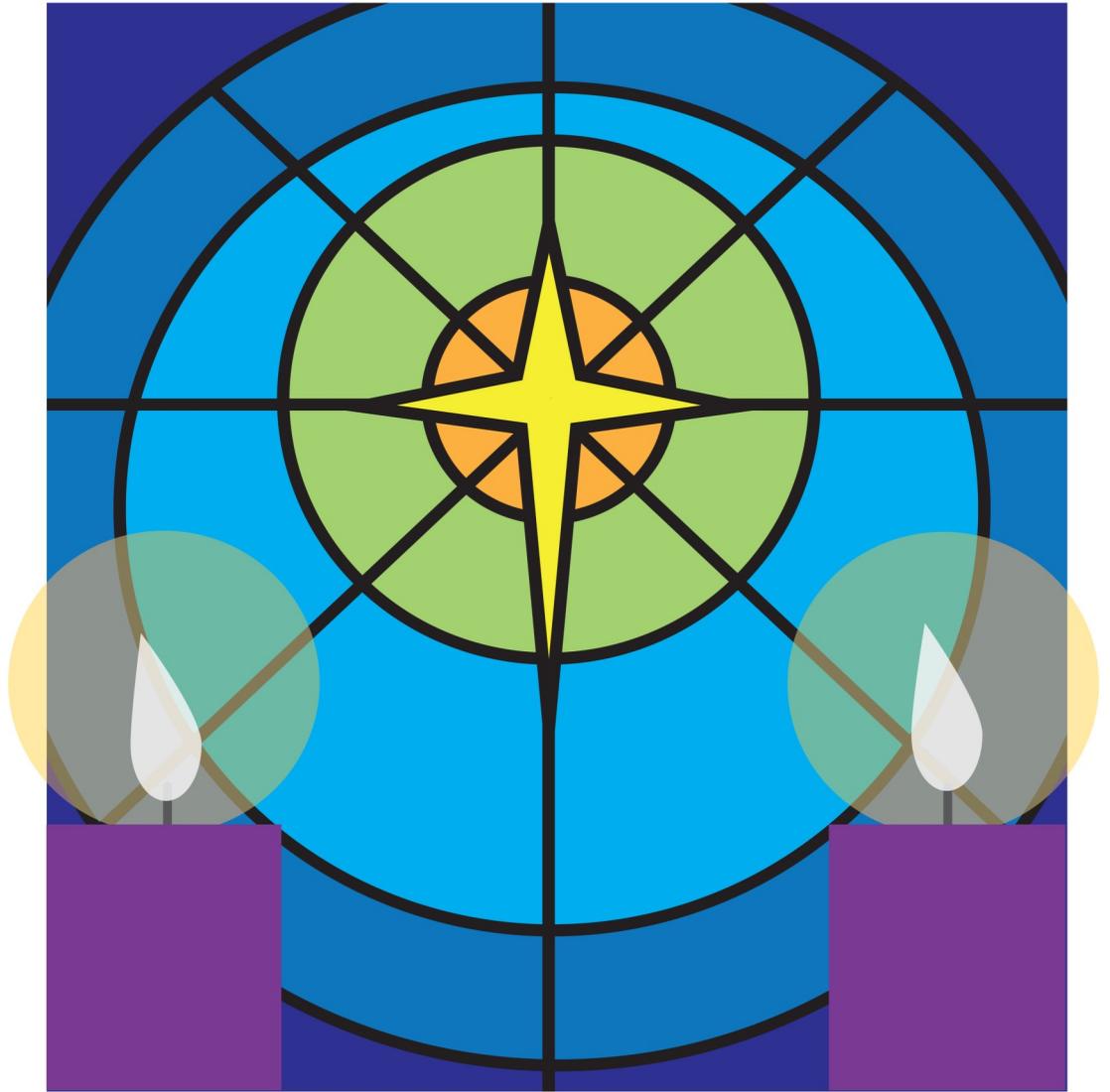


Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 6, 2020 – Traditional Service



SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

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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John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming.

*The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call:
the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent;
the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones.*

*Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John,
to lift up our voices fearlessly and say,*

*"See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship,
in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.*

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 Sutton Family

10 AM - Melissa & Patrick

PRELUDE

"Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul"

Karl-Elert

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 our hearts, Lord God,
to prepare the way of your only Son.**

By his coming

strengthen us to serve you with purified lives;

through Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.



WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

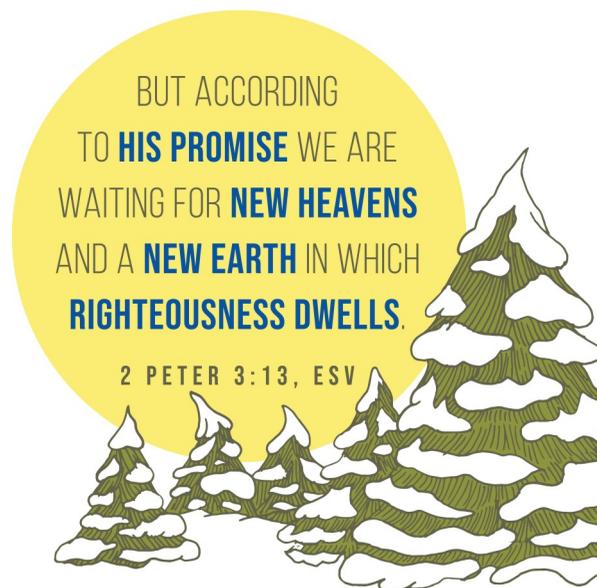
⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ^{15a}and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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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.



Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

“Where Righteousness Is at Home”

Pastor Aaron

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Prelude in C Major”

Bach

Benton Miller, Pianist

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, comfort your people and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, you teach us to wait for you with faithfulness and patience. Be patient with us in our doubts and questions. Come close to us and remove every impediment to our communion with you. Prepare us to see your glory and experience the joy of your presence.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, you set the stars in the sky and breathe life into the earth. Help us to await a new heavens and earth by taking part in your renewing work. Show us how to make the rough places smooth and the uneven ground level, that by healing aspirations and actions we might ring in your new creation.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Saving God, teach us to celebrate the diversity in our midst even as we seek to overcome disparities among us. We pray for our members: Debra Feldman; Mark & Elizabeth Felix; Greg & Elizabeth Felix; Greg, Rachel & Rebecca Fisher; Sydney Fisher; Jared Fisher; Jason, Jacqueline, Dilynn and Alyssa Fisher; Lynn & Lynette Fisher; Stephen, Tracie, Noah, Ethan and Addison Flack; and Anna Flasher. Make righteousness to be at home in their hearts.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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Tender God, you know sorrow and joy alike. We pray for those in our families and congregation who are not joyful in this holiday season. Comfort those who grieve, be a companion to all who are lonely, tend those who are sick or struggling, especially Scott, Jim, Rachel, Dottie, Corrina, Shirley, Christine, Mae, Kayla, Rose, Larry, Mary, Sherry, Linda, Tim, Cameron, Jim, Ron, Cheryl, Gillon, Jim, Becky, Bernice, Tanner, Ayano, Marlene, Bertie, Sue, William, Lois, and the family and friends of Edith Schaffer. Gather all people in your healing embrace.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal God, we give thanks for the saints who have prepared your way in the wilderness and taught us to continue their faithful work, especially Edith Schaffer. Make their generous lives an example for us.

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

“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord”

Blake

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Senior Pastor	<i>Pastor Aaron</i>	
Associate Pastor	<i>Pastor Arlyn</i>	
Organist	<i>Bob Eyer</i>	
	<i>8:30 AM</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>
Lector	<i>Sutton Family</i>	<i>Elaine Hess-Strite</i>
Ushers	<i>Brenda Runshaw Ken Runshaw</i>	<i>Don Lensbower</i>
Livestream Team		<i>Jason Brown Christie Brown</i>

The 2nd arrangement of Altar Flowers given on November 29th were given to the Glory of God and in memory my husband Frank Stehle, by Nancy Stehle.



The children's bulletins are given to the glory of God and in honor of Trinity's Children, by Barb Montgomery.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:
Sunday, November 29, 2020

In-Person	53
Online Worship Service Views:	362

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

*“A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” --Isaiah 40:3*

2020 has certainly upended our worship and community life.

Christmas will be much different from what we’ve known.

As faithful stewards, we prepare to welcome Jesus,
even if circumstances are not what we expect or desire.

Remember: God is faithful and Christ is with us.

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 11/29/2020 Offering: \$5,727.15

Thank You!

Prepare
the way
of the
LORD.

ISAIAH 40:3



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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"*