

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

# PEACE CAME TO EARTH



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# The First Sunday in Advent

December 2/3, 2023

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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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## ARLEN MEYER BANNER DESCRIPTION

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## THOSE SERVING IN WORD & SACRAMENT MINISTRY

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

**Organist:** Cantor Peter Wykert **Children's Message:** DCE Scott Rauch

**Saturday 6:00 Service** – Comm. Asst.: Bill Allen, Mark Morrow; Altar Guild: Bill and Debbie Allen; Lector: Dale Bennington; Sound: Will Fleming

**Sunday 8:00 Service** – Comm. Asst.: Craig Olmstead, Ken Nielsen, Matt Chamberlain, Brad Johnson; Altar Guild: Peggy Livengood; Acolytes: Christian Johnson, Paul Johnson; Sound: Todd and Benjamin Coulter; Ushers: Bob and Joyce Close

**Sunday 10:45 Service** – Comm. Asst.: Axel Kufner; Altar Guild: Lisa Jacobson; Lector: Joshua Rudnicky; Acolytes: Alyssa and Jamison Hymbaugh; Ushers: Alan Stahl, Michael Coulter

# Divine Service - Setting Four

+ We Come Into God's Presence +

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Hymn 332 v. 1-4



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
God was there up - on His throne.  
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

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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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** 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,

**G** "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

1 Light the can-dle of LOVE to-day, the Giv-er of love is here!\_\_\_

Wel-come the love we live and die for, but on - ly Christ can give.\_\_\_

Flick-er and flame and glow\_\_\_ with love, light up the world a - round you.

Flick-er and flame and glow\_\_\_ with love, 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



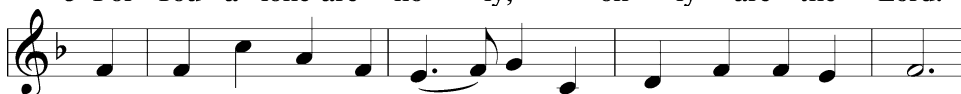
**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## 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 Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated*

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## + God Speaks to Us +

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### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 64:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— <sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. <sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 80:1-7 (*Psalm Tone E*)



<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph | like a flock!\*

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

**<sup>2</sup>Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Ma- | nasseh,\*  
stir up your might  
and come to | save us!**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, | O God;\*  
let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

**<sup>4</sup>O LORD | God of hosts,\*  
how long will you be angry with your | people's prayers?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the | bread of tears\*  
and given them tears to drink in full | measure.

**<sup>6</sup>You make us an object of contention for our | neighbors,\*  
and our enemies laugh a- | mong themselves.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O | God of hosts;\*  
let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

## **Epistle Reading**

*Philippians 4:10-20*

<sup>10</sup>I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup>I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

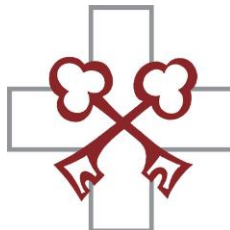
<sup>14</sup>Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup>And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup>Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup>I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup>And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Luther's Small Catechism: Office of the Keys – Question 2**

- A** *Where is this written?*
- C** **This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22–23)**

*Please stand*



## Alleluia



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

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

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

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

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

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

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 2:1-2, 9-10*

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

<sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*





# Hymn of the Day

# "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Hymn 398



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;  
5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!  
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.  
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.  
From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,  
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,  
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;  
The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;

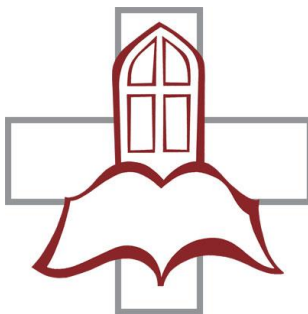


To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.  
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.  
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.  
His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.  
His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

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## Sermon

*Please stand*



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## + We Respond to God's Word +

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### 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

**P** ... let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.

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## + God Serves Us His Holy Feast +

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### Preface

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

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **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*

**C** 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*

### 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

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

### 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.

### Sunday: Music During the Distribution

"O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide"

LSB 355

"The Night Will Soon Be Ending"

LSB 337

"What Hope! An Eden Prophesied"

LSB 342

### Saturday: Post-Communion Blessing

*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.

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## + God Sends Us Out +

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### 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

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Hymn 332 v. 5-8



5 God the Fa - ther was His source, Back to God He  
6 For You are the Fa - ther's Son Who in flesh the  
7 From the man - ger new - born light Shines in glo - ry  
8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the



ran His course. In - to hell His road went down,  
vic - t'ry won. By Your might - y pow'r make whole  
through the night. Dark - ness there no more re - sides;  
Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be



Back then to His throne and crown.  
All our ills of flesh and soul.  
In this light faith now a - bides.  
Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

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### Silent Prayer

### Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God!

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