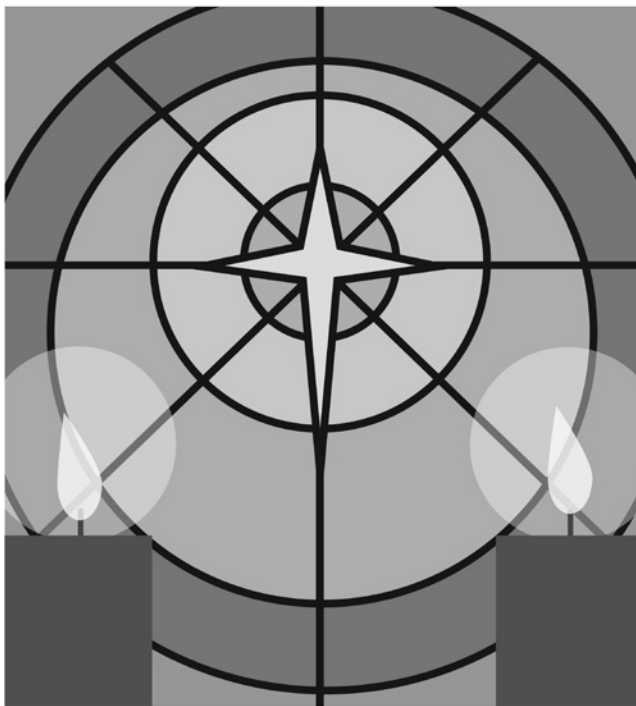


SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent



TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Sunday, December 8, 2024
9:00 am Service

Order of Worship

Prelude

O Come, All You Unfaithful
by Lisa Cole and Bob Kauflin

Worship Band

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, and arriving soon. **Amen.**

God of mercy,

We confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

We confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

We confess that we have sinned, and ask your forgiveness. Come to us, bringing your mercy to birth in us. Amen.

Hear this, people of God: By the grace of Almighty God, you are forgiven. A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through Christ Jesus, whose day draws near. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

Hymn #244

1. 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.
2. 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.

3. 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.
4. 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!

Invocation

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 Eleison

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."

by Chris Tomlin

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Hear our cry and heal our land
Let kindness lead us to repentance
Bring us back again

Chorus:

For Your Name is great, and Your heart is grace
Kyrie Eleison
Over all You reign, you alone can save
Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy on us now

Who is this God
Who pardons all our sin
So ready to forgive
You delight to show Your mercy *(repeat 4x, Chorus)*

Prayer of the Day

God of the promised Messiah,

As we wait for the fulfillment of your promise, we watch, we listen, and we open our hearts to your Living Word. Show us signs of your presence: a light in the darkness, a voice in the silence, and a stirring deep within us. In your name we pray, Amen.

Children's Moment and Lighting of the Advent Wreath**Song*****He Came Down That We May Have Love*****Hymn #253**

He came down that we may have love,
He came down that we may have love,
He came down that we may have love,
hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have hope...
He came down that we may have peace...
He came down that we may have joy...

Reading**Joel 2**

Blow the trumpet in Zion, sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming. The LORD utters his voice at the head of his army; how vast is his host! Numberless are those who obey his command. Truly the day of the LORD is great, terrible indeed—who can endure it? Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love. Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly, gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her canopy. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?' Do not fear, O soil, be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green, the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants, in those days I will pour out my spirit.

The Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Hymn of the Day

All Are Welcome

Hymn #641

verses 1, 3, 5

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace,
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat,
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard,
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Apostles' Creed

**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 the Church

Congregational Response: **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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Offertory Response

We Are An Offering

Hymn #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering, we are an offering.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

Songs

You Make Everything Beautiful by King and Country
Glory by Matt Maher

Worship Band

Distribution of Holy Communion

Please come forward for Holy Communion this morning by using the center aisle and returning by the side aisle. If you prefer, gluten free wafers are available on the center table and white grape juice is located in the inner circle of the tray.

Closing Prayer

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, O God. Open our ears to the words of your prophets. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors. Open our hearts to the presence of your Spirit, that we might serve you with joy as we walk in your path of peace. Amen.

Benediction

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth, and God's love, now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Prepare the Royal Highway

Hymn #264

Prepare the royal highway, the King of kings is near!
Let every hill and valley, a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story,

Chorus:

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!

God's people, see him coming, your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! *(Chorus)*

Then fling the gates wide open, to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet every nation, its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him, their voices join your singing, *(Chorus)*

His is no earthly kingdom, it comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding, for kindness so abounding, *(Chorus)*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

What a Glorious Night

by Sidewalk Prophets

Worship Band

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In Our Prayers this Week:

Don Hendricks, Dick Stadlander, Leon Fritzke,
John Panzer (brother of Mike Panzer), Lisa Diffley (neice of Liz Hirsch),
Robin Nelson (sister-in-law of Curt & Eileen Nelson), Ned Lindberg (brother of
Tom Lindberg), Dick Erickson, Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson),
our missionary in Papua New Guinea, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik and family



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Announcements

Midweek Advent Suppers & Worship

Wednesdays in Advent, December 4, 11, 18
Light Supper from 5:30 - 6:30 pm | Worship at 7:00 pm

Saint Lucia Tea Open House All are welcome to enjoy traditional Scandinavian refreshments and a festive holiday atmosphere at Trinity's Saint Lucia Tea, a Swedish festival of light, on Saturday, December 14, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Golden Agers / OWLS Advent Lunch Trinity's Golden Agers (members 70+) and OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) and a guest are invited to enjoy lunch in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, December 19 at 11:45 am. Join us for food and fellowship to celebrate the Christmas season together.

Children's Christmas Service & Family Event Sunday School children will be leading worship on Sunday, December 15. Join us for a special service as our youngest members share the story of Christ's birth through song and celebration! Following worship, families are invited to a Christmas Extravaganza Event. Parents, grandparents and children of all ages are invited to take part in holiday games, crafts and some festive treats. Meet in Nylunda Chapel at 10:00 am for the family fun!

River City Theatre Company Presents: *A Crow River Christmas* This festive community theater performance features stories and songs performed by Watertown community members, including some from our own Trinity congregation. Performances: December 13 & 14 at 7:00 pm, December 15 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 18, or \$25 per family.