

THANKSGIVING EVE
NOVEMBER 27, 2024
OLD SWEDES CHURCH 7:00 PM



A SERVICE OF
THANKSGIVING

THE SEASON IS...

the Season after Pentecost—sometimes called Ordinary Time. This season begins after the feast of Pentecost and runs through to the first Sunday of Advent. The focus of the season is the daily Christian life — life lived in the light of the resurrection, in the faith that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ. The liturgical color of the season is green.

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OUR PRAYER LIST

Prayer requests for the bulletin should be sent to the parish office by Wednesday to appear in the Sunday bulletin. The clergy and members of our church are happy to pray with you on the phone if you would like.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Patricia Downing—Rector
David Simmons—Director of Music
Julia Dooley & David Fricke—Ushers
Al Barefoot, Julia Dooley—Readers
Steve Dooley—Intercessor
James Earle—Master of Ceremonies
Brenda & Joe Demanczyk—Altar Guild

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HOLY EUCHARIST


Organ Prelude

Prelude on "For The Beauty Of The Earth"


Conrad Kocher
Setting by Gordon Young

Processional Hymn 290


Come, Ye Thankful People, Come




1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest-home:
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest-home;




all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown;
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;



1 God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to
2 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn
3 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the
4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence



be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple,
shall ap - pear: grant, O har - vest Lord, that
tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to
to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels,



come, raise the song of har - vest - home.
we whole - some grain and pure may be.
store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

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The Word of God

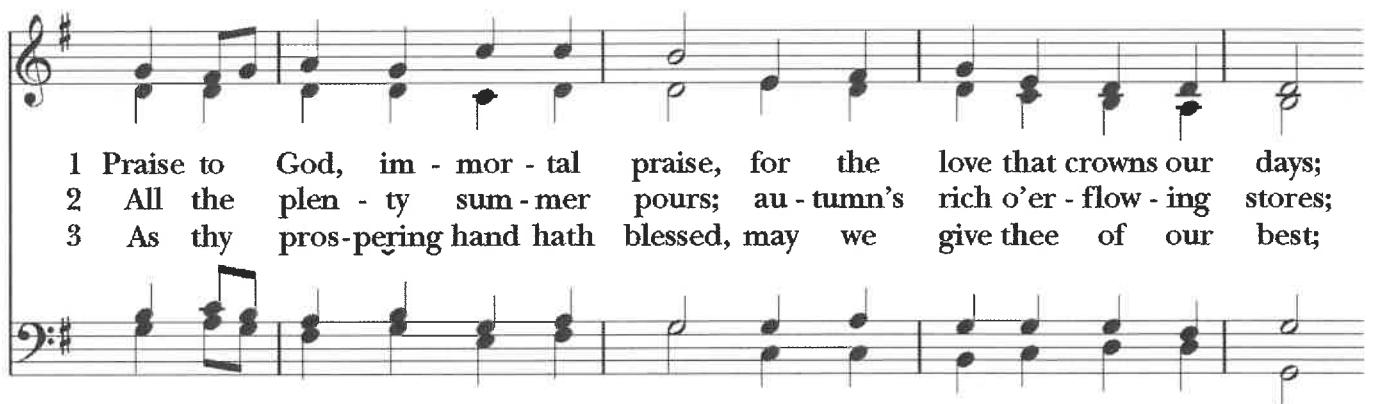
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity *Celebrant and People*

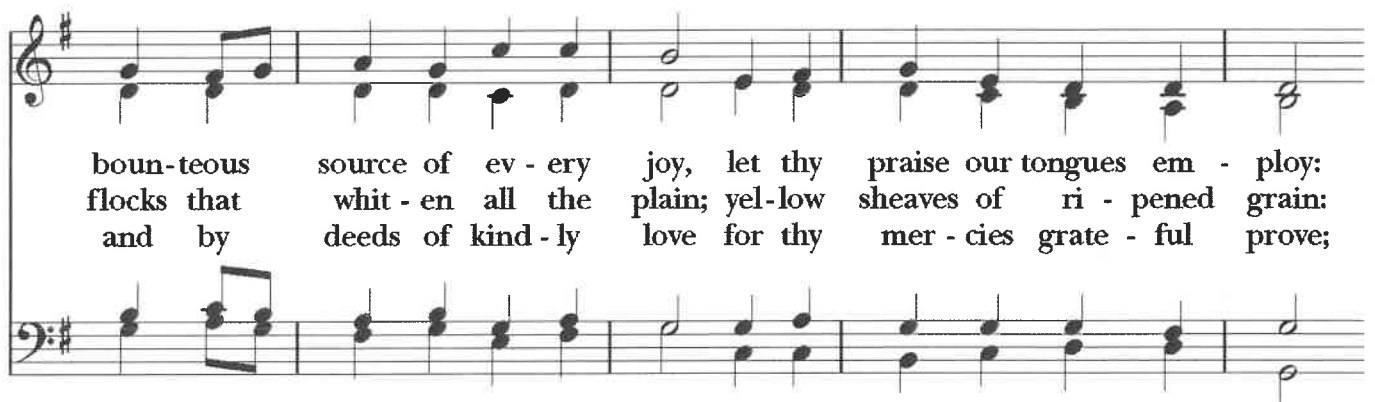
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria (Hymn of Praise) 288

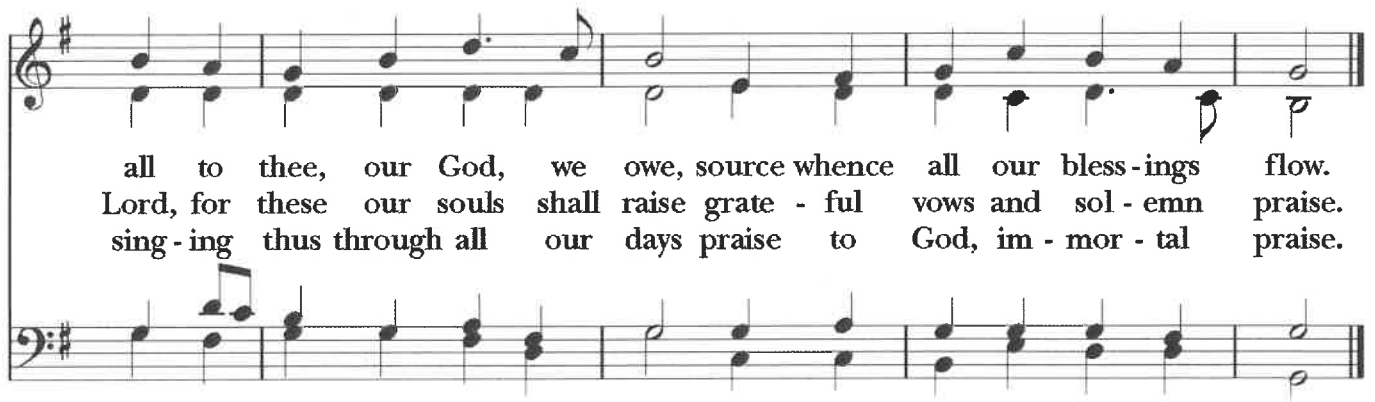
Praise To God, Immortal Praise



1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;
3 As thy pros - pering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;



boun - teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:
flocks that whit - en all the plain; yel - low sheaves of ri - pened grain:
and by deeds of kind - ly love for thy mer - cies grate - ful prove;



all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless - ings flow.
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
sing - ing thus through all our days praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lesson

Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn 291

We Plow The Fields And Scatter



1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;
3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,
but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:
he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;
the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,
the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

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Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;
 then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

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The Gospel *Those who are able, please stand.*

Matthew 6:25-33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Downing

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,
We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank you, Lord

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

The Holy Communion

All are invited to join us in receiving Communion.

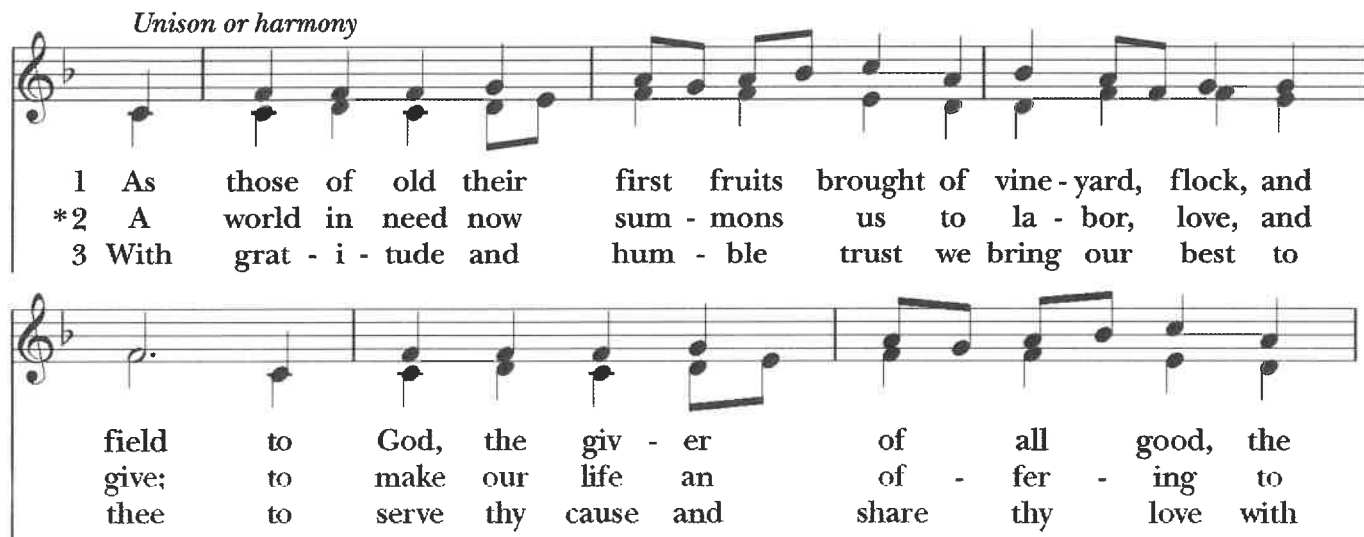
Offertory

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn 705

As Those Of Old Their First Fruits Brought

Unison or harmony



1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine - yard, flock, and
*2 A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and
3 With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to
field to God, the giv - er of all good, the
give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to
thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with

source of bount-eous yield; so we to - day our
 God that all may live; the Church of Christ is
 all hu - man - i - ty. O thou who gav - est

first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of
 call - ing us to make the dream come true: a
 us thys - elf in Je - sus Christ thy Son, help

farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.
 world re - deemed by Christ - like love; all life in Christ made new.
 us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God: through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out: You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we lift our voices and sing:

Sanctus S-130

“Sanctus” from *Deutsche Messe* by Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

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in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!
 The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Hymn

Thank You, Lord

Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord; Thank you, Lord; Thank you, Lord; I just want to thank you, Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to

love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn

Let All Things Now Living A Song Of Thanksgiving

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the

on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
love and re - joic - ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Organ Postlude

Postlude on “Now Thank We All Our God”

Johann Crüger
Setting by David P. Dahl

Announcements

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY PAGEANT - Calling Trinity Families with Children! - Once again this year, Trinity will be incorporating a traditional Children's Nativity Pageant as part of the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service. Our pageant is coordinated and directed by our Director of Music, David Simmons. If you have children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, children of neighbors, etc., that would be interested in being in the cast of this costumed pageant, **please email David ASAP at david@trinityparishde**. The rehearsals for the pageant will be held on 11:15 am, in the downstairs dining room on the following three Sundays: December 8, 15 and 22.

Stewardship 2025—Joy & Connection—The theme for the 2025 stewardship campaign is joy & connection. The stewardship letters and cards were mailed the week of October 7 and the link for online pledges is available on our website and via the Realm Connect app. Our goal is to have 2025 pledges in by mid-November. Please contact Bid Hukill and Catherine Dean if you have any questions.

Matching Grant Opportunity— Similar to last year we have an opportunity to qualify for the Jessie Ball duPont Match Grant. The match is based on online donations, using Realm (Realm Connect) directly or by simply scanning the QR code in the bulletin, received during November and December with a maximum match of \$500 for each person. We look forward to your support.

FREE HOLIDAY CONCERT: ENCORE CHORALE OF WILMINGTON – Come ring in the spirit of the holiday season with music and joy on Wednesday, December 11, at 7:00 pm, at Trinity, when The Encore Chorale of Wilmington, a 50-member vocal ensemble, under the direction of Trinity’s Director of Music, David Simmons, presents a FREE holiday concert featuring both sacred and secular holiday classics. It’s “The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year!”

SPECIAL MUSIC for GAUDETE SUNDAY - December 15! The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is Latin for "rejoice." This Sunday marks the beginning of the third week of Advent, when the music is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. This year, Gaudete Sunday falls on Sunday, December 15. To celebrate this special Sunday marking the half-way point of Advent, the 10:00 am Service of Worship will feature special music by the choir, violin, clarinet and tambourine. The choir will present Edward Kee's buoyant, dance-like "When Will Messiah Come?" and Hal H. Hopson's reflective setting of the Nordic Hymn "Will Not Day Come Soon?" Join us for this musical celebration of the Advent season!



Trinity Episcopal Parish

CHRISTMAS *Schedule*

AT TRINITY AND OLD SWEDES CHURCH

December 24th

4:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Pageant

5:45 pm Pre-Service Recital

6:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Choir and brass

8:00 pm Posada y eucaristia nochebuena

10:30 pm Candlelight Holy Eucharist at Old swedes Church

December 25th

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist - Bilingual





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