



LUTHERAN CHURCH 1909

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022 - 10:00 AM - in the Gym



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Jim Blalock, on his birthday, by Ida Blalock.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Preaching	Noah Herren
Pianist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Guitar	Steve Koenemann
Lector	Andrew Weiner
Cantors	Bob and Sheryl Schirmer
Prayers	Reid Tidwell
Acolytes	Jenna Mast Peyton Roth
Greeters	Mark Allen Jo Lewis Lane Lewis Mary Beth Ridenhour Sarah Weeks Andrew Weiner Joyce Weiner
Ushers	Richard Delap Carol Elliott Bonnie Farmer
Refreshment Hosts	Jackie Jowers Dora Welch
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

We gather in the name of God, the Creator of Light; + Jesus, the Light of the World; and the Holy Spirit, the Light who illumines our path.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In this season of light, let us come before God and confess how our words and actions contribute to the darkness instead of adding to the light.

God of Love and Light,

**We confess that we are not always the light-bearers you desire us to be.
We shine a spotlight on the transgressions of others while trying to keep our own sins hidden in the dark.**

We burn bridges by being impatient, opinionated, and judgmental.

We inflame others by lashing out in anger.

We go through our days enveloped in the gloom of fear and doubt.

We let our witness become a smoldering ember until it dies out completely.

Forgive us Jesus, the Everlasting Light.

Come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

Teach us to walk as children of light, surrounded by your love, forgiveness and healing.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

God is light, and in God there is no darkness as all. If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

Amen.

**Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.**

**The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.**

**The saints, who here in patience their cross and sufferings bore,
shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.**

**Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!**

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy__ on your peo - ple. Christ have mer - cy__ on__ us.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.__ Chri - ste e - le - i - son.



Shine your light in__ to our dark - ness. Fill__ us__ with your ho - ly love.
Heal all__ con - flicts be - tween na - tions. Teach us__ how to__ live as one.



Be our strength in times of__ trou - ble. Set us free from chains that__ bind.
Show us how to love our__ neigh - bor. Run to those who__ cry for__ help.



Breathe new_ life in - to our_ spir - its. Pu - ri - fy our_ hearts and minds.
Word made flesh who lives a - mong us; Christ our_ Lord, Em - man - u - el.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the first candle on this wreath,
rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord
when he comes with all the saints and angels.
Enlighten us with your grace,
and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Amen.

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the
God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the
wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my
weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from Isaiah

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.


²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴God shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The Word of God for the people of God.

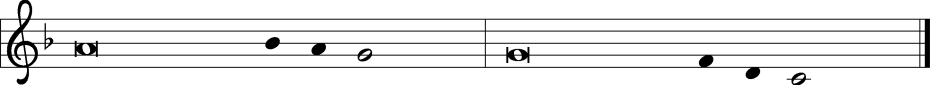
Thanks be to God.

Psalm Refrain



I was glad when they said to me,
 “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

Psalm Tone



- ¹I was glad when they | said to me,
 “Let us go to the house | of the LORD.”
- ²**Now our | feet are standing
 within your gates, | O Jerusalem.**
- ³Jerusalem is built | as a city
 that is at unity | with itself;
- ⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the LORD,
 the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the LORD. R**
- ⁵For there are the | thrones of judgment,
 the thrones of the | house of David.
- ⁶**Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:
 “May they pros- | per who love you.**
- ⁷Peace be with- | in your walls
 and quietness with- | in your towers.
- ⁸**For the sake of my kindred | and companions,
 I pray for | your prosperity.**
- ⁹Because of the house of the | LORD our God,
 I will seek to | do you good.” **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

A reading from Romans.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Herren

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Hark, the Glad Sound
(verse 1)*

#239

**Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior
promised long; let ev'ry heart prepare
a throne and ev'ry voice a song**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁶ “No one knows that day and that hour—not the angels of heaven, nor even the Only Begotten—only God. ³⁷ “The coming of the Promised One will be just like Noah’s time. ³⁸ In the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, having relationships and getting married, right up to the day Noah entered the ark. ³⁹ They were totally unconcerned until the flood came and destroyed them. So it will be at the coming of the Promised One. ⁴⁰ Two people will be out in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two people will be grinding meal; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Therefore be vigilant! For you don’t know the day your Savior is coming. ⁴³ “Be sure of this: if the owner of the house had known when the thief was coming, the owner would have kept a watchful eye and not allowed the house to be broken into. ⁴⁴ You must be prepared in the same way. The Promised One is coming at the time you least expect.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Herren

Please stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

#246

**Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding! “Christ is near,” we hear it say.
“Cast away the works of darkness, all you children of the day!”**

**Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth’s bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.**

**See the Lamb, so long expected, come with pardon down from heav’n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all, to be forgiv’n;**

**So, when next he comes in glory and the world is wrapped in fear,
he will shield us with his mercy and with words of love draw near.**

**Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the father and the son
with everlasting Spirit while unending ages run!**

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Watching and waiting joyfully for Christ with the sure and certain hope that God frees us from the bondage of sin, we pray for the church, creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. As we watch and we wait,
hear our prayer.

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. As we watch and we wait,
hear our prayer.

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace on this earth, where your son Jesus was born. As we watch and we wait,
hear our prayer.

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... As we watch and we wait,
hear our prayer.

God of hope, we celebrate our sure and faithful Christian hope this first Sunday of Advent. We give you thanks for the promises you have already fulfilled through the birth of Jesus. We look ahead to the promises of justice, peace, equity, and inclusion that are yet to be fully realized, yet we know you will deliver. Aid us as we, your people, work to share these promises with the world. As we watch and we wait,

hear our prayer.

God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide this assembly as we open the first session of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Bring wisdom and discernment to each of us as we prayerfully review the proposed budget for 2023 ministry. Surround Congregation Council nominees, Gregg, Anne, Jaime, Lane, Pat, Chris, Suzanne, Kerry, Chris, Lani, Nate, and Peyton, with your spirit. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission in our present and future. Comfort us as we are challenged to do ministry in new ways. As we watch and we wait,

hear our prayer.

God of comfort, we grieve for a time as we await to joy of resurrection. Comfort this congregation as we grieve the death of our former pastor, Bob Coon. We give thanks to you for the over 30 years he faithfully served you and your people as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. If at times we feel unsure of our call, remind us of the bold and powerful ministry Pastor Coon led in this place. As a most faithful servant of Christ, may Pastor Coon rest in your infinite love until the day of promised resurrection. As we watch and we wait,

hear our prayer.

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of all the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. As we watch and we wait,

hear our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Rise Up! Rise Up!
by Johann Walter

Adult Choir

Please stand as able

OFFERING HYMN

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

#657

**Rise, O Sun of righteousness; with your
might creation bless. Shine upon your church today,
showing all your gentle way. Have mercy, Lord.**

Let us pray, **God of Light, our world is a very dark place.
Therefore, we offer the gifts of ourselves, our time, and, our resources, trusting you will
use them to set the world aglow with your loving presence.
May our offerings continue to shine brightly before others so they may see our good
works and give glory to you.
We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is 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.

At the beginning of creation God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

In ancient times God also led the Israelites through the desert with a pillar of cloud by day
and a pillar of fire by night.

The priests of old also kept a perpetual fire burning in the Temple to remind us that God is a
light who cannot be extinguished.

Finally Jesus, the Word, who was with God since the beginning of creation, became flesh and
lived among us.

We have seen his glory shining in our world, full of grace and truth.

Christ's light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

This same light has commanded us not to hide our light under a bushel basket, but to put it
on a lamp stand so that everyone can see it.

With our lights burning brightly, we now join the saints and angels in a hymn of praise to
God, the Everlasting Light.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One... God of pow - er, God of might. Heav'n and
 earth are full of your glor - y. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Blessed! Blessed
 is the one who comes... Blessed! Blessed! in the name of God._____

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated

COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.

Worshipers will come forward to receive the bread and wine and then return to their seats to consume the elements.

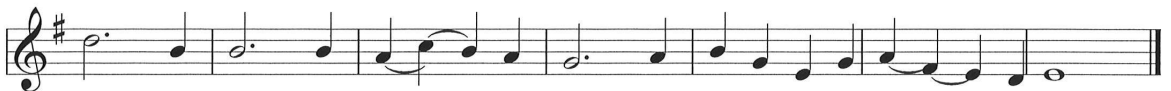
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



O Lamb of God you take a - way our sin; have mer - cy on us, give_ us your



peace. Pre - pare us to re - ceive_ your grace and teach us how to fol - low your ways. Re -



joice! Re - joice! E - man - u - el has come to you, O Is - ra - el.

**Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen
on the heights are crying; awake, Jerusalem, at last.**

**Midnight hears the welcome voices, and at the
thrilling cry rejoices: "Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake; your lamps with gladness take!"**

**Alleluia! Rise, prepare, the feast to share;
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near as he draws near.**

**Zion hears the watchmen singing, and all her
heart with joy is springing. She wakes, she rises from her gloom.**

**Her dear friend comes down, all glorious, the strong in
grace, in truth victorious; her star is ris'n; her light is come.**

Now come, O Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son.

**Sing hosanna! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
and follow to the banquet hall.**

**Gloria! Let heav'n adore you! Let saints and
angels sing before you, with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.**

**Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming, lead us to
bliss beyond all dreaming, with angel choirs around your throne.**

**No eye has caught the light, no ear the thund'ring might
of such glory. There we will go: what joy we'll know!**

There sweet delight will ever flow.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs your kingdom come. *Refrain*

Please stand as able

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, our bright Morning Star,
we give you thanks that you have fed us well through the bread and wine of your Supper.
May it enable us to shine brightly in all the dark places of our world
with your love, justice, and peace.
We ask this in your holy name.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of peace,
Creator, ✚ Redeemer, and Sanctifier,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

Amen.

Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity. Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing! We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed. Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain*

Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain*

Please be seated for the Opening Session of the Congregation Meeting.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

Everyone is invited to gather in the back of the Gym following worship for refreshments and fellowship.

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