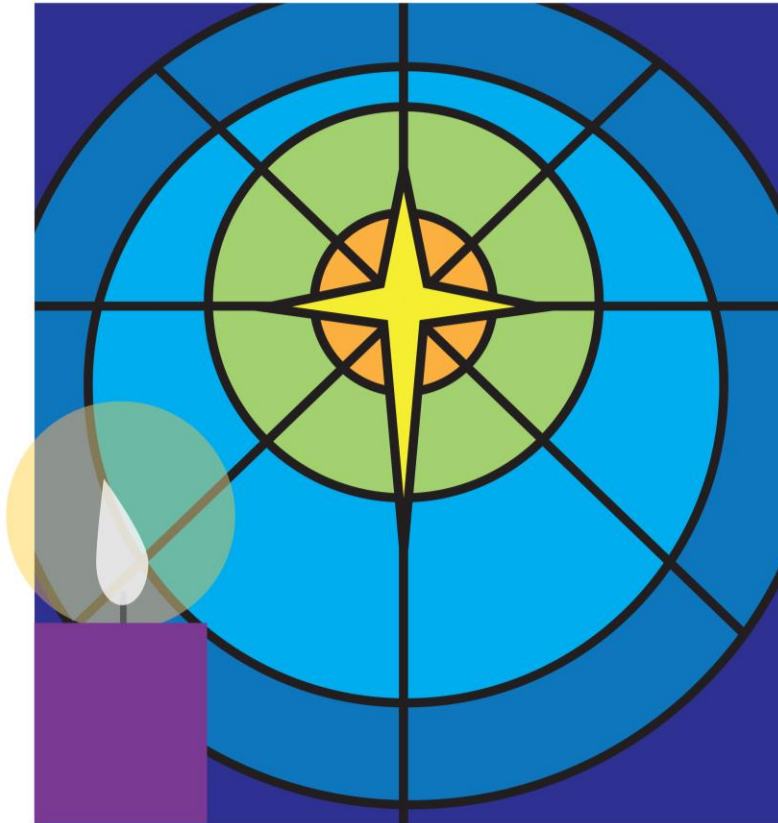


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

"A family where Christ is Head and the entire congregation are ministers."

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A Special Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this evening. Trinity is a liturgical Lutheran church using the Divine Service as written in the Lutheran Service Book. Today's Divine Service is printed for you in this bulletin. Today's service is being live streamed to YouTube and will be available later in the day on Trinity's Facebook page and Website. By entering the service, you consent to the video recording to be used for live streaming, inclusion on our web site and Facebook, and/or any other purpose by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. We hope that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting.

ALL LOOSE COINS placed in the offering plate directly assist our future pastors with their education through Concordia Seminary's *"COINS FOR CHRIST"* program.



The Poinsettia sign-up sheet is on the LWML Flower bulletin board in the hallway. Please indicate whether they are in honor or memory of someone and whether you want to take them home or gift to a shut-in. Poinsettias will be \$10.00 this year and must be paid for in advance. Please make checks payable to LWML. Thirty poinsettias have been ordered but you **MUST SIGN UP BY** Sunday, December 11th. Poinsettias may be taken home either after the service on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

We invite you to join us in Worship during this special portion of the Church Year. Please come and bring a friend!

Worship Services

<i>Second Sunday in Advent</i> - Sunday, December 4 th	10:00am
Midweek 2 of Advent - Wednesday, December 4 th	7:00 pm
<i>Third Sunday in Advent</i> - Sunday, December 11 th	10:00am
Midweek 3 of Advent - Wednesday, December 14 th	7:00 pm
<i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i> - Sunday, December 18 th	10:00am
Caroling to the Homebound	11:30 am
<i>Christmas Eve Services</i> - Saturday, December 24 th	
Family Candlelight Communion Service	7:00 pm
<i>Christmas Day</i> - Sunday, December 25 th	
A Service of Readings and Carols	10:00 am

In this Solemn Season of Advent you are encouraged to
talk to God before the Service, let God talk to you in the Service,
*then talk to one another **after** the Service.*

Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Preparation and Lighting of Advent Candles

Stand

Opening Hymn

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LSB 344



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
 Δ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in, And let us all our
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite
 Tune: adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621
 Text and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C the light no darkness can overcome.

P Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
C and the day is almost over.

P Let Your light scatter the darkness
C and illumine Your Church.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P God's Son is born a child so that He reconciles us to the Father. Confident in the reconciliation that Christ has won for us, let us confess our sins to God and receive His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

P Gracious heavenly Father,
C we have alienated ourselves from You and from one another. In our sin, we have neglected You and our neighbor. By the merit of Your Son, draw near to us and forgive us. Through Him, reconcile us to Yourself and to one another.

P The angels came to announce great joy and glad tidings to the shepherds. Their message is for the whole world and for you. God's own Son is born a child; God the Father is reconciled. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1–7

L A reading from ninth chapter of Isaiah

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan

C The people walking in darkness have seen a great light on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

L You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

C For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders the rod of their oppressor.

L Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

C For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

L Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

C He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Second Reading

1 John 4:9–14

L A reading from the fourth chapter of First John.

L In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.

C **In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

L Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.

C **By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.**

L And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:8–20

P A reading from the second chapter of Luke.

P And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them,

C **“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”**

P And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

C **“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”**

P When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

C **“Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”**

P And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

LSB 341



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a
5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -
rul - er is con-fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py
tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -
Thee; here, Lord, a - bid! O en - ter with Thy grace di -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of
homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less
ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your
vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly



va - tion He doth bring; There-fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.
all our woe He brings; There-fore the earth is glad and sings.
sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.
Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.
Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!
E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: August Lemke, 1820–1913
Text and tune: Public domain

Message

Offering and Offertory

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Mark Hayes

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Stand

Magnificat

- P** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant.
- C** For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.
- P** And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation.
- C** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.
- P** He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord Jesus, whom shepherds once came praising,
- C** grant us mouths that join the shepherds in praising You by word and deed that all might know You.
- P** Lord Jesus, whose angels awed the shepherds,
- C** grant us awe not only in the breadth and depth of Your provision for our needs, but all the more in Your forgiveness of our sin.
- P** Lord Jesus, whose angel news cheered the shepherds,
- C** grant us great joy in this season and always by virtue of Your work on our behalf.
- P** Lord Jesus, King of Glory,
- C** grant us faith to trust in You amid all the troubles of this life in full confidence that You reign forever.
- P** Lord Jesus, whose birth brings great joy for all the world,
- C** grant Your blessing to all missionaries that they proclaim You and Your salvation to all.
- P** Lord Jesus, born so that the Father is reconciled,
- C** grant us peace not only with the Father but with all people as well.
- P** Hear us as we pray in Your name and as You have taught us:

Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9–13)

- C** 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

P God the Father, to whom we are reconciled, the Son, whose birth was praised by the shepherds, and the Holy Spirit, who today proclaims the glad tidings of Christ, grant you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LSB 338



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo-ple to de - liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.
Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven
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Postlude

Light One Candle To Watch for Messiah

Wayne Wold