



Sunday, December 11, 2022

Advent 3

Theme of the day:
Come, Lord Jesus – As Messiah!

Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text

Choir Anthem

“God With Us, Emmanuel”

early service

324 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

CW 324

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Please stand.

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Absolution

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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 mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

Glory to God in the Highest



Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



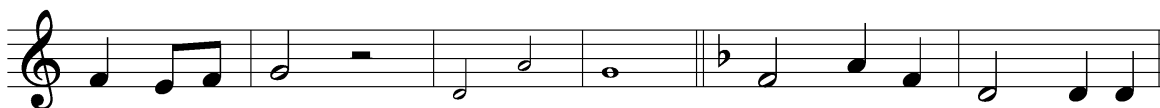
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



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peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



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Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on



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Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

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THE WORD

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

P: Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts, and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 35

The prophet foretold that the coming of the Messiah would change everything.

¹The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, ²it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. ³Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; ⁴say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." ⁵Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ⁷The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. ⁸And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. ⁹No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, ¹⁰and those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day 146A

Sung responsively

Refrain

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the right - eous.

P: I will praise the LORD / all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.

**C: Do not put your trust in / princes,
in human beings, who / cannot save.**

P: Blessed are those whose help is the God of / Jacob,
whose hope is in the / LORD their God.

Refrain

P: He upholds the cause of / the oppressed
and gives food to the / hungry.

**C: The LORD sets / pris'ners free,
the LORD gives sight / to the blind.**

P: The LORD reigns for- / ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations. / Praise the LORD.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

Refrain

Second reading

James 5:7-11

Knowing what we do about the Messiah's coming kingdom, we want it now. God's encouragement, however, is for us to be patient.

⁷Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! ¹⁰Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

P: Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 11:2–11

Jesus deals gently with those whose present circumstances lead them to doubt that he is the Messiah.

²When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" ⁴Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me." ⁷As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ⁸If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. ⁹Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written: " 'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Children's Lesson

315 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord CW 315

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Sermon Text: Matthew 11:2–11

Theme: What did you expect to see?

1. A fiery preacher?
2. A patient servant?
3. A perfect Messiah!

Please stand.

Apostles' 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.

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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!*

Prayer of the Church

P: Eternal God, you are the Father of all whom you have made and you protect and preserve all your human creatures. You create the times and places in which people live, you cause the sun to shine and the rain to fall on the just and unjust, you bid us to hold our hearts not only those we know and love, but all people in all places and circumstances.

C: Hear us, Lord, as we pray.

P: Lead us to see in the lives of all people the working of your eternal plan. Preserve us from an arrogance that elevates our service and sacrifice above that of others. Lead us to appreciate the gifts you give to all people and to give you thanks with our acceptance and humility.

C: Hear us, Lord, as we pray.

P: For all the descendants of Adam and Eve, for all peoples and nations, those in lands far away from us, those who differ from us in race, language, and culture, that in some way they might come to see the light of your Son;

C: For these we pray, O Lord.

P: For those who bring food from the earth, who tend flocks and herds, who cultivate the ground, who find food in the sea, and who bake our daily bread, that they may know you, as we do, to be the giver of every good and perfect gift;

C: For these we pray, O Lord.

P: For those who help us in times of trouble, for lawyers, doctors, emergency workers, counselors, funeral directors, and all whose life interests focus on difficult times, that they may see themselves as those who extend your divine hand to the hurting;

C: For these we pray, O Lord.

P: For all who support us day by day, often without our notice, janitors and maids, cooks and servers, secretaries and technicians, and so many more, that they may enjoy the grateful thanks we children of God owe them;

C: For these we pray, O Lord.

P: For people who live in great poverty or endure war and political unrest or experience oppression and tyranny, that their quest for security might lead them to search where you may be found.

C: For these we pray, O Lord.

P: For those who endure physical and mental afflictions every day and those who are tortured by disease and tormented by fears. Let them find in us Christ-like compassion and meaningful help;

C: For these we pray, O Lord.

P: For all in our congregations who work hard each day to gain their daily bread and then work hard again to support and participate in the gospel ministry, that they may be spared fatigue and frustration as they use their leisure time for the sake of your Son;

C: For these we pray, O Lord.

P Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P: Eternal Father, give us a sense of purpose as we live our lives in the roles you have designed for each of us. Help us to see your divine plan in our calling and make us content as we carry out our tasks. Give us joy to know that we live for you and for others as the servants of Christ Jesus.

C: In his name we pray. Amen.

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.

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.

Please be seated.

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Advent Wreath

The third Advent candle, the pink one, is called the Shepherd Candle. It represents the coming of the Savior into our hearts through faith in His holy Word. Even as the shepherds saw their Savior with their own eyes and believed, so now we see Him through the eyes of faith. We hear the account of the shepherds in Luke 2:15-20.



Announcements:

CHILDREN'S LESSON: Please encourage your children ages Pre-school through 4th grade to come quietly to the front when invited.

CALL MEETING: There will be a call meeting Sunday, December 11 immediately after 2nd service to call a 7th and 8th grade teacher. Voters are encouraged to attend. Everyone is welcome!

PLEASE PRAY for the family of Wilda von Stein, who was called to her heavenly home on Wednesday, December 7th. May the Lord comfort all who mourn her passing. Visitation will take place at Crates Funeral Home in Arlington on Sunday, December 11 from 2:00-6:00pm. Funeral services will be at the church on Monday, December 12th at 11:00, with visitation one hour before.

TRINITY CHOIR will be singing at Good Samaritan in Arlington on Tuesday, December 13th. Everyone is welcome to join them as they carol through the halls. Meet at the home at 5:45. Masks will be worn, please.

PLEASE JOIN US Wednesday, December 14th as we celebrate Advent with a very special Christmas service presented by Trinity Lutheran School's Pre-school class. Under God's blessing, our ministry to our preschool-aged children has grown over the past couple of years. This year our preschool children will tell us about the promises that God has made to you. Join us for our Preschool Christmas Service on December 14 at 7 pm and stay for fellowship and dessert afterwards.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE for k-8TH grade will take place Saturday December 17th at 10:00 am. Lunch will be served following practice.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS is happening this Saturday, December 17th at 12:30 at the school. Your children will celebrate and learn the true meaning of Christmas.

STILL LOOKING! TLS office staff discovered that we need a couple more yearbooks to complete our project. We are looking for school year 1988-89, 1995-96. If anyone has those 2 years, would you be willing to let us borrow it? Thanks!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS, PARTY! Come celebrate Jesus' birthday at the next Mornings with Mommy on Monday, December 19 or Tuesday, December 20. Bring your children/grandchildren to hear the story of Jesus' birth, stack presents, make a Christmas star ornament, have pretend birthday cake, and use play dough with cookie cutters. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Did you miss the Advent by Candlelight last week? If you would still like to watch, you can pick up a DVD from the Deacon's in the back of church. The disc is labeled, "Songs of the Season."

PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME: Do your kids need a warm place to get some energy out? Join us for a FREE open gym for all preschool aged children at Trinity Lutheran School on Monday, December 12 from 10:00-11:00 AM. We will have balls to play with, ride-on toys, mats to crawl/roll around on, mini-trampolines, slides, infant toys, and lots of space to run around and play.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Narthex until 12.18.2022. After that date, they will be in the south entrance area, Please do not begin using the new envelopes until January. If you have any questions, please contact Clark Inniger at 419.306.0127 or email cdinniger@roadrunner.com.

OPEN GYM: Looking for a volunteer or volunteers to supervise open gym at the school on Sunday afternoons. Hours would be according to the Volunteer's availability. Please contact the school office at tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org if you are interested in helping out.

LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL GIFT? Why not share the gift of God's Word? Check out Northwestern Publishing House at www.nph.net or call 800.662.6022 for some great ideas for books and gifts. There you'll find many choices of Bibles, hymnals, devotionals and Bible studies. You can find fliers on the table in the front of the Narthex for some gift ideas.

THE TLS COOKBOOK committee is beginning to collect recipes, historical facts & stories, photos, and memories from anyone who has them to share. In addition to being a cookbook, this will also be a 75th anniversary "history book" that honors the rich tradition of our wonderful school and the many people who have contributed to its continued success. You can submit recipes and other items to the box in the narthex, or email them to Megan Nowak at mrsnowak1@gmail.com. If you have multiple items to submit, please collect them in an envelope with your name on it before submitting. Thank you!

CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir will practice December 25th at 9:00a.m. to run through the Christmas Day song. We will be singing right after the bells. There will be NO Choir Practice December 28th OR during the month of January, due to a Leadership Conference for our director, and the Annual Voters Meeting January 25. Practice will resume February 1st at 7:00pm. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

SHARPEN YOUR GAMING SKILLS! For Family Game Night on January 15th in the school gym from 3-7:00pm. Supper will be served at 5:00.

Christmas services schedule

December 14th at 7:00 pm – Preschool Children’s Service

December 17th at 12:30 pm - Christmas for Kids

December 23rd at 1 pm Christmas Eve service

Dec 24th at 7 pm Christmas Eve service

December 25th @ 9:30 am Christmas Day service

December 31st @ 7 pm New Year's Eve Service

January 1st @9:30 am Sunday morning worship

How to donate

Need an easy way to help out your church and school? There are several different companies that will donate a portion of what you spend with them to our school.

Box Tops: All you need is your phone! Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit your school’s earnings online. Download the app on the Apple App Store or Google Playstore.

Amazon Smile: Sign up for Amazon Smile on your Amazon account and designate Trinity Lutheran School for donations. That’s it- nothing else!

Kroger Rewards: Use your Kroger Rewards card to save money for YOU and to give money to US!

Community Market: Just save your receipts and turn them into church or school. Too easy.

We also have an Amazon Wish List. Check it out at <https://a.co/OtGLM8s>.

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of December 4, 2022)

Total Worship Attendance: 307; Early: 106; Late: 110; Adult Bible Study: 27; Teen Bible Class: 7; Sunday School: 28; Midweek 91; Mornings with Mommy: 52. On-line worship service views for November 27 were 55.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through December 17 are the members of James Miles' Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, December 18, will be the members of Warren Pratt's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS

today are:

Ruth Marquart – Early Service
Bob & Julie Inniger – Late Service

Next Sunday:

Josh & Ashley Breitigam – Early Service
Mark & Jane Boehm – Late Service

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (December 4 through December 11)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; *CALL MEETING* immediately following 2nd service.

TUES Good Samaritan Bible Study.

WED Advent Meal 5:30; Preschool Christmas Eve Service 7:00; Choir practice following the service.

SAT Christmas for kids 12:30.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30:** Communion; Adult Bible Study; Sunday school; Teen Bible Study.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mon Faculty Meeting 3:30.

TUE Basketball practice 5:00-7:00pm.

WED Chapel 8:20.

THU Basketball practice 5:00-7:00pm.

SAT Christmas Eve Service Practice, 10-11:30 a.m. Free lunch following practice; Christmas for kids 12:30.