



SECOND SUNDAY OF

# Advent

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### Mission Statement

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

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Welcome

When things are going wrong, we encourage our friends, saying, "Look up. Things will get better." But that takes hope based on some report or promise. Our Advent hope is based on promises God has made throughout history, some of which we still await. Isaiah sees lions and lambs living together one day. Paul hopes that Jews and Gentiles will learn to live in harmony together now. But John the Baptist warns that only repentance will enable us to move forward. Advent is a time to recognize God's grace in forgiving our sins and to look forward and up in hope!

## 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!



**PRELUDE**      'Variations on "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"'      – Burkhardt

**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

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

LSB 347

❖ 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.**

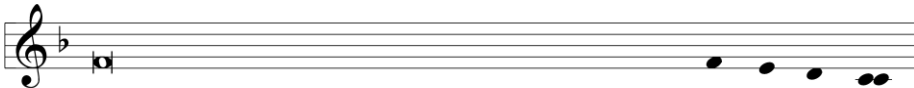
**P** *Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.* [John 20:19-23]

**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.*

**C** *Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds;*

**P** *through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C** **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

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

**C**     **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 72:1-7

**R**     *Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the royal son!*

**C**     **May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice!**

- R** *Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness!*
- C** **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the children of the needy,  
and crush the oppressor!**
- R** *May they fear you while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!*
- C** **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth!**
- ALL:** *In his days may the righteous flourish,  
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!*

**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**

Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”

And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.”

And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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

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

## **❖ CHOIR ALLELUIA**

Alleluia! Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight His paths; all nations shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

## ❖ GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12

**P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.*

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## ❖ HYMN OF THE DAY

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

LSB 344

## 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

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

OFFERING + Please pass the Fellowship Pad at this time +

OFFERING VOLUNTARY (5:00) "Comfort, Comfort, Now My People" – Burkhardt

CHERUB CHOIR (9:00) "Light One Candle" – Sleeth

Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope, He brings hope to every heart, He comes! He comes! Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace, He brings peace to every heart, He comes! He comes! Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy, every nation will find salvation in Bethlehem's baby boy. Light one candle for 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!

❖ 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.

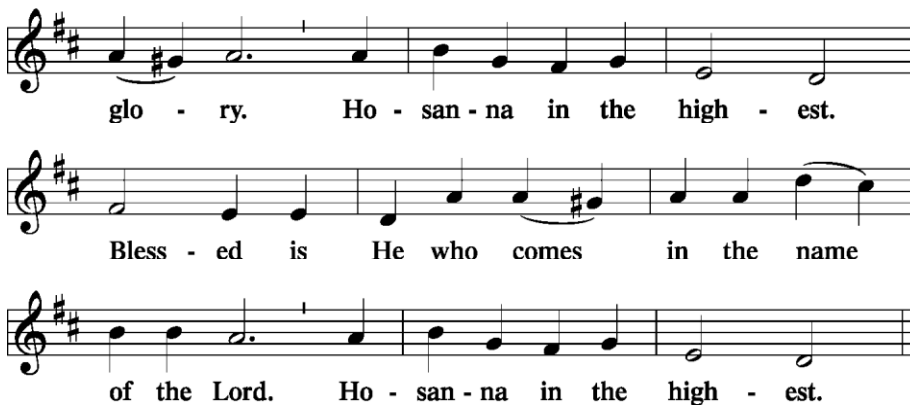
**P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**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  
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

❖ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

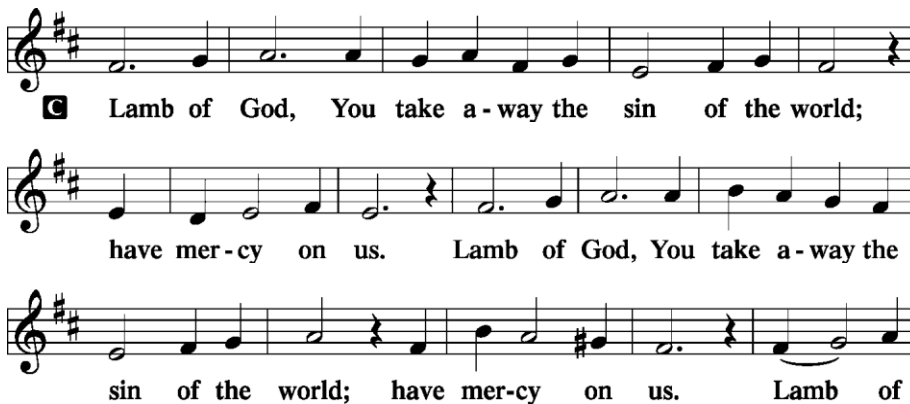
❖ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- 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*



**C** 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

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

LSB 359

### ❖ NUNC DIMITTIS *Song of Simeon*



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal 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 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.*

**C** **Amen.**

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

❖ **HYMN** "Prepare the Royal Highway" LSB 343

❖ **DISMISSAL**

**A** *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE** "Prepare the Royal Highway" - Ore

**UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Wednesday December 11**

7:15 PM Advent Midweek Worship

**Saturday/Sunday December 14/15**

5:00 PM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
10:45 AM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

**Wednesday December 18**

7:15 PM Advent Midweek Worship

**Saturday/Sunday December 21/22**

5:00 PM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion/  
Sunday School Christmas Presentation  
10:45 AM Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion