



November 29, 2020

Advent 1

Worship focus: *Christmas Came Anyway:
Even when others tried to stop it.*

OPENING HYMN

1 – “The Advent of Our King” (verses 1, 4, & 5)
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

**1. The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.**

**4. As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And his true members all unite
With him in heav'n to reign.**

**5. Before the dawning
Day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.**

Please stand.

P: O Lord, open my lips

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

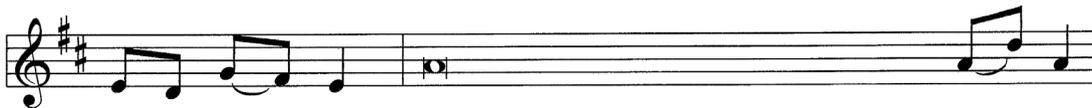
C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

P: Behold the King comes: let us worship him.

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



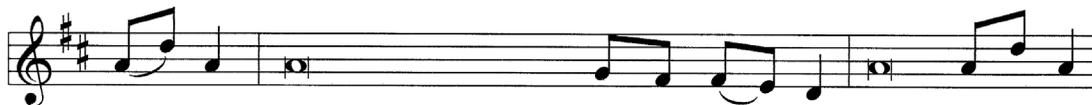
great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



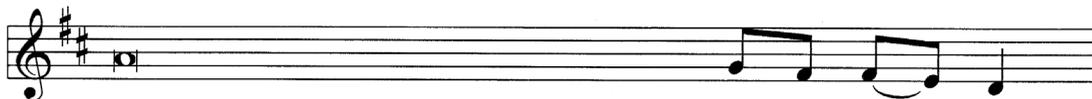
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Please be seated.

P: Why do the nations conspire

C: and the peoples plot in vain?

P: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord

C: and against his Anointed One.

P: The One enthroned in heaven laughs;

C: the Lord scoffs at them.

P: Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying.

C: "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."

P: I will proclaim the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my Son;

C: today I have become your Father."

**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.**

FIRST LESSON – Revelation 12:1-12

Satan tried to stop Christmas from happening, but Jesus showed and continues to show his power over Satan.

A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. ² She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. ³ Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. ⁴ His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. ⁵ She gave birth to a son, a male child, who "will rule all the nations with an iron scepter." And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. ⁶ The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days. ⁷ And there was war in heaven.

Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸ But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. ¹¹ They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. ¹² Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.”

SECOND LESSON – Acts 8:1b-4

Satan tries to stop the spread of the Christmas message, but he does not succeed at all.

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. ² Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. ³ But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. ⁴ Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.

Please Stand

GOSPEL – Mark 13:9-11

Even in the most dire times, God is with his Church as they speak about the Christmas victory they have in Christ.

“You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹ Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

M: The Lord will come again in glory. The Spirit and the Church cry out: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY 196 – “Lord God, to You We All Give Praise” (verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)

**1. Lord God, to you we all give praise;
To you our joyful hymns we raise
That angel hosts you did create
Around your glorious throne to wait.**

**2. They shine with light and heav'nly grace
And constantly behold your face.
They heed your voice; they know it well;
In godly wisdom they excel.**

**4. The ancient dragon is their foe;
His envy and his wrath they know.
So now he subtly lies in wait
To ruin school and church and state.**

**5. But watchful is the angel band
That follows Christ on ev'ry hand
To guard his people where they go
And break the counsel of the foe.**

SERMON Text: Revelation 12:1-12

Theme: A wondrous sign shows God's wondrous love.

1. A Child is born!
2. A Church is saved!

Please stand.

OFFERING

Offering plates are near the exits in which you may place your thank-offering.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

29 "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" (verses 2 & 3)

**2. Ev'ry eye shall now behold him
Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who ridiculed and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, Deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.**

**3. Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshipers.
With what wonder, With what wonder,
Gaze we on those glorious scars.**

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GREETERS today are:

Richard & Cheryl Kretz – Early Service
John & Esther Spaeth – Late Service

Next Sunday:

Josh & Ashley Breitigam – Early Service
Warren & Marilyn Pratt – Late Service

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of November 22, 2020)

Total Worship Attendance: 166; Early: 78; Late: 88; Adult Bible Study: 25; Teen Bible Study: 9. On-line worship service views for November 15 were 54.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through December 5 are the members of Robert Rausch's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, December 6 will be the members of Jim A. Smith's Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (November 29 – December 5)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; WELS Connection; Adult Bible Study 9:20; Teen Bible Class 9:20; **Call meeting 1:00.**

WED Handbells 6:30; On-Line Catechism 6:30; Handbells 6:30.

THU Good Samaritan Bible Study 10:30; Bible Information Class 6:30.

FRI Circuit Called Worker Christmas Party 5:00 (tentative).

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Communion; Adult Bible Study; Teen Bible Study 9:20;
Call meeting.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MON A & B Team Basketball Practice 3:30 to 5:00.

WED Chapel 8:20; A & B Team Basketball Practice 3:30 to 5:00.

THE WELS CONNECTION will be shown after each service today.

CALL MEETING TODAY at 1:00 to call a 7th and 8th grade teacher and principal. All eligible voters are encouraged to attend.

A CALL MEETING to call a new Kindergarten teacher will be held December 6th. Time will be determined. Again, all eligible voters are encouraged to attend.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED to be worn in public places, including here at church, according to the governor's guidelines. Anyone with a medical reason for not wearing a mask is asked to sit in the front wing seats. Please keep your mask on during service. If you are sick, please stay home for the health and safety of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Once again, you have an opportunity to purchase a potted poinsettia to beautify our church Christmas season. Color choices are red or white, and the cost is \$9.00 each. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby by **tomorrow**, November 30th. You may write your check to Jerry Burkholder. Please put your payment in an envelope with his name on it and give it to a deacon or you may drop it off at the school office during school hours.

UNDER THE SEA: Explore Under the Sea at Mornings with Mommy on Monday, December 7 and Tuesday, December 8 from 9:30-10:30. You and your children can enjoy ocean themed songs, toys, crafts, and activities. Play in our ocean sensory bin, make a paper plate octopus, scoop blue pasta shells, and sort ocean animals. Watch out for the sharks! Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS BOXES: Church Council has decided to cancel Christmas for Kids this year due to COVID concerns. The good news is that your children can still learn about the Savior's birth and the true meaning of Christmas at home this year! Sign up for a "Christmas for Kids Box." We will prepare a box with Christ-centered Christmas lessons, crafts, music, games, and snack suggestions for you and your family to do together. Register for a box at tlcjenera.org. Please register by **December 1**. Boxes will be available for pick-up starting on December 13. Questions—contact Jenny Boehm—mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org or 262-391-7994.

WE NEED YOU!



TLS NEEDS YOU! The school is in need of someone to record the Children's Christmas Eve service. Because of COVID, we are doing things a little differently this year. The service will be recorded and shown in church on December 23rd and Christmas Eve. We need someone to record for us on December 18th from 8:45am to noon. Please help if you can!

THE GREATEST GIFT The Ladies Aid is forgoing their traditional December Christmas party for an Advent Service...The Greatest Gift, to be held at the December 12th meeting, at 7:00pm. All ladies of the congregation and guests are invited. We will meet in the sanctuary, practicing our social distancing and wearing masks as mandated by the governor. Please join us for this special worship opportunity.



CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING will take place on Sunday, December 6th at 1:30pm. All are invited to prepare our church for the birth of our Savior!

ALTAR FLOWERS for November 22nd and November 29th are the artistry of Beth Rausch and Amy Rettig. Thank you, ladies!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School lesson packets for three-year-olds, containing lessons 9-13, are available for pick up in the narthex. Packets are labeled with each child's name. Sunday School for Pre School through 8th grade continues by lessons-on-video at nph.net/ss-at-home. The Bible lesson for today/this week is #12, "The Bronze Snake," which is in the packet that you have as well as next week's lesson, #13. There are new packets to pick up for Pre-school through 8th grade on a table in the narthex that go with the videos. This winter series will begin on Sunday, December 13. May God bless your child/children as we together continue to share His love.

THE VOTERS elected to call Pastor Matthew J. Schaewe, from Sussex, WI, as co-pastor. Please keep Pastor Schaewe, as well as Trinity church, in your prayers.



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.

