



TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Learning ~ Living ~ Loving
the way of Jesus Christ

November 27, 2022 / 8:30 & 11 am
1st Sunday of Advent

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

GATHERING

Bells

Prelude

Amy Kapp, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Moser

*Welcome to worship at Trinity! As we prepare our hearts, please take a moment to silence your electronic devices. Portions for the assembly are in **bold**. *Stand as you are able.*

Centering Music

(Meditation: Who or What Would You Wait For?)

Amy Kapp

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

P: Blessed be the Lord, ✠ the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

C: Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of new beginnings,

**C: we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.
We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace.
We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire**

**and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.
Amen.**

P: People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
You have put on ✝ Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

C: Amen.

***Hymn** O Come, O Come, Emanuel

#257 (vs. 1-4)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

***Apostolic Greeting**

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

C **And also with you.**

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

***Advent Candle Hymn**

“We Light the Advent Candles”

(vs. 1-2)

We Light the Advent Candles



1 We light the Ad-vent can - dles a - gainst the win - ter night
2 The first one will re - mind us that Christ will soon re - turn.
3 We light the sec - ond can - dle, and hear God's ho - ly word.
4 Three can - dles now are gleam - ing and show us the true way.
5 Four can - dles burn - ing bright - ly an - nounce that Christ has come.



to wel - come our Lord Je - sus, who is the world's true light;
We light it in the dark - ness and watch it gleam and burn.
It tells us, cling to Je - sus, pre - pare to meet your Lord.
Re - joice, the Bap - tist cries out: your Lord has come to - day!
Pre - pare, my heart, be - lieve it, and give the Christ child room!



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Text: Gracia Grindal

Music: WIR HATTEN GEBAUET, German folk tune, 1823

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*Advent Wreath Lighting Blessing

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.
You call all nations to walk in your light
and to seek your ways of justice and peace,
for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near.
Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.
Rouse us from sleep,
that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes
and welcome him into our hearts and homes,
for he is our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Kyrie (Unison)

ELW p. 138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



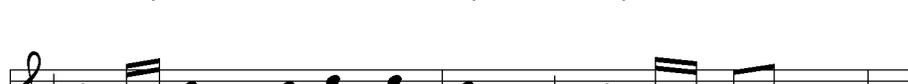
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



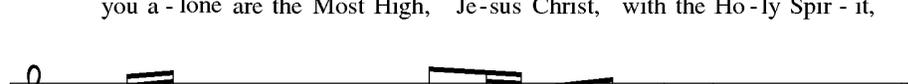
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day**

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

TBD (8:30)

Jane Hein (11)

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 (read responsively)

TBD (8:30)
Jane Hein (11)

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Ps. 122:1)

- ¹I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
²**Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
³Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;
⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**
⁵For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.
⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.**
⁷Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.
⁸**For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**
⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good."

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

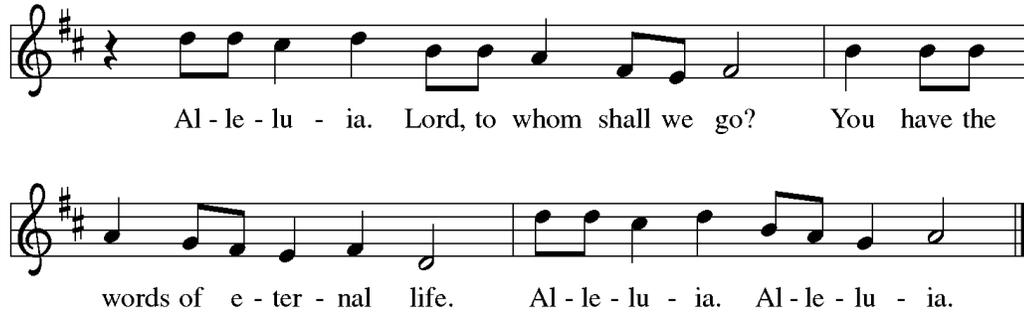
Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-14

TBD (8:30)
Jane Hein (11)

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel:** Matthew 24: 36-44

Pastor Moser

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated.

Time with the Children

Pastor Moser

Sermon

Pastor Moser

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! “Christ is near,” we hear it say.
 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth’s bond-age let us rise;
 3 See the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, come with par - don down from heav’n.
 4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son

“Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!”
 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
 Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv’n;
 he will shield us with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.
 with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878
 Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

*The Apostle’s Creed

P: With the whole church, let us profess our faith:
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 the People of God

Each petition concludes with:

P: God, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

After the final petition, the prayers conclude with:

P: God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: **Amen**

*The Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always:

C: **And also with you.**

(As God has brought us peace through Jesus Christ, we now turn to one another and share the same gift of peace, saying to one another: "Peace be with you.")

We Give Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

P: In the fifth chapter of Matthew we read, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift." We have been reconciled to one another in the Passing of the Peace. Please come forward with your tithes and your offerings.

The Offertory
Remain seated.

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

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Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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Offering Prayer

- P: Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior.
- C: **Amen.**

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

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- 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 our thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer

- P: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ...
...be all honor and glory in your Holy Church, bot now
And forever:
- C: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

- P: Let us pray with confidence to the Father,
in the words our Savior Christ has taught us:
- 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.**

Invitation to Communion

- P: Be strong, do not fear! ✝ Here is your God, who has come to save you.

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.

The Holy Supper

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Please come forward when invited by the Pastor. Empty cups (for wine) will be in the trays located by the front pew. The Communion Assistant will fill your cup with wine. Gluten-free wafers and cups filled with juice are in the center of the tray. The Pastor will offer the bread. Children who haven't received their first Communion, may come forward with hands folded to receive a blessing by the Pastor. Return to your pew by the side aisle. Place your empty cups in the container at the end of the front pew.

Communion Song

“Away in a Manger”

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*The Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: **Amen.**

*Prayer After Communion

P: Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.
Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

***Benediction**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

***Hymn**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

#257 (vs.5-8)

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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