

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Service of Holy Eucharist & Children's Program—Setting 4

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 in the glass chalice. 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.

Third Sunday of Advent:

“Rejoice always,” begins the reading from First Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. “All God’s children got a robe,” go the words of the spiritual. It is not so much a stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes that make us feel happy just to put on. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God’s party.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

We light this candle as a symbol of God’s love for us and our love for one another. For the Lord rejoices over us with gladness, and renews us in his love. He exults over us with singing and turns our shame to praise.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

ADVENT HYMN: *Holy Child within the Manger* (all verses)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✙ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Assured that God hears our repentance, let us turn our minds to the truth, confessing our sins to God and one another.

Precious Lord,

You are near. In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *Your Little Ones, Dear Lord* (ELW 286)

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Merciful God, you come into our midst, longing for communion with us, becoming one of us. Break our resistance to life with you, show us the path toward just relations, and bring us into your unimaginable peace; in Jesus' name.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

“Taking Shelter from the Storm”

The assembly sings with the program as instructed by the narrators.

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (ELW 257) - Verses 1 & 2**

***Away in a Manger* (ELW 277) - Children Verse 1, Congregation All Other**

***Joy to the World* (ELW 267) - Verses 1, 2, & 4**

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

God of steadfast love, you raise us up when we fall and place our feet on steady ground. Strengthened by your faithfulness, we offer our prayers in thanksgiving for the grace that is ours in Christ.

A brief silence.

We pray for the mission of your church, that we may proclaim the good news of the age as we put our trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus,
Strengthen your trusting church.

We pray for the world, that your saving love may reach to the ends of the earth as we serve the common good. Come, Lord Jesus,
Reach your waiting world.

We pray for all who suffer, that we may heed their cry as we share in your steadfast mercy. Come, Lord Jesus,
Heal your suffering people.

We pray for your creation, that we may safeguard its well-being as we labor together for redemption. Come, Lord Jesus,
Protect your hurting creation.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember before you those who have died and pray for those who will die today, that they may know your peace. Come, Lord Jesus,
Comfort your grieving people.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* (ELW 184)

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

Gracious God, in gratitude for all that you have given us, we bring our tithes, offerings, and labor to help feed a world hungry for healing and hope; for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Reflective music provided for Communion contemplation.

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: *Go Tell It on the Mountain* (ELW 290)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trinity Happenings

Sunday, December 17	9:00 am	Worship – Children's Christmas Program
	10:15 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	4:45 pm	Youth Group—Caroling with Girl Scouts
Wednesday, December 20	10:00 am	Women's Bible study
Sunday, December 24	5:00 pm	Christmas Worship
	9:00 pm	Christmas Worship
Sunday, December 31	9:00 am	Worship

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Rebecca Lyford (12/17); Gladys Maurer (12/19); Ian Meyer (12/21); Marlena Meyer (12/21); Cindy Barrett (12/23); Taitem Zenor (12/23).

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.

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

YOUTH CHRISTMAS CAROLING: All youth are invited to join the senior high Girl Scout troop for a **Christmas Caroling Event at 5pm- 6:30 tonight – December 17th**. This will be our youth ministry service event for December. There will be no extended youth event following the Caroling. Please join us at Trinity at **4:45 pm tonight** and share the gift of song to our community that may or may not attend a worship service this Christmas.

NEW MEMBERS: Trinity will be receiving new members during worship on Sunday, January 21, 2018. If you would like to formally join our community of faith, please talk with Pastor Nate!



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 and 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 17, 2017

NEXT WEEK — December 24, 2017

Lector: Tary Stayton

Ushers: Maia Anderson
Judi Weatherwax

Greeters: Iris Brunett
Sharon Leder

Nursery: Madie Jablin

Stewards: Judy Moline
Diahann Jablin

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

Coffee Fellowship:
Sunday School Party

Flowers: OPEN

Lector: 5:00—OPEN
9:00—Maia Anderson

Ushers: 5:00—Jason & Trey Sherwood
9:00—Dustin & Kelcey Anderson

Greeters: 5:00—Mike Nutter
9:00—Randy Wilkison
Mike Smith

Nursery: 5:00—OPEN
9:00—OPEN

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