

Sunday
December 3, 2017

8 am

First Sunday
in Advent

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“The Advent of Our King”

LSB 331



The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
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.

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Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Confession

Pastor: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

People: O Lord, who could stand?

Pastor: But with You there is forgiveness;

People: Therefore You are feared. (*Psalm 130:3-4*)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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

Absolution

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 to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14

New Member Welcome

The Apostles' Creed

† The Word †

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-5

(Comfort for God's People)

The Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 7:5-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

(Please Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:31

Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:57-80

(The Birth of John the Baptist)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of the Day

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

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Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot
How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the
Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -
rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py
tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of
homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less
ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your



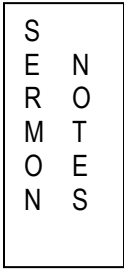
va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.
all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.
sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.
Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!

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The Sermon



To think about this week:

“Do You Hear What John Heard?”

Tithes & Offerings/ Friendship Roster

Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for His compassion's never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

Offertory Song

“Fum, Fum, Fum”

*Trinity School
Advanced Band*

Joining Jesus on His Mission

Prayer of the Church *(You may sit or kneel)*

(After each petition)

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

On Screens

† The Celebration of Holy Communion †

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made a covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9

Words of Institution

Matt 26 & 1 Cor. 11

The Sharing of Peace

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

The Distribution of the Sacrament

Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. **Baptized Christians** who can answer **YES** to the following questions are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table.

- ✝ Do you admit you have sinned against God and do you **repent** (admit and turn away from) of those sins?
- ✝ Do you trust in **Jesus Christ** and Him alone as your **Savior** from sin and death?
- ✝ Do you believe that the **Body and Blood of Jesus Christ** is actually received in and with the bread and wine (the bread and wine are not merely symbols or signs) for the **forgiveness** of your sins and to **strengthen** your faith?
- ✝ Do you believe that in Holy Communion we personally receive the **gift of God's forgiving love and grace** and we experience **oneness** with Christ and with one another?
- ✝ Do you intend and desire, by God's power, to turn away from your sin, and to grow in love for God and for others?

If this is your faith we invite you to join us at the Lord's Table. If you have questions, concerns, doubts, etc. please speak with a pastor, or an Elder, before receiving Holy Communion. **We ask that children receive formal instruction in the meaning and purpose of Holy Communion through our 1st Communion Class or Confirmation program before participating in this sacrament.** Non-Alcoholic Wine is available for those unable to receive the blood of Christ through regular wine. It is in the center of the communion tray and is light in color. Gluten Free "Hosts" are also available for those who are unable to receive the "Body of Christ" through the usual Communion Host. *To receive the Sacrament with the Gluten Free Host stand at the very "back" of the communion rail (near the lectern or pulpit and wait for the Communion assistant to come to you. If you have questions please, ask a pastor or Elder.*



Distribution Hymns

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest all things
 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on
 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's
 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law
 tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,
 heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 And teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 And close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
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Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious

 our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
 hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence
 Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y

 and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
 they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
 and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.

 As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
 And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are

 You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
 and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
 pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.

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Post-Communion Canticle *(Please stand)*

Luke 2:29-32

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen

Benediction

6:24-26

(This is God having the last word; bestowing a blessing on His people. God sends His people into the world with the promise of His favor and His peace.)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“What Hope! An Eden Prophesied”

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What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,
As ban - ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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† Immediately following worship members of our Praying Hands Prayer Team will be available to pray with you or for you. They will be located behind the altar near the cross and candles. ††

About Today's Service. . .

Invocation

The invocation reminds us that Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) is here with us and has claimed us as His own.

Confession

John 1:9

Confessing our sins keeps us honest - honest with ourselves and honest before God. The act of "confessing our sins" is the act of owning and admitting that we have fallen short of God's demands and expectations and we are in desperate need of a Savior.

Absolution

Jesus has secured forgiveness with God through His life, death and resurrection. The pastor speaks words of forgiveness as though they were from Christ himself. In Christ our sins have been removed "as far as the east is from the west." Christians know this, but we need to hear it often!

The Apostles' Creed

When we confess the faith of the Church in the creed, our confession speaks about God – who He is and what He has done. We are answering the question of Jesus: "Who do you say that I am?"

Words of Institution

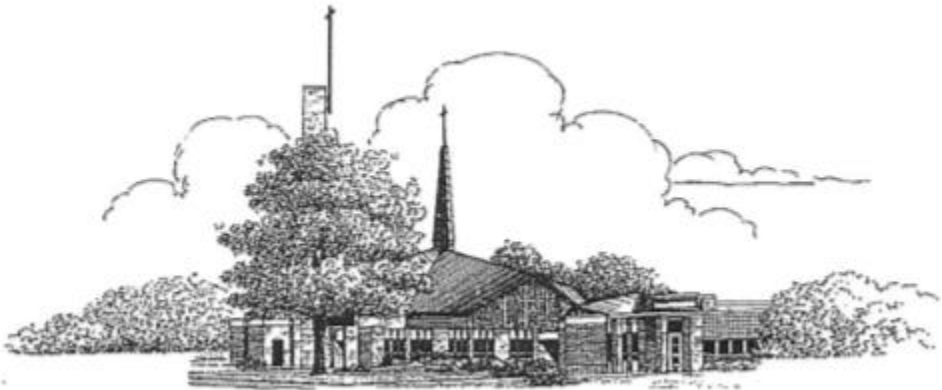
Matt 26 & 1 Cor. 11

(At each celebration of the Lord's Supper the pastor speaks the very words of Jesus. These words promise us that along with the simple elements of bread and wine we are receiving the body and blood of Christ that was broken and shed for us and for our salvation.)

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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PRAYER LIST Trinity seeks to be a “praying church.” This means far more than the pastor praying during worship. We encourage you to pray daily for the various people and needs listed below as well as the many needs of our community and our world. To add someone to the prayer list (or to remove someone) please contact church@trinityct.org or 586-463-2921 x 143.

Members Who Are Ill/Recovering

Helen Luft, Joan Turner, Caroline Gallagher, Caritza Alvarez, Carol Jobse, Beverly Mueller, Tim Crosby, Hal Geddes, Roy Jackson, Taryn Maurer, Arletha Kandt, John Gehm, Onalee Young, Kristie Bennett, Josephine Young, Mark Albright, Patti Kennedy, Carol Matthews, Frank and Kathy Carpenter, Gail Sellers, Dean Teschler, Don Hartop, Sue Wise

Others Who Are Ill/Recovering

Nancy Sielaff, Garnett Bulloch, Richard Adlen, Jerry Zarling, Roger Caylor, Mary Lou Weber, Robert Standfest, Liz Grupe, Jason Cartwright, Don Leal, Turvey Family, Carol Terrell, Abe Qaza, Frank Carpenter, Sidnee Sayers, Justin Defer, Joann Bible, Liz Grupe, Rich Hamick, Patricia Losey, Kathleen Morris, Norma Hewson, Kelly Tanzey, Chip Arbanas, Kathy Kotas, Rich Harwick, Robin Kelly, Renee and Victor Hecker

****If you have submitted a prayer request for a non-member, please update the church office on the status so that this list remains current.****

This Week's Special Prayer Requests

- † For the Sick and Suffering
- † For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month
- † For Our Nation and its leaders
- † For those who don't know Jesus as their Savior

In Memorium

Jack Hoisington (father of Taryn Maurer-Hoisington)

Baptisms

Louis Victor Valenti (son of Michael and Brittany Valenti),
Brittany Valenti

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Art Baker, Daniel Bergstresser, Jeremy Bridgeman, Louis Cage, Shelby Clippard, Joe Cognitore, Chad Czischke, Richard Dembowski, Jorge Dimmer, Don Ehrke, John Fill, Melissa Flood, Anthony Gaiera, Isaac Gibson, Matthew Hudson, Joseph Jedenasty, Michael Kayser, Daniel Klein, Kory Kramer, Tyler Konwinski, Garret LaBudde, Thomas LeClair, Ethan LeClair, Jason Lipka, David A. MacArthur, Sally Maize, Anthony Marsack, Mario Marval, Robert McDonald, M. Scott McCormick, Rodrigo Mendoza, Matthew Moeser, Michael Niemczyk, Renae Niemczyk, Derek Olivares, Brandon Pirrone, Graham Puranen, John Renard, Zachary Rice, Michael Rich, Tyler Rakowski, Sean Schess, Troy Sears, Joshua Schumaker, Christopher Stanifer, Adam Taber, Jeremy Webber, Thomas Woloszyk, Zachary Woomer

**SERVING AS LEADERS IN
TODAY'S WORSHIP
8am**

Preacher: Pastor Ken Wise

Assisting: Pastor Gary Richard
Pastor Brian West

Minister of Worship/Music: Paul Finazzo

Elders: Tim Hardy

Praying Hands: Michael and Debbie Dixon

Reader: Glen Auten

Flowers placed by the family in
loving memory of Sal Mascali

