

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Created to Praise
2nd Sunday of Advent - December 7, 2025

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MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of love, come to us with your gift of presence as we travel in our loneliness. May your love encompass us on this journey to Bethlehem and into the rest of our lives, so that we might never be alone. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

We are all meant to be mothers of God, for God is always needing to be born.

Meister Eckhart

I believe deeply that God does his best work in our lives during times of great heartbreak and loss, and I believe that much of that rich work is done by the hands of people who love us, who dive into the wreckage with us and show us who God is, over and over and over. There are years when the Christmas spirit is hard to come by, and it's in those seasons when I'm so thankful for Advent. Consider it a less flashy but still very beautiful way of being present to this season. Give up for a while your false and failing attempts at merriment, and thank God for thin places, and for Advent, for a season that understands longing and loneliness and long nights. Let yourself fall open to Advent, to anticipation, to the belief that what is empty will be filled, what is broken will be repaired, and what is lost can always be found, no matter how many times it's been lost.

- Shauna Niequist (Novelist)

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Leader: May the peace of God come among us.

All: May the peace of God enter our loneliness.

Leader: We find peace in God's presence.

All: May God be present in and through us. May God be born in us today!

PRAISE SONG

"People of Hope"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes repeat signs, a 'Fine' marking, and a '3rd time to Coda' instruction. The Coda section is marked with a 'Coda' symbol and a key signature change to D minor (two flats). The lyrics are: 'We are peo - ple of hope a - live in the mys - t'ry, grow - ing in faith, learn - ing to love. We are peo - ple of hope through - out all of his - t'ry, held by the one who will nev - er let go. We are dead in our striv - ing for wealth and for might We are what God has made us, cre - a - ted in Christ but God, rich in mer - cy, has loved us to life. We are for jus - tice and mer - cy to be our way of life. We are In the jour - ney ev - 'ry day we're led by the Word, saved by grace. We are'.

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THE CONFESSION

All: God, you have told us not to worry because you care for us. And yet, we have allowed our fears and our anxieties to keep us awake at night. We have tried to fill our loneliness with a multitude of things and yet we still feel alone. We have forsaken the peace you long to make real within us. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us for failing to remember to trust you, even when we have trouble sensing your presence. Forgive us for forgetting to call on your name when we are alone in the dark. Forgive us for worrying about so many things instead of bringing our worries to you in prayer. Free us, once more, to walk with you and then help us carry your presence to one another. Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE

"We Will Wait"



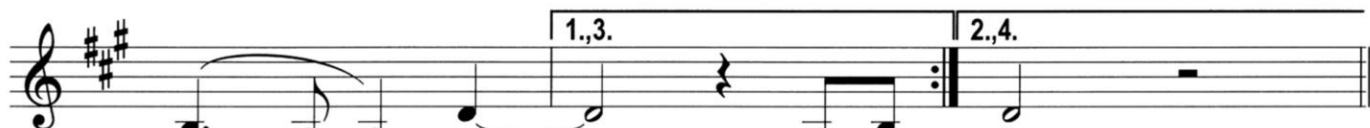
1. We will wait with ev - er watch - ful eyes. We will
 (2. We will) greet You with ev - er thank - ful tears. We will
 3. We will wel - come You as proph - e - sies. We will
 (4. We will) sing while we wait here on earth. We will



wait with ev - er serv - ing lives. We will
 greet You with ev - er less - 'ning fears. We will
 wel - come You in - to our lives. We will
 sing to greet You at Your birth. We will



wait with ev - er o - pen hearts. We will
 greet You with ev - er hope - ful joy. We will
 wel - come les - sons that you teach. We will
 sing to wel - come You, the gift. We will



greet You. We will
 wel - come You.....
 sing for You. We will
 fol - low You.....



We will wel - come You! We will sing!



We will wel - come You! We will sing! to v. 3 sing! Repeat chorus. sing!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

"Messiah"

Some - one's shout - ing from the des - ert_.
Some - one's shout - ing from the ci - ty
Some - one's shout - ing I am brok - en

Some - one's shout - ing from the sea
I am young I am cold
Some - one's shout - ing make me whole

Some - one's shout - ing from the moun - tain
Some - one's shout - ing from the coun - try
Some - one's shout - ing come and change me

Some - one's shout - ing from the val - ley Mes - si - ah,
I am lone - ly I am old
Some - one's shout - ing save my soul.

come and be our King. Mes - si - ah,
come and be our King.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*sit*)

Pastor Grant Quever

- 11** Jesse's family is like a tree that has been cut down.
A new little tree will grow from its stump.
From its roots a Branch will grow and produce fruit.
- 2** The Spirit of the LORD will rest on that Branch.
The Spirit will help him to be wise and understanding.
The Spirit will help him make wise plans and carry them out.
The Spirit will help him know the LORD and have respect for him.
- 3** The Branch will take delight
in respecting the LORD.
He will not judge things only by the way they look.
He won't make decisions based simply on what people say.
- 4** He will always do what is right
when he judges those who are in need.
He'll be completely fair
when he makes decisions about poor people.
When he commands that people be punished,
it will happen.
When he orders that evil people be put to death,
it will take place.
- 5** He will put on godliness as if it were his belt.
He'll wear faithfulness around his waist.
- 6** Wolves will live with lambs.
Leopards will lie down with goats.
Calves and lions will eat together.
And little children will lead them around.
- 7** Cows will eat with bears.
Their little ones will lie down together.
And lions will eat straw like oxen.
- 8** A baby will play near a hole where cobras live.
A young child will put its hand into a nest
where poisonous snakes live.
- 9** None of those animals will harm or destroy anything or anyone
on my holy mountain of Zion.
The oceans are full of water.
In the same way, the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of the LORD.
- 10** At that time, here is what the man who is called the Root of Jesse
will do. He will be like a banner that brings nations together. They will
come to him. And the place where he rules will be glorious.

THE GOSPEL *(please stand)*

Matthew 3:1-12

3 In those days John the Baptist came and preached in the Desert of Judea. **2** He said, “Turn away from your sins! The kingdom of heaven has come near.” **3** John is the one Isaiah the prophet had spoken about. He had said,

“A messenger is calling out in the desert,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord.
Make straight paths for him.’”

4 John’s clothes were made out of camel’s hair. He had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. **5** People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea. They also came from the whole area around the Jordan River. **6** When they confessed their sins, John baptized them in the Jordan.

7 John saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing. He said to them, “You are like a nest of poisonous snakes! Who warned you to escape the coming of God’s anger? **8** Live in a way that shows you have turned away from your sins. **9** Don’t think you can say to yourselves, ‘Abraham is our father.’ I tell you, God can raise up children for Abraham even from these stones. **10** The ax is ready to cut the roots of the trees. All the trees that don’t produce good fruit will be cut down. They will be thrown into the fire.

11 “I baptize you with water, calling you to turn away from your sins. But after me, someone is coming who is more powerful than I am. I’m not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **12** His pitchfork is in his hand to clear the straw from his threshing floor. He will gather his wheat into the storeroom. But he will burn up the husks with fire that can’t be put out.”

THE MESSAGE

“Getting the Garbage Out”

Pastor Grant Quever

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (stand)

“Child of the Water”

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The score is divided into three main sections by repeat signs. The first section contains the first two lines of the song. The second section contains the next two lines, including a first and second ending. The third section contains the final two lines, including a third ending. The lyrics are: 'You're a child of the wa - ter, child of the word, guid - ed by prom - ise and sto - ries you've heard. God of the wound - ed knows you by name and car - ries you home ev' - ry - day. 1.From your first breath gift 2.Life is a gift to the last step, all of the dance; down a time car - ries on, and you will grow; a - deep in your laugh - ter what - ev - er your fears midst your be - liev - ing and through - out your doubt, try to re - mem - ber. sure. day. 3.We jour - ney to - geth - er as child - ren of God sealed by the cross.'

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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

One: The Lord is with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hands

All: To receive God's blessing.

One: Open wide your arms

All: To receive another as a child of God.

One: Make tender your hearts,

All: And welcome God's forgiveness.

One: Open up your ears;

All: Hear the words of God meant for you.

One: Lord be born in us.

All: Amen.

One: On the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took unleavened bread, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, "*Take this and eat it, this is my body.*"

In a similar manner Jesus took a cup and after blessing it and giving thanks he said, "*Drink this because this is the new covenant I am establishing to bind us together now and throughout eternity. Do this to remember me.*"

All: Gracious God, we are thankful for these gifts of love and sacrifice, and we are reminded of your love for us. In this table we find what we need for life and are set free to serve and love in all circumstances. Thank you for coming into our midst. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and 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, and 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 wafer
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.

(We also have celiac friendly individually packaged wafer/wine in the first pew.)

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

"Because I Have Been Given Much"



1.Be - cause I have been giv - en much, I too must give.
2.Be - cause I have been shel - tered, fed, by Thy good care,
3.Be - cause love has been lav - ished so up - on me, Lord,

Be - cause of Thy great bount - y, Lord, each day I live,
I can - not see an - oth - er's lack and I not share
a wealth I know that was not meant for me to hoard,

I shall di - vide my gifts from Thee with ev - 'ry
my glow - ing fire, my loaf of bread, my roof's safe
I shall give love to those in need, shall show that

per - son that I see who__ has the need of help from me.
shel - ter ov - er - head, that__ they, too, may be com - fort - ed.
love by word and deed: Thus__ shall my thanks be thanks in - deed.

"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"

1. Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2. Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3. Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thous - and
4. Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to

that they bring. Some are weep - ing, some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wrest - led
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,

some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es

they're in - vite - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done.
his de - ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight;
has in - vit - ed north and south and east and west
bread and breaks it - truth and man - na from a - bove! -

Christ in - sists they all are wel - come.
Paul re - lates his fruit - less ef - forts
to con - verge a - round this ta - ble,
and then pass - es wine that wak - ens

There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
where all life is fed and blest.
in your heart the taste of love.

"Open My Heart to Your Love"

0 - pen my heart to your love, oh God.
Heal - er of na - tions and your love, oh hearts,
0 - pen my heart to your love, oh God.

0 - pen my eyes to your grace.
you are my the path - way to your peace.
0 - pen my eyes to your grace.

0 - pen my life to re - ceive your word. Send
Sing - er of my life in the re - ceive your death, may
0 - pen my life to re - ceive your word. Send

wis - dom and cour - age to fol - low your way.
we be your ves - sels so love will in - crease.
wis - dom and cour - age to fol - low your way.

THE COMMUNION BLESSING (stand)

THE SENDING OUT

Pastor: May you know the blessing of Immanuel God with us! May you be the blessing of God with us! Christ was born, is born in us, and will always be born to the lonely of the world!

ALL: Amen!

THE SENDING SONG

"Send Us Out"

1. We have been called by the Lord.
2. We 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 the - stored. name,
Now let the Gos - pel of be heard. Send us out to teach what
free - dom from all of our sin.
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.

Following the service, please join us for a coffee hour in the Heritage Room.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Guest Pastor: Pastor Grant Quever

Worship Assistant: Cheryl Scaffidi

Ushers: Dan Pawlowski, Charlotte Butzler

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Communion Servers:

Vocalists: Linda Amacher, Tony Brodzeller,
Cyndee Bruder, Patrick Budoff

Keyboard: April Brodzeller

Video: Peter Nelson **Audio:** Heather Peters

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