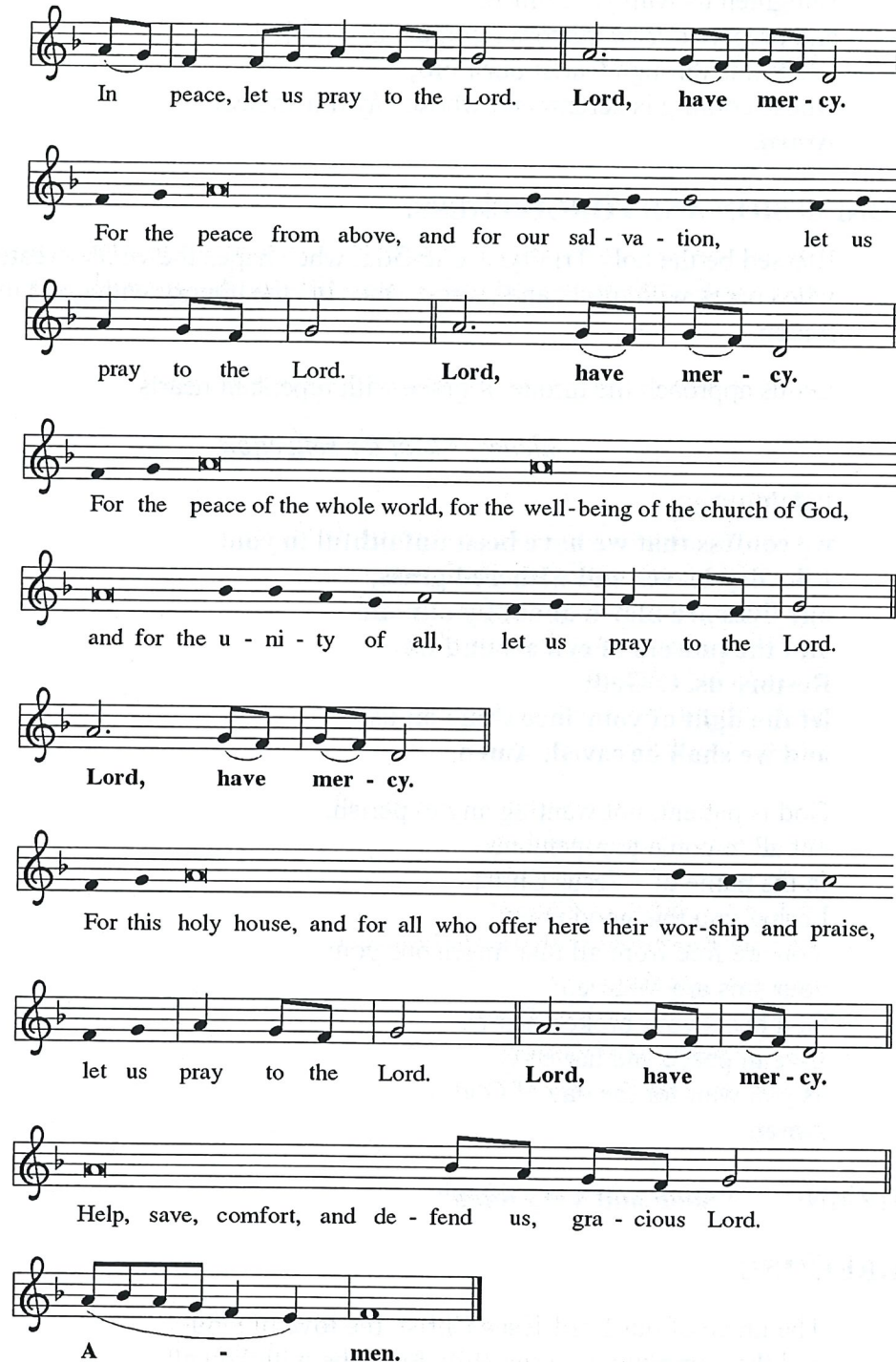
ANTHEM: (10:30 a.m.) “A Carol” by Roland E. Martin **Chancel Choir**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1–9

A reading from Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence —
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil —
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,

***KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

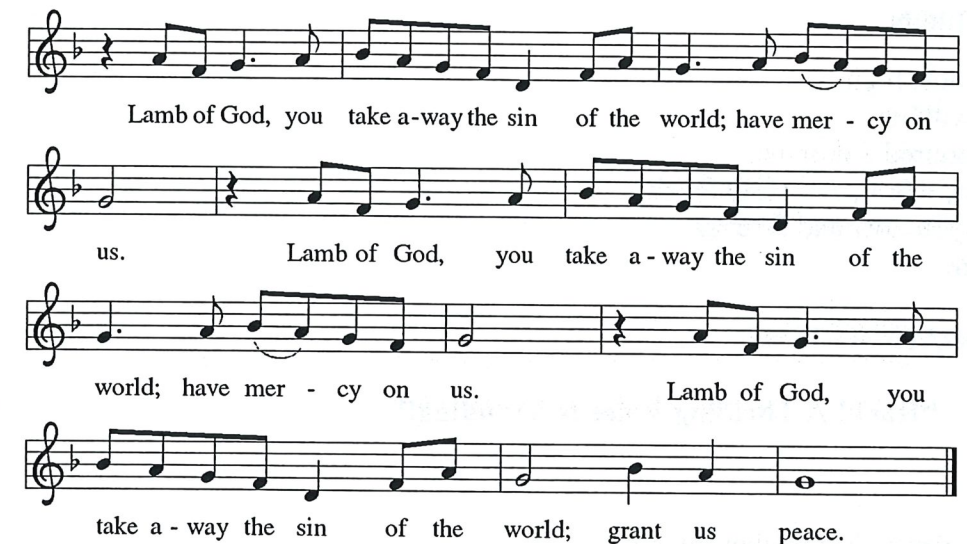
***THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to Christ,
 Who comes to us in this holy supper.

***LAMB OF GOD**



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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Wait for the Lord"

***BLESSING**

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

***POST COMMUNION HYMN: “Christ is Our Guiding Light”**

Text: Christ is our guiding light:
Come, let us walk in the way of peace.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord God, we give you thanks
that you have fed us even now
with the banquet that is yet to come.
Keep us alert for signs of your presence
in the world around us.
Send us as healing oil and sheltering comfort
to those in need,
and make us bold in testifying to the light
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

God most high,
God with us,
God poured out on us,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

PARISH SHARING TIME

***HYMN: “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!”** #246

***SENDING**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Enlighten us with your grace,
and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.
Amen.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who shapes the whole creation,
who comes with might and mercy, who fills the hungry with good things.
Amen.

Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
we confess that we have been unfaithful to you.
Like dry leaves and withered grass,
our lives are blown about by our sins
and the powers of evil around us.
Restore us, O God;
let the light of your face shine on us,
and we shall be saved. Amen.

God is patient, not wanting any to perish,
but all to come to repentance.
In the name of + Jesus Christ,
I bring you this good news:
You are free from all that imprisons you;
your sins are forgiven;
God heals your broken hearts.
Live in peace and harmony
as you wait for the day of God.
Amen.

***HYMN: “Soon and Very Soon”** #439

***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.

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God's Work . . .

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Sunday, November 30, 2014 – 1st Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion

*Stand as you are able

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the first candle on this wreath,
rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord
when he comes with all the saints and angels.

Today's Anthem: "A Carol" by Roland E. Martin.

Text: Once for a shining hour heaven touched earth, heaven touched earth.
Hope was born anew, and peace reigned in the world, and peace reigned in the world.

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 30, 2014 - Andrew, Apostle

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

Wednesday, December 3 - Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552

A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

Thursday, December 4

John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749

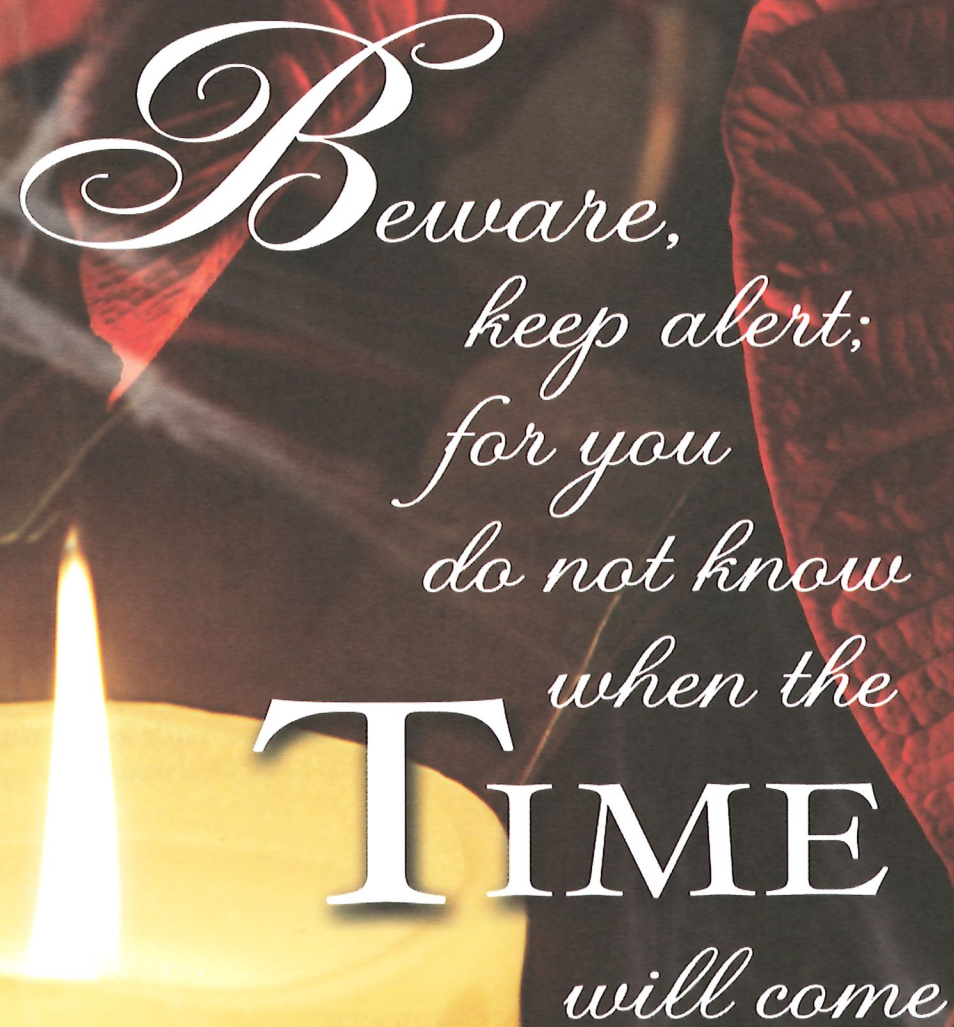
A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, The Fount of Wisdom, remained influential for centuries.

Saturday, December 6 - Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342

Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.

Sunday, December 7 - Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, died around 397

While a governor of northern Italy, Ambrose was elected bishop of Milan on the same day he was baptized. He was a famous preacher, a writer of hymns we still sing today, and helped lead St. Augustine to faith.

A lit candle with a red rose in the background.

Beware,
keep alert;
for you
do not know
when the
TIME
will come