

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday in Advent



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Worship Service 9:00AM

Sunday School 10:30AM

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Communion Invitation

Dear Guest: If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, please speak to pastor before taking the Lord's Supper.

We love you! We want you to be able to receive the true body and blood of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and the wine for your forgiveness. If you would like to be part of our communion, please set up a time to visit with pastor during the week. You can contact Pastor after the service or call the church office at 532-2717.

You may, however, come up to the altar today to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest while you are kneeling at the communion rail. You may also remain in your pew during Communion if you so desire.

Chimes "Angels We Have Heard on High"

349 Hark the Glad Sound



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-51
Tune: Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

Stand

The sign of the cross T may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word,... God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 85:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4–5

Rejoice in the Lord always;

again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.

The Lord is at hand.

LORD, you were favorable to your land;

you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people;

you covered all their sin.

Will you not revive us again,

that your people may rejoice in you?

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Rejoice in the Lord always;
 again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.
 The Lord is at hand.

Kyrie

LSB 204



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Sit

Magnificat

LSB 248



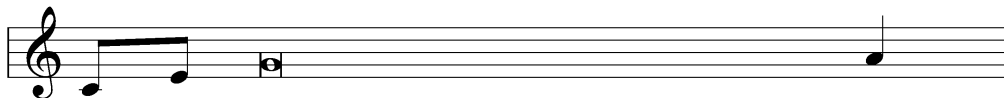
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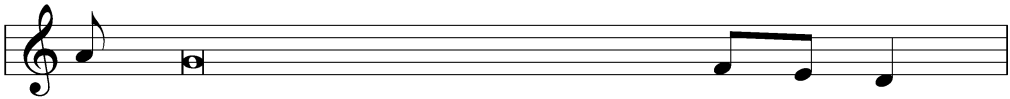
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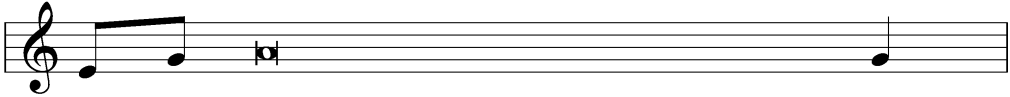
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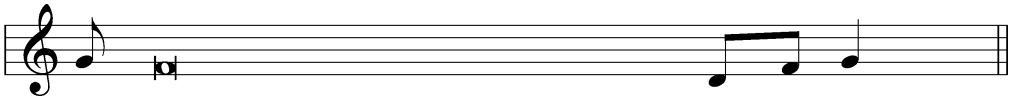
- 1 For _____ He has re - - - - - garded
- 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
- 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
- 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
- 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son



1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
 2 and holy is His name;
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 4 and the rich He has sent empty a-way.
 5 and to the Holy Spirit;



1 For behold, from this day
 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
 5 as it was in the beginning,



1 all generations will call me blessed.
 2 from generation to generation. *Refrain*
 3 and has exalted the lowly.
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ever.
 5 is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Refrain*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
 C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Isaiah 40:1-8 (NASB95)

¹ “Comfort, O comfort My people,” says your God.

² “Speak kindly to Jerusalem;
And call out to her, that her warfare has ended,
That her iniquity has been removed,
That she has received of the LORD’S hand
Double for all her sins.”

³ A voice is calling,
“Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness;
Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ “Let every valley be lifted up,
And every mountain and hill be made low;
And let the rough ground become a plain,
And the rugged terrain a broad valley;
⁵ Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
And all flesh will see *it* together;
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶ A voice says, “Call out.”
Then he answered, “What shall I call out?”
All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.

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

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

I John 4:7-11 (NASB95)

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the

propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

A This is the Word of the Lord.


C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Matt 11:2-10 (NASB95)

² Now when John, while imprisoned, heard of the works of Christ, he sent *word* by his disciples ³ and said to Him, "Are You the Expected One, or shall we look for someone else?" ⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ *the* BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and *the* lame walk, *the* lepers are cleansed and *the* deaf hear, *the* dead are raised up, and *the* POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM. ⁶ And blessed is he who does not take offense at Me."

⁷ As these men were going *away*, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft *clothing*? Those who wear soft *clothing* are in

kings' palaces! ⁹ But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written,

'BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU,
WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.'

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite
Tune: adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Presentation of Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation,
Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C **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 Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

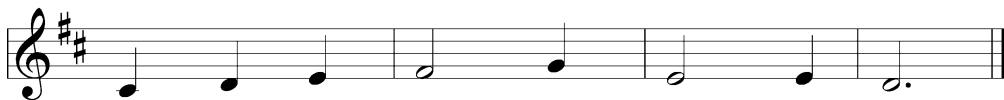
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
 But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
 And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
 The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925, alt.
 Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg, ed. John Wyeth

346 When All the World Was Cursed



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na - tion,
 2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,
 3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.
 Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.
 Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.
 The word pro - claimed by John, Our true re - pen - tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,
 By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,
 Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,
 That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.
 He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.
 Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

Text: Johann Gottfried Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Paul E. Kretzmann, 1883–1965, alt.
 Tune: Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701
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366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come With peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 All you, be - neath your heav - y load, By care and guilt bent low,
 4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph - ets seen of old,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
 And still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world.
 Who toil a - long a drea - ry way With pain - ful steps and slow:
 When down in - to the cir - cling years Came Christ as was fore - told.



“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”
 A - bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 Look up, for gold - en is the hour, Come swift - ly on the wing,
 His word of peace shall to the earth God's an - cient prom - ise bring,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.
 And ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
 The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an - gels sing.
 And all who take this gift will hear The song the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810–76, alt.
 Tune: Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C Amen.

D G D A G A

1. Sing we the song of Em - man - u - el; this the Christ who was long fore - told.
 2. Come we to wel - come Em - man - u - el; King who came with no crown or throne.
 3. Go spread the news of Em - man - u - el; joy and peace for the wea - ry heart.

D G D A G D

Lo in the sha - dows of Beth - le - hem, pro - mise of dawn now our eyes be - hold.
 Help - less He lay, the in - vin - ci - ble, Ma - ker of Ma - ry, now Ma - ry's son.
 Lift up your heads, for your King has come; sing for the light o - ver - whelms the dark.

A G D A G D

God most high in a man - ger laid; lift your voi - ces and now pro - claim:
 O what wis - dom to save us all, Shep - herds, sa - ges, be - fore Him fall.
 Glo - ry shin - ing for all to see, hope a - live, let the gos - pel ring.

G D G D G D A7 D

Great and glo - ri - ous, Love has come to us; join now with the hosts of hea - ven.
 Grace and ma - jes - ty, what hu - mi - li - ty; come on bend - ed knee, a - dore Him.
 God has made a way, He will have the praise; tell the world His name is Je - sus.

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Prayers and Announcements

In Our Prayers: Cody Unhjem (recovering from heart surgery), Darlene Swager (Jacob's Grandmother), Linda Barry, Dick Ferkey, Kenneth Gaines (Rick's brother; cancer), Barbara Cook (additional prayers for upcoming back surgery; Glen Werner's sister), Bill McGuire, Cathy Davis, **Shut-In:** Jen Perry, Peggy Avers, Bill Riley, Gaylene Peters, Brian Pendergrass, Jeanette Seeman, Bill & Helen Donald; **In the Military:** Alex Douglas, Roberto Baquerizo (Navy – Stirling's grandson), Patrick Gardner (Jacobsen's grandson), Colton Wead, Clay Marlin, James Beall, Zach Sparks, and those we think of privately.

Voters' Meeting/Budget Meeting is scheduled for today at **10:30AM**. All Trinity members 18 years of age and older are encouraged to participate.

The wedding of Dixie Krisher and Richard Davidson will be held today at **1:00PM** at the Shrine Building (204 N. Madison). There will be a reception following the ceremony until 3:00PM. Cake, ice cream and punch will be served.

Open Hands Mission to the Blind will be having their Christmas dinner on **Thursday at Noon**. We need homemade cookies for the individual members for gifts. Any help would be much appreciated.

Caroling: We will meet at church at **5:15pm, on Friday, December 20th**.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 7:00pm on Tuesday, 12-24. **Christmas Day service** will be at **10:00am** on Wednesday, 12-25, with a **brunch following the service**. Everyone is invited! A sign-up sheet for food items will be available.

Thrivent Members – If you have donated your CHOICE DOLLARS to Trinity, please let the Financial Secretary know if the donation was for a dedicated purpose. Otherwise, the donation will go into the General Fund.

Birthdays & Anniversaries for this week: Tuesday, 12-17 – Jane Glendenning

Daily Bible Readings for This Week: Today – Revelation 7:1-17; **Monday** – Revelation 19:1-21; **Tuesday** – Isaiah 60:1-22; **Wednesday** – Isaiah 7:1-25; **Thursday** – Isaiah 8:1-15; **Friday** – Isaiah 8:16-9:7; **Saturday** – Luke 1:1-25.

Upcoming Events

15 Dec	Voters' Meeting/Budget Meeting at 10:30am
18 Dec	Final Advent Mid-Week Worship at Noon & 7:00pm
19 Dec	Open Hands at noon
20 Dec	Caroling, meet at church at 5:15pm
24 Dec.	Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm
25 Dec	Christmas Day Worship, 10:00am; Brunch at 11:00am
11 Jan.	Soup cook – off; bring soups at 11:00am
27 Jan.	Evangelism Training Meeting at 6:00pm

Our Response to the Lord Last Week

Stewardship of Souls		Stewardship of Finances
Worship Attendance		General Offering Last Week
9:00AM -	75	\$2,717.00
Pastor's Class-	23	Blessing Babies & Beyond - \$50.00
Sunday School -	2	

	Serving Today	Serving Next Week
Organist	Joy Gaines	Jeanette Milner
Elder	Gary Clark Allen Carothers	Nick Grunwaldt Allen Carothers
Lector	Jeff Carlson	Allen Carothers
Usher	Jeff Carlson Jacob Swager	Jeff Carlson Jacob Swager
Altar Guild	Christal Bailey Judy Jacobsen	Christal Bailey Judy Jacobsen

Weekly Calendar

Today	9:00AM	Worship/Communion
	10:30AM	Voters Meeting/Budget Meeting
	1:00PM	Wedding of Dixie Krisher & Richard Davidson
Wed.	10:00AM	Men's Bible Class
		Ladies' Bible Class
	Noon	Advent Worship Service
	6:00PM	Chimes Practice
	7:00PM	Advent Worship Service
Thurs	9:30AM	Thursday Girls
	Noon	Open Hands Christmas Dinner
	5:30PM	Choir Practice
	6:30PM	Women's Bible Study
Sun, 12-22	9:00AM	Worship/Communion
	10:30AM	Sunday School & Bible Class