



## Second Sunday of Advent

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*At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.*

#### THE PRELUDE

#### \*THE 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.**

## WORD

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.**

**\*THE GATHERING HYMN: On Jordan's Banks the  
Baptist's Cry #249**

### **\* THE GREETING**

**P:** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### **\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful  
protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and  
enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and  
reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

### **The Prayer**

### **The Advent Verse #241 O Lord How Shall I Meet You**

I lay in fetters, groaning;  
you came to set me free.  
I stood, my shame bemoaning;  
you came to honor me.  
A glorious crown you give me,  
a treasure safe on high  
that will not fail or leave me  
as earthly riches fly.

### **The First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall  
grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The 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. <sup>3</sup>His 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; <sup>4</sup>but 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. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The 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. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the  
bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall  
eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the  
asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They  
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. <sup>10</sup>On  
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.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19**

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;  
<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**  
<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**  
<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.  
<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**  
<sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace  
till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>18</sup>**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;  
you alone do wondrous deeds!**

<sup>19</sup>And blessed be your glorious name forever,  
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

### **The Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13**

<sup>4</sup>Whatever 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. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For 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, <sup>9</sup>and 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”; <sup>10</sup>and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; <sup>11</sup>and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; <sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.”<sup>13</sup>May 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Sung page #151a)

**C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

\* P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 3rd chapter.  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

### **The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”  
<sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: (cont. on page 6)

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ “<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But 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? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do 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. <sup>10</sup>Even 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. <sup>11</sup>“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. <sup>12</sup>His 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **GOOD NEWS 101**

#### **THE SERMON**

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY: Prepare The Royal Highway #264**

#### **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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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

God, in Your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

### **\* THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always,  
**And also with you.**

## **THE OFFERING**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**THE OFFERTORY:** Let the Vineyards be Fruitful # 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## **THE MEAL**

### **• THE 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.**

**\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung)** page 152

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.**

### **\* THE PREFACE**

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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,  
through whom you will also make all things new  
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.  
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:

**\* THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sung)** page 153

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**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.**

### **\* THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

**THE LAMB OF GOD** (sung) page 154

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

**\* THE 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**

**THE SENDING**

**\* THE 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.**

**\*THE SENDING SONG: Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding #246**

**\* THE DISMISSAL**

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

**THE POSTLUDE**

**Serving Today: December 4**  
**Acolyte:** Maris Rodig & Brenden Bolden  
**Lector:** Judy Bariexca  
**Communion Assistant:** Danielle Ercolani  
**Ushers:** Steve Anderson & Chris Rodig

**Serving Next Week: December 11**  
**Acolyte:** Addison Lee  
**Lector:** Hank Bariexca  
**Ushers:** Steve Anderson & Nicole Rodig



Receiving their First  
Communion Today

***Luke Blackburn***

***Voices That Reign Christmas CD  
Available Now!***

The songs will be playing after worship.  
The album is available for a donation of  
\$15 to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY SERVICES:** Our Sunday morning worship services will continue at 10:00 AM. Services are also streamed live on our Facebook Page.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** is usually open on Wednesdays and Fridays when Pastor is there. Bonnie will be in the office, Mon 10-2, Wed—Friday 10-2. You can always call and leave a message if you need us.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH** continues with our Phillip the Bucket spare change Loud Offering on the first Sunday of each month. Our Offerings have gone to help those in need in our community. We are also continuing to collect nonperishable food items for St. Luke's Food Pantry.

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICES:** We are continuing with our Contemporary Services featuring *Voices That Reign*. Our next services will be on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of January @7pm.



**It is that time of year when your elected Council meets to look over and prepare our spending plan for the new year.**

Do you ever wonder how your offering is used. Plate offering not only supports the general day to day operations of the church, it pays the Church staff who keep the work going all week, not just on Sunday mornings. It supports the work of the Pastor, not just for leading us in worship, but for home & hospital visits, meeting with community families in need, participating in synod work and so much more. Your offering is used to maintain our building, painting, repairs, etc. We ask that as you look over your personal budget for 2023; that you be in prayer about how much you are able to faithfully give to the work of the Lord here at Holy Trinity and the church worldwide.

**We are so glad you worshipped with us today.**

**Our hope is that you have a blessed week and we will see you again next Sunday.**

**If you are visiting and have any questions about Holy Trinity, please ask Pastor Haab, one of our Greeters or any of our wonderful members.**



**Christmas Eve, December 24th**

**7pm & 10pm**

**Christmas Day, December 25th**

**10am**