

# WAITING...

1 Corinthians 1:3-9



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Sunday, November 29, 2020  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

### ***Good morning and welcome to worship!***

*Today we begin a new Church year with the season of Advent. The season of Advent invites us to wait patiently for the fulfillment of hope, longing to know God as fully as we have been known; to see no longer through a dark pane, but face to face; to love as we have been loved; to experience Jesus Christ as He is, and in so doing, to become more and more like Him. In our epistle, St. Paul reminds us that God will sustain us to the day of Jesus Christ's return. This is a great comfort for all of us! Our sermon title is, "Waiting..."*

Welcome

Pastor Paul Appold

Opening Prayer

P: Holy Lord, we come to You today in this new season of Advent. We ask for Your gracious blessing as we prepare to celebrate Your coming to us as a humble baby born in Bethlehem. May our hearts be kindled to await this time with special joy and devotion to You! Please send Your Holy Spirit to fill our worship. Amen.

Opening Song

*"How Great is Our God"*

**The splendor of the King**

**Clothed in majesty**

**Let all the earth rejoice**

**All the earth rejoice**

**He wraps Himself in light**

**And darkness tries to hide**

**And trembles at His voice**

**And trembles at His voice**

**(CHORUS) How great is our God**

**Sing with me**

**How great is our God**

**And all will see how great**

**How great is our God**

**And age to age He stands**

**And time is in His hands**

**Beginning and the End**

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**The Godhead three in one**

**Father Spirit Son**

**The Lion and the Lamb**

**The Lion and the Lamb (CHORUS)**

**(BRIDGE) Name above all names**

**Worthy of all praise**

**My heart will sing**

**How great is our God (CHORUS)**

*Invocation*

*Psalm 130:5-8*

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

**C: Amen**

P: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word, I put my hope.

**C: My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

P: O Israel, put your hope in the Lord.

**C: For with the Lord there is unfailing love, with him there is plenteous redemption.**

**All: 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 and ever. Amen**

*Hymn*

*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

*LSB 357 vs. 1*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

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*Time of Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Our King welcomes us to freely repent of our sins, and He will forgive. Please join me as we confess our sins together...

*(a time of quiet repentance beneath the cross)*

**All: Dear Heavenly Father, we bow our heads before you and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have failed to do the good that You have desired, and have done the evil that You forbid. Please forgive us through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Give us clear minds and open hearts so that we may witness for You in our world. Hold us close to You and send us Your Holy Spirit to help us grow in faith for You.**

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was sent to pay the full price for your sins on the cross. By His death your iniquity has been paid in full. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him. You are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen! Praise to You, O Lord, King of Kings and Lord of Lords!**

*Hymn of Praise*

*"Way Maker"*

**You are here moving in our midst  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place  
I worship You I worship You**

*Chorus*

***(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are (repeat)***

**You are here touching every heart  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing every heart  
I worship You I worship You**

**You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending every heart  
I worship You I worship You**

*Chorus*

**(Bridge) Even when I don't see it You're working  
Even when I don't feel it You're working  
You never stop You never stop working  
You never stop You never stop working (repeat)**

*Chorus*

**That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are**

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*Prayer of the Day*

P: Please pray with me...God of justice and peace, from the heavens your rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, so that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand with joyful hearts before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## The First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

*Here Isaiah speaks of the pain that is brought on by the consequences of the people's sin and iniquities, experienced most deeply as anger and alienation from God. Their appeal is for God's intervention -- to heal the alienation and to bring a halt to the damage from their sins*

R: The First Reading for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent is from the book of Isaiah, the 64<sup>th</sup> chapter:

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

<sup>3</sup> When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.<sup>4</sup> From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

<sup>5</sup> You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?<sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.<sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

<sup>8</sup> But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.<sup>9</sup> Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*In Chapter 1, Paul begins by giving thanks to the people of Corinth for their obedience in God's Word and the holy offerings that they have been giving to the church. They have also appeared to be patiently waiting for the revelation of God.*

R: The Second Reading is from the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus,<sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*We remember Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem as He comes into our hearts as king, to save us from our sins.  
Hosanna to our King!*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup> And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. <sup>5</sup> And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup> And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. <sup>7</sup> And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup> And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Apostles' Creed*

**All: 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**

*Children's Message*

*Pastor Paul Appold*

*Sermon Hymn*

*“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*

*LSB #338*

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

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*Sermon*

*"Waiting..."*

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

*Offerings*

*(Thank you for bringing your offerings for the Lord's Kingdom. Please place them in the offering plate near the entrance.)*

*Prayers of God's People*

*(Response to the petitions)*

P: Lord, in Your Mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

**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.**

*Blessing*

P: May God's Word be in your heart. May God's Word be on your lips. May God's Word be in your touch. May God's Word direct your feet. On this day and all your days to come May God's Word be the life you live.

**C: Amen**

*Benediction*

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: Amen**

*Closing Hymn*

*"The Blessing"*

**The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his face toward you  
And give you peace (REPEAT)**

**Amen Amen Amen  
Amen Amen Amen**

**The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his face toward you  
And give you peace**

**Amen Amen Amen  
Amen Amen Amen**

**May his favor be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family and your children  
And their children and their children (REPEAT)**

**May his presence go before you  
And behind you and beside you  
All around you and within you  
He is with you, He is with you**

**In the morning, in the evening  
In your coming, and your going  
In your weeping and rejoicing  
He is for you, He is for you**

**He is for you, He is for you  
He is for you, He is for you  
He is for you, He is for you**

**I know He is for you**

**Amen Amen Amen  
Amen Amen Amen  
Amen Amen Amen  
Amen Amen Amen**

## Announcements

Continue to join us for worship on our Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/tlcmuskegon](http://www.facebook.com/tlcmuskegon) or on our website at [www.tlcmuskegon.org](http://www.tlcmuskegon.org).

The Eternal Candle for November has been donated by Carole Beerman.

**GIVING AT TRINITY** Thank you for continuing to generously give to Trinity and support the ministry with your Offerings. You may do so by mailing your Offering envelopes to Trinity at 3225 Roosevelt Road, Muskegon, MI, 49441 or by giving online. If you wish you set up an online giving account, please go to [www.tlcmuskegon.org/give](http://www.tlcmuskegon.org/give)

***“So that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ”***  
***1 Corinthians 1:7***



**THANK YOU!** West Shore Lutheran School students & families generously donated over 6 carts full of food for the MAP Food Pantry! Members of Trinity also brought in food items and have been sending in checks. Thank you for your generosity! We give because Christ has given us so much!

**We planned a VOTERS MEETING SUNDAY DECEMBER 13, at 11:15am IN PERSON & ON ZOOM, but due to current closure have not decided how to proceed. Please watch for updates on this meeting to discuss the 2020-2021 Budget**

### SPECIAL SERVICES

**ADVENT - WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 6:30PM**

December 2, 9, & 16

**CHRISTMAS EVE 7:00PM**

**CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00AM**

**NEW YEARS EVE 6:30PM**

### OUTDOOR DRIVE THROUGH NATIVITY

We have been given AN OPPORTUNITY to join 3 other churches in our area to produce an outdoor ‘drive through’ Nativity presentation. We will present the Stable scene as the last scene. We will need volunteers to set up scenery flats, lighting, sound, heaters; set up crews, tear down crews, several people guiding traffic, 2 alternating Mary’s and Joseph’s, and volunteers to record a script recording. The date of this event is Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm and a rehearsal Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. If cancelled because of weather the alternate date is Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. If interested in volunteering, please contact church 755-1292, or Pastor L or Lynn as soon as possible.



**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** are available in the church office and online. Copies will be distributed to anyone currently receiving CD’s and DVD’s. Follow [this link to Lutheran Hour Ministries](#) to print out your own devotional booklets.

**WSLS REMOTE LEARNING UNTIL DECEMEBER 7** The Muskegon County Health Department requested that all schools in the county move to remote learning Preschool-8th grade until December 6th in order to allow the county to catch up on contact tracing and to allow 10 days of quarantine for all students and staff following the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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**CHRISTMAS NATIVITY WALK CANCELLATION UPDATE:** 575+ letters from our mailing list were now sent out. The DVD's have arrived and when postcard requests are returned they will be mailed out. Those who volunteered for that task will be contacted. If you would like to financially support this outreach plan (cost of supplies, mailings, and DVD production) please mark an envelope "Nativity Walk" and your envelope number. *We are excited that with this plan we can still share the Nativity Walk in a safe way and spread God's Nativity story to potentially hundreds of people this year! We treasure your prayers!*

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### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

*We rejoice with those who celebrate birthdays this week: Brian Halloran, Dan Trach, Tony Willett, Derek DeMarr, Jaxon Heimann, Joe Buckley, Christine Fekete, Breanna Rudick, Bill Hunter, and Clarence Terborg! Congratulations to Joe & Robin Pastucha and Dennis & Jan Johnson celebrating their wedding anniversaries this week! If you wish to have contact information, please call or email the church office at telephone number - 231.755.1292 or email [info@tlcmuskegon.org](mailto:info@tlcmuskegon.org)*



**MONTHLY MIRACLE DRIVE** For the months of October & November we are collecting personal care items for all ages as well as new and gently used children's clothing, shoes, and boots in all sizes. These items will be donated to Love, INC. for them to provide to families in need. Thank you for your generosity!

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**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS "ONE NATION UNDER GOD - Healing the Racial Divides in America"** - A study to help us understand what is causing our racial divisions, so that we can better understand the problem. Then we search Scripture to find a new perspective and healing that only God can provide. We are in our last few weeks but join us on Sunday mornings **currently only on Zoom at 11:15am.** [Meeting ID: 204 576 0929](#) [Passcode: Trinity](#)

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**IT'S LUTHERAN WITNESS TIME!** Lutheran Witness provides laypeople with stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. For **NEW SUBSCRIBERS**, the subscription year is March 2021 through February 2022. Through your church office you make take advantage of a District subscription discount of only \$11.60/year. Or directly from Concordia Publishing House at a price of \$19.99/year. For **CURRENT SUBSCRIBERS**, it is time to renew. For your convenience there is a subscription form in the church office. During this time of coronavirus, you may email or call the church office (231)755-1292 ext. 201 or Email [business@tlcmuskegon.org](mailto:business@tlcmuskegon.org). **DEADLINE FOR PAID SUBSCRIPTIONS (POSTMARKED BY 12/15/2020)** So please have your order into the office no later than 12/9/2020.

**CAMP RESTORE DETROIT** If you want to hear more about the Greater Things God has been doing here in our city, join us on December 4 for our Virtual Gala! To register for this event, visit our website here, [Greater Things 2020 Virtual Fundraiser Gala Registration](#). There will also be a link to our auction page soon, so watch for coming updates!

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Visit the [Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch website](#) to order honey for a virtual Honey Sunday Fundraiser. Watch their video [here](#).

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**MUSKEGON POLISH FESTIVAL** is having a fundraiser. There are order forms for pierogi, crepes and soups available on the Community bulletin board in the narthex, or [using this order form](#).

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### **EXPERIENCE THE HOLY LAND**

Join Pastor Lassanske and Pastor Woell October 6-15, 2021 on a journey of a lifetime to Israel. Brochures are now available for the itinerary which will guide our travel from the Negev to Bethlehem through the Judea wilderness up to Galilee. We will spend two days in the old city of Jerusalem. If you have questions or want to know more details — contact Pastor Lassanske at 231-750-4054 or email him at [dennlass03@gmail.com](mailto:dennlass03@gmail.com)

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### **THE MICHIGAN MINUTE NEWS FROM THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT, LCMS**

Now, more than ever, it is important to be up-to-date with the news of our church body, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, as a whole. The Michigan District of the LCMS is working hard to provide resources of encouragement, answer theological questions, provide financial guidance for churches, educate about best practices of staying connected for worship online, and more. To connect, subscribe to their Michigan Minute Enews emails by going to <https://michigandistrict.org/about-us/publications/michigan-minute-e-news/>. You will need to click on an additional link on the top of this webpage (it says, "To subscribe to the Michigan Minute E-newsletter, [click here](#).")

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### **CEF and the 3 E's.**

*Efficiency, Economy, Endurance. Apply these E's now to lead to EASE later. An investment in the Church Extension Fund is a good way to practice economy while also serving the Lord. Consider making an investment today! For more information, contact (Congregation Representative Name and telephone number) or call 800-242-3944.*

**Click the link to find November Interest Rates** [View/Download Rates at CEF Website](#)

## Attendance for November 2020

Attendance			
<b>Bible Studies</b>		<b>Online</b>	
Sunday, November 1	14	1	
Wednesday, Nov 4	7	0	
Sunday, November 8	14	0	
Wednesday, Nov. 11	7	0	
<b>Sunday, November 15</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>0</b>	
Sunday, November 22	NA	7	
Sunday, November 29			
<b>Church Attendance</b>	<b>In Person</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>Communion</b>
Sunday, November 1	74	23	NA
Sunday, November 8	53	25	46
Thursday, November 12	9	NA	6
Sunday, November 15	NA	46	NA
Sunday, November 22	NA	50	NA
Wednesday, Nov. 25	NA	26	NA
Sunday, November 29			
* Online refers to highest number of total viewers during Facebook Live			
<b>Contributions</b>			
<b>October Totals (General &amp; Building/Debt)</b>			
Monthly Need	\$27,200	Monthly Total	\$22,673
<b>November 22, 2020</b>		<b>November Month-to-Date</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>		<b>General Fund</b>	
Weekly Need	\$5,600	MTD Need	\$22,400
Offerings	\$6,629	MTD Total	\$21,247
<b>Building Fund</b>		<b>Building Fund</b>	
Weekly Need	\$1,200	MTD Need	\$4,800
Offerings	\$470	MTD Total	\$2,021
<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>	
Weekly Need	\$6,800	MTD Need	\$27,200
Offerings	\$7,099	MTD Total	\$23,268