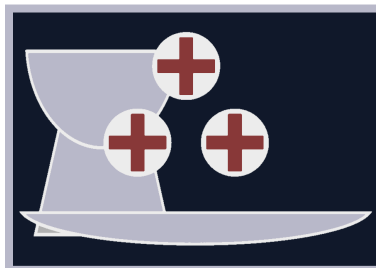


THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



DECEMBER 20, 2020

11:00 AM



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE BRONX, NEW YORK

In the Name of Jesus

P: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray:

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by Your daily visitation, that Your Son Jesus Christ, at His coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for Himself; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Epistle (Letter) Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Verse *(Please stand and follow the holy cross.)*

P: Allelu – Allelu – Allelu – Alleluia! C: Praise We The LORD! (2X)

P: Praise We The LORD! C: Alleluia! (4X)

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 *(Please stand.)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

(after the reading)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon

*Sermon Reflection: What is one thing I've learned from God's Word today
and will TAKE with me into the world?*

Hymn Of The Day: Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending

--LSB 336

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for ev'ry sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him
Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall their true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of His passion
Still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To His ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
Claim the kingdom as Thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!

The Apostles' Creed

P: Together, 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, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Doxology

-- LSB 805



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



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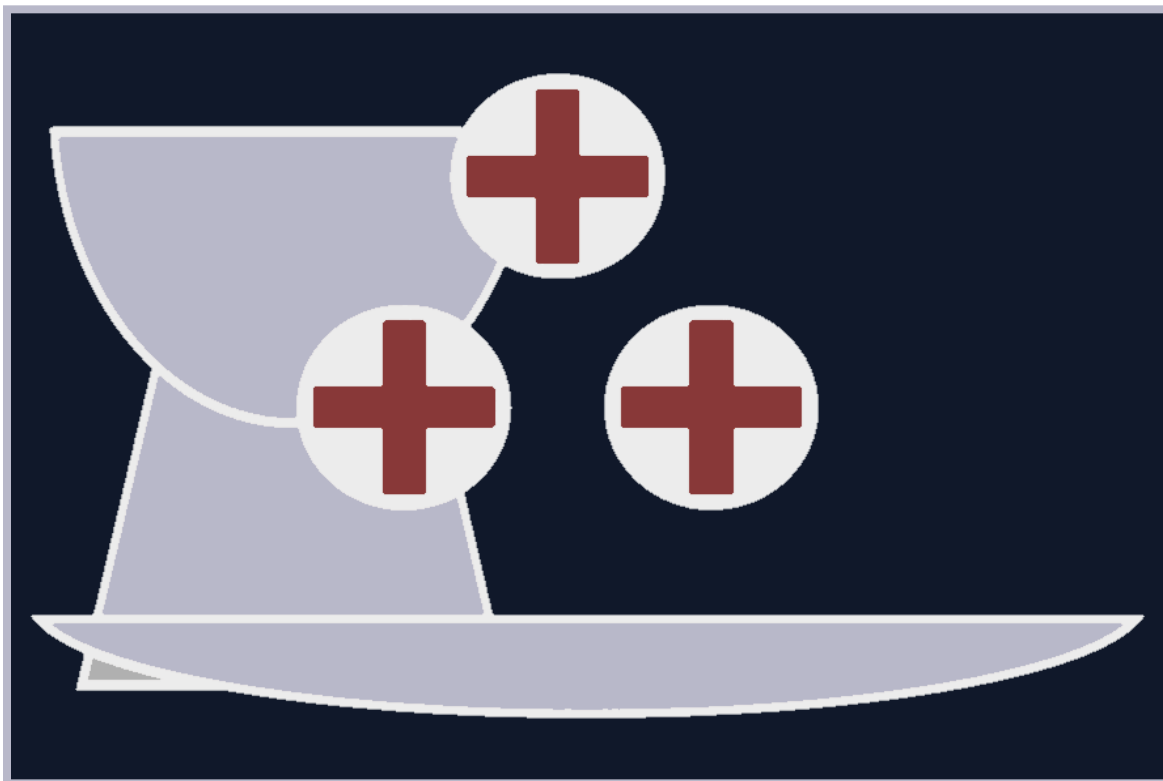


host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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**IN-PERSON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE
EACH SUNDAY AT 11:00AM!**

ALL OTHER IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE! AS WE CONTINUE WORKING THROUGH THE
CHALLENGES OF COVID-19, WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED. THANKS!
PEACE & LOVE IN JESUS!!!



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SUNDAY LITURGY (*ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE*): 11:00 AM

SIGHT (*ONLINE RELIGIOUS EDU.*): ZOOM BIBLE STUDY – WED. AT 7:00PM

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MS. ONI NIKOLLI, LEAD MUSICIAN

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