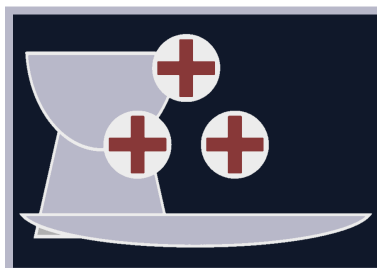


THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



DECEMBER 13, 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:

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come to be among us; let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Epistle (Letter) Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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: John 1:6-8, 19-28 *(Please stand.)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, 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: He Shall Reign Forevermore

--Matt Maher

In the bleak mid-winter, all creation groans
For a world in darkness frozen like a stone
Light is breaking... in a stable for a throne

If I were a wise man, I would travel far
If I were a shepherd, I would do my part
But poor as I am... I will give to Him my heart

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
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Unto us a Child is born
The King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore

Here within a manger lies
the One who built the starry skies
This baby born for sacrifice
Christ the Messiah
Into our hopes into our fears
The Savior of the world appears
The promise of eternal years
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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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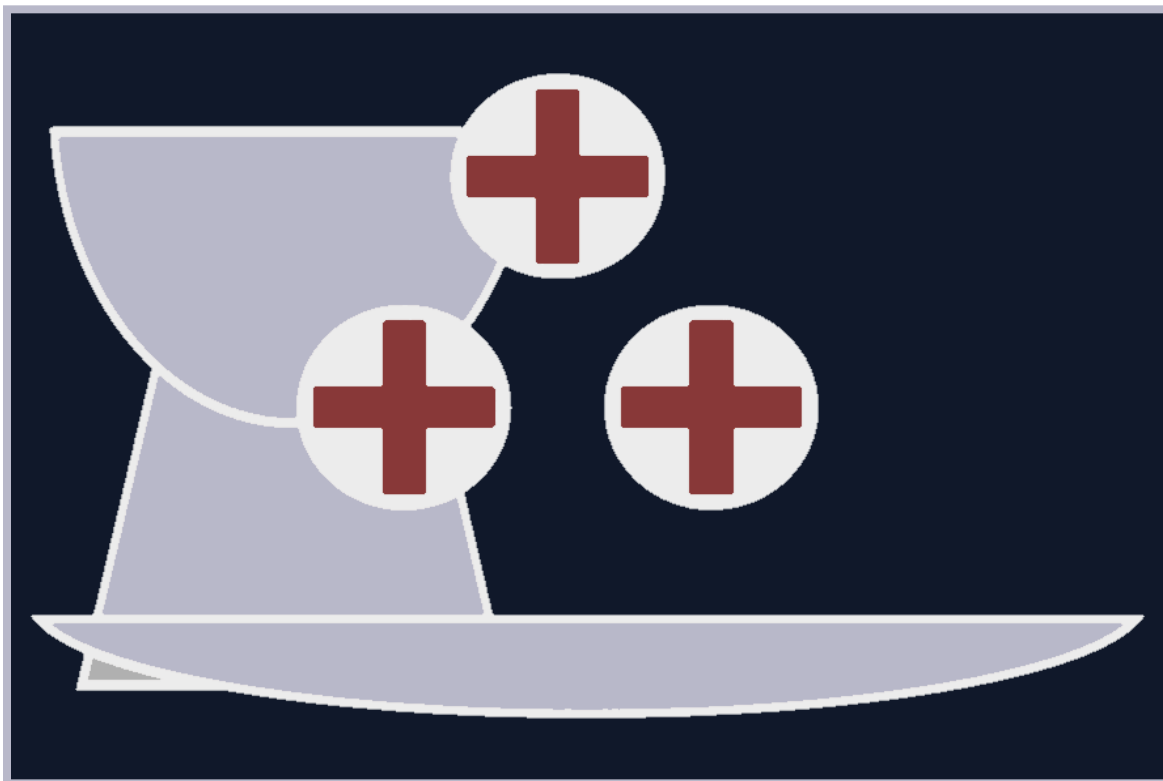


host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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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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