

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29, 2020 – Traditional Service

*... when you see these
things taking place,
you know that*

*He
Is
Near.*
at the very gates.

Mark 13:29

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Even though we are spread out and wearing masks, we are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended. Don't forget to register each week on our website or by calling the office (717-263-8156) for the service that you wish to attend, so that we can maintain appropriate physical distancing in our sanctuary. If you are a guest or visitor worshipping with us and did not know to register for today's service, no problem; we have kept open some extra seating just in case. Simply plan to register for the service next week – and we do invite you to worship with us again!

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Our nursery is not yet open, but the space is available for special use by individual families. If you visit the nursery to settle a child or change a diaper, please let one of the pastors or ushers know so that we can be sure to sanitize the room before the next service.

Ushers will dismiss worshippers at the end of the service row by row. Please wait to be dismissed, and conduct conversations and fellowship in the fresh, open air outside. We trust that as we take such precautions together, we follow our Lord's command to love our neighbor, and we help to ensure that we will be able to continue to gather for worship during the pandemic. Thank you for working with us toward that end!

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Stir up your power, and come!

The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers.

Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open.

Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore.

When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for.

But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

8:30 AM: The Coder Family

10 AM: The Rusche Family

PRELUDE

"The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came"

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Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
whose forgiveness is sure
and whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Together let us honestly and humbly confess
that we have not lived as God desires.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving and forgiving God,
we confess that we are held captive by sin.
In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray.
We have not welcomed the stranger;
we have not loved our neighbor;
we have not been Christ to one another.
Restore us, O God.
Wake us up and turn us from our sin.
Renew us each day in the light of Christ.
Amen.

People of God, hear this glad news:
by God's endless grace
your sins are forgiven, and you are free—
free from all that holds you back
and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.
May you be strengthened in God's love,
† comforted by Christ's peace,
and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Stir up your power,
Lord Christ, and come.**

**By your merciful protection awaken us
to the threatening dangers of our sins,
and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

Please be seated.



WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

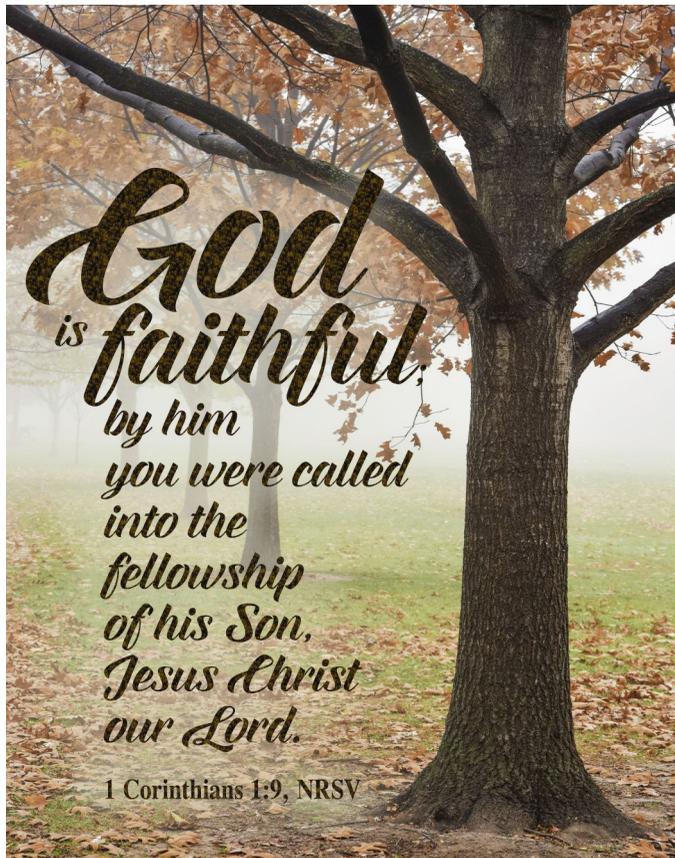
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.



MARK 13:33, KJV

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *“Watching, Waiting, Sustaining, Restoring”* Pastor Arlyn

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* McDonald

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the ministry we share in Christ's name. Make us awake to your coming and attune us to the needs of the world as you draw near.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this planet in need of restoration: for devastated habitats, polluted waters, thawing ice, blazing fires, swelling floods, and long-lasting droughts. Renew the face of the earth and our relationship to it.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all people who care for others in our community and around the world. Empower members of our church to serve in your name. We pray especially for James & Jean Druckenbrod; Ralph & Phyllis Dusman; Mary Jane East; Courtney Einherst; Shirlene Engle; Vaughn & Joyce Erickson; Andrea, Brian & Caeley Etter; David & Louisa Etter; William Jr. & Margaret Etter; and Robert Jr. & Frances Eyer. Strengthen their faith, fill them with compassion, open their hearts to your calling.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the people in our families and congregation who live with depression, anxiety, chronic pain, addiction, and other illnesses, especially: Brantley, Scott, Jim, Rachel, Dottie, Corrina, Shirley, Christine, Mae, Kayla, Rose, Larry, Mary, Edie, Sherry, Linda, Tim, Cameron, Jim, Ron, Cheryl, Gillon, Jim, Becky, Bernice, Tanner, Ayano, Leland, Edith, Marlene, Anna, Bertie, Sue, William, and the family and friends of Jaye. Ease their suffering and support them when they struggle.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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During this season of Thanksgiving, we lift our hearts in gratitude for the lives and witness of those who died while looking eagerly for your Kingdom to take hold in this world, including Peg Sleighter and those we name aloud or silently now. [*A brief silence.*] Sustain all who still yearn for the completion of your redeeming work.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P: Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.

SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,

✠ now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

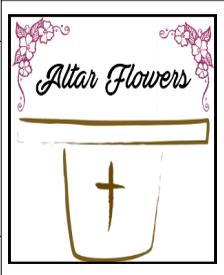
POSTLUDE

"People Look East"

McDonald

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		
Senior Pastor	<i>Pastor Aaron</i>	
Associate Pastor	<i>Pastor Arlyn</i>	
Organist	<i>Barb Woods</i>	
	<i>8:30 AM</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>
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Ushers	<i>Donna Brindle Ray Brindle</i>	<i>Sue Derk Don Lensbower</i>
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Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving and in loving memory of Frank and Margaretta Young, by their children, Kris Karr & Timothy Young.



The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Ty Nelson's 15th birthday by the Nelson Family.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:	
<i>Sunday, November 22, 2020</i>	
In-Person	72
Online Worship Service Views:	446

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

“And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”— Mark 13:37

Advent calls us to pay attention and to look for signs of Christ in the world. As we enter a new season of the church year, we continue to give thanks and show gratitude. Pay attention. Look around. Opportunities to be a blessing to others abound!

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 11/22/2020 Offering: \$7,295.00
Thank You!



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AWAKE!



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Vision

"Growing in God"

Mission Statement

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community
Steward - Giving to all the love of God
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"*