

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Second Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 7, 6 PM | Sunday, December 8, 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. Please also silence all electronic devices.)

PRELUDE

(6:00) **People, Look East -arr. Ashdown**
Marilyn Mark, Associate Organist

(9:00) **Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord -Riddle**
Forgiven

WELCOME and GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

HYMN **Hark the Glad Sound** LSB 349

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✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 81:8, 10-11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

Pastor: The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

People: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

Pastor: Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!

People: **O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

Pastor: I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

People: **Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

Pastor: But my people did not listen to my voice;

People: **Israel would not submit to me.**

Pastor: Oh, that my people would listen to me,

People: **that Israel would walk in my ways!**

Pastor: The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

People: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:1–7b

3 “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalms 118:26; Zechariah 9:9

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.

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE (*Stand*)

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

⁷ He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹ And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³ And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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HYMN **On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry** LSB 344

SERMON *Pastor Groth* Luke 3:1-20

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OFFERING

(6:00) **I Wonder As I Wander -arr. Mark**

(9:00) **Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come -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.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (*Sit*)

(6:00)

O Lord, We Praise Thee LSB 617

Jesus Came, the Heav'ns Adoring LSB 353

(9:00)

O Lord, We Praise Thee LSB 617

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus: And here I am to worship; here I am to bow down;
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, O so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor. (Chorus)

And here I am to worship, here I am to bow down;
Here I am to say that You're my God.
And here I am to worship.

CCLI Song # 3266032 HERE I AM TO WORSHIP by Tim Hughes 2000 Thankyou Music CCLI # 1048546.

Hope Is Dawning

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)

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

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POSTLUDE

(6:00)

Fling Wide the Door -arr. Farlee

Those serving the Lord on December 7 & 8	
Elder:	Matt Sprengeler
Comm. Assts:	Mark Freeze, Jeremy Burkett, Jon Benya
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Genevieve Wilkin 9:00 AM – Claire Krenz & Rhylin Kinney
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 4: Kay Lenaburg 9:00 AM – Team 8: Rod Powell
Altar Guild:	Teri & Danika Burkett and Dennis & Sandy Bruns
Fellowship Treats:	Last names beginning with P, Q, R, S

Those serving the Lord in Advent: Wednesday, December 11	
Elder:	Matt Sprengeler
Acolyte:	Rose Steffens
Usher Leader:	Team 6: Darwin Pook

Those serving the Lord on December 14 & 15	
Elder:	Jon Benya
Comm. Assts:	Mike Pownell, Steve Bruzek, Carl Gloe
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Kaelyn Erickson 9:00 AM – Adrienne Smith & Ava Manthe
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 4: Kay Lenaburg 9:00 AM – Team 8: Rod Powell
Altar Guild:	Teri & Danika Burkett and Dennis & Sandy Bruns
Fellowship Treats:	Last names beginning with T, U, V



Trinity's Prayer List is on the following page. Please note that names and prayers will remain on the list for two weeks unless requested otherwise.



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

- For grateful hearts as we recall God's mercies to Trinity during 140 years, & for bold faith that confidently relies on God's promised mercies as we embrace the future
- For the Lord of the Church, Jesus Christ, to raise up and send out laborers into His harvest
- Guidance and support for Trinity's School Board
- For relatives & friends of Trinity on active military duty

GENERAL CHURCH & WORLD CONCERNS

- Thanks for God's care for us 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
- 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

- *Faye Allen's nephew, Joel*
- *Darrell Axtell*
- *Heidi Baumert's uncle, Jim*
- *Chuck & Pat Campbell*
- *Laura Drzycimski's dad, John*
- *Mike Humphrey*
- *Don Maeder*
- *Ervene Nothwehr*
- *Del Runquist's son, Randy*
- *Carol Stellwagen*
- *Eloise Weiss*
- *Doran Welch*
- *LeAnna Williams*
- *Pamela Wilson*
- *Ed & Judy Wiseman*