





Sunday, November 28, 2021

Advent 1

**Theme of the Day:**

*When the Lord comes near, he humbles himself.*

**OPENING HYMN**

702 – “Prepare the Royal Highway” (verses 1, 3, & 4)  
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

*Please stand.*

**INVOCATION**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## **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. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **FIRST LESSON – Jeremiah 33:14-16**

*In response to their sin, the Lord allowed the nation of Israel to be conquered and humbled. Yet, he promised that from David's royal line, a Savior would come to restore God's people.*

<sup>14</sup> “‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup> “‘In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.

### **PSALM OF THE DAY**

Psalm 25

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### **SECOND LESSON – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

*When the Lord comes near on Judgment Day, his followers will be found blameless and holy. Why? Because Christ sustains our faith using humble means—God's Word and sacraments.*

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. <sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. <sup>12</sup> May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. <sup>13</sup> May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

## THE VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen.  
Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:20)

*Please stand.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke chapter 19.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

## GOSPEL – Luke 19:28-40

*Jesus enters Jerusalem humbly, riding a donkey to his death. By that death, the Lord of all becomes the Savior of all.*

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> They replied, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: <sup>38</sup> "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" to Jesus, "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" <sup>40</sup> "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

## APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there 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.

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S LESSON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

2 – "Savior of the Nations, Come" (verses 1, 3, & 4)

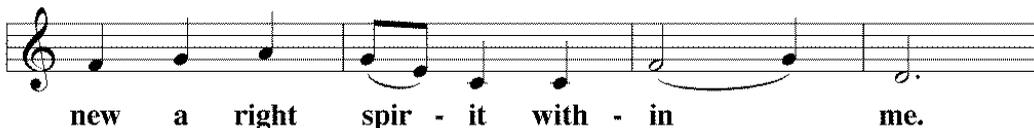
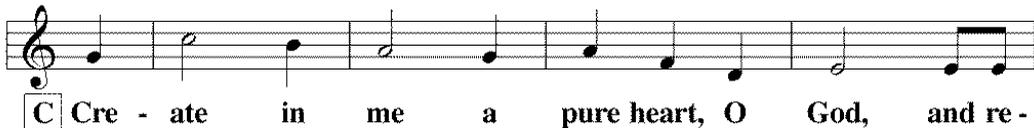
### SERMON Text: Luke 19:28-40

Theme: Sing Praise to our Humble King

1. He enters as the King of Peace.
2. He lives to bring glory to God.

*Please stand.*

## CREATE IN ME



Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or  
 take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
 store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
 hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

### FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION

**Guests:** Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

**Members:** Please fill out name and any new information.

Check the third box if you intend to commune.

***Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!***

*Please stand.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## HYMN

366 – “O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild”

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

12 – “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”



### ADVENT WREATH

*The first Advent candle is called the Candle of Prophecy. It symbolizes the Old Testament prophecies of the Advent or coming of the Savior - his coming on earth as a little child, His coming into our hearts by faith in God's Word and His final coming in glory to judge all people. Read Luke 1:68-70, Genesis 3;15, Deuteronomy 18:15, Isaiah 9:6, and Micah 5:2.*

## *Announcements:*

**CHILDREN'S LESSON:** Please encourage your children in the Pre-school through 4<sup>th</sup> grade to come quietly to the front when invited.

**THE WELS CONNECTION** will be shown after each service today.

**THE FUNERAL SERVICE** for Bob Rausch will be held in church on Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m. Visitation will be at Crates Funeral Home in Arlington on the 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**COLORS AND SHAPES:** Come learn about colors and shapes at Mornings with Mommy on Monday, December 6 or Tuesday, December 7. Join us from 9:30-10:30 to explore colorful rice and pom-poms, play with colorful balls, make a rainbow collage and color wheel, and build with colorful blocks. Register online at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org) or call 262-391-7994.

**DOOR OFFERING TODAY** and next Sunday: The Trinity Women's Ministry would like to collect funds for a project to do some sprucing up of the Hope House kitchen and dining room as well as purchasing some items from their needs list. Hope House is a facility in Findlay that provides housing, support and education to meet the needs of women and their families facing homelessness in our community.

## *Christmas Events:*

**CHURCH DECORATING** for the upcoming Christmas Season will take place on December 3 at 6:30 p.m. Please join our Decorating Committee as they prepare our beautiful church for the birth of our Savior!

**CHRISTMAS EVE Children's Service:** All children of the church (ages 4 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade), regardless if they are TLS students or not, are encouraged to participate in this year's service. Please contact Mrs. Linda Baumann at [lbaumann@tlcjenera.org](mailto:lbaumann@tlcjenera.org) **and** Pastor Nowak at [pastormattn@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattn@gmail.com). They can fill you in on the details and give you the necessary information.

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT:** Women's Ministry is hosting an Advent by Candlelight program on Sunday, December 5 at 6:30 PM. This is an opportunity to focus your heart and mind on the birth of our Savior during the Advent season. The program is entitled, "Five Little Words." Join us for Christmas cookies and fellowship in the church basement following the program. Sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to bring Christmas cookies or treats to share. We will also be putting together plates of cookies for shut-ins and the women who are living at the Hope House in Findlay.

**ADVENT SERVICE:** There will be an Advent worship service in the church on Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for this special worship opportunity.



**SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS JOY!** Join the Outreach Committee as they carol around Jenera on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. They'll be meeting in the church parking lot.

**FREE LUNCH:** Trinity children are invited to stay at church after their Christmas service practice on Saturday, December 18. A free lunch will be served in the church basement. After lunch, children (age 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to participate in Christmas for Kids from 12:30-3:00 PM at school. Questions--contact Jenny Boehm (262) 391-7994.

**CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS** is scheduled for Saturday December 18 from 12:30-3:00 PM. This one day Christmas VBS will give children an opportunity to celebrate and learn about the true meaning of Christmas. The program features activity stations where kids learn about the Savior's birth, praise him in song, make crafts, play games, and enjoy snacks together. The program is for children age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Please register at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org). You can also pick up registration forms and flyers in the back of church. Register by December 8. Questions--contact Jenny Boehm (262) 391-7994.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help at Christmas for Kids on Saturday, December 18 from 12:30-3:00 PM. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to help. You can specify what you would like to help with—crafts, music, games, registration, snacks, group leaders. We also need help serving lunch to Trinity's children at 11:30 after Christmas service practice in the church basement.

## **DIVINE CALL INFORMATION:**

To the saints at Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Jenera:

1 Thessalonians 1:3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.

On October 24 I received a call to serve as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Winner, SD. Ever since then, many of you have reached out to me and expressed strong encouragement about the ministry that is being done here in Jenera. There is much excitement in the ministry that we are doing right now and the plans that are being made for future ministry. I cannot stop thanking God for the encouragement and zeal I see for ministry among the people in our church as well as in our county.

Over the past 4 weeks, I have also learned more about the saints in Winner. They have a great love for their Lord and a great love for their community. Their support for the gospel ministry both at home and abroad is evident in their congregation. They are a loving group of Christians that totally support the Gospel ministry.

After much prayer and careful consideration with the information that the Lord has given me, I am returning the call to serve at Trinity in Winner and remaining as pastor in Jenera. Please continue to pray for the saints at Trinity in Winner. They have traveled a difficult road for many months and it could be more before the Lord sends them a shepherd to serve. This was not an easy decision to return the call, as they are in great need of a pastor, but the Lord led me to see that the need here was greater.

Megan, Leah, and I look forward to remaining as a part of this wonderful community and making it our home for however long God allows. We look forward to continuing the partnership in the ministry that began over five years ago. We are excited to begin plans to move down to Jenera, Lord willing, in the near future.

In Christ's service to you,  
Pastor Matt Nowak

*Dear members of Trinity Lutheran Church,*

This past week I was humbled to receive a call to the Fox Valley Lutheran Schools to be their Director of Instruction. This call is not as a regular classroom teacher. If I would accept it, I would facilitate the implementation the curriculum chosen by the FVL Schools, oversee instruction in 16 different WELS grade schools in the greater Appleton, Wisconsin area, develop professional learning opportunities for the teachers and administrators in those schools, and work with Fox Valley Lutheran High School and the schools in their Federation as a program coordinator.

I ask for your prayers as David and I deliberate this very different type of call. I welcome your comments and advice, particularly where you see my particular gifts being used the best to serve the Lord in His kingdom through the public ministry.

In Christ,

Mrs. Linda Baumann

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DEC 3	Church Christmas Decorating	6:30 p.m.
5	Women's Ministry Advent by Candlelight	6:30 p.m.
7	Christmas Caroling through Jenera	6:30 p.m.
11	TLS Christmas Eve program practice	10:00-11:30
15	Advent Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
18	TLS Christmas Eve program practice (lunch following)	10:00-11:30 a.m.
18	Christmas for Kids	12:30-3:00
23	Christmas Eve Children's Service	1:00 p.m.
24	Christmas Eve Children's Service	7:00 p.m.
25	Christmas Day Communion Service	9:30 a.m.
26	Sunday Worship Service (No 8:00 service or BC, SS)	9:30 a.m.
31	New Years Eve Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
JAN 2	Sunday Worship Service (No 8:00 service or BC, SS)	9:30 a.m.

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## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of November 21, 2021)

Total Worship Attendance: 221; Early: 100; Late: 121; Adult Bible Study: 31; Sunday School 23. On-line worship service views for November 14 were 33.

**MONEY COUNTERS** for this morning through December 4 are the members of Bill Hull's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, December 5, will be the members of Dwight Rader's Undershepherd group.

**GREETERS** today are: Tyler & Kathy Smith – Early Service  
Mark and Jane Boehm – Late Service

Next Sunday: Jim & Jane Smith – Early Service  
Mike & Jill Woodward – Late Service

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (November 28 through December 5)

**TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** WELS Connection; Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Catechism 1:00.

**WED** Choir Practice 7:00; Bible Information class 7:00.

**THU** Good Samaritan Bible Class 11:00.

**FRI** Church Christmas decorating at 6:30 pm.

**SUN** **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30:** Communion; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Catechism 1:00, Women's Ministry Advent by Candlelight 6:30.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**TUE** Cheer practice 3:30-4:45; Basketball practice 5:00-7:00.

**WED** Chapel 8:20.

**THU** Cheer practice 3:30-4:45; Basketball practice 5:00-7:00.

**FRI** No School

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to glorify our Triune God as we train, strengthen and nurture ourselves and others through His Word and Sacraments, so that we are enabled by His love to live lives of faith and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*