

***GATHERING MUSIC***

***MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP***

O God, there are times when we are good at waiting. We can wait for a baby to arrive. We can wait for the mailman to deliver the day's mail. We can even wait for Christmas. But we are not very good at waiting for you. We forget that there are preparations that are to be made before you come. We fail to realize the fullness of life you call us to live while we wait for you. As we gather to worship and to wait, we pray you will instruct us, prepare us, anoint us and inspire us, so that our waiting might be a holy time of preparation, worship, confession and rejoicing. Amen.

***GATHERING SONGS Ecumen***

*"Do You Know the Way to Bethlehem"*  
*"Mary, Did You Know"*

***PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***TRINITY WELCOME***

***THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS***

***Dustin, Katie, and Chase Flunker***

*Sponsors: Rob & Alyssa Brockman, Augustus, Elouise, and Ambrose*

***Howard and Marcia Vrankin***

*Sponsors: Pat, Renee, and Lucy Thacker*

***THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY***

*"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."*

**- Martin Luther King, Jr.**

*"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe."*

**- Saint Augustine**

*"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."*

**- Corrie Ten Boom**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)***

One: Immanuel.

**All: God with us.**

One: Lifting the fallen,

**All: Carrying the lame,**

One: Preparing a banquet,

**All: Turning dead ends into new possibilities,**

One: Emmanuel, God with us,

**All: Remembering the poor,**

One: Challenging the rich,

**All: Feeding the hungry,**

One: Inviting all to sing and dance to the music of God's Kingdom.

**PRAISE SONG**

**"God, We Gather As Your People"**

1. God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
2. Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and  
4. God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and

bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.  
wide can live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.

Though the day may not yet be here, we  
that they nev - er have a rea - son to  
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your  
As they grow in strength and sta - ture, may they

trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free. (sing v.2)  
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.  
love is for the few, may their faith in you re - new. (sing v.4)  
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the  
church doors o - pen wide. May there be room e - nough for  
ev - 'ry-one in - side. For in God, there is a wel - come, in  
God we all be - long. May that wel - come be our song.

## **THE CONFESSION**

One: Holy and healing God,

**All: Send us Jesus once again. We are still bound by sin and fears; our world still knows the grief of children dying from hunger and young men and women dying in battle. Holy God, we long for an unending stream of hope and a deep reservoir of joy.**

One: Holy and just God,

**All: Send us Jesus once again. Deliver us from petty squabbles, bruising busyness, hardened hearts. Rule in our hearts with peace, and reign in our world with compassion.**

Leader: Holy and loving God,

**All: Send us Jesus once again. Let him be born in the words we say, revealed in the deeds we do, made alive in the care we extend. In every heart and nation, let songs of praise arise.**

Leader: It is into such a world as this and such a time as this that you choose to enter. Again and again, you visit us in the darkest times of life. Again and again, you surprise us in the midst of hectic schedules and frantic lives. Holy God, help us keep alert in this Advent season. Help us be ready to see you in the midst of ordinary tasks. Help us be ready to slow down for prayer, for children, for our family and friends. Help us be ready to stand up for peace and justice, for Jesus comes to bring new life to us and our world. O God, help us be ready to receive you again. Amen.

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Voice 1: "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" (Isaiah 9:2).

Voice 2: Today is the second Sunday in Advent. We light today's Advent candle as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, who brought light into the lives of all people.

Voice 1: (*lights second candle*) Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; they who follow me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Voice 2: The gospel of Matthew tells us that when Jesus was born, a beautiful star shone over the location of the child. It was so bright that it gave light and direction to the wise men who came to worship him. And just as the night didn't seem to be so dark anymore, so Jesus' birth itself was to bring hope and new meaning into the world. That new beginning, foretold by the prophets, is the promise that we celebrate this season.

## “An Advent Invitation”



1. Light the Ad - vent Can - dle, Let it shine with hope.  
 2. Light the Ad - vent Can - dle, Let it shine with peace.  
 5 3. Light the Ad - vent Can - dle, Let it shine with joy.



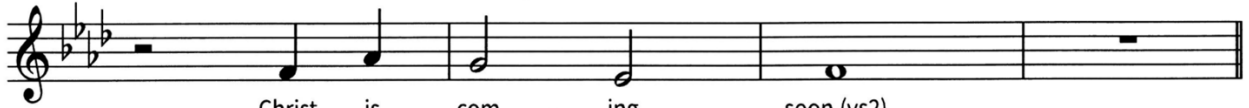
9 Soon a star will guide us to the One that was fore - told.  
 Behold a Prince is com - ing and His reign will ne - ver cease.  
 Soon the Earth will cel - e - brate sweet Ma - ry's lit - tle Boy.



12 To a lone - ly cat - tle stall, God will send the  
 To a pal - ace, not of might, God will send His  
 To the man - ger of this world, God will send His



15 Lord of all. Light the Ad - vent Can - - dle,  
 Ho - ly Light Light the Ad - vent Can - - dle,  
 Price - less Pearl. Light the Ad - vent Can - - dle,



Christ is com - ing soon.(vs2)  
 Christ is com - ing soon.(refrain)  
 Christ is com - ing soon.

19 *Refrain*



Light the Ad - vent Can - dle, Let it shine with love. Soon a Rose will flow - er

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sent from Heav'n a - bove. To this world a Son is born, a per - fect Rose to

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bear the thorn. Our long - ing hearts are wait - ing for that prom - ised morn.(vs.3)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *(sit)*

**THE WORD: SPOKEN AND IN MUSIC - Believe**

*“Unto Us”- Patrick Budoff and Lori Hassig*

*“Love Can Break Through” CTP Singers*

**THE OFFERING** *Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to “share the love and promise of God” through its ministries.*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: As God’s people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the church, the human family, and all of creation.

(Petitions end: “God of mercy”; “Hear our prayer.”)

P. All these things and whatever you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ, who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**THE COMMUNION SENTENCES**

Leader 1: Our days are busy and our hearts are full.

Leader 2: Yet, something is missing.

**All: Maranatha! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader 1: We put on our “successful, happy” faces out in the world.

Leader 2: Yet, we are empty and sad.

**All: Maranatha! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader 1: The world shouts “buy,” “push ahead,” “get your own.”

Leader 2: Yet, the gospel whispers “share,” “there is enough,” “your life is already abundant and good.”

**All: Maranatha! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader 1: Some yearning brings us here — for love, for comfort, for community

Leader 2: Yet, only you, O God, can ultimately fill that need.

**All: Maranatha! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leaders 1 & 2: So we speak these words from the final Book of Revelation, in our own language and in the language of much of the early church:

**All: Maranatha! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leaders 1 & 2: And we pray together.

**All: Maranatha! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! There is room in our hearts and lives for you — room that only you can fill — happiness that only you can bring. Come, Lord Jesus! Maranatha! Amen!**

Leader: 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."

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FAMILY MEAL. (Sit)**

*All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.*

*When you receive the bread, you may either dip the bread in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice  
 Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.*

*There are individually packaged gluten free wafer/wine in the front pews.*

**SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION**

**"Sanctuary"**

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
 ho - ly, tried and true; With thanks - giv - ing I'll be a  
 liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

# "I Will Trust In You"

1. When I can't see You, I  
2. And when the dark - ness is

know You're here; When I can't feel You, I  
clos - ing in, And I am run - ning a -

will not fear; I will trust in You and I  
gainst the wind; I will trust in You and I

will not be a - fraid. And when the  
will not be a - fraid. 'Cause when I'm

bat - tle is close at hand I know You're  
stand - ing up - on that shore and all the

with me to help me stand; I will  
bat - tles have gone be - fore, I will

trust in You and I will not be a - fraid  
trust in You and I will not be a - fraid.

I will not be a - fraid. I will not be a -

fraid. I will trust in You, I will trust in You.

## "Here At The Table"

Christ is here, here at the ta - ble. Come gath - er and  
lay life's bur - dens down, here at the ta - ble, at the ta -  
ble where love and peace a - bound. Oh, oh, oh, oh.  
Bring your hun - ger, bring your won - der,  
Bring your sad - ness, bring your mad - ness,  
Bring your yearn - ing, bring your turn - ing,  
bring your thirst - ing heart. Bring your trou - bles,  
bring your si - lent shame. Bring your sigh - ing,  
bring your deep - est needs. Bring your doubt - ing,  
bring your strug - gles, bring all that you are.  
bring your cry - ing, bring all of your pain.  
bring your shout - ing, bring all to be freed.

### **THE BLESSING** (stand)

### **THE SENDING OUT**

Leader: Almighty God, provide light for us in times of darkness, joy in times of sorrow and peace when life seems chaotic and troublesome. Please stay by us as we encounter the challenges of the world that we will face and give us the strength and courage we need to shine with Your love and light. In Jesus' name.

All: Amen.



**THE SENDING SONG**

**“Send Us Out”**

1. We have been called by the Lord.  
2. We have who were bound by our shame,  
We ruled have by been our saved fears by the with Word. in.  
Now Stand let and the de - Word clare be by re - stored. name,  
Now free - let dom the from Gos - pel of be our heard. Send us out to teach what  
God has done. Send us out to reach ev' - ry  
sin - gle one. Send us out. Send us out.  
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**THE DISMISSAL**

**Leader:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please join us for a coffee hour after the 9:30 worship service.*



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## **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

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Patrick Budoff, Lori Hassig,

**Keyboard:** Darci Ketter

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**Coffee Hour:** Tom & Ardi Bergerud, Candy Sarauer

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