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**First Sunday  
of Advent**

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# First Sunday of Advent



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## 9:00 A.M. ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022



*Christ Welcomes All to this House of Worship! Today we begin a new Church Year as gather on this First Sunday in Advent in wait of Christ who came, who comes to us now through Word & Sacrament, and who is coming again. Today we light the “Candle of Hope” on the Advent Wreath reminding us how God comes to those least expected. May the power of the Spirit help us receive Him who brings you good tidings of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life.*

***We Thank God** for guests & visitors and pray you will receive a special blessing today as we go forth together to love and serve others.*

*Fellowship and refreshments are available in the Library following this morning's service.*

### WORSHIP AIDS

**LARGE PRINT** bulletins are available from the ushers.

**ACTIVITY BAGS** for young children are on a stand at the rear of church; please return after services. Thanks.

**THANK YOU** for signing the Friendship Pad

**I WISH CARDS** are in your pews; please let us know your ideas to improve our Trinity home.

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## GATHERING

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**WE PREPARE...** *The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ coming among us this day in the word and meal strengthening our faith in the promises of God.*

### PRELUDE/ PARISH NOTICES/BELL

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is the light and life of all the ages. **Amen.** Trusting in Jesus Christ, who came to share our humanity and bring light to this broken world, let us come before God without fear to make our confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Comforting God,

**we confess before you and in the presence of one another that we are sinners who fail to live as you desire. So often we place our trust in ourselves and not in you. We do not love each other as you have commanded. Because of us, your whole creation suffers. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us. In your boundless patience and mercy, lead us to live by faith in your promise. Amen.**

In the advent of Christ, the dawn from on high breaks upon us with light and healing. God promises full pardon and complete forgiveness to all who turn from sin and place their trust in Christ, the light of the world. Hear and believe the good news that all your sins are forgiven. With God nothing is impossible. **Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG

## My Lord, What a Morning

ELW #438

*Refrain*

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,  
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,  
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

*Refrain*

# GREETING

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace  
be with you all. **And also with you.**



## THE PROMISE OF HOPE

Advent is a time for God's people to awaken their longings.

**We wait in hope for the Lord.**

We long for every hurt to be healed.

**We wait in hope for the Lord.**

We long for every tear to be dried.

**We wait in hope for the Lord.**

We long for every injustice to be made right.

**We wait in hope for the Lord.**

We celebrate God's promises and long for those yet to unfold.

**We wait in hope for the Lord.**



Today we light the **first candle** which reminds us that even in the midst of darkness, the light of hope shines. Jesus Christ is the promised One of God, the light of the world.

May this light of hope illuminate our hearts throughout this Advent season.

*Please Join the Choir in singing:*

## Where the Promise Shines

Words by SYLVIA G. DUNSTAN  
Music by BOB MOORE

Congregation:

Lead us on, lead us on to a morn - ing where the  
prom - ise shines. Lead us on, lead us on  
to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, as you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

*The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In 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. Many 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 he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He 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. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING****Romans 13:11-14**

*Besides 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; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****O Come, O Come, Emmanuel****(vs. 1-4) ELW #257**

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

**GOSPEL****Matthew 24:36-44**

The gospel is found in Matthew chapter 24, verses 36-44. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.*

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.”**

**SERMON****Pastor Tim Mason**



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

## 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 INTERCESSION

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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# THANKSGIVING

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## OFFERING

## ALL THE EARTH IS HOPEFUL

ELW #715



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor  
1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!  
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:  
3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;  
4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el  
Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the  
"A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -  
new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most  
This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -  
la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how  
ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -  
here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All  
world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.  
God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.  
stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.  
clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!  
Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

*(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor)*

*(The offering is brought forward by the ushers during the song)*

## 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.**

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## SENDING

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## BLESSING

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, and re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

## DISMISSAL

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

*Christ  
 IS Coming!*



## Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 am Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Samantha Price	
Reader	Cindy Anderson	
Sound Tech	Russ Sorensen	
Greeter	Connie Johnson	
Ushers	Dennis Mangan, Mark Miller	
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner	



**WE WELCOMED** into the Lord's family on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Miles Gregory Robinson, son of Emily & Russell Robinson and grandson of Lynette and Jeff Carlson. Miles was born June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and is sponsored by Hannah Johnson and Alicia Leas. May God give each one the servant faith to fulfill the promises they make before God and this congregation, so that Miles may share eternally in the kingdom of God. God bless you Miles!

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO PURCHASE A POINSETTIA** for \$14.00 in honor of or in memory of a loved one(s), please sign up in the church office by Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. You have the option of ordering a red, white, or pink poinsettia. Please specify when you sign up. You are welcome to take your plant following the Christmas Morning services on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>



**PLEASE HELP!** Tuesday, Nov. 29, beginning at 9:00 A.M. we will be preparing the Sanctuary for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please come and help, many hands make work happier and much more fun.

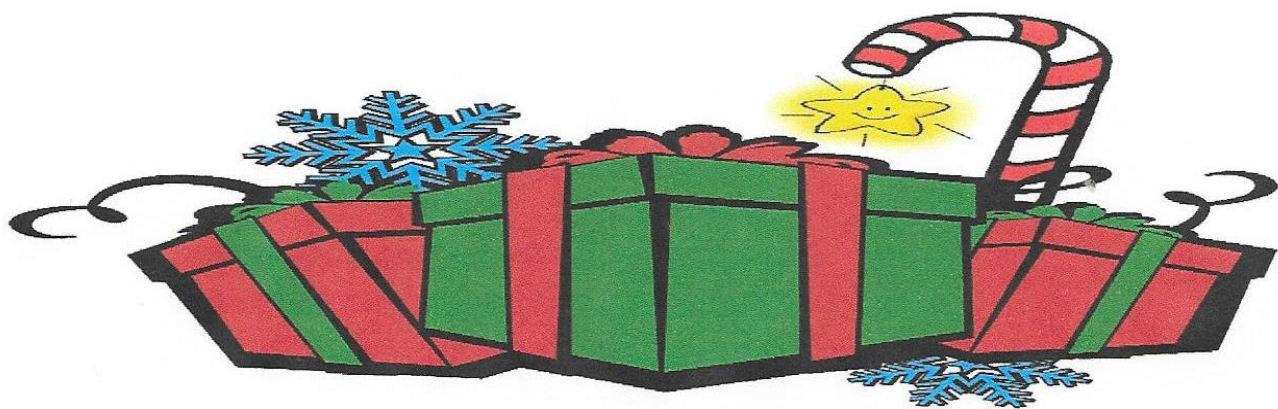
**MEN YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** Sunday, Nov. 27, immediately following the Service, please. The trees and decorations need to be brought down from the balcony closet and up from the basement storage room. To the back of the Sanctuary.

Thank you for your help!

**IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT THAT DOUBLE BATCH** or two of your favorite Christmas cookies to donate to the cookie walk. Our sale is following the Children's Program on Sunday morning, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please deliver your cookies, krum cake, rosettes, or other special treats to the church library by Saturday, **December 10<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am if possible.



**LEFSE MAKERS ARE NEEDED MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH BETWEEN 4:00 AND 8:00 PM. PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE.** Come when you can! Please spread the word to your family and friends about this great bake sale. Contact Darlene Brummund with any questions at 507 276-8013. All proceeds go to people in need with Action Team funds by Thrivent. Thanks so much for your encouragement and participation!



## **It's Time for Christmas Food Boxes & Morning Snack Boxes starting Nov. 20!**

### **Christmas Food Boxes**

It is time to start thinking about filling a Christmas Food Box for the families of our weekend food kids as there continues to be those in our community who are struggling to provide basic needs for their families. We are going to ask you to once again shop for a family and put items on the list in a box provided for you and return it to Trinity. You can join with another family or group to fill one or more boxes. The risk for hunger insecurity has not gone away and we at Trinity are currently feeding 31 children on weekends from 23 families. We are asking you to fill a box to be used by our weekend food families during the Christmas break when they do not have meals provided by the school.

### **Morning Snack Boxes**

Trinity has another opportunity to help our school children this year. There is a need for snacks during morning break so if you would like to fill a box full of snacks, grab a snack box and fill that to help our students.

Here's what to do:

1. Sign out a Christmas food box or a morning snack box in the narthex beginning Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Put your name and phone number next to the number matching the number on your box.
2. Fill the box with the items from the food list.
3. Return your box to the table in the narthex by Sunday, December 11.
4. Have fun filling the box. Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!

Social Ministries Board —Michal Lowther, Shari Baumgardt,  
Sandy Beito and Jim Johnson

November 27, 2022

## One day the whole world will see Jesus return.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Luke 21:25-36	The coming of the Son of Man
Monday	Daniel 7:13-14	A vision of the Son of Man
Tuesday	Joel 3:14-18	The day of the Lord is near
Wednesday	Micah 4:1-7	The Lord's coming reign of peace
Thursday	Luke 17:22-37	The day of the Son of Man
Friday	Romans 13:11-14	Our salvation is near
Saturday	Psalm 90	Prayer for life from God
Sunday	Luke 3:1-6	Prepare the way of the Lord



### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

(Jesus said) **"The sky and the earth won't last forever, but my words will."**

Luke 21:33

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. In you I place my trust, O God. Amen. (Psalm 25:1-2)

#### **Mealtme Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, bless our home with hope this Advent. As we enjoy your gifts, make us ready for your coming. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord give you strength in your heart, so that you are ready when Jesus comes again. Amen. (1 Thessalonians 3:13)

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

Share about something you really look forward to.

Jesus tells us that one day he will come again in glory. How do we care for others as we await Christ's return?

(1 Thessalonians 3:12-13)

### DEVOTIONS

The Advent Wreath is a great home devotional tool. Make a wreath from greens, wire, or Styrofoam and place four purple or blue candles with a white candle in the center. Light one candle during the first week of Advent, another during the second week and so on. On Christmas Day, light the white candle in celebration of the birth of Christ. Use this simple liturgy for lighting your first Advent candle this week:

**Leader: The prophet Isaiah said that Jesus would be the hope of the nations. Our first Advent candle is the candle of hope. As we light it, let us celebrate the hope that Jesus gives us. (Light the candle.)**

**All: Thank you, Lord Jesus, for giving us hope. Fill our home with hope this Advent. Amen.**

### SERVICE

Make some Christmas decorations using various craft materials (cardboard, colored paper, glue, glitter etc.). Give them away to neighbors and friends as a sign of Christ-mas cheer.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Have you set up and decorated your Christmas tree? When this is done, take some time for a Christmas Tree Blessing. Gather round the tree and use the following ritual.

**Leader: This tree is a blessing to our home. It reminds us of all that is beautiful and of God's goodness. It stands in our home as a tree of light, a sign of Jesus' presence with us as the Light of the World. He was the shoot that grew from the stump of Jesse to become a branch that gives us shelter.**

**Reader: Jeremiah 33:15-16**

**All: God of all Creation, we thank you for this tree. Bless us as we gather around it. May it light up our hearts with your love, joy and peace, and may the gifts placed under it remind us of the great gift of your Son Jesus. Amen.**

Finish the ritual with a "countdown" towards the lighting of your tree. Have each family member point out their favorite Christmas tree decoration.

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***Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions***





## Trinity's Mission Statement

*We are a community where Jesus is  
Lord: our mission is to invite,  
welcome, nurture, and equip all  
people to be disciples in His name.*

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**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK  
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*"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"*

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on [www.sleepyeyeonline.com](http://www.sleepyeyeonline.com) watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give.

Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You.

## Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	73
Weekly Giving: (5846.00 Needed)	\$6944.92
November Giving: (\$23,360.00 Needed)	\$18,903.76
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$225,965.79
Budget Contributions needed	\$268,862.90
2022 Approved Budget	\$308,000.00

## This Week's Prayer Concerns

**Pray for the Church**...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

**Pray for our World**...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

**Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering**...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Kali, Alice Mae, Linda, Loretta, Micah, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Cindy, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlos, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Julia Ann, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

**Pray for the beloved**... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones .... that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

**Pray for all families**... that the Holy Spirit would bring joy and spiritual growth to all who are separated from one another and each would be blessed with their safe return to us...

**Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home**...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife ...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

**Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)**...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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