

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,
who will prepare Your way.



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RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



If this is your first attendance at Trinity, we kindly ask that you speak with one of the Pastors before receiving the Lord's Supper.

We believe the Lord's Supper to be a participation in the body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins. We teach that under bread and wine Jesus delivers life and salvation to His church. We confess Jesus desires you to partake in this meal, and He instituted the Holy Ministry to serve His gifts with care.

The Holy Apostles warn us in the Scriptures not to receive the Supper to our harm, thereby the Pastors would hope to know who you are and where you are from before they serve you what Christ has given. We are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. If you are a member in good standing of one of our churches you can expect to be welcomed to our rail.

If you need help or prayer, would like to learn more about our congregation, or about attending Holy Communion in the future we will be honored to speak with you about these things.

See Matthew 26:26-28, John 20:19-23, 1 Corinthians 11:16, 26-28, Acts 2:42

Prelude: *Freu dich sehr* by Charles W. Ore

COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INTROIT

Psalm 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: v. 3



P: Restore us, ^O God;* let Your Face shine, that we ^may be saved!

C: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
You Who lead Joseph ^like a flock!*

You Who are enthroned upon the cherubim, ^shine forth.

P: You brought a vine out of ^Egypt;* it took deep root and ^filled the land.

C: Restore us, O ^God of Hosts;*
let Your face shine, that we ^may be saved!

C: 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.

P: Restore us, ^O God;* let Your Face shine, that we ^may be saved!

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P: The Lord be with you. **C:** And with thy spirit.

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.**

P: 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; 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 READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

“Comfort, comfort My people,” says your God. **“Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.”**

A voice cries: **“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the Mouth of the LORD has spoken.”**

A voice says, **“Cry!”**

And I said, **“What shall I cry?”**

“All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the Breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, *“Behold your God!”* Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and His Arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. He will tend His flock like a Shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26

**☩: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of ^Zion.*
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je^rusalem.
Behold, your King is com^ing to you;*
righteous and having sal^vation.**

**Blessèd is He Who comes in the name ^of the Lord.*
From the house of the Lord we ^bless you.**

EPISTLE

2 Peter 3:8-14

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill His Promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

But the Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the Day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to His promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which Righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by Him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **☩: Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE

Luke 3:4b, 6

**Alle^luia.* Alle^luia.
Prepare the way of the Lord, make ^His paths straight;*
All flesh shall see the Salvation ^of God
Alle^luia.* Alle^luia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.’”

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, *“After me comes He Who is mightier than I, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C:** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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HYMN OF THE DAY

ON JORDAN’S BANK THE BAPTIST’S CRY

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SERMON

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OFFERING *Freu dich sehr* by Georg Böhm

PRAYER

Service of the Sacrament

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SANCTUS

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It is appropriate to make the sign of the cross at ‘Blessed is He Who come in the name of the Lord.’

The Prayer of Thanksgiving will be omitted after the Sanctus.

LORD'S PRAYER

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*During the Lord's Prayer it is appropriate to make the sign of the cross at
'Deliver us from evil.'*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD AGNUS DEI

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DISTRIBUTION

During the DISTRIBUTION the following hymns will be sung from the hymnal page shown:

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After the Distribution, the pastor shall dismiss the communicants with the following blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart **✙** in peace. **C:** Amen.

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Postlude: *Aus meines Herzens Grunde* by Johann Christoph Bach



Themes for Advent Wednesdays:

12/2: "Jesus Christ is the light of the world."

Genesis 1:1-5

2 Peter 1:16-21

12/9: "Let your light scatter the darkness and illumine your church."

Isaiah 45:1-8

2 Corinthians 6:11-18

12/16: "We have come to the setting of the sun and look to the evening light."

Job 26:1-14

Revelation 22:16-21

Poinsettias: Terri Kellogg will be receiving orders for poinsettias on December 6th & 13th.

ADVENT MID-WEEK EVENING SERVICES begin **Wednesday**, December 2 at **6:30 PM**. There will be a **supper** before service, starting at **5:15 PM**. Daytime Advent service is on **FRIDAY'S** at **11 AM** with the Lord's Supper. On Wednesday evening the **9th** we will be ordering **pizza** for the 5:15 PM supper and ask that as many **stay after the service** as possible to decorate the Christmas trees. The regular schedule will return on the 16th.

December 24th following Christmas Eve service we will be having a **wine and cheese reception**. Bring an appetizer to share and join us for a drink and fellowship after service.

Freezer Meals for Foster Parents: We're meeting December 12th at 9am to assemble this month's meals. Sign up to help at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EA5AE2EA5F9C43-freezer3>. If you want to help and the slots are filled up - come any way! Want to help and have a Thrivent account? Please talk with Mark or Megan Brand or Dawn Clevenger. Our service is largely dependent on Thrivent Action Team dollars. Find out how you can use Thrivent's money to support this ministry!

As a token of appreciation, the council is again sponsoring a **"STAFF LOVE GIFT"** this Christmas. Donations will be collected until the last Sunday of December for a monetary gift to be divided equally between Pastor Bauer, Pastor Sherrill, and Kantor Lock unless you specify otherwise. Please make any checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and use a designated envelope marked "Staff Love Gift.

Community Ministry needs for December: Jelly, Peanut Butter, Beans (canned), Tomato Sauce, Diced Tomatoes, SpaghettiOs/Ravioli, Soup, Socks & Underwear for boys and girls

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS: The **annual meeting** has been **postponed** due to COVID. The **new calendar is posted** on the Sacristy door so you can sign up for your weekends. **Thank you** for your service to Christ and His Church

Leftover Plastic Bags: Please put plastic bags (grocery, stores, and the like) in the bin by the entrance. They will be used to make mats for the homeless. Thank you! **Kathy Vincent**

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TODAY 12/6 THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9 AM – Divine Service/Holy Communion

10:30 AM – Sunday school/Bible class

11:30 AM – Adult Choir

TUESDAY 12/8

Music II class (Wittenberg Academy) 7:45 AM

Trinity Ladies @ Trinity 9AM

WEDNESDAY 12/9

Advent Service 6:30 PM

Children's Choir & Handbells **4PM**

Supper @ 5:15 PM

Junior Confirmation 5:15PM

Adult Handbells **5:45PM**

FRIDAY 12/11

Advent Divine Service 11AM

NEXT SUNDAY 12/13 The Third Sunday in Advent

9 AM – Divine Service/Holy Communion

10:30 AM – Sunday school/Bible class

11:30 AM – Adult Choir

SERVING THIS WEEK AT TRINITY December 6, 2020

Acolytes (Sunday) Benjamin Sherrill, Caleb Sherrill
(Wednesday) Nathanael Sherrill, Isaiah Brand

Ushers Jeremy Basham, David Germeroth, Ron Pfister, Nathanael Sherrill

Altar Guild (Sunday) Docia Love, Marcia Pfister: (Wednesday) Kathy Lock

Coffee Clean-up: Deb Cantrall

SERVING NEXT WEEK AT TRINITY December 13, 2020

Acolytes (Sunday) Nathanael Sherrill, Isaiah Brand
(Wednesday) Josh Malloreay

Ushers Jeremy Crawford, Jeremy Kellogg, Jim Malloreay, Tom Matson

Altar Guild (Sunday) Docia Love, Marcia Pfister: (Wednesday) Kathy Lock

Children's Choir & Handbells

Coffee Clean-up: Docia Love