



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

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Mission Statement

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

Third Sunday in Advent

Welcome

If you light the candles of an Advent wreath at church or at home, it's likely that the color of the candle you light this Sunday is pink. It's also likely that this is the only pink candle on the wreath. Pink is a color of joy. In fact, this Third Sunday in Advent is commonly referred to as "Rejoice Sunday." But don't confuse the joy we celebrate this Advent with a passing happiness. No, the joy we have this Advent is greater. It lasts always. That's what today's Epistle assures us when Paul writes, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18). Only in Jesus, the coming Savior, can we rejoice in good times and bad times, busy times and quiet times, sick times and healthy times. In Christ, we rejoice always!

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. (Gluten free wafers are available.) If you have any questions, please speak to our pastor 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. Please stand where indicated with a ❖. Thank you!



GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **SHARING OF THE PEACE** *We encourage you to leave your pew and greet new people!*

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

❖ **HYMN**

"Hark the Glad Sound"

LSB 349

❖ **CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P *In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.**

[Matthew 28:19b]

P *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

[1 John 1:8-9]

+ *Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination* +

P *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

C **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.**

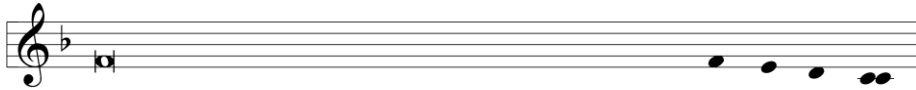
P *In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

[John 1:12; Phil. 1:6]


C **Amen.**

❖ **KYRIE**

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



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




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

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




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

A *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.*




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

A *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.*



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

A *Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.*



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

❖ PRAYER

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

- P** *Let us pray.*
Lord Jesus Christ,
- C** **we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation;**
- P** *for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*
- C** **Amen.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION (9:00)

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PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THE FIRST GRADERS (9:00)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

R *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and

body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

R *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **ALLELUIA** (6:30)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

❖ **CHOIR ALLELUIA** (9:00/10:45)

Alleluia! Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way before you. Alleluia!

❖ **GOSPEL LESSON**

John 1:6-8, 19-28

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.*

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is written above the lyrics.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



C Praise to You, O Christ.

❖ **HYMN OF THE DAY** “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” LSB 345

SERMON Pastor John Hopkins

+ *Please turn and face your fellow members across the center aisle* +

❖ **APOSTLES’ CREED**

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 everlasting. Amen.

❖ **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A *Lord, in your mercy,*
C **hear our prayer.**

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

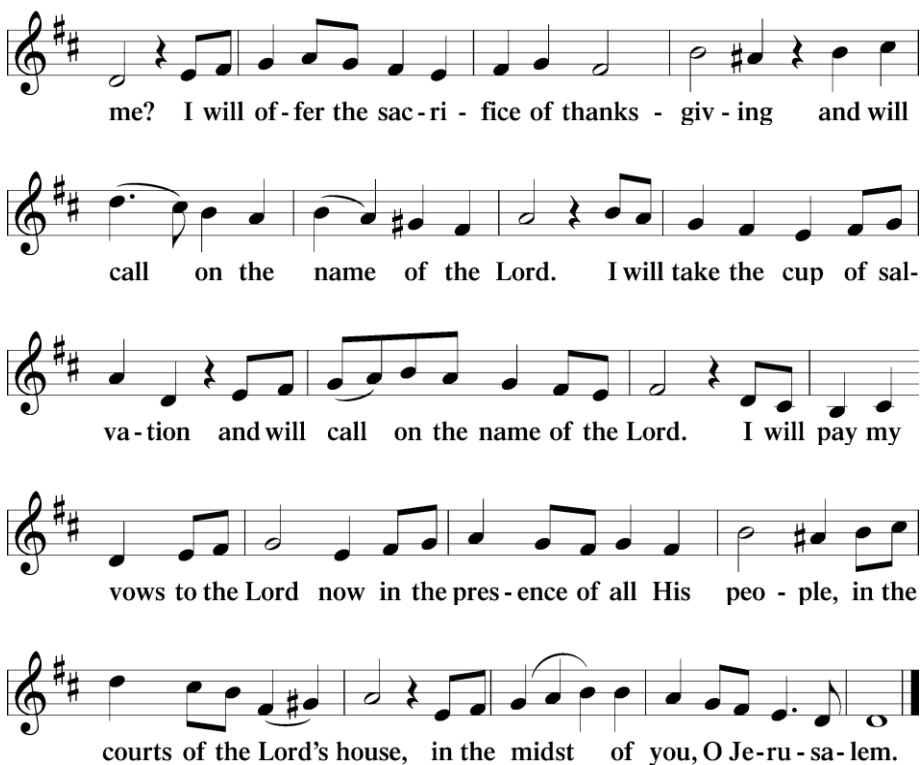
TRINITY CHOIR (9:00) “E’en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come” – Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy, to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ shall be their All!

❖ **OFFERTORY** *What Shall I Render*



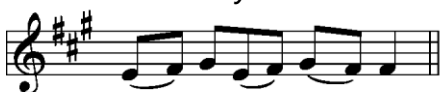
C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



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.

❖ PREFACE

P *The Lord be with you.*



C And al-so 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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed 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:*

C 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.

❖ **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

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| "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" | LSB 398 |
| "When All the World Was Cursed" | LSB 346 |

❖ **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**

A *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.**

❖ **BENEDICTION**

P *The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and † give us peace.*

C A - men

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

❖ **HYMN** "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" LSB 515

❖ **DISMISSAL**

A *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE "Toccata on "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"" - Biery

Paul Manz's now legendary anthem, "E'en So Lord Jesus," has been sung by some of the finest choirs in the world. Many people do not know the history of this anthem though. In 1953, Paul and Ruth Manz's three year old son John became sick and was critically ill. The Manz's sat vigil at his bedside, Ruth by day and Paul by night. The prognosis was not good, and they had resigned themselves to the fact that their son may not survive. Ruth, who often would on occasion write texts for her husband to set to music, gave Paul this text which she had adapted from Revelation 22. Remembering the time, Ruth Manz stated, "I think we'd reached the point where we felt that time was certainly running out so we committed it to the Lord and said, 'Lord Jesus quickly come.'" Paul Manz sketched out the carol at his son's bedside and, as they report, "miraculously through prayer by a lot of people, John survived." So in many ways this beautiful piece is a testimony to the faith of a young couple (their son is now in his sixties) and the power of a prayer for the Lord Jesus to come into their situation. When Paul Manz died in 2009, his family, including his son John, sat vigil at his bedside and sang this prayer for Jesus to come as well. The prelude today, written by Paul Manz later in his life, is a musical reflection on this anthem.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday December 20

7:15 PM Advent Midweek Worship

Saturday/Sunday Advent 4 December 23/24

6:30 PM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

10:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion

Saturday/Sunday December 30/31

6:30 PM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

Sunday December 31

6:30 PM New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion