

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Third Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 13, 6 PM | Sunday, December 14, 9 AM

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(The ringing of the bell signals the beginning of worship. Please direct your attention to the Prelude offered for your personal worship preparation and silence all electronic devices.)

PRELUDE

(6:00).....“In the Bleak Midwinter” -arr. Hayes

(9:00).....“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” -Riddle
Forgiven

WELCOME and GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

HYMN: “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”.....LSB 398



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.

Hymn continues on next page with st. 5

5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
 He on His throne shall rest,
 From age to age more glorious,
 All blessing and all-blest.
 The tide of time shall never
 His covenant remove;
 His name shall stand forever—
 That name to us is Love.

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION.....Page 184

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT.....*Psalm 71:14-18; antiphon: Philipians 4:4*

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always;

People: again I will say, Rejoice.

Pastor: I will hope continually

People: and will praise you yet more and more.

Pastor: My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,

People: for their number is past my knowledge.

Pastor: With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;

People: I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

Pastor: O God, from my youth you have taught me,

People: and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

Pastor: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,

People: until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always;

People: again I will say, Rejoice.

(♪) GLORIA PATRI..... Page 186

**People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

(♪) KYRIE.....Page 186

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent.

(♪) SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY.....Page 189

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING.....Isaiah 35:1-10

35 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

2 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.

3 Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

4 Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.”

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

7 the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

8 And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.

It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

9 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.

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

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL.....*Zechariah 9:9 Psalm 118:26, alt.*

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Pastor: Behold, your king is coming to you;

People: righteous and having salvation.

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: From the house of the Lord we bless you.

EPISTLE.....James 5:7-11

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(♪) ALLELUIA (*Stand*).....Page 190

People: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. 5

HOLY GOSPEL.....Matthew 11:2-15

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED.....Page 191

People: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the

Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

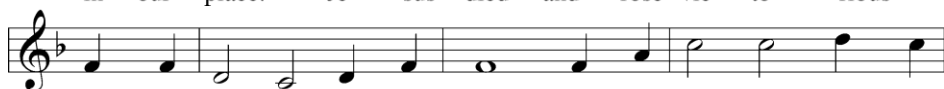
HYMN: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness".....LSB 849



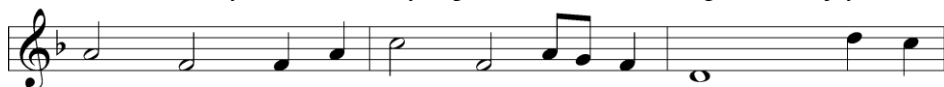
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

SERMON: “Patience is Hard”.....James 5:7-11

- 1. Consider _____’s _____ of patience.
- 2. Keep a _____ in times of trouble.
- 3. Don’t _____ against your _____ of _____.
- 4. _____ gives us _____ when patience is _____.

What are the keys to producing patience in our lives as we look (in faith) at how Christ was (and is) patient?

(♪) OFFERTORY (*Stand*).....LSB 192

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

OFFERING

(6:00).....“See Amid the Winter’s Snow” -arr. Hayes
(9:00).....“Lo, How a Rose Is Blooming” -arr. Ernst
Joy Ernst, piano

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Out of love for our members and guests, and with sincere concern for the spiritual welfare of all, and in the desire to honor Christ our Lord and to be faithful to His Word, Trinity Lutheran Church abides by the ancient and biblical practice of closed Communion. All who are communicant members in good standing of Trinity Lutheran Church or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to come in true repentance to receive Christ’s body and blood in the fellowship of this altar. All others are welcome to gather at the altar rail with arms folded across your chest, indicating your desire to receive a word of blessing from the pastor.

(♪) PREFACE.....Page 194

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
People: It is meet and right so to do.
Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

(♪) SANCTUS.....Page 195

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

(♪) LORD’S PRAYER.....Page 196

Pastor: 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.
**People: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.**

(♪) THE WORDS OF OUR LORD.....Page 197

(♪) PAX DOMINI.....Page 197

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

(♪) AGNUS DEI.....Page 198

**People: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (*Sit*)

“The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”.....LSB 602

“Hope Is Dawning” *Forgiven*

Open up the skies and rain the heavens down, the heavens down
Father open up the skies and rain the heavens down on us
Open up our eyes to see Your glory found, it's all around
Jesus open up our eyes to see Your glory's all around

Chorus: We are longing Hope is dawning
Heaven's falling Come Lord Jesus

Open up our hearts to say, “Have Your way, have Your way”
Spirit, open up our hearts to say, “Won't You come and have Your way”

(Chorus twice)

CCLI Song # 5444481 Words and music by Johnny Parks, Matt Maher, Michael Gungor, Aaron Keyes

“Jesus Messiah” *Forgiven*

He became sin, who knew no sin; that we might become His
righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, Love so amazing, Jesus, Messiah;
Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine,
Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing. Jesus, Messiah,
Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from Heaven;
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God, the light of the world.
Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all

Jesus Messiah by Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash & Jesse Reeves Music/worshipstogether.com Songs2008 CCLI # 1048546

(♪) NUNC DIMITTIS (*Stand*) Page 199

**People: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy
word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

(♪) THANKSGIVING.....Page 200

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: **and His mercy endureth forever.**

(♪) POST-COMMUNION COLLECT.....Page 201

Pastor: Let us pray...

People: **Amen.**

(♪) SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS.....Page 201

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(♪) BENEDICTION.....Page 202

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

People: **Amen, amen, amen.**

HYMN: "The Advent of Our King".....LSB 331



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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POSTLUDE



PRAY

without ✦ ceasing

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THESE GENERAL & SPECIFIC NEEDS AT TRINITY

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS AT TRINITY

- **Peace & comfort for the loved ones of James Brown and Diane Conner (Wendy Solsrud's mother) who recently passed away**
- For hope in our Savior as we prepare our hearts to celebrate His birth on Christmas.
- For relatives and friends of Trinity on active military duty

GENERAL CHURCH & WORLD CONCERNS

- Thanks for God's care through Word & Sacrament
- For opportunities to share Jesus with others
- For the Spirit-empowered readiness to love, confess, forgive, and be reconciled
- For persecuted Christians throughout the world, and for the conversion of their persecutors
- For the well-being of pregnant mothers and their preborn children, in both body and soul
- For an end to racism, terrorism, and every evil
- For our national, state, and local government leaders
- For all those who are chronically ill and suffering

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

- Carole Anderson
- Vonnice & Ron Andrie
- Darrell Axtell
- Penny Bebensee
- Edna Bornstein
- Pat Campbell
- Nancy Engen
- Eldred Gerhold
- Duane Goodwin
- Pastor Kornacki
- June Miller
- Ervene Nothwehr
- Judy Rathje
- Jessica Riha
- Bill Rosell
- Carrie Sills
- Marjorie Spicka
- Gwen Timm
- Dell Votroubek
- Eloise Weiss