
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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The Second Sunday in Advent

December 4/5, 2021

Saturday Worship 6:00 p.m. • Sunday Worship 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR RISEN LORD

Welcome to Trinity! Today in the Divine Service God proclaims to us through Word and Sacrament the forgiveness, love, and salvation that He has won for us through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. If you are new to Trinity or looking for a church home, we invite you to join our family. Please introduce yourself to our Pastors following the service. After the 8:00 a.m. worship service, please join us for coffee, fellowship, and Christian Education. At various points in the service you will be invited to refer to our hymnal, the **Lutheran Service Book** or LSB (image to the right), located on the back of the seat in front of you.



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WORSHIPPING WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Advent wreath is the circle of candles (three blue and one pink with a white one in the middle) that you see up front during the season of Advent. Each Sunday in Advent, a new candle on the wreath is lit. Before or after worship, allow your children to walk up to get a better look at the Advent wreath. Show them how to be respectful.

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THOSE SERVING IN WORD & SACRAMENT MINISTRY

Preacher: Pastor Mark J. Nelson / **Liturgist:** Pastor Matthew B. Synnott

Saturday 6:00 Service-Lector: Ray Bertino; Communion Asst.: Mark Morrow, Ray Bertino; Sound & Lights: Vickie and Will Fleming; Altar Guild: Patty Schrock

Sunday 8:00 Service: Lector: Debra Cribbs; Acolytes: Ben Coulter, Alaina Dreher; Communion Asst.: Craig Olmstead, Ken Nielsen, Matt Chamberlain, Mark Baker; Altar Guild: Peggy Livengood; Sound: Todd and Benjamin Coulter; Ushers: Mike Holloway, Bob Close, Joyce Close

Sunday 10:45 Service: Acolytes: Chloe Carmean, Paige Carmean; Communion Asst.: Axel Kufner; Altar Guild: Peggy Livengood; Sound: Mark King family; Ushers: Alan Stahl, Candice Tennell

Divine Service - Setting Four

+ We Come Into God's Presence +

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

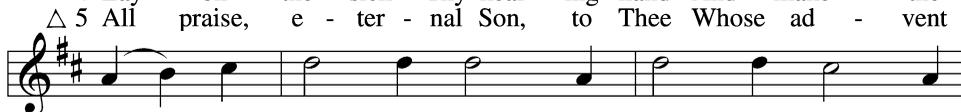
Opening Hymn

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

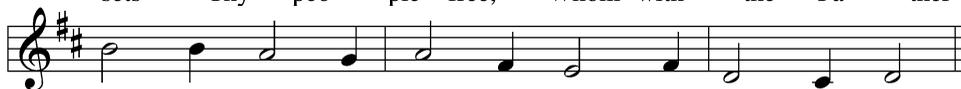
Hymn 344



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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Please stand

Invocation: *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

P Beloved in the Lord, in this season of Advent we light the candles on this wreath in anticipation of the coming of Christ. May this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. As the prophet Isaiah says,

C "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined."

Light the Candle

2 Light the can-dle of PEACE to-day, the Giv-er of peace is here! _____

Wel-come the peace we fight and cry for, but on - ly Christ can give. _____

Flick-er and flame and glow _____ with peace, light up the world a - round you.

Flick - er and flame and glow _____ with peace, light up the world a -

round _____ you. _____

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Confession of Sins

- P** Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** **Amen.**

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

C Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming now, we may bear fruits in keeping with repentance; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

+ God Speaks to Us +

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1-7b

¹"Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sunday: Sanctuary Choir "Help Us to Be Like Them" *by Nancy Price and Don Besig*

They who love the Lord have found a gift so rare. They who love the Lord know joy beyond compare. And their hearts are lighter, spirits brighter, knowing God is always there. Help us be like them, Lord. Help us to be like them.

They who trust the Lord have hope that will not fade. They who trust the Lord need never feel afraid, For their faith will guide them, live inside them, growing with each passing day, Help us be like them, Lord. Help us to be like them.

They who serve the Lord reach out to those in need. They who serve the Lord help others to believe; For they give so freely, love completely, sharing all that life can mean. Help us be like them, Lord. Help us to be like them.

May the love they've brought us, faith they've taught us keep our hearts and spirits free. Help us be like them, Lord. Help us to be like them.

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Epistle Reading

Philippians 1:2-11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my

heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Alleluia

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a 7/8 time signature. The first staff is the Alleluia chorus. The second and third staves contain the Gospel text. The fourth staff is a second Alleluia chorus. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-14

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" ¹¹And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" ¹³And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

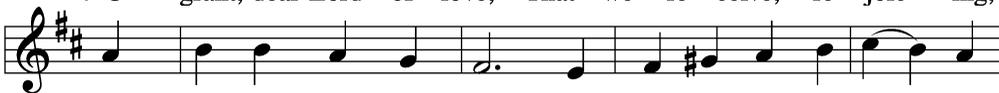
Hymn of the Day

"When All the World Was Cursed"

Hymn 346



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na-tion,
 2 Be-fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy-ful meet-ing,
 3 Be-hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres-sion,
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re-joic-ing,



Saint John the Bap-tist came With words of con-so-la-tion.
 Con-fess-ing Him as Lord Whose moth-er he was greet-ing.
 Whose sac-ri-fice re-moves The dev-il's dread op-pres-sion.
 The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re-pen-tance voic-ing,



With true fore-run-ner's zeal The great-er One he named,
 By Jor-dan's roll-ing stream, A new E-li-jah bold,
 Be-hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a-way our sin,
 That glad-ly we may walk Up-on our Sav-ior's way



And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav-ior he pro-claimed.
 He tes-ti-fied of Him Of whom the proph-ets told:
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a-tone-ment win.
 Un-til we live with Him In His e-ter-nal day.

Sermon

Please stand

+ We Respond to God's Word +

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Sunday: Children's Message

Offertory Hymn

"What Child Is This" v. 3

Hymn 370

3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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Prayers of the Church

+ God Serves Us His Holy Feast +

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

G **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came in the flesh, comes now to us in His body and blood, and will come again in glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we glorify Your name and praise You singing:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:25–25

Pax Domini

John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated

Distribution *(as needed, the pastors will give instructions on how communion will be distributed)*

Communion Statement

As a Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) church, we believe and confess that through the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper we receive the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. As we commune with faith and repentance, we receive the forgiveness of sins and power to amend our sinful lives. If you would like to commune with us but are not a member of a church in fellowship with the LCMS, we ask that you schedule a visit with our pastor before communing. Our communion practice is not intended to exclude anyone, but rather to make certain that we, in love, faithfully administer the sacrament according to Christ’s institution.

If you are not communing, but wish to come forward to receive a blessing, please fold both arms across your heart. Children are also encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

8:00: Music During the Distribution

"Arise, O Christian People"

LSB 354

"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

LSB 336

"Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star"

LSB 872

Please stand

Nunc Dimittis

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Prayer

P Father in heaven, filled with the real presence of Your Son Jesus Christ we wait in faith for when He comes again in glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ God Sends Us Out +

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

G Amen.

Please be seated

Closing Hymn

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

Hymn 343



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 should 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, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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Silent Prayer

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God!**

Announcements and Welcome

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Guests and visitors, thank you for worshiping with the family of God at Trinity. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about Trinity please call, text, or email Pastor Synnott at (713) 302-6908, pastorsynnott@trinitypeoria.com.

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Postlude

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