

*Third Sunday of Advent*  
Sunday December 13, 2020 – Traditional Service



**THIRD 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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*“Rejoice always,” begins the reading from 1 Thessalonians.  
Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that  
God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy.  
“All God’s children got a robe,” go the words of a spiritual.  
It is not so much a stately, formal,  
pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes,  
clothes we are happy to wear.  
We receive that robe in baptism,  
and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God’s party.*

## **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 McDonald Family*

**PRELUDE**

**“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

arr. Innes

*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 the wills of your faithful people,**

**Lord God,**

**and open our ears to the words of your prophets,**

**that, anointed by your Spirit,**

**we may testify to your light;**

**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 61:1-4, 8-11

<sup>1</sup>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. <sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. <sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

## SECOND READING

## 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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## On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 1:26-38**

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

*"This Joy I Have"*

Pastor Harper

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Away in a Manger"*

Murray/Kirkpatrick

*Bert Kolva, Soloist*

*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, shine your radiance and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of preachers and messengers, you have entrusted your church with the work of proclaiming good news of great joy for all people. Strengthen the witness of bishops, pastors, deacons, church musicians, lay leaders, and everyone who contributes their prayers and talents to public worship. Embed your word in their hearts.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of every nation, you plant us as your oaks of righteousness and ask us to care for one another. Be present with officials in our federal government during these days of transition. Give them a spirit of righteousness, that your goodness and mercy will prevail in their actions and conversations, and that the work they do now will yield a harvest of justice in the years to come.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of exiles and wanderers, you restore the displaced, deprived, tired, lonely, and careworn. We pray for all who rely on your renewing word, especially Scott, Jim, Dottie, Shirley, Christine, Kayla, Larry, Mary, Sherry, Linda, Tim, Cameron, Jim, Ron, Cheryl, Gillon, Jim, Becky, Bernice, Ayano, Marlene, Bertie, and William.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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God of the powerful and helpless, you clothe us with strength when our spirits are weak and weary. Bestow a spirit of hope, peace, and joy upon this congregation, and empower us to comfort the people who turn to us in times of need. We pray for our members: Marcello & Eva Floresca; Candace Fochtman; Melissa Fochtman & Patrick Poling; William and Dorothy Fochtman; Lorraine Frank; Phyllis Frank; Karen, Steve, & Kayla Frey; Mary Jo Frey; Devin Furness; Douglas & Kristin Furness; and Jonathan Furness. Make your church a place of refuge and healing.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of sinners and saints, you offer joy even in the midst of our grief. We are grateful for the beloved, imperfect people whose lives testified to your radiant love. Anoint all who mourn the loss of friends and family with the oil of gladness.

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**

***"Toccata On "Veni Emmanuel"***

Helmore

<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>		
<b>Senior Pastor</b>	<i>Pastor Aaron</i>	
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	<i>Pastor Arlyn</i>	
<b>Organist</b>	<i>Bob Eyer</i>	
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<i>Luke Coder</i>	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>
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<b>Livestream Team</b>		<i>Jason Brown</i> <i>Christie Brown</i>

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,  
and in honor of William H. Cockley  
& Jarred G. Wenerd's birthdays,  
by Bonita M. Cockley.*



*The children's bulletins are given to the glory of God,  
by the Wadas Family.*

<b>LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:</b> <b><i>Sunday, December 6, 2020</i></b>	
In-Person	44
Online Worship Service Views:	280

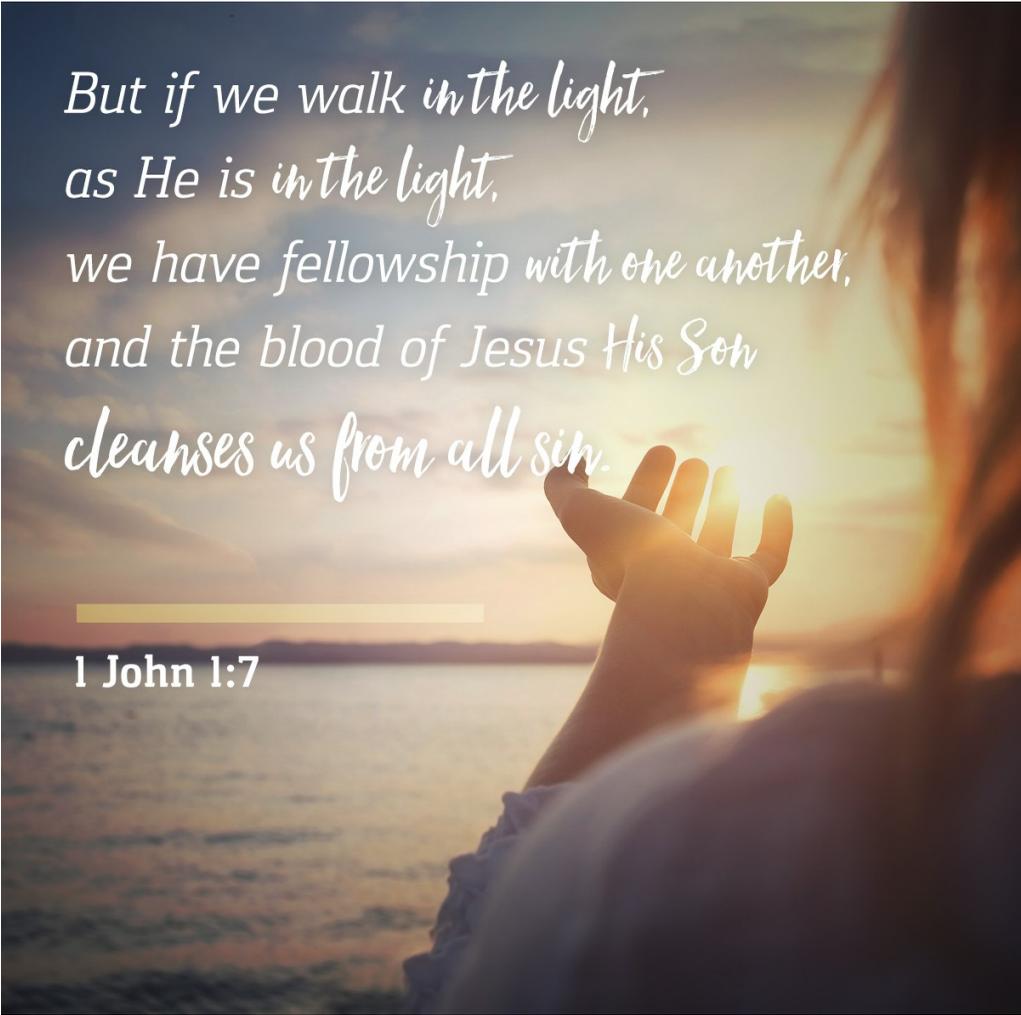
## STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

*“There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.” – John 1:6-7*

Like John, we are sent as witnesses to testify to the Christ at work in the world.

In addition to preparing our own hearts and minds in Advent, faithful stewards know that the Spirit gives us the power to share the good news of God among us.

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 12/06/2020 Offering: \$10,598.64  
Thank You!



*But if we walk in the light,  
as He is in the light,  
we have fellowship with one another,  
and the blood of Jesus His Son  
cleanses us from all sin.*

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**1 John 1:7**



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Director of Music Ministries	<i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>
Office Manager	<i>Christie Brown</i>
Secretary	<i>Anne Crawford</i>
Sexton	<i>Elaine Hess-Strite</i>
Treasurer	<i>Dennis Alleman</i>
Financial Secretary	<i>Sue Derk</i>

### **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"*