

# First Sunday in Advent

## Welcome

While the secular calendar won't switch to 2019 for another month, the Church Year begins anew today. Advent is a season of waiting and preparation. One Advent tradition is to mark the four Sundays in Advent with four words that encompass what Jesus brings as He comes into the world to be our Immanuel—God with us. These four words are hope, peace, joy, and love. Today we focus on hope. There is a lot of suffering in the world, but hope exists in Christ's incarnation, death, resurrection, and return.



## 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!

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### Mission Statement

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

PRELUDE

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

- Bach

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**

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

LSB 332

❖ **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.**

[I 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** *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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

[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.



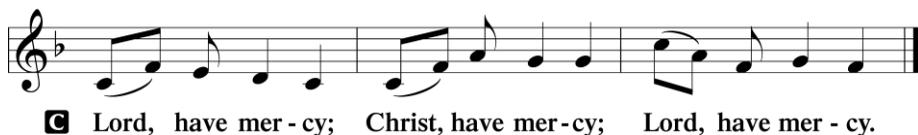
**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**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.*

*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 Lynn Waldeck

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 25:1-10

*Lecturn: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.*

**Pulpit: O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.**

*Lecturn: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.*

**Pulpit: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.**

*Lecturn: Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.*

**Pulpit: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**

*Lecturn: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!*

**Pulpit: Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

*Lecturn:* He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

**Pulpit:** All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**ALL:** *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.*

## EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## ❖ ALLELUIA VERSE (Trinity Choir)

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

## ❖ GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

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



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

“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.



love, one bright candle for love, He brings love to every heart, He comes! He comes!  
He brings love to every heart, He comes! He comes!

**TRINITY CHOIR** (10:45)

“All the Day Long”

– Scott

Show me your ways; teach me your paths; guide me in truth; instruct my heart. You are my God and Savior strong; for you my soul waits all the day long. Remember, O Lord, your loving kindness and tender mercies, for they are ever of old. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to your mercy, Lord, remember me.

❖ **OFFERTORY** *What Shall I Render*



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



❖ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

❖ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

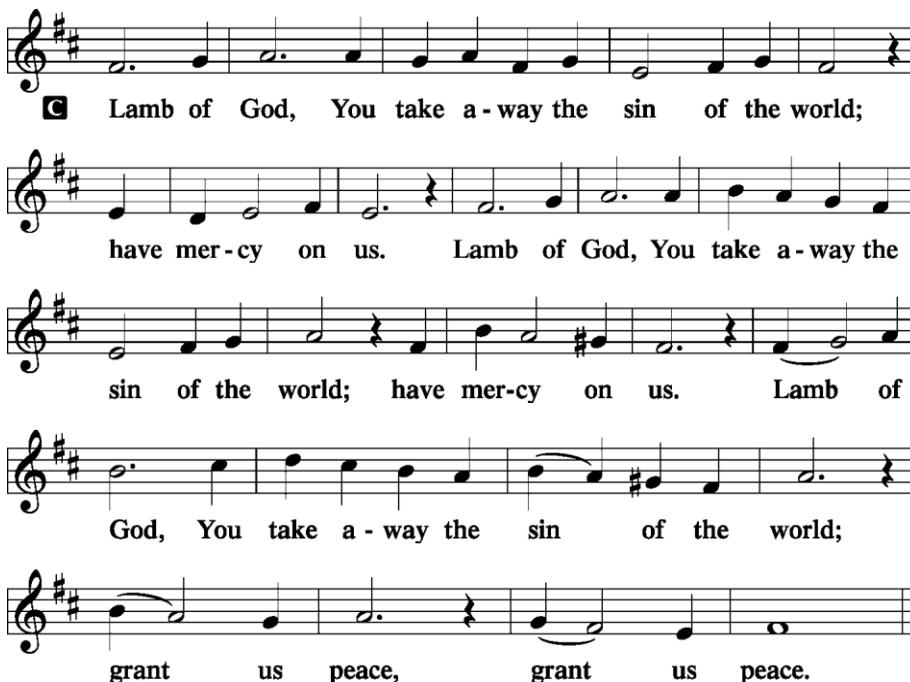
**P** *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

**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*



## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"The Advent of Our King" LSB 331

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" LSB 350

### ❖ NUNC DIMITTIS *Song of Simeon*

**C** 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** *Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 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 † give you peace.*



+ 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** "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" - Ore

**UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Wednesday December 5**

7:15 PM Advent Midweek Worship

**Saturday/Sunday December 8/9**

6:30 PM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
10:45 AM Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

**Wednesday December 12**

7:15 PM Advent Midweek Worship

**Saturday/Sunday December 15/16**

6:30 PM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
10:45 AM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion