



**SECOND SUNDAY**  
OF  
*Advent*

**December 4 & 5, 2021**

**Second Weekend of Advent**  
**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

357 Division St Elgin, IL 60120    \*\*    847-742-2025

**Saturday at 5:00 pm & Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

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## Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Advent Candle Litany: Hope Candle

**Reader One:** Just as Ezekiel saw a world of violence, despair, injustice, and unfairness, so we too see the dry bones filling the valleys of this war-torn world.

**Reader Two:** But God sets forth a light of peace, delivering flesh to bare bones, bringing workers for harmony and justice in places of discord and strife.

**Reader One:** (*light candle 1*) We light first the candle of hope, trusting that hope for a savior remains.

**Reader Two:** (*light candle 2*) And we light the second, believing that God's Son might usher in a new order, where lion and lamb lie peacefully together.

### Advent Candle Lighting Hymn:

Verse 2: Dec 4 & 5

### He Came Down



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have joy;

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
✝ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Gathering Hymn**

*On Jordan's Banks the Baptists Cry*

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## **Greeting**

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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**

L: God of new life,

**C: You showed Ezekiel that you have the ability and willingness to restore Israel to new life. We ask that you restore us, too, to new life filled with abundant blessings and gratitude.**

**Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## **Scripture Summary**

*Israel was dead—or so it seemed. God showed Ezekiel that, like dry bones restored to life, Israel could and one day would be restored to life.*

## **Children's Sermon** (Sunday only)



### **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been

commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen, risen indeed.**



### **Gospel: John 11:17-27**

The holy Gospel according to John the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that

God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon*

### **Hymn of the Day**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

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### **APOTLES CREED**

**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**

Please response after each petition:

L: Life-giving God,

**C: hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Israel had so lost hope that it was as though they had died. . . .

. . . Renew our strength and rekindle our zeal for your word and your work in this world, and make of us the living answers to prayer for the sake of all whom you love.

**Amen.**

## **Peace**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **Offering**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

## **Offering Prayer**

**Even when we are lost or broken, we know that healing comes when we reach out, rather than isolate, give, rather than withhold. So, we bring our offerings to you in the hope that abundant blessings come not only for us, but for those who benefit from these gifts that we offer. In Jesus' name we pray.**

**Amen.**

## ***Great Thanksgiving***

The Lord be with you.

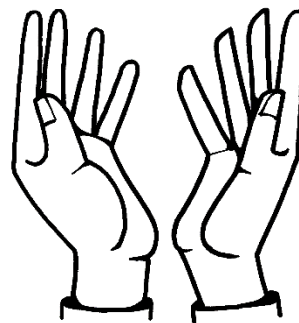
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .

. . . And so, with all the saints,  
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### ***Holy, Holy, Holy***

*The assembly responds:*

**Holy, holy, holy God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### ***Thanksgiving at the Table***

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life . . .

. . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.



We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### ***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.**

### ***Invitation to Communion***

God promises to restore the lost and broken to a place of being found and healed. Both can be found in the sharing of this meal, where community and wholeness meet. Come to the table, this feast is prepared for you.

### **Communion**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

**Amen.**

### **Blessing after communion**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Sending of Communion**

*(1st weekend of the month we will be blessing communion kits to bring to our shut-in or homebound members)*

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we are sent forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence.

**Amen.**

### **Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## ***Blessing***

The holy Three,  
the holy One  
increase your hope,  
strengthen your faith,  
deepen your love,  
and ✝ grant you peace.

**Amen.**

## ***Sending Hymn***

*Hark, the Glad Sound*

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## ***Dismissal***

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***Postlude***

### ***Worship Leaders***

<b>Interim Pastor</b>	Rev. Dave Daubert
<b>Deaconess</b>	Andrea Delaney
<b>Organist</b>	Matt Wahl
<b>Radio Host</b> (Sunday)	Melissa & Ryan Read

### ***Special Offerings***

<b>Sunday Radio Hour</b>	In in honor of <b>Don &amp; Joan Johnson's</b> 73 <sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary.
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### ***Note on Special Offerings***

Please consider sponsoring Radio Hour (\$100), 7-Day Candle (\$8), Bulletins (\$25), or the Newsletter (\$50). **The Radio, printed bulletins for those who aren't online & unable to attend in person and the Newsletter are vital communication ministries during this time!**

### **Announcements**

With the continued presence of COVID cases in our state and county we ask that you continue the following if you come in-person to the church building: Wear a Mask; Wash hands/use hand sanitizer and sit in the pews marked with the blue tape so we can stay socially distant.

### ***Pastoral Care***

If you need pastoral care please reach out to Chaplain David Rohlwing or Deaconess Andrea Delaney.

Chaplain David: home 847-695-2745 or email: [dwrohlwing@att.net](mailto:dwrohlwing@att.net)

Deaconess Andrea: cell 847-504-7029 or [deaconessandrea@holyltrinityelgin.com](mailto:deaconessandrea@holyltrinityelgin.com)

### ***Our Tithes & Offerings***

When we practice gratitude, we begin to understand that everything is a gift from God and we can praise God for the gifts we have received which, in turn, leads us to be generous stewards of those gifts. As we seek to gather an offering for the mission of Holy Trinity in these times, we thank you for your sustained giving and support!

### ***Ways to Give to Holy Trinity***

1. Drop your donation into the offering plate before or after worship
2. Mail a check to the church
3. Give online through our website: [holyltrinityelgin.com](http://holyltrinityelgin.com)
4. Give+ through Vanco – sign up on your phone (it's an APP)
5. Simply Giving – call the church to get signed up for a regular offering

**Regular Offering last week was \$2,905**

### ***Advent Study every Wednesday Evening at 7pm***

Zoom study with Zion Lutheran Church. Study booklet and advent calendar available in the narthex or call the church office.

### ***Advent Fair Saturday December 11***

**10 am – Noon**

Children, youth and adults welcome for a fun morning of making Christmas crafts and enjoying fellowship!

### ***Advent Plants for Sanctuary***

Watch the bulletin for more info on ordering a plant in honor or in memory of a loved one!

### **Holy Trinity Ministry Calendar**

**Sun 12/5** Community Breakfast – 8:00 am in Lind Hall  
Worship Service at 9:30am  
Visit with St. Nick for children of all ages - 10:30am  
Soup Kettle – 2:00pm Set up; 5:30pm dinner in Lind Hall  
Christmas Organ & Piano Recital – 3:00pm

**Mon 12/6** Property Committee – 6:30pm in Community Center

**Tue 12/7** Quilting Group – 9:00am to Noon in Lind Hall

**Wed 12/8** Golden K Meeting at 9:00 am in Lind Hall  
Weekly Advent Study via Zoom – 7:00pm

**Thu 12/9** Grief Support Group – 10:30am in Community Center

**Fri 12/10** Soup Kettle – 2:00pm Set up; 5:30pm dinner in Lind Hall

### ***December 10 & 11 – Third Weekend of Advent***

Readings for the weekend: Isaiah 55:1-13 & John 4:13-14

**Sat 12/11** Advent Fair - 10:00am - Noon  
Worship Service at 5:00pm

**Sun 12/12** Worship Service at 9:30am  
Soup Kettle – 2:00pm Set up; 5:30pm dinner in Lind Hall

## **Blue Christmas Service on Tuesday, Dec 21**

On the longest night of the year, worship with us via WRMN 1410 AM or livestream at 6:00 pm. Blue Christmas is a service to acknowledge that even at this time of year not all of us are “merry and bright.” Yet, God is always with us during all seasons of life and journeys with us in our grief, depression, or life stressors.

## **Christmas Eve Worship**

**Friday, December 24 at 2:00 pm**

After worship, join us for an early supper of Lasagna.

### ***Opening Hymn***

#### **On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry**

- 1** On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2** Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare  
for Christ to come and enter there.
- 3** We hail you as our Savior, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away  
like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4** Stretch forth your hand, our health  
restore,  
and make us rise to fall no more;  
oh, let your face upon us shine  
and fill the world with love divine.
- 5** All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

## Hymn of the Day

### Prepare the Royal Highway



- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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## Closing Hymn

### Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820