

**\*COMMUNION BLESSING\***

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.  
C: Amen.

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\***

C: God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.  
Amen.

**\*BLESSING\***

P: May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice. May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom. May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance. The blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.  
C: Amen.

**\*SENDING SONG\***                      *"People, Look East"*                      **ELW #248**

**\*SENDING\***

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*"Improvisation on Of the Father's Love Begotten"*      Setting by  
John Cook

Thank you **all** for being with us on this beautiful Sunday morning.  
Please join us in the fellowship hall immediately following the service  
for coffee, conversation and fellowship.

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# Trinity Lutheran Church

December 8, 2019

10:30 a.m.

## Second Sunday in Advent Isaiah of the Exile



Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.



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# WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.

**Guests and Visitors:** A special **welcome** to you from Trinity's pastor and congregation members. We pray that this worship will bring you comfort, joy, and renewal. All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. If you have any questions about the worship service or about Trinity, our Hospitality Team members (at the Welcome Desk or identified by name tag) are happy to help.

Your offering is your presence with us in community. We encourage you to fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate. Please join us again!

**Parents and Caregivers:** Please know that God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. Younger kids are invited to bring one of our specially-prepared "busy bags" into the worship service along with crayons. Both are available in the narthex as you enter the sanctuary. If you wish to step out with your child at any time, there is a special room just outside the worship space where you will be able to view and hear the service. If you prefer, we also offer a staffed Nursery, located to the east of the fellowship hall. Children cared for in the Nursery are brought into worship for the Youth Message.

**Special needs:** Hearing-assistance devices, as well as gluten-free wafers and grape juice for Communion, are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those with mobility trouble. Our Hospitality Team members can help with any of these special needs.

## IN MINISTRY TODAY

<b>Hospitality Team</b>	Dave Karst, Jim & Georgia Lee Laird & Don Heyse
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Larry Salmen
<b>Lector</b>	Barbara Baggs

## CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS: THE MEMBERS OF TRINITY

Rick Reiten, **Senior Pastor**  
Katie Kline, **Education & Family Minister**  
Paul Falk, **Director of Choirs**  
Alice Crawford, **Church Musician**  
Brenda Harju, **TLC Preschool Director**  
Debbie Schwartz, **Financial Manager**  
Deana Andrist, **Office Administrator**  
Amanda Backsen, **Director of Communications**  
Liz Johnson, **Volunteer Coordinator**  
Joshua Moore, **AV Technician**  
Tiffany Klijewski, **Nursery Coordinator**

**\*Please stand as you are able\***

**P:** Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying...

**C:** **This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you, and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in Remembrance of me.**

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER\***

**Our Father in heaven, holy 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 COMMUNION**

*We come to the table by Jesus' invitation. All are welcome! As you come forward, receive the bread and the red wine or white juice. Let us know if you need a gluten free wafer. If you are not ready to receive communion, but would like a blessing, please come forward with your hands folded.*

## **LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**COMMUNION SONG** "Savior of the Nations, Come"

**ELW #263**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING\***

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY\***

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION\***

*All are invited to share in these sacred words of promise,  
as Jesus gives this gift to the people.*

- P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying...
- C: **Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in Remembrance of me.**

**Second Sunday in Advent**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:25 am)**

**PRELUDE**

*"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*  
Bells of Trinity

Jefferey Hall

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS\***

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

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: Let us come before the living God in confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

- P: As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,
- C: **we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**
- P: Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, † Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C: **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG\***

*"Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn"*  
Verses 1, 3 & 4

**ELW #242**

**\*INVOCATION\***

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

**\*KYRIE\***

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

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**\*OFFERING PRAYER\***

**C:** Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.  
**Amen.**

**\*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 PEOPLE\***

A: Let us pray.  
C: Have mercy, O God.

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE\***

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.  
C: And also with you.

**OFFERING**

*"Do You Hear What I Hear?"*  
Ken Christensen

Noel Regney &  
Gloria Shayne

*Children are invited to bring their offering forward for the mission jug,  
supporting ELCA World Hunger.*

**\*OFFERING SONG\***

*"In the Bleak Midwinter"*

**ELW #294**

3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?

**\*SONG OF PRAISE\***

*"Hark, the Glad Sound!"*  
Verses 1 & 4

**ELW #239**

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY\***

C: Holy Lord, a voice has been heard in the wilderness preparing the way for your son to arrive in this world. Prepare our hearts to receive your son and help us to prepare for his coming. Amen.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Children are invited to come forward.*  
*"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"*  
Verse 2

**ELW #240**

**ALL SING:** Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.

## CANDLE LIGHTING

L: We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C: **Amen.**

**ALL SING:** Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Light in the Heart of Water"*  
Trinity Chancel Choir

Lloyd Larson

## GOD'S STORY

**ISAIAH 40:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every 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. <sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Get 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!" <sup>10</sup>See, the Lord GOD comes with might,

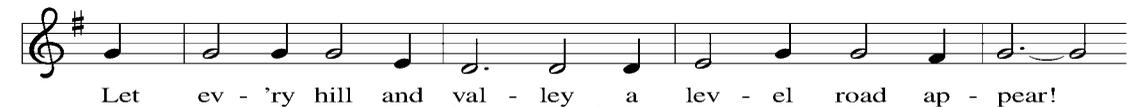
A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SONG OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*"Prepare the Royal Highway"*

**ELW #264**



## MESSAGE

**Pastor Rick**

## \*SONG OF THE DAY\*

*"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"*

**ELW #256**