

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Service of Holy Eucharist—Setting 8

To all who join in worship, we are grateful that you are here today!

- We invite all believers in Christ to receive the Sacrament with us. White grape juice is available. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would like us to bring the bread and wine to you, please notify one of the ushers.
- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform the Pastor.
- Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.

WELCOME... We pray this worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.

Second Sunday of Advent:

John called people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing would get in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

PRELUDE: *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* (Trinity Band)

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart only God can bring. For he shall purify his people like gold and silver, until they shine forth his righteousness.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

ADVENT HYMN: *Holy Child within the Manger* (verses 1 & 2)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✚ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God does not want anyone to perish, but rather for all to come to repentance. Therefore, let us confess our sins, for God's salvation is at hand.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,

we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace. We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins, that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name.

Amen.

Brothers and sisters, by the mercy of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven, for salvation is at hand for all who turn to God. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *Prepare the Royal Highway* (ELW 264)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain* This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Loving God, you sent your prophet John to prepare your way among us, to call us to repentance and make our pathways straight. Strengthen us to live lives of steadfast love and faithfulness as we await the Messiah's return, that all may see your reign of peace through your just and gracious rule.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

ANTHEM: *Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree* (Elizabeth Poston)

Terri Rittenburg — Carolyn Hazlett — Larry Hazlett — Mark Lyford

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

²Speak 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.

³A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every 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.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"

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

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get 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!”

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 85:1-2, 8-13

The psalm for the day is spoken responsively.

¹You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD;
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

²**You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people
and blotted out | all their sins.**

⁸I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

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

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Blessed Be the God of Israel* (ELW 250)

APOSTLES’ CREED

The assembly stands to proclaim the Apostles’ Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As heralds of God's good tidings, let us lift up our voices with strength this day, praying to the One who comforts, restores, and heals.

A brief silence.

Let us pray for all leaders and people of the world.

You have created one human family to live in righteousness and peace. Give us the wisdom to order our common life according to your loving purposes, that your glory may be revealed and all people shall see it together.

Let us pray for your church.

You have given us the gift of the Messiah so that your church may be steadfast and true. Give us strength to follow your Son until all have come to repentance and are reconciled by his love.

Let us pray for those who are sick, who suffer need, who are exiled or in danger.

You have made us for a holy purpose, to comfort and care for each other. Give us compassion to love our neighbor and patience to care for those in need.

Let us pray for your creation.

Your faithfulness springs up from the ground, and your goodness looks down from the sky. Rid us of the laziness and greed that diminish life as you teach us to care for your creation together.

Let us remember those who have died.

Ever-living God, one day in your presence is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. Make us one with the saints, who have found their eternal home in you.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Let us pray for the peace of this community.

We pray for peace in this place—for safety in our homes and streets, for the comfort of our neighbors, and for the health of family and friends.

God of the future, make us ready for the coming of your reign, when you will bring everlasting peace and renew the face of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements will be made by the pastor and thanks given for what your offerings provide towards the church's mission.

OFFERING: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *(Trinity Band)*

OFFERTORY HYMN: Come to the Table (ELW 481)

The assembly stands and sings the offertory hymn as the gifts are brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

Lord, we give you thanks that in the coming of Christ, your steadfast love and faithfulness have met and your righteousness and peace have kissed. May the gifts we offer this day lift up those in need and prepare the way of your salvation.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

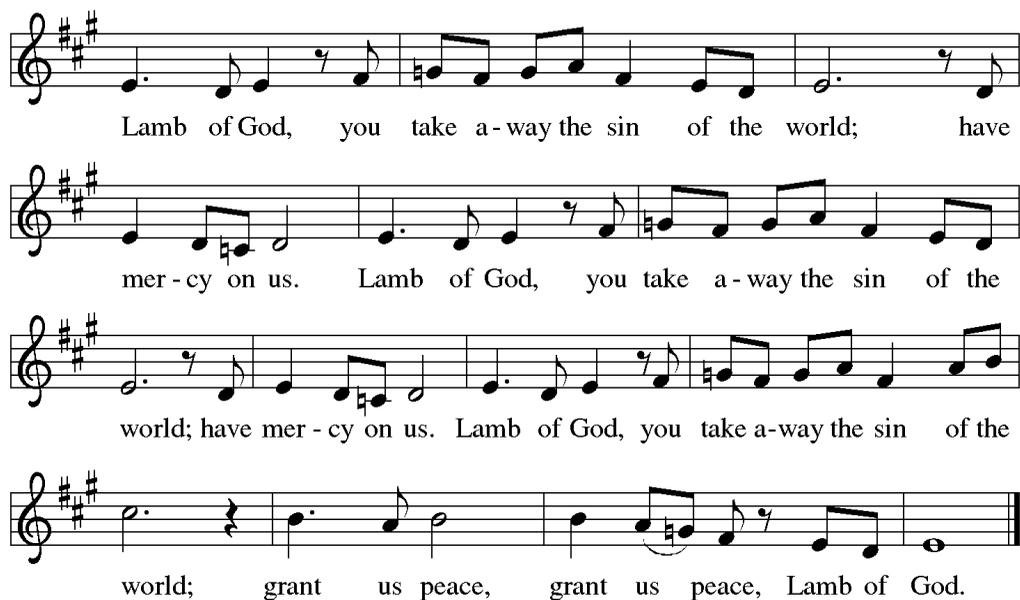
thy will be done,

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.**

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION

During distribution, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

People, Look East (ELW 248)

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (ELW 249)

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (ELW 708)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands to receive the blessing.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *All Earth is Hopeful* (ELW 266)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Soon and Very Soon* (Trinity Band)

[Readings for Next Sunday, December 17, 2017](#)

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

*****Find the weekly lectionary readings and more at www.textweek.com**

Trinity Happenings

Sunday, December 10	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am	Worship Fellowship Sunday School
Tuesday, December 12	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Council reports due Church Council
Wednesday, December 13	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Women's Bible study Confirmation
Sunday, December 17	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 6:15 pm	Worship – Children's Christmas Program Fellowship Sunday School Youth Group
Wednesday, December 20	10:00 am	Women's Bible study
Sunday, December 24	5:00 pm 9:00 pm	Christmas Worship Christmas Worship

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: David Reif (12/14); Marygrace Buckner (12/15); Keith Ensley (12/16).

THOSE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS: Please keep the following members in your prayers this week: Ed Dolan, Joan Dana, Bob Thymian, Jane Kidwell, Addie Hopper, Marilyn Moen, Daniel Travsky, Dick Babcock, and JoAnn Merrill. If there is someone that could be added to the Trinity Prayer Chain, please inform Jennie Lawrence by email at missjennae@yahoo.com.

TRUMPET DEADLINE: Please submit any items for the weekly Trinity Trumpet *in writing* by 9 am on Wednesday. The Trumpet is emailed at noon each Wednesday.

COUNCIL REPORTS DUE: A friendly reminder that December council reports are due to the church office by 9 am. Packets will be emailed at noon for your perusal before the meeting at 7 pm.

TAPESTRY DEADLINE: The deadline for the Christmas/Epiphany edition of the Trinity Tapestry is Monday, December 18. Please turn in any items or articles *in writing* to the church office by 8 am on the 18th.



Sunday, December 10, 2017 — Second Sunday in Advent

Worship at 9 am

Sunday, December 17, 2017 — Third Sunday in Advent

Worship and Children's Christmas program at 9 am

Sunday, December 24, 2017 — Fourth Sunday in Advent — Christmas Eve

No morning worship

Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion at 5 pm

Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion at 9 pm

We are asking for volunteers to serve in worship at the **5:00 pm** and **9:00 pm** services on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, as well as at the **9:00 am** service on Sunday, December 31. Lectors, ushers, greeters, and nursery are all available areas of service. If you are willing to serve, please sign up on the Sign Ups board next to the nursery in the Gruver Room or contact the church office!

Serving the Church

THIS WEEK — December 10, 2017

NEXT WEEK — December 17, 2017

Lector: Laura Buckner

Ushers: Brenda Winter and Carl Noack

Greeters: Lindsay and Lily Conyers

Nursery: Marygrace Buckner

Stewards: Judy Moline and Diahann Jablin

Altar Guild: Laura Buckner, Marie Frick, and Sara Muhsman

Coffee Fellowship:
OPEN

Flowers: Mark and Darlene Chytka in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary and Gregg and Jo Chytka's 37th wedding anniversary

Lector: Tary Stayton

Ushers: Maia Anderson
Judi Weatherwax

Greeters: Iris Brunett
Sharon Leder

Nursery: Madie Jablin

Stewards: Judy Moline and Diahann Jablin

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