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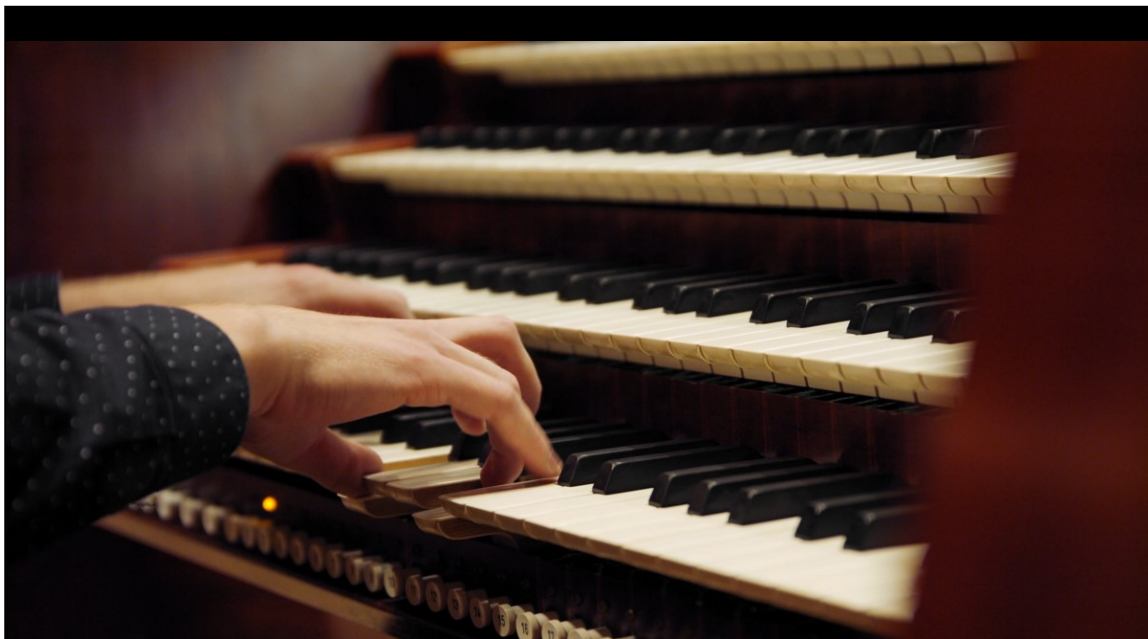
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of Advent

*Lessons  
& Carols*

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**Festival Procession of Advent**  
*Lessons & Carols*

Friday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

50 N. Prospect Street, Akron

Prelude - 7:00 p.m.

A reception will follow the concert in the Chapel Lounge

# Festival Procession of Advent Lessons & Carols

*Prelude - a time of silent reflection*

## **Prelude:**

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599

J.S. Bach

Prelude & Fugue in b minor, BWV 544

J.S. Bach

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

*Chimes - call us to worship*

## **Welcome**

Frederica Cohen, Chair  
Worship & Music Ministry Team

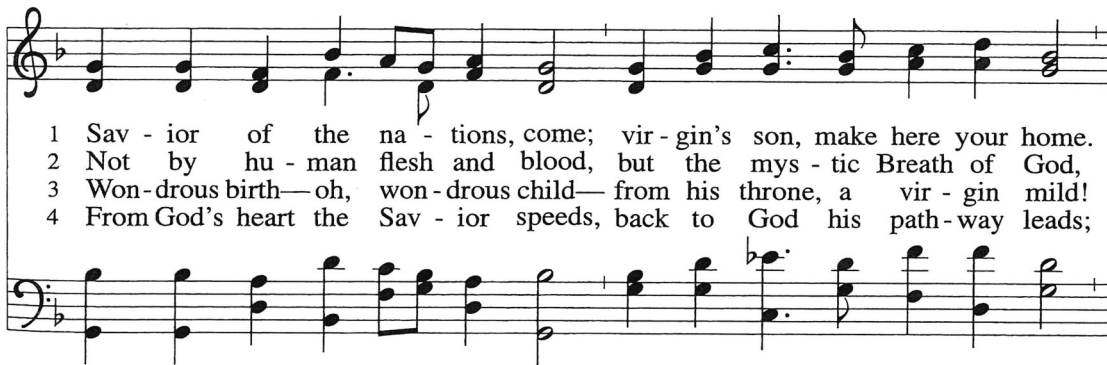
## **Invocation**

Rachel Núñez  
Director of Faith Formation

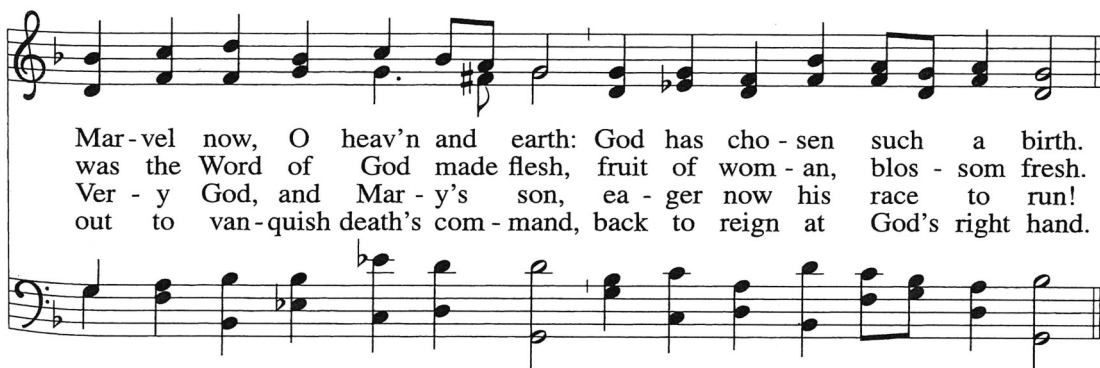
## Gathering Hymn:

# Savior of the Nations, Come

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1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,  
3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!  
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.  
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,  
hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue;  
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity  
praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. hymnal version

Music: J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

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NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

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## The First Lesson: Genesis 3:1-15

Rev. Becki Verbridge  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Akron

*The first sin and its punishment.*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God,<sup>\*</sup> knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The LORD God said to the serpent,

'Because you have done this,  
    cursed are you among all animals  
    and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
    and dust you shall eat  
    all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
    and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
    and you will strike his heel.'

# Carol Response:

## In the Garden God Told Adam

A Hymn Inspired by Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7

Text: Stephen M. Fearing, 2019

Tune: RESTORATION

Meter: 8.7.8.7 with refrain

Music: Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835

Piano

1. In the gard - en God told A - dam, "List - en close to what I say:  
2. Then the ser - pent sly - ly slith-ered, speak - ing to them with de - ceit.  
3. God was walk - ing in the gard-en, seek - ing A - dam, seek - ing Eve,  
4. Ev - 'ry day has ma - ny choi-ces. Which is eas - y? Which is right?

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You and Eve may eat all things but from that tree you stay a - way!"  
Sud - den - ly their eyes were o - pened, feel - ing naughtbut in - dis - creet.  
but their do - ings made them di - stant, giv - ing God just cause to grieve.  
Let us trust in God's in - struc - tion; there we'll find our true de - light.

9 *Refrain*

God has gift - ed us with bound'ries; there we'll live in har - mon - y.

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Come, you peo - ple, heed God's wisd-om; join the ho - ly sym-phon-y.

## The Second Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Rev. Doug Fidler, Retired

*God's people are comforted.*

O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely  
the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah,  
'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.



## **Choral Response:**

*Isaiah 40: 4,5 by John Ness Beck*

## ***Every Valley***

Every valley shall be exalted,  
and every mountain made low  
and the crooked made straight  
and the rough places plain.

And the glory of the Lord  
shall be revealed  
and all flesh shall see it together  
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

## **The Third Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Rev. Jim Steingass  
St Luke's Lutheran Church, Cuyahoga Falls

### *A new covenant.*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Carol Response:

# Rise, Shine, You People!

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1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: Dale Wood, 1934-2003

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## **The Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10**

Rev. Jean Hansen  
Faith Lutheran Church, Fairlawn

*The return of the redeemed to Zion.*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God. He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the  
desert; the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## **Choral Response**

*Based on Isaiah 11 & 32:18 by Richard Horn*

## ***A Shoot Shall Come Forth***

A shoot shall come forth of of Jesse  
and a bud shall grow out of His roots.  
The spirit of life shall be with Him,  
the spirit of wisdom and truth.

Then the lamb shall lie down with the leopard,  
and the lion eat straw with the ox.  
For the hand of a Child shall lead them,  
to the peaceable kingdom of God.

From out of the wells of salvation,  
will he draw us the water of life.  
His waist shall be girded with justice,  
the heart of His heart shall be love.

He'll come from the end of His heaven,  
and the earth shall be torn from it's place;  
our lives shall be filled with His radiance  
As flood waters cover the sea.

## The Fifth Lesson: Baruch 4:36-5:9

Rev. George Murphy, Retired

*The prophet points to the east.*

Look towards the east, O Jerusalem,  
and see the joy that is coming to you from God.  
Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away;  
they are coming, gathered from east and west,  
at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing in the glory of God.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,  
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.  
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;  
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;  
for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.  
For God will give you evermore the name,  
'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;  
look towards the east,  
and see your children gathered from west and east  
at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,  
led away by their enemies;  
but God will bring them back to you,  
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low  
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,  
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree  
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,  
in the light of his glory,  
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

# Carol Response:

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## People, Look East

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.

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 Music: French carol; arr. Barry Rose, b. 1934  
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# Offertory Prayer

Deacon Linda Weidenbach  
Zion Lutheran Church, North Canton

Offertory: Rocate caeli

Jeanne Demessieux

Offertory Response:

## Create in Me *Offering Song*

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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.



## The Sixth Lesson: Isaiah 7: 10-15

Rev. Tom Baumgardner, Retired

*Isaiah gives Ahaz the sign of Immanuel.*

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

### Choral Response:

### *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

*German Carol 15th Cent. arr. by Michael Praetorius  
stanza 3 by Bradley Ellingboe*

Lo, How a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung,  
it came a flow'r so bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah had foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we be hold it,  
the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright,  
she bore to us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispels the glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us  
and lightens every load.

O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, King of glory, who dost our weakness know:  
bring us at length we pray, to the bright courts of heaven  
and to endless day.

**The Seventh Lesson: Micah 5:2-4**

Rev. Deborah Wissner, Retired

*The ruler from Bethlehem.*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
    who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
    one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
    from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
    when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
    to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
    in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
    to the ends of the earth;

## Carol Response:

# O Little Town of Bethlehem

FOREST GREEN CMD

Phillips Brooks, 1868

English folk melody  
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; And gath - ered all a - bove,  
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is given!  
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.  
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - dering love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heaven.  
Cast out our sin and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light;  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.  
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

This tune in a higher key, 292

**The Eight Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-18**

Rev. William Weidenbach  
Zion Lutheran Church, North Canton

*A song of joy.*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

## Choral Response:

## *Prophets Knew*

*Words by: J. Paul Williams; Music by Lloyd Larson  
Incorporating Veni Emmanuel & 12th c. Latin Hymn  
Based on plainsong by: Thomas Helmore, 1854  
Trans. John M. Neale, 1851*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel!

Prophets knew long ago that Christ would come to earth.

Led by Isaiah they foretold His birth.

God in human frame, Emmanuel His name.

Prophets knew long ago.

Prophets knew long ago this child would be the King!

“Glory to God! “ Let heav’n and nature sing.

God in human frame, Messiah was His name, long ago.

Micah prophesized that Christ would be born in royal David’s town;

Redeemer of Israel, promised to all, a King without a crown!

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!

Prophets knew long ago that in a manger stall

angels and shepherds would be the Lord of all!

God in human, frame, Jesus was His name.

Prophets knew long ago.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel!

## **The Ninth Lesson: Luke: 1:26-38**

Rev. Dr. Laura Barbins, Bishop  
Northeastern Ohio Synod, ELCA

*The birth of Jesus is foretold.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

## Choral Response:

*Chris Eaton & Amy Grant arr. by Craig Courtney*

## ***Breath of Heaven***

I have traveled many moonless nights, cold and weary  
with a babe inside.

And I wonder what I've done.

Holy Father, You have come and chosen me now to carry Your Son.

I am waiting in silent prayer. I am frightened by the load I bear.

In a world as cold as stone must I walk this path alone?

Be with me now, Be with me now.

Breath of Heaven, hold me together, be forever near me,  
Breath of Heaven.

Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness,  
pour over me Your holiness for You are holy, Breath of Heaven.

Do you wonder as You watch my face,  
If another should have had my place?

But I offer all I am for the mercy of Your plan.

Help me be strong, help me be, help me.

Breath of Heaven, hold me together, be forever near me,  
Breath of Heaven.

Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness,  
pour over me Your holiness for You are holy, Breath of Heaven.



Sending Hymn:

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All Earth Is Hopeful  
*Toda la tierra*



*To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor*  
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!  
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:  
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;  
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



*y el sur - co\_a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el*  
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the  
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -  
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most  
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



*mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -*  
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how  
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -  
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All  
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



*cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.*  
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.  
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.  
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!  
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

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 Music: Alberto Taulé

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## Dismissal

Rachel Núñez

As we await our coming Savior, go in hope, peace, joy, and love to serve the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

Chimes

**Postlude:** Improvisations on Advent themes

### Holy Trinity Chancel Choir

#### Sopranos:

Hannah Miller - Section Leader

Dorothea Wise

Connie Archbold

#### Altos:

Cindy Kenepp - Section Leader

Diann Jenkins

Hayley Phillips

Frederica Cohen

#### Tenors:

Spencer Davis - Section Leader

Dick Willet

#### Basses:

Will Bowers - Section Leader

Tom Baumgardner

Adam Gluntz

Brad Crock

John S. Catlos, Interim Director of Choirs

Rees Taylor Roberts, Festival Organist

Stefan Katz, Video Production Coordinator

# Join Us for our upcoming concerts!

## Mardi Gras Concert!

### **Dave Powers Trio**

**Sunday, February 11, 4 p.m.**

For over 44 years, two-time EMMY® Award winning composer and performer Dave Powers has been a vital part of the Columbus, Ohio and Punta Gorda, Florida music scene as a pianist, keyboardist, vocalist, entertainer and educator. Considered one of the most successful musicians in the Midwest, Dave manages to win over the hearts of all who hear him perform. We celebrate a fun, festive Mardi Gras with his jazz trio.



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**Sunday, April 28, 4 p.m.**

### **Renée Anne Louprette, organist**

Distinguished award-winner Renée Anne Louprette maintains an international career as recitalist, collaborative artist, conductor, and teacher. She is a 2022 U.S.-Romanian Fulbright Scholar and Assistant Professor of Music and College Organist at Bard College in upstate New York where she directs the Bard Baroque Ensemble. She is director of the National Competition in Organ Improvisation.

Concerts are held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 50 N. Prospect Street, Akron.  
Doors open 30 minutes prior. Watch the livestream at [artsholytrinity.org](http://artsholytrinity.org).



## **Arts @ Holy Trinity is celebrating its 40th Anniversary!**

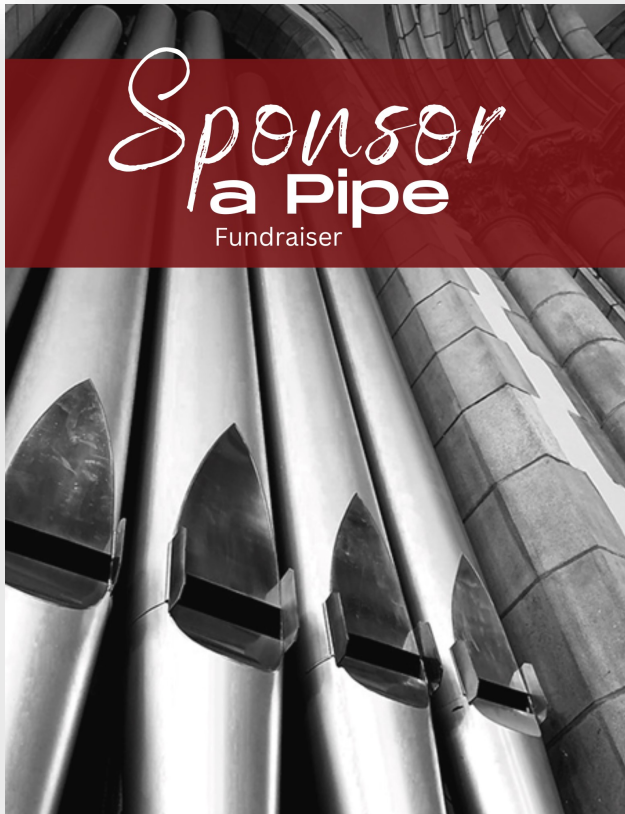
For four decades, Arts @ Holy Trinity has presented a wide range of musical styles and talents, attracting nationally and internationally renowned, award-winning, and award-nominated performing artists. In the past seven seasons, Arts @ Holy Trinity has provided learning opportunities that inspire, captivate, and transform students of all ages.

During the **40th anniversary season**, Arts @ Holy Trinity is pleased to present a captivating slate of award-winning and award-nominated artists. A reception follows each concert, allowing a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet each presenter. In addition, Arts @ Holy Trinity will present three exceptional outreach events to local students and organizations.

All of our concerts are free and open to the public, and are held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church: 50 N. Prospect Street, Akron. Doors open 30 minutes prior. Please feel free to register to receive updates for individual concerts. All presentations are also live streamed, and available for viewing on demand for one week following each premiere.

Arts @ Holy Trinity is thrilled to present musicians from near and far to share your enthusiasm for great music for free. But in order to continue, we need your support. Consider giving to our **'Sponsor a Pipe' fundraiser** with a donation of \$40. See next page for details.

Finally, to commemorate this milestone, we are hosting several **Special Anniversary Events** throughout the concert season. Join us in celebrating 40 years of Arts @ Holy Trinity as we make a difference in your life and transport the lives around you to new heights.



Arts @ Holy Trinity is celebrating its 40th Anniversary! Over the past four decades, this annual concert series has presented a wide range of musical styles and talents, attracting nationally/internationally renowned, award nominated/winning performance artists ... all free of charge. Over the past seven seasons, Arts @ Holy Trinity has also provided outreach opportunities in the local community to foster the growth of the performing arts.

The 4,551 pipe organ has been the focal instrument for most concerts held over the past 40 years. To ensure this magnificent instrument will continue to inspire and uplift both audiences and organists for another 40 years, we invite you to **'Sponsor a Pipe'** with a donation of \$40 per pipe or **'Sponsor an Octave of Pipes'** with a donation of \$480. There are 4,551 organ pipes, so you are invited to sponsor as many as you like!



Scan the QR code to give securely online.

**Sponsor A Pipe—\$40 donation**  
**Sponsor An Octave—\$480 donation**

Checks can be made payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (note 'Sponsor A Pipe' in the memo line) and mailed to 50 N. Prospect Street, Akron, Ohio 44304 or placed in the freewill offering plate at this concert. You may also scan the QR code and give online. All donors will be recognized in future programs.

All donations received will support the ongoing maintenance of the organ. Thank you for your generous support!



We wish to recognize and thank our **Series Patrons** and our **'Sponsor A Pipe' donors**.  
 We are grateful for your generous support!

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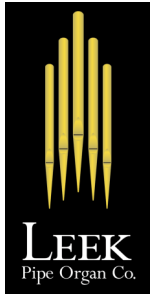
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## The American Guild of Organists **Akron Chapter**

The Akron Chapter was chartered on June 26, 1942.

The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.



For information about the Chapter and about upcoming events, visit [akronago.org](http://akronago.org).

## Join Our Mailing List

Please share your contact information if you want to be added to our mailing list. *(Please print.)*

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# *Welcome to* **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

## **Worship with Us ...**

If you are looking for a place to worship, we invite you to our Service of Word and Sacrament on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Other special worship services are held seasonally. You can join us in-person or via live-stream at [holytrinityakron.org](http://holytrinityakron.org), Facebook Live, or YouTube.

## **Grow with Us ...**

If you are looking for a place to grow in your faith, we offer a variety of gatherings and studies, in-person and online, designed to nurture us spiritually, including: Morning Devotions, Women's & Men's Bible Studies, LIFT (Living in Faith Together) activities, Faith5 Check-In, Hike & Seek, and Book Club, as well as a variety of resources you can use at home. Please visit our website or Facebook page for details about current offerings.



## **Lead with Us ...**

If you are looking for a place to share your musical gifts, we provide choral and instrumental opportunities, including: Trinity Choir, Trinity Bell Choir, and a Brass Ensemble. Please contact John Catlos, Interim Director of Choirs, at (330) 376-5154 or at [jcatlos@holytrinityakron.org](mailto:jcatlos@holytrinityakron.org) for details.

## **Serve with Us ...**

If you are looking for ways to serve your neighbor, Holy Trinity is committed to community outreach with ministries such as : DLM Food and Resources, Robinson Community Learning Center, as well as other local, national, and global efforts.

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