



2nd Sunday of Advent

**Contemporary Worship
9:00 and 10:45 am
December 10, 2017**



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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! Please sign the red Worship Witness booklet to record your attendance with us this day, and indicate how many are communing. Then pass the booklet to the worshipers beside you in your row. If you are a guest, name tags are available for you to wear---we would be delighted to greet you by name. Hearing assistance devices are available at the Gathering Space desk.

about today's service

John called people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing would get 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.

P: Pastor

L: Lector

C: Congregation

✝ Gathering ✝

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

Song: "Ain't Gonna Cry No More"

Chorus

There's a voice cryin' in the wilderness
and it's callin' out the name of the Lord!

There's a voice cryin' in the wilderness
and I ain't gonna cry no more!

Verse 1

Lift up your hearts sing praises to the king, sing praises to the lord of Lords,
salvation is the gift that he brings, and I ain't gonna cry no more!

Chorus**Verse 2**

The love of God is here to set you free so leave your troubles by the door,
Jesus Christ has died for you and me and I ain't gonna cry no more!

Chorus**Verse 3**

There ain't no difference in the color of your skin cause you belong to the Lord,
And God's sweet angels will let you in and I ain't gonna cry no more.

Chorus**Verse 4**

Sing praise to the Father sing praises to the Son sing praises to the Holy Ghost,
I'll sing my praises to the three-in-one and I ain't gonna cry no more.

Chorus (2X)

Tag: And I ain't gonna cry no more! No I ain't gonna cry no more!

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Song: "Prepare the Way"**Verse 1**

Prepare the way;
Make straight the path for Him;
Let the King of Glory enter in;
Let the King of Glory enter in;
Who is this King of Glory?

Chorus

The Lord, strong and mighty,
The Lord, mighty to save;
The earth is full of His glory;
Creation calls prepare the way;
His love endureth forever;
His pow'r is without an end;
His strength is victory's treasure;
Let all who call His Name prepare the way.

Verse**Chorus**

Bridge

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Song: "Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel"

Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, Oh Israel.

Prayer

P: God our shepherd, gather us as lambs in your arms. Forgive our sins so that
we may rejoice in your coming.

C: Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

(Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us prepare to receive Christ by turning from sin and seeking God's
mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God of all time,

C: we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

P: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In † Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven, and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

C: Amen

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen.

(Sit)

† Word †

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of His people.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. The Lord will deliver Israel and will care for her as a shepherd cares for his sheep. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of the Lord.

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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Story

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation: "Advent Acclamation"

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Let us see, O Lord, Your mer - cy. Let us hear Your Word of tru -

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men.

Nancy Easton and Debra Wilson

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the 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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Sit)

Sermon: "Circle of Light: Comfort"

Pastor Jack M. Horner

(Stand at 9:00 – remain seated at 10:45)

(9:00) Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and

glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the + resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(10:45) Order of Baptism for Reagan Jessica, daughter of Jeremy and Christina Heinickel; and Addison Rylee, daughter of Ryan and Tammy (Buffington) Walters

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P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

"The Baptismal Hymn"

See this wonder in the making God himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.

Miracle each time it happens, as the door to heaven opens,
And the Father beams: "Beloved Heir of gifts a king would covet!"

Far more tender than a mother, far more caring than a father
God, into your arms we place them, with your love and peace embrace them.

Here we bring a child of nature, home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter, born again by Word and Water.

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(Stand)

Prayers of the Church

Following each petition are the words: "Lord, in your mercy,"

Please respond with: "hear our prayer."

✠ Meal ✠

When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(Sit)

Offering:

Optional methods of giving: text an amount to 717-963-2281 (be sure to use a "\$"); use the Giving Station in the Gathering Space to donate by credit card.

Special Music: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Intro

Verse 1

Come Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our hearts and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Verse 2

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a Child and yet a King.
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious Throne.

Tag: Thy Throne, Thy Throne.

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(Stand)

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: Christ is here.

C: The Spirit is with us.

P: With joy, we lift up our hearts.

C: And give thanks to the Lord of Life.

P: Holy God, ever-faithful, we praise you for your awesome works in ages past; the deliverance of your people from slavery into freedom; the words of the prophets to stir our hearts; and most of all for Jesus Christ, who came to save us from our sin. Through Christ you have given us hope and salvation, love and joy. Now we come to your table to share in the supper of our Lord.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: 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."

As your Spirit gathers us into one body in Christ through this meal, make us a living sacrifice of praise. All honor and glory belongs to you, Almighty God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

Invitation to Holy Communion

P: Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

Sharing our Lord's Supper

All baptized Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. Please come forward by the middle aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the wine, and return by the side aisles. Communion may be received in bread only, if desired. Non-communing children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing. As a gesture of hospitality we use dealcoholized wine (less than .5% alcohol). In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers available upon request--please ask the pastor at the time of communion.

(Stand)

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray. God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

✝ Sending ✝

We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and been fed at the table. Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.

Blessing

P: May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Song: “Everlasting”

Chorus

From everlasting to everlasting
You are God;
From everlasting to everlasting
You are God.

Verse 1

In holiness You stand secure
through culture’s shifting sands,
unchanged by all the vanities of man;
And as the nations rise and fall,
Your sov’reignty remains;
You are, You are,
You are the One True God.

Chorus

Verse 2

In faithfulness Your love extends
through times of turbulence,
adopting those who call upon Your Name;
And ev’ry generation joins
in songs of grateful praise;
You are, You are,
You are the One True God.

Instrumental

Bridge (2x)

Eternal, immortal, invisible God.

Chorus

Tag: You are God; You are God.

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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worship notes

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The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall, the communion elements for all services, and the sanctuary lamp candle, the symbol of God's abiding presence, are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ray Seaman, husband, and Vally Durr, mother, by Barbara Seaman.

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Storyteller: Becky Enney

Lector: (9:00) Brett Eshenour; (10:45) Ann Shields

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Offering Assistants: (10:45) Lauren Savidge, Aidan Lilienthal, Josh and Alex Easley

Ushers: (9:00) Lois Lamarca, Tom Hoffert; (10:45) Bard and Kelly Rupp

Altar Care: (9:00) Lois Lamarca; (10:45) Donna Campbell

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Video Presentation: (9:00) Barb Henderson; (10:45) Max Hahn

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