

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Knowing Christ's Love ... Seeking His Will ... Spreading His Word



Holy Communion is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that with the bread and the wine we also truly receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We call this belief the Doctrine of the Real Presence. Through the gift of Communion, the Lord bestows on us the forgiveness of sins and strengthens our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord desires that those who commune should know and believe what they are receiving in Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 11:29), should be instructed in God's Word so that they can properly examine themselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:28), and should be united as one body in the faith (Acts 2:42 and 1 Corinthians 10:17).

Out of our heartfelt desire that all who commune at this altar be well prepared for Holy Communion, this congregation practices "close communion." All who are presently communicant members in a congregation of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and those Lutheran churches that are in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS are warmly invited to join us in Communion. All other guests are warmly invited to come to the communion rail for a blessing from the pastor. Please cross your arms at the rail to receive the blessing.



We invite guests to visit with a pastor about how we may commune together in the future.



Communicants may receive the host by having it placed directly into the mouth or by having it placed in the palm of the hand. If the communicant wishes to take the individual cup, please take one from the tray when the elder comes to your place at the communion rail. Drink from the individual cup only when the pastor/elder comes to your place at the communion rail with the chalice and speaks the words of distribution. If the communicant wishes to receive the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray carried by the elder.

The Lord has given His people the gift of His Body and His Blood in, with and under the consecrated bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (St. Matthew 26:28). However, if an individual is allergic or intolerant to wheat or fermented wine, it is difficult to participate in this great fellowship. Should you be one of these individuals, we gladly provide gluten-free and alcohol-removed wine so that you are able to receive these gifts of God with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Warm greetings to you, dear worshipper, in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the blessings of His presence and His peace be with you throughout this week.

Guests: If you are a guest worshiping with us today, we are honored to have you join us in receiving the rich blessings that our Lord supplies to us through the gift of His holy Word. We invite you to return and worship with us again as the opportunity arises.



Children: Parents and their children are welcome to sit in the front of the church so that the children can see and hear the service clearly. The Family Room in the Narthex may be used by anyone who prefers or needs a more private setting.

Prayer Requests: If you have an intercession to add to our weekly prayers at church or to our daily Prayer Chain, please contact the Church Office or fill out one of the prayer request cards located in your pew and place it in the offering collection box.



Publications: We invite you to read our Trinity Weekly News and visit our bulletin boards for info about church activities. Publications including our monthly newsletter are available from the information stand in the Narthex and at various locations in the hallway.

Accessibility: A lift (slow-moving elevator) is located just outside the sanctuary overflow area for those who prefer not to take the stairs to the lower level. Ushers and many church members can assist with the operation of the lift.



Audio Assistance: We provide hearing-assist and closed captioning devices for the hearing impaired. If you would like to try these devices to see if they will enhance your worship experience, they are located in the Narthex. CD and DVD recordings of the weekly service will be available from the Church Office later in the week.



Serving in God's House Today:

Preacher: Rev. Brian Thieme
Liturgist: Rev. Joseph McCalley
Elders: (8:00) Ron Barrett | (10:30) Jim Cherrington
Ushers: (8:00) Kyle Dickes and Hunter Kevil
(10:30) Larry Kuehner, John Kuehner, and Daniel Hartman
Organist: Matthew Frerking
Altar Guild: Carolyn Trigg and Carol Squires

Order of Service: Divine Service IV– LSB 203

Bells' Call to Worship

Word of Welcome

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Invocation

LSB 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f' rings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 146:5–8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4

P Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

C Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

P who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;

C who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

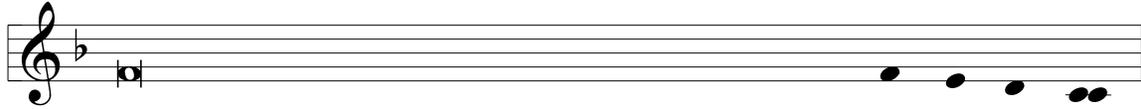
P The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

C 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. Amen.

- P** Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; 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; Christ, have mer - cy; 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; Christ, have mer - cy; 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; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:14–20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes," says the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

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

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

C Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

P Behold, your king is coming to you;

C righteous and having salvation.

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:18–28

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
 who will prepare your way before you.”

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

LSB 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;

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Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

LSB 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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Sermon

"The Joy of God"

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering



As we slowly return to our normal practices, we have returned to primarily kneeling at the rail to receive communion. If you do prefer to distance, Pastor will invite you forward after the rail service is finished.

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord’s Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

LSB 338 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*



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.

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Distribution Hymn

LSB 621 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
 As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - quish As the dark-ness clears a - way.
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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Distribution Hymn

LSB 637 *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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Dismissal

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.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us

through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Hymn to Depart

LSB 803 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!

2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,

△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.

Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.

Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.

Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash-ing sea,

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.

Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.

Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

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Organ Postlude

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The chancel flowers this week are sponsored by
Jim and Bonnie Lawler



This Week at Trinity:

Sunday 12/12

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.—Worship Service w/ Communion
9:30 a.m.—Adult & Child Sunday School
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service w/ Communion
6:00 p.m.—JCC

Rev. McCalley's day off

Thursday 12/16

6:30 a.m.—Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
11:00 a.m.—Chapel w/ Comm. @ Lenoir
5:00 p.m.—Pickleball
6:00 p.m.—QuarterLife
6:00 p.m.—Board of Evangelism
7:00 p.m.—Board of Elders

Monday 12/13

9:00 a.m.—Bible Study
6:00 p.m.—Worship Service w/ Communion

Friday 12/17

Rev. Thieme's day off

Tuesday 12/14

5:00 p.m.—Pickleball
6:00 p.m.—Vesper Guild
7:00 p.m.—Board of Directors

Sunday 12/19

Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m.—Worship Service w/ Communion
9:30 a.m.—Adult & Child Sunday School
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service w/ Communion
3:45 p.m.—Caroling at Lenoir & The Terrace
6:00 p.m.—JCC

Wednesday 12/15

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
12:00 p.m.—Midweek Advent Service
7:00 p.m.—Midweek Advent Service



Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) "Season of Hope Tree"

Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Mid-Missouri is proud to be working again with Trinity Lutheran Church. We at LFCS know that not every child has a safe, warm place to spend their Christmas. Our mission is to help children feel the sanctuary of a parent's love and the security of a place to call home, especially as we remember the story of the birth of our Savior. Your support of LFCS allows children right here in our community to find safe, loving homes, devoted families; and to provide parents essential services to become empowered for a better tomorrow. The individuals and families requesting LCFS's Christ centered services in Columbia has increased during this stressful time so we are especially grateful to have the opportunity to work with you to help us provide our ministry. Every effort of LCFC is touching children's lives.

We have put a "Season of Hope Tree" in the hallway with gift tags on it representing items we need to help our families. If you are able to take a tag(s), add the items to your shopping list, and place them under the tree—**THANK YOU!** Our wishes for you and your family to have a blessed Advent and Christmas season.

Myra McCoig, LFCS Advisory Board member for TLC

Christmas Eve Service

Interested in participating in the Christmas Eve service?

We have a part for everyone in grades pre-12! You can sign up for a lead part (Mary, Joseph, Gabriel), acolyte, cross bearer, instrumental music, and more! Come join Sunday school and BOCE as we worship our Savior at the Christmas Eve service on Friday December 24 @ 7pm.

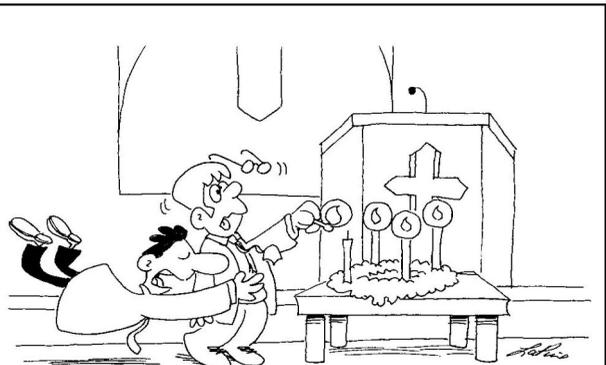
Parts and involvement will be made official the week of December 12th. The service rehearsal will take place December 22 @ 6pm with pizza provided at 5:30pm. If you are interested please sign up outside the church secretary office or contact Sarah Thieme 573-999-7746 or Chris Kespohl 573-356-1161.



2022 contribution envelopes are now available for pick up in the Narthex.



Some envelope numbers have been changed, so in order to avoid accounting mishaps, **please do not use the new envelopes until January.** Thank you!



Pastor Howie saves the third Sunday of Advent.



It's that time of year again! A sign-up sheet to sponsor poinsettias for the Sanctuary is posted on the bulletin board across from the Church Office. The cost is \$15 per plant.

Please write your check to Trinity Lutheran Church with "Altar Guild" in the memo line and place it in the collection box.



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Lutheranism 101

A new series of **Adult Catechism Classes** will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., starting on January 12, 2022.



Members are welcome to join



AUDIO-VISUAL ---team---

Trinity is looking for volunteers to help run the audio-visual equipment.

If you're interested in joining the team, please contact Gary Kespohl at (573) 268-7651 or email gkespohl47@gmail.com.



Advent & Christmas *Services*

Wednesday December 1:

12:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service[†]
7:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service

Wednesday December 8:

12:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service[†]
7:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service

Wednesday December 15

12:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service[†]
7:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service

Friday December 24th:

7:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Worship Service[†]
11:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Worship Service

Saturday December 25th:

9:00 a.m.—Christmas Day Worship Service[†]

Friday December 31st:

12:00 p.m.—New Year's Eve Worship Service[†]
7:00 p.m.—New Year's Eve Worship Service

[†]This service will also be livestreamed on www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancomo.

Nativity at the Capitol

Join Mid-Missouri Pro-Lifers at the Missouri State Capitol Rotunda on Thursday, December 16th from 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. for a Christmas Program and Nativity scene with 13 local schools and bands. There will also be another full-size nativity scene outside at the bottom of the State Capitol steps and several of the schools and bands will perform there from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more information: Judy Bax 573 690 1218 or judy1218@centurylink.net

Calvary Lutheran High School will be performing at 12:15, directed by Kevin Zorena:
Shepherds Echo Carol
Still, Still, Still
Peace, Peace



New Gas Range and Training

The gas stove in the kitchen basement has been replaced with a new Blue Star Gas Range with electronic ignition. The new range is easy to use and clean. Before your event, individuals using the new range need to complete a 30 minute training on the new range use and safety.

Please contact the church office (445-2112) and a member of the range committee will arrange a time/date for training. Boards and organizations should send a representative to complete the training.



The men's bible study group will begin a new study of the Gospel of Luke starting on Thursday morning, December 9th, at 6:30 a.m. Join us!



LIFE THOUGHTS



Lutherans
For Life December 12 – Advent III –

Our Savior embodies a God who does not just tolerate us in our physical weaknesses. He favors those who need Him the most (Luke 7:22), and that makes the Gospel the opposite of abortion and physician-assisted suicide. Is there any reality in which we may rejoice more than this (Philippians 4:4)? Why would we find this message offensive (Luke 7:23)? And why should we deny anyone else the delight by staying silent about it?

GRIEFSHARE

Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one or know someone who is? Please consider Grief Share. We will watch a video from GS each week & then have discussion (optional) after. The GS classes will be Thursday Jan 6th & each Thursday until March 31st. Each class is 7p-9p. Any questions, please contact Kevin Burns (Facilitator) at (573) 424-7514. Those interested can sign up at www.griefshare.org/groups/142660

COLLECTIONS FOR COMMUNITY MISSIONS – Updated Information

Thank you for your generous donations to our community missions. Please continue to collect and donate the items listed below. You can place them in the labeled bins inside the Christian Resource Center (brown unit in the hallway). If you need assistance getting the items to Trinity or have other suggestions for collections, please contact the Church Office.

- Bibles and Devotional Materials
- Canceled postage stamps including Forever stamps (No Love or Christmas)
- Coupons with no expiration date
- Eyeglasses you no longer use
- Food (nonperishable, no glass containers)
- Soda & Soup Can Pop Tops



Christmas Caroling!

We will meet at 3 p.m. on December 19th in the Youth Room to assemble bags for the homeless.

Please bring a small (\$5) “white elephant” gift to exchange among your friends!

At 4 p.m., we’ll head to Lenoir Woods and The Terrace for caroling. Bring a friend!

Members of the congregation are welcome to join us—just meet us at the bus at 3:45 p.m. **The more the merrier!**



Do you like to read?

The Youth Group is starting a new reading group in January 2022. We’ll begin with either CS Lewis’ *Screwtape Letters* or GK Chesterton’s *Orthodoxy*,

or another if other titles are desired. We’ll meet on Sunday afternoons at 4pm beginning January 8. Please let Pastor McCalley know of your interest so books may be ordered.

Youth Trip...FINALLY!

The youth group will attend a Higher Things Conference in 2022. We’ll be headed to Montana State University in Bozeman July 17-23. Students in grades 8-12 for the 2022 school year are invited. The conference theme is **For You**, based on 1 Cor. 15:1, 2. “Six letters. That’s all you need. Six letters to explain the point of everything. Six letters to make crystal clear the entire Christian faith. What are those letters? FOR YOU.” Registration is now open. The cost of the conference alone is \$435, which includes meals and lodging. This does not include our travel costs, or other activities we might decide to do...Yellowstone or Grand Teton National Park anyone! The cost increases to \$460 on 2/1/2022. More information is available at <https://higherthings.org/foryou2022>. Please contact Pastor McCalley with questions and information on registering.



MEMORY VERSE

THEREFORE BE IMITATORS OF GOD,
AS BELOVED CHILDREN. AND
**WALK IN LOVE, AS
CHRIST LOVED US**
AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR US,
A FRAGRANT OFFERING AND
SACRIFICE TO GOD.

EPHESIANS 5:1-2



QuarterLife

is going strong!



We’re meeting on Thursdays at 6pm in the Youth Room.

Study Topic: Angels and Demons and NOT Dan Brown. Come for Scripture, snacks, and snark.

Stephen Caregivers

When you or someone you care about is experiencing difficulties and you wonder if having a Stephen Caregiver could help, reach out to one of our pastors. The pastor will determine if you could benefit from having a Stephen Caregiver. The Caregiver will meet with you privately by phone, by video chat, or in person to focus on you and your needs.

Having a Stephen Caregiver is free, completely confidential and offers care, comfort, and hope. Just reach out to one of our pastors!



LECTIONARY PREVIEW STUDY

Prepare for next week: December 19, 2021—Fourth Sunday in Advent

Old Testament: Micah 5:2-5a

1. 5:1-2 and don't seem to flow together very well. Verse one speaks of war, and verse two prophecies about the Messiah. When Martin Luther studied Micah, 5:1 was actually the last verse of chapter 4! In the most literal sense, 5:2 is about the daughter of Zion's ruler arising to oppose foreign armies who oppress her. Therefore, the rest of the verses (3-5) are concerned with the great victory the Daughter of Zion will win.
2. Why was King Herod worried about this prophecy from Micah? See Matthew 2.
3. Challenge Question: What kind of kingdom would this Ruler (v. 2) govern? Our clue is this: "too little to be among the clans of *Judah*" and "ruler in *Israel*." The prophet says the ruler will come from Judah, but will rule all Israel, meaning, he will rule both. We also know the physical kingdom of Israel will never be brought back, it won't be unified—it's scattered over the world, the Jewish diaspora. Therefore, the kingdom is a spiritual one. And only the Christ can rule completely over a spiritual kingdom, meaning, the Holy Christian Church.

Psalm 80:1-7, antiphon v. 7

Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10

4. Verse 5b-7 are quoted from Psalm 40:6-8. Read Ps. 40:6b "But you have given...". If God does not delight in sacrifices and burnt sacrifices, what does he give instead to please him? Read Psalm 51:15-17. In the seasons of Advent and Lent, what attitude of the heart (described in other words in Ps. 51) is especially pleasing to God? Read Luke 3:8, and Romans 10:17.

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

5. The Magnificat (46-55) provides nearly endless opportunity to reflect on what a faithful response to God's marvelous works looks like. One way to study this is the rejoicing in humility. How does Mary see herself, v. 48? How does she respond, understanding the power of God, v. 46, 47?
6. Who would you say "all generations" refers to in v. 48? Roman Catholics? The Christian Church? Yourself? How about taking a gander at the Close of the Commandments and Meaning in Luther's Small Catechism?
7. We try not to wade into political melee that is social justice, but the Magnificat can be a helpful tool here for witnessing the true gospel. What does Mary extol about God's power in vv. 51-53? Read also Matthew 5:3-6. How might these verses be understood in a material/earthly way? Why would this understanding appeal to people who are upset with the state of the world? How might you respond to this erroneous interpretation given v. 54? How does God truly exalt the lowly?

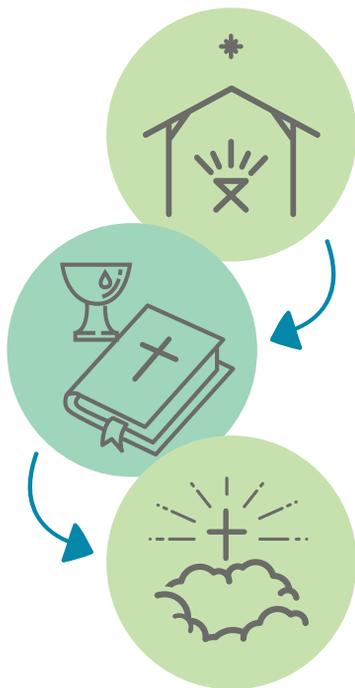
KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

The Advent of Christ

As you may remember, the word Advent means “coming.” During the season of Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. But that is not the only coming of Jesus that we hear about in the Advent story.

What is the rest of the Advent story?

The Advent of Christ has three parts. God’s Word tells us that Jesus not only came to earth as a man at Christmas, but that He comes to be with His church through His Word and Sacraments. Finally, God’s Word reminds us that He will return in judgement on the Last Day. If you think about it, there sure are a lot of great things to remember and look forward to during the season of Advent!



Parents:

When Holy Communion is offered, allow your children to attend the altar with you. Remind them that Jesus is truly present here in the Sacrament, and that we will see Him face to face on the Last Day!



RADIO RESOURCES

The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler proclaims the salvation story of Jesus every week to hundreds of thousands of listeners. The Lutheran Hour weekly half-hour program can be heard on www.lhm.org, on their mobile app, or Sundays on several area radio stations:

8:00 a.m. on **KMCV 89.9FM**

8:00 a.m. on **KLTE 107.9FM**

9:00 a.m. on **KMCR 103.9FM**

10:00 a.m. on **KMMO 1300AM**

KFUO Lutheran Radio

KFUO Radio, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: **@KFUOradio** on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Hear "Advent with the Apostles" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear Advent midweek worship from Village Lutheran Ladue at 12:00 p.m. CT on 12/15, and continue studying the Gospel of Matthew on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Hear sacred music for Advent and Christmas through January 6 and find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUE Radio app.



SACRED MUSIC FOR THE ADVENT SEASON... "Savior of the Nations Come," "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry," "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

You can listen to your favorite Advent hymns 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.



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