

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
HAYFIELD, MINNESOTA

Pastor Kristen Anderson
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Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM

December 10,

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

Today's Worship Assistants

Lector: Randy Benson

Musicians: Worship Band

Ushers: Jerry Davis and Cathy Tjepkes

Worship Band: Dave Jorstad, Heather Egger, Larry O'Malley, Colleen Fish, Shelly Brown, Brady Kylo, and Lila Rehnelt

Acolyte: Evelyn Winfield and Rylan Nelsen

Videographer: Lexie Hinsch

Holiday Worship Schedule

December 24th 9:00 am On Line Advent
Worship only

Christmas Eve Candle lighting Service:
3:00 pm and 4:30 pm

Christmas Day Worship Service: 9:00 am

Trinity Mission Statement

To proclaim God's grace in Christ through Word and Sacrament; To nurture faith through Christian education and fellowship; and To bring the Gospel to the world community through Christian witness, sacrifice, and love.



GATHERING

PRELUDE:

Trinity Worship Band

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(*Stand if able)

*GATHERING HYMN: *“Make Me an Instrument”*

Make me an instrument of your love. Let me be a
channel from above. Make me an instrument of your love,
an instrument of your love.

When a friend is in need of an open heart
let me be there, oh let me be there. When a friend is lost
with nowhere to go, let me be there.

When some one is hungry, when someone is cold,
let me be there, oh let me be there. When someone needs help to
carry their load, let me be there.

If someone should wonder is God still alive
let me be there, oh let me be there. If someone should wonder does
God really care, let me be there.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Praise to you, O God who gives us courage to start again.
You fasten righteousness around your waist
and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire.
Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames,
and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare.
We ask that peace abound,
until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.

Amen

ADVENT



CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who opens the heavens
and draws near to us with salvation.

Amen.

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance.
Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Everlasting God,

you love justice and you hate wrongdoing.

**We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness
that make us reluctant to work against oppression.**

We are complicit in systems of exploitation.

We choose comfort over courage.

We are careless with creation's bounty.

Look upon us with mercy.

Turn our hearts again to you.

**Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways
for the sake of our waiting world.**

Amen.

SONG OF MERCY: “*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*” verses 1,2

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Hear these words of assurance:
God clothes you with garments of salvation
and covers you with robes of righteousness.
In the tender compassion of Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
God's covenant is eternal,
and God's blessing rests upon us all.

Amen.



*** SONG OF PRAISE:** *“Glorious Day”*

One day when heaven Was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men my example is He
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us
His glory revealed

Chorus:

Living He loved me, dying He saved me
Buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on the tree suffering anguish
Despised and rejected
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He
The hand that healed nations
Stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me

Chorus 1:

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose o'er death He had conquered
Now is ascended my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him
The grave could not keep Him from rising again

Chorus 2:

Living He loved me, dying He saved me
Buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day, glorious day

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the sky with His glories will shine
Wonderful day my beloved ones bringing
My Savior Jesus is mine

*** Prayer of the Day**

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 40:1-11**

¹Comfort, O comfort my people,
 says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
 and cry to her

that she has served her term,
 that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
 double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
 make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
 and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
 and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
 and all people shall see it together,
 for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶A voice says, “Cry out!”
 And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,
 their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
 when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
 surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
 but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”
¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

PSALM: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

L: ¹You have been gracious to your land, O LORD;
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
C: ²**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.**
L: ⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to
you.
C: ⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**
L: ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
C: ¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
L: ¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
C: ¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance

¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ^{15a}and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S LESSON

* GOSPEL: **Mark 1:1-8**

P: The Gospel according to Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ

SONG OF THE DAY: “Messiah”

MESSIAH

Larry Olson



Some - one's shout - ing from the des - ert.
 Some - one's shout - ing from the cit - y,
 Some - one's shout - ing I am brok - en.



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



moun - tain.
 coun - try,
 change me.
 Some - one's shout - ing from the
 I am lone - ly I am
 Some - one's shout - ing save my



val - ley.
 old.
 soul.
 Mes - si - ah,



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



come and be our King.

OFFERING/CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: "Everybody's Got Something to Offer"

EVERYBODY'S GOT SOMETHING TO OFFER

Larry Olson

Ev - ery - bo - dy's got some - thing to of - fer; young and old the
prince and the pau - per. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got some - thing to of - fer
in the name of the Lord.
To the lost and the low - ly ones the mes - sage it is
To the be - liev - ers gath - ered here the mes - sage it is
clear;
true; we have all got a gift to give our hands,
we have all got a gift to give in all
our hearts, our tears. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got
we say and do. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got

SENDING

*The Lord's Prayer

*Benediction

***SENDING HYMN** *"Joy To The World"*

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OUR MISSION:

L: Go In Peace and Serve the Lord! **C: Thanks Be to God!**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention! Parents! Still Spaces Left: Childcare Fun This Afternoon at Trinity!

As a fundraiser, Trinity youth will provide afternoon activities for children today, Sunday, December 10, 1-4:30 p.m., right at the church. A snack will be included. Parents, work on your Christmas shopping, attend a holiday party, or do whatever else you need to do without your children. Cost is \$15 for one child or \$30 for a family (two or more children). (Note: These are 2021 prices, with an extra half hour of fun for your child in 2023!) Sign up online; use links on church website or scan the QR code on poster in the narthex.

You Are Invited to the Sunday School Christmas Program

Everyone is invited to the Sunday School Christmas Program next Sunday, December 17, during the regular worship service at 9 a.m.! Come share the joy of Jesus's birth through song and performances. As part of the worship service, there will be Holy Communion.

No Children and Youth Wednesday Activities 12/27 and 1/3

No Sunday School 12/24 and 12/31

Final WASS-Wednesday Supper-Confirmation-Youth Group of the year is December 20. Wednesday activities resume January 10. Sunday School resumes January 7.

**See, I am sending my
messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your
way before you.**

Matthew 11.10



**DECEMBER 10, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**



God brings peace and forgiveness.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 1:1-8	The beginning of the good news
Monday	Isaiah 40:1-11	Comfort my people
Tuesday	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Promise of the Lord's coming
Wednesday	Matthew 5:9	Blessed are the peacemakers
Thursday	Psalms 29	The voice of God in a storm
Friday	Isaiah 52:7-10	Let Zion rejoice
Saturday	Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13	A prayer for God's peace
Sunday	John 1:6-8, 19-28	John's witness to the light

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

Isaiah 40:1-2 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to rely on you above all things that our lives may find rest and peace through Christ Jesus, the Son of God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food; we pray for a fair distribution of the fruit of the earth that all may have enough to eat. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the steadfast love and faithfulness of God give you peace. (Psalm 85:10)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

He Came Down



**taking[†]
faith
home**

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Think or talk about a time when you experienced peace.
- When have you felt God's peace in your life?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 1:1-8.

The first line in Mark, *"The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God,"* serves as a title for the entire gospel writing. That title and that announcement of good news is the source of all the peace we can want. Mark's Gospel does not present a peace that is simply life without struggles. The peace of God that comes with the good news of Jesus involves struggle, cleansing, and letting go of one's own innocence or purity. The peace that Jesus brings, and John the Baptist introduces, involves a *"repentance for the forgiveness of sins"* (v. 4). The peace that Jesus brings—and continues to bring throughout our lives—is the freeing power to let go of an understanding of being able to make it on one's own or of being better than others. Worship services often begin with statements of confession and forgiveness. This offers a peace where we need not hide from the hurts and brokenness of our lives and world. It is the peace that rests on the goodness of God in Christ for us and for all.

Discuss: How does confession and forgiveness give you peace?

Pray: **God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we thank you for coming to us again and again that we may know your forgiving power and have peace through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you extend the peace of God to someone?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The scripture readings during Advent point to Jesus. This week we light two candles on the Advent wreath. The second candle is the candle of peace. Think or talk about how the words of Psalm 85, a prayer for restoration, bring us peace: *"Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts."* Light the first candle of hope and the second candle of peace and say: ***"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."*** (John 1:5)



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: **www.milestonesministry.org**

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun: 10 **9:00am: Worship**
 10:00am: Sunday School
 11:00am: NO Youth Board
 1:00pm: Holiday Child Care
 1:00pm: Youth Group Event

Mon: 11 **7:00pm:** A.A. Meeting
 7:00pm: Christian Education
 TBD: Finance Board

Tues: 12 **8:30am:** SAIL Exercise
 10:00am: Bible Study

Wed: 13 **3:00pm-5:00pm:** WASS
 5pm-6:15pm: Supper
 6:30pm: Confirmation
 6:30pm: Youth Group
 6:30pm: Advent Service

Thur: 14 **8:30am:** SAIL Exercise
 NO QUILTING

Sun: 17 **9:00am: Worship**
 9:00am: Sunday School Students Christmas Program
 10:00am: NO Sunday School

November/December Attendance

November 5: 119
November 12: 144
November 19: 155
November 26: 106
December 3: 133

Prayer Concerns

For strength and healing: Russell Boulton, Wayne Johnson, Shirley Miner, Pastor Bagne, Junior Jorgenson, and Cody Hegna.

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