

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

11:00 A.M.

1755 Delhi Street, Dubuque, IA 52001

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise.

One of the best-known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting amid growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. Sometimes the wreath is embellished with natural dried flowers or fruit. Its evergreen branches lead the household and the congregation to the evergreen Christmas tree. In many homes, the family gathers for prayers around the wreath.

Second Sunday of Advent

Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again.

You fasten righteousness around your waist
and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire.

Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames,
and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare.

We ask that peace abound,
until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.

Amen.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever.

Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,

we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

Purify us with your refining fire

and set us again on your way of love,

that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,

and welcome your coming among us.

Amen.

People of God,

a new thing is growing in our midst,

a tender branch,

a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on ✠ Christ,

and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Here I am to Worship

E B^{SUS} F#m E B^{SUS}

1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -

4 A^{2(no3)} E B^{SUS} F#m

— see, — Beau - ty that made this — heart a - dore — You,
— bove. — Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,

7 E B^{SUS} A^{2(no3)} B^{7sus}

hope of a life spent with — You, — So, here I am to
all for love's sake be - came — poor. —

10 % CHORUS E B/D# E/G#

wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God..

13 A E B/D#

— And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er

16 E/G# A A^{2(no3)}

won - der - ful to me, —

GREETING

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.

Christ Be Our Light

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1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

- ¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the

God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory To God

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Glo - ria_a Dios, glo - ria_a Dios,
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,

glo - ria_a Dios en los cie - los.
glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Paz pa - ra ti, paz pa - ra mí,
Peace be to you, peace be to me,

paz pa - ra to - da la tie - rra.
peace be to all, peace to all the earth.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

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

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Martin Lohrmann

Please Rise

SONG OF THE DAY

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

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1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -
3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the



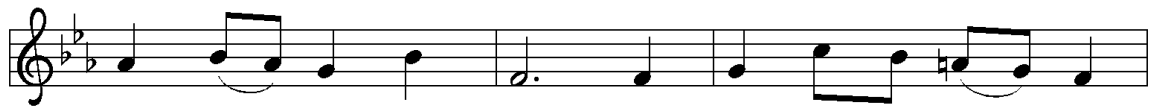
call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the



high - way, a high - way for our God!
peo - ple, the com - ing of their king.
na - tions and soon will right the wrong.



The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
Like flow'rs of the field we per - ish, like
Lord, feed your flock like a shep - herd, the



loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass our works de - cay; the pow'r and the pomp of
lambs so gent - ly hold; in pas - tures of peace now



plac - es where God, our God, may go!
na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way.
lead them, and bring them to your fold.

CREED

With the whole church on Earth, we proclaim our faith with the words of the Apostles' 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

At the end of each petition, the reader will say "God, In Your Mercy," please respond "Hear our Prayer"..

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

God, you renew the church in every age. We give thanks for hymn writers and theologians (*especially John of Damascus, whom we commemorate today*). Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and instruct your people. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give us a vision of creation in harmony...

The Prayers Conclude:

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING

All Who Are Thirsty

3 1111

All who are thirst - y, all who are __ weak, come to the four

5 C² Am⁷ G/B C² C²/D G
- tain. Dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sor - row

10 Bm⁷ C²
be wash'd a - way in the waves of His mer - cy as deep cries

15 Am⁷ G/B C² C²/D % CHORUS 1 G G² G^{sus} G C² C²/D
out to deep. (We sing) Come, Lord Je - sus, __ come.

21 G G² G^{sus} G C² C²/D G G²
Come, Lord Je - sus, __ come. Come, Lord

26 G^{sus} G C² C²/D G G² G^{sus} G
Je - sus, __ come. Come, Lord Je - sus, __

31
__ come.

Please Rise

OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior.
Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(spoken)

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your love and teach us to pray,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to commune at Christ's Holy Supper. We invite everyone to come forward to the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Come forward by way of the center aisle to receive the elements and return by the outside aisle. **If you cannot come forward** to receive communion but would like to receive it directly from the pastor, please let a greeter know and the pastor will bring communion to you. Gluten-free wafers are available as well. Children and adults who do not receive communion are invited to come forward as they wish to receive a blessing.*

COMMUNION SONG Lamb of God

All
O Lamb of God from Beth - le - hem, where Ma - ry__ gave you birth,
grant us your mer - cy, gra - cious Lord, Re deem - er__ of the earth.
O Lamb of God, for - give us, for we still live in sin.
O, come to us, a - bide with us, and grant us peace with - in.

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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 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
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
 in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
 bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
 As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,
 sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.
 Guide us toward your promised future,
 coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

God the eternal Word,
 who dwells with us in Jesus,

and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing



Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your Gos - pel's joy - ful sound;
Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us, from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

5
let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace,
may the no fruits of Your death sal - va - tion us, glad Your hearts and — lives a - bound,
let no fear of death ap - pall us, in our sum - mons to o - bey.

9
O re - fresh us O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness
Ev - er faith - ful ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Arr. Luke Tyler

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Greeters are here to help! If you have questions, need directions, or just want to know why Holy Trinity is a great place to be, just ask a greeter.



The sanctuary is equipped with **Hearing Loop**, an assistive listening device. To hear the worship service through your hearing aid, switch your hearing aid to the T-coil setting. Portable receivers and headsets are available for checkout. Just ask a greeter to check one out.

We love having children in worship! If you find you or your child needs a break, head on over to the **nursery**. You will find books, toys, and a changing table. It is just down the hall from the sanctuary.

Restrooms are just down the hall, past the nursery. At the end of the hall turn left!

Be sure to pick up a copy of the Trinity Times weekly newsletter for all of the news and announcements.

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