



First Sunday in Advent

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Mission Statement

*Trinity is a caring family where people gather to know, worship,
serve, and share their Savior.*

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Welcome

What do we do when an important guest is coming over to visit? We clean the house, prepare the dinner menu, put on nice clothes, and do many other things in anticipation. Beginning a new Church Year is also a time of getting ready. We prepare ourselves not to welcome just any important guest though, but once again to welcome the King—our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who comes in the flesh to His people. No matter our housecleaning, dinner plans, wardrobe, or anything else, the most important preparation we are called to is a readiness of our hearts and minds. This Advent season is a time of preparation—to prepare ourselves to welcome Him who came humbly as a king by earthly standards, yet the King we welcome by faith as Savior and Lord. More than that, we continually prepare ourselves in repentant joy to receive Him who humbly yet powerfully still comes to us in Word and Sacrament by His Holy Spirit.

Holy Communion

We believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, and that we receive the forgiveness of sins along with the bread and wine in this Holy Meal. As a "Family Church," we invite those who share this understanding, and who desire God's forgiveness and strength, to join with us in receiving Holy Communion. If you have any questions, please speak to one of our pastors at any time. All worshippers are asked to fill out the "Fellowship Pad" in the pew and pass it down. After all have signed, please leave the pad at the end of the pew to be picked up after worship. Thank you!

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Wachet auf! ruft uns die Stimme" - Bach

+ *Please stand and face the cross during the procession to the altar* +

HYMN "Savior of the Nations, Come" LSB 332 V1-4

INVOCATION

P: *We begin this season of Advent, this time of worship, and recall our baptismal grace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: **Amen.**

P: *To the Father, King of peace,*

C: **grant us peace.**

P: *To the Son, who comes humbly as the King of Glory and Prince of Peace,*

C: **come, Lord Jesus.**

- P: *To the Holy Spirit, who calls, gathers, enlightens, and gives to us the gift of faith to welcome our King,*
C: **grant us peace. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Isaiah 2:2–3, 5; Psalm 119:105

- P: *Beloved in the Lord, as we begin this season of Advent, let this wreath and the candles progressively lit each week remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. As the prophet Isaiah writes in today's Old Testament Reading, "It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say:*
C: **"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. . . . Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD."**

- P: *Let us pray.*
Lord Jesus, Savior and King, the true light who comes into this world, bless us as we light this candle in the beginning of our preparation for Your coming. Enter our hearts and minds with the light of Your love that we may welcome and receive You with joy as our true and eternal King; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

- P: *Your word is a lamp to my feet (the acolyte lights the first Advent candle)*
C: **and a light to my path.**

HYMN

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

LSB 332 v5-8

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

- P: *Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that often we have welcomed and received You with our lips, but have not welcomed nor received You as the King You are.*
C: **We have dishonored and disobeyed You with our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

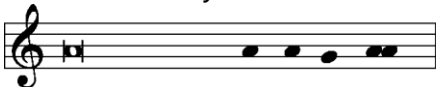
Silence for meditation

- P: *Have mercy on us, O God;*
C: **for the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us, renew us, and lead us that we may walk in Your will and follow Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Bring forth new life and lasting light in us today and in this Advent season, that we may honor and serve You as our true King in and above all things.**

P: *Out of His great love for us, God sent His only Son, Jesus, into our sinful world to be born in flesh and live in our midst, to die for our sins, and to rise from the dead, giving us forgiveness and life. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and at the command and by the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*

C: **Hosanna in the highest. Come, Jesus, our Lord and King, and fill us with peace and joy. Amen.**

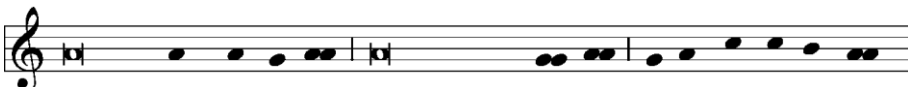
KYRIE *Lord Have Mercy*



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



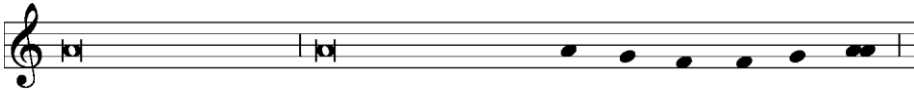
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



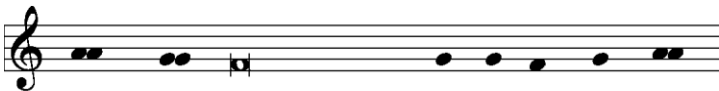
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: *Let us pray.*

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Deacon Kathy Funfgeld

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

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

It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the Lord
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

and many 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 the law,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and 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 anymore.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord.

R: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122

Lectern: I was glad when they said to me,
Pulpit: “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
Lectern: Our feet have been standing
Pulpit: within your gates, O Jerusalem!
Lectern: Jerusalem—built as a city
Pulpit: that is bound firmly together,
Lectern: to which the tribes go up,
Pulpit: the tribes of the LORD,
Lectern: as was decreed for Israel,
Pulpit: to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
Lectern: There thrones for judgment were set,
Pulpit: the thrones of the house of David.
Lectern: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
Pulpit: “May they be secure who love you!
Lectern: Peace be within your walls
Pulpit: and security within your towers!”
Lectern: For my brothers and companions' sake
Pulpit: I will say, “Peace be within you!”
Lectern: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
Pulpit: I will seek your good.

EPISTLE

Romans 13:11-14

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

R: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR *Alleluia Verse for Advent 1*

Alleluia! Show us your steadfast love O Lord, and give us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

P: *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.*



C: **Glo - ry to You, O Lord.**

P: *Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion,*

C: **'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'** "

P: *The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting,*

C: **"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"**

P: *And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said,*

C: **"This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."**

P: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C: 

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” LSB 336

SERMON Reverend Gregory Dwyer

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 CHURCH

A: *Lord, in your mercy,*


C: **Hear our prayer.**

TRINITY CHOIR (9:00) “Rejoice, O Jerusalem, Thy King Cometh” – Willan

The night is far spent; the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Behold, the Lord shall come and all his saints with Him; and in that day the light shall be great. Rejoice, O Jerusalem, behold, thy King cometh. Alleluia!

OFFERING + *Please pass the Fellowship Pad at this time* +

OFFERTORY



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: 

C And al-so with you.

P: *Lift up your hearts.*

C: 

C We lift them to the Lord.

P: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

C: 

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, our King of glory, who humbly entered our flesh to give His perfect life on the cross that we may have a new and forgiven life and by faith receive His eternal kingdom when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the*

company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI

P: *The Peace of the Lord be with you always,*

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God*

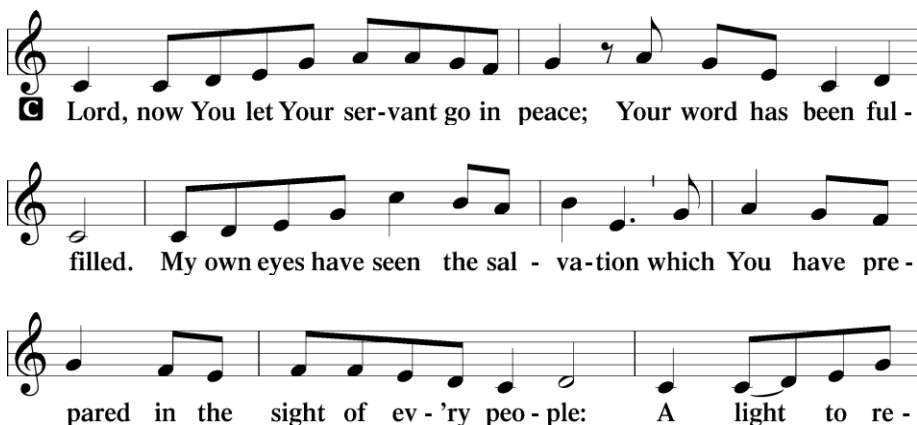


☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “The Advent of Our King” LSB 331

“Once He Came in Blessing” LSB 333

NUNC DIMITTIS *Song of Simeon*



☐ Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: *O Christ, our Savior, Redeemer, and King, we give You thanks for coming to us humbly in, with, and under the bread and wine with Your body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. Continue to come to us as King of glory as we depart in forgiveness and faith. In Your name, we pray,*
 C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: *Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,*
 C: **that the King of glory may come in.**
 P: *Who is this King of glory?*
 C: **The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**
 P: *As our Savior and King still comes to His people, let us go forth in peace and with the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*
 C: **Amen.**

+ *Please stand and face the cross during the recession from the altar.* +

HYMN "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" LSB 348

DISMISSAL

A: *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*
 C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE "Toccata on "Savior of the Nations, Come"" - Manz