

December 1, 2024

First Sunday in Advent



The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:5

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Our mission is sharing the saving love of Jesus



3 **How blest the land, the city blest, The cloudless sun of joy is He**
Where Christ the ruler is **Who comes to set His people free.**
confessed! **To God the Spirit raise**
O peaceful hearts and happy **Your happy shouts of praise.**
homes
To whom this King in triumph
comes!

*(The tree is decorated next with red bows
to remind us of the price Jesus paid with His blood for our eternal salvation.)*

4 **Fling wide the portals of your** **So shall your Sov' reign enter in**
heart; **And new and nobler life begin.**
Make it a temple set apart **To God alone be praise**
From earthly use for heav'n's **For word and deed and grace!**
employ,
Adorned with prayer and love
and joy.

*(The heart banner is brought in as our response to all that the Lord has first done for us in
Christ.)*

*It is our pledge to serve in His Kingdom of Grace while we await with joy His Kingdom of
Glory.)*

5 **Redeemer, come and open wide Thy Holy Spirit guide us on**
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, **Until our glorious goal is won.**
abide! **Eternal praise and fame**
O enter with Thy grace divine; **We offer to Thy name.**
Thy face of mercy on me shine.

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

INVOCATION *(stand)*

LSB 167

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.**

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.

C **Amen.**

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

Kyrie

LSB 168



P In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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 mer - cy.

P 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.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C** A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

C **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. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT (*sit*) *Jeremiah 33:14–16*

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

Elder: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

People: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

Elder: Behold, your king is coming to you;

People: **righteous and having salvation.**

Elder: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **From the house of the Lord we bless You.**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (*stand*)

LSB 173

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:28–40

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY (sit)

"Oh, Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel"

LSB 357

(The Christmas wreaths are placed in the nave to symbolize the "evergreen" quality of eternal life for all who believe in the Savior. The wreaths are decorated with holly, whose red berries remind us of the blood of Christ shed for the forgiveness of sins.)

Women/girls: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

ALL: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

**ALL: Oh, come our Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

Men/boys: Oh, come, oh, come, our Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times gave holy law,
In cloud and majesty and awe.

ALL: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

**ALL: Oh, come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
From every foe deliver them
That trust your mighty power to save;
Bring them in victory through the grave.**

ALL: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

(The candles are lit reminding us of the growing nearness of both our celebration of the promise fulfilled and the eternal promise which awaits us in Jesus.)

Women/Girls: Oh, come, O Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

ALL: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

Men/Boys: Oh, come, our Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

ALL: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

(The Lighting of the Nave occurs as we sing "Rejoice!" All the Christmas and chancel lights are lighted to remind us to "Arise, shine, for your Light has come.")

ALL: Oh, come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Oh, bid our sad divisions cease,
And be yourself our King of Peace.

ALL: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

SERMON *Jeremiah 33:14–16*

APOSTLES' CREED (*stand*)

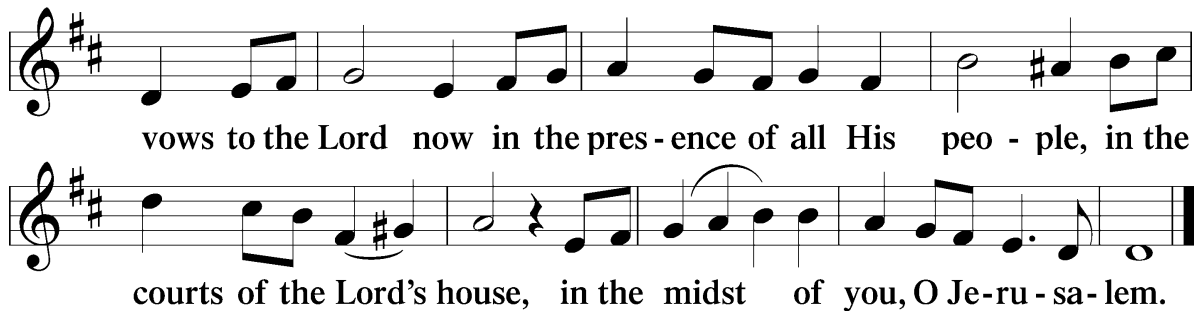
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the 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.

Offertory

LSB 176

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.

(God continually provides for us. Our giving should reflect our heartfelt cheerfulness that trusts in God. As your faith guides you, let your offering of all your gifts – time, talents, resources – enable us to move forward in the mission Christ has given us.) Rom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 8:1-9, 12; 2 Cor. 9:6-8

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord of all, Your Son declared that if His disciples ceased praising Him, the very stones would cry out. Receive our thanks that You continue to preserve Your Word among us. Even in a world that opposes Your name, grant us tongues that joyfully declare Your praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, we often use the cares of this life as excuses for dissipation, drunkenness and distraction from You and Your promises. Guard us from temptations that would harm our faith and cause us to fear Your coming. Preserve us by Your grace, that we may wait with joy to stand before the Son of Man in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, grant us repentant hearts and increase our love for one another, that we may show forth our faith in good works. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, our King, righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne, and steadfast love and faithfulness go before You. Watch over the authorities of our land, and grant that they would govern justly so that we may live in peace as we proclaim Your love and faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, O God, that as You establish our hearts blameless in holiness before You, so You also provide for all our needs in this body and life. Hear our earnest prayers for those who are in need of Your mercy, *especially* Carol, Teresa, Tom, Ron, Vivian, Nita and comfort all who mourn until the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God our Father, You have loved and chosen us according to Your mercy and called us through the living voice of Your Word. Grant to us the Spirit of Your grace, that what You have begun in us may be brought to completion when Christ appears in His glory on the Last Day; for You live and reign, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

People: 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.

Benediction

LSB 183

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 A - men.

Closing Hymn (*remain Standing*) "Hark the Glad Sound" LSB 349



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es
 throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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Guests and visitors, if you do not already have a church home in the area, we invite you to join us in celebrating the Savior's birth at our Christmas Eve service on **Tuesday, December 24th, at 7:00 p.m.**, and Christmas Day on **Wednesday, December 25th, at 9:00 a.m.** We also invite you to join us every Sunday for worship at 9:00 a.m. and for our Sunday School for children and adults at 10:00 a.m.

For in Him (Jesus) all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.”
(Colossians 1:19-20, ESV)



IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK,

We pray to our merciful Heavenly Father for:

- ✝ **Healing for all those who are experiencing health issues** Carol Bogle (Randy Bogle's mother), Teresa Groth, Tom Groth (Earl's brother), Ron Moyer, Vivian Oestmann, Nita Whitney and all those in need.
- ✝ **Encouragement, strengthened faith and healing for those with long-term illnesses:** Amber Albrecht (Romelle Humphrey's great niece), Delta Boden, Carmen (Loli Bohling's sister), Susan Bohling, Glen Hogue, Lynn LaBalle, Melissa Pierpoint, Joni Scotter (Rich Scotter's mother), and Kamani Williams (infant, friend of Nita Whitney)


THOSE CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAYS

THIS WEEK:

Birthdays: 12/3: Abel Berg; 12/7: Memphis Pingel

Baptisms: 12/1: Brent Berg; 12/4: Nora Ackley

Anniversaries: 12/4: Gary and Pat Maddox

12/1	12/2	12/3	12/4	12/5	12/6	12/7	12/8
<i>Hanging of the Greens</i> 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Adult & Children's Sunday School	10:00 AM Bible Study & Prayer	6:30 PM Bible Study & Prayer	6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Advent Midweek Service		 11:30 AM Monthly Trinity Luncheon		Children's Christmas Program 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Adult & Children's Sunday School

Scripture reading for next week:

Mal. 3:1-7b; Phil. 1:2-11; Luke 3:1-14

Weekday Bible Study:

Lessons for discussion 12/2 or 12/3: Ps. 119:1-Ps. 150:6

Lessons for discussion 12/9 or 12/10: Pr. 1:1-Pr. 9:18

Organist Sandy Wilson

Pianist..... Vicki Ackerman

If you have a hearing aid and are having difficulty during the musical segments of the worship service, could you please try setting your hearing aids to either “noisy” or “music” if your devices have such a setting. If this doesn't resolve this issue, please contact Vicki Ackerman at (402) 314-4407 or worshipattrinityaub@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monthly Trinity Luncheon, Friday,

December 6, 11:30AM, Pizza Hut in Auburn: The first Friday of each month, ALL Trinity folks are invited to have lunch, fun and fellowship together! Feel free to bring friends! Contact Lisa Scotter (402 575-1960) with any questions.

Christmas cards are available for sale at 50 cents/card. They can be found on the table next to the card cabinet outside the library. Also on that table are Concordia Publishing catalogs, offering books, devotionals, Bible studies, etc. The catalogs are free.



LWML Christmas: All women are invited to the home of Pat Maddox, Dec. 12, 7 p.m. for our annual ladies' Christmas party. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a small gift (\$10 or so). This is completely optional. Also, feel free to invite a friend, whether or not she is a member of Trinity.



Poinsettia Dedications

The following flower dedications were graciously made in memory of loved ones:

Rod and Jan Vandeberg
Parents of Lori Parrish

John Parrish
Father of Jim Parrish

Roberta
Mother of Kay Bogle

Gladys Groth
Mother of Earl Groth

Jodie Hill
Mother of Teresa Groth