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**First Sunday
of Advent**

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HOPE



*I will cause a righteous Branch
to spring up for David*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 A.M. ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021



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. If you are worshipping in person and unvaccinated, thanks for keeping your mask on over your nose and mouth all the time you are in the building. You help protect us all.*

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... *Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.*

PRELUDE /BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,

in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love.

Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ☩ your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

The King Shall Come

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

GREETING

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

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

Presented and Led by the Senior Choir

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:



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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 keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.



WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The first reading is Jeremiah chapter 33, verses 14-16.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

SECOND READING

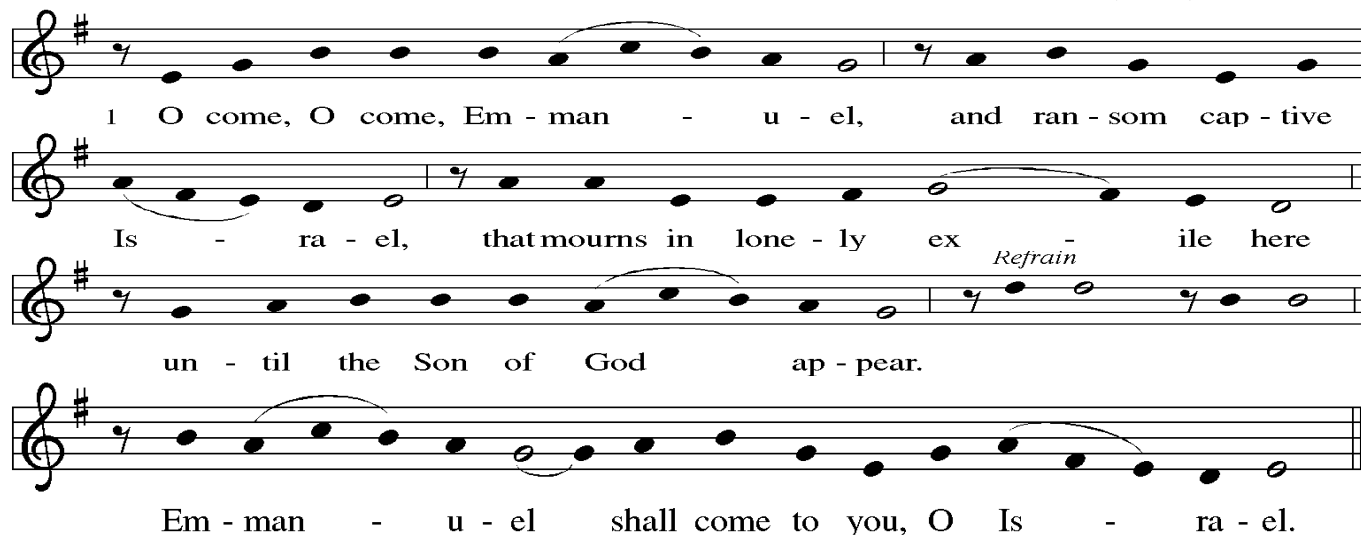
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

The second reading is 1st Thessalonians chapter 3, verses 9-13.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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



GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."



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

SERMON

Pastor Tim Mason

SONG OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voice - es, and at the
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill - ing cry re - joice - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
and fol - low to light the will ban - quet hall.
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, ✠ one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Soon, and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry
Reader	Doug Domeier
Sound Tech	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Kate Nelson & Sue Pedersen
Ushers	Doug Domeier & Lee Johnson
Altar Guild	Mary Hillmer & Sara Sellner



IF YOU'D LIKE TO PURCHASE A POINSETTIA for \$12.00 in honor of or in memory of a loved one(s), please sign up in the church office by Dec. 12th. You have the option of ordering a red poinsettia. You are welcome to take your plant following the last Christmas Eve services on Friday, December 24th.

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 in the library on Sunday morning, December 12th, following the Christmas Program. Please deliver your cookies, krum cake, rosettes, or other special treats to the church kitchen **Friday or Saturday, December 11th by 1:00 pm** if possible.

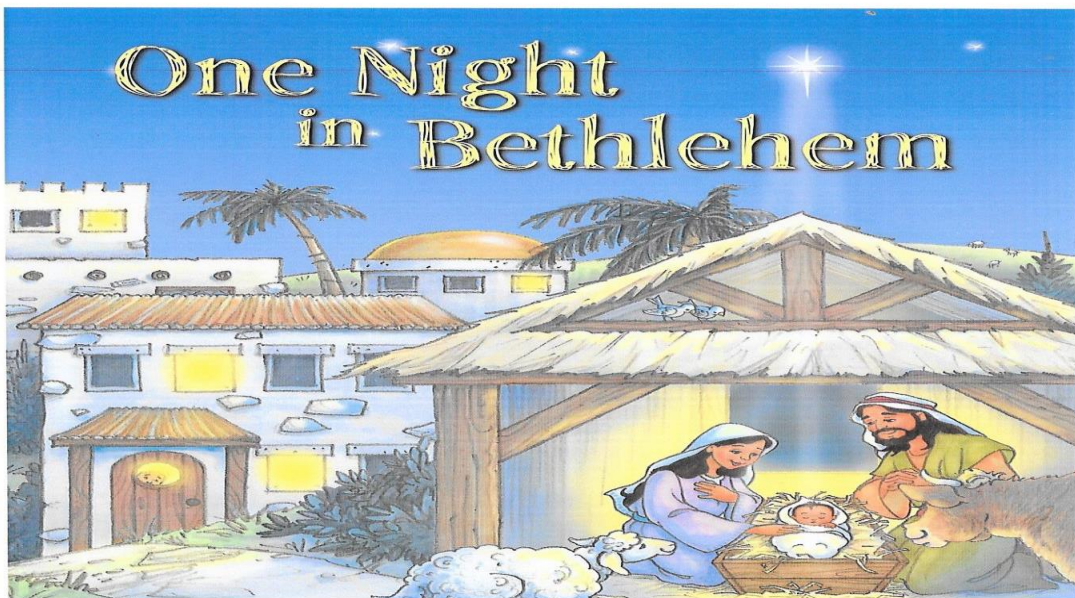


LEFSE MAKERS ARE NEEDED Tuesday, December 7th between 4:00 and 8:00 pm. Please sign up in the office. Come when you can! Please spread the word to your family and friends about this great bake sale. Our goodies will be available Sunday morning, December 12th. Contact Darlene Brummund with any questions at 276-8013. All proceeds go to people in need with supplemental funds by Thrivent. Thanks so much for your encouragement and participation!

ADVENT CALENDARS are available to each family at the tables in the entrances. The Social Ministries Board hopes you will pick one up as we celebrate with anticipation the season of Advent.



The Sunday School Program will be December 12th at 9:00 am Worship. Practice for the program has started and will conclude on December 5th with rehearsal in the sanctuary. Words and actions will be sent home with the children to help them be more comfortable with the songs. We strongly encourage your children to be at Sunday School the next month to help them become familiar with the program. Thank you for all your support!



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 12TH AT 9:00 AM**



Holiday Bake Sale

The Trinity Women of the ELCA
Invite everyone to attend our 31st Annual

Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 12th

10:00 ~ 11:00

Following the Christmas Program

Held at

Trinity Lutheran Church

217 Brackenridge SW, Sleepy Eye

Proceeds Will Go To People In Need
Supplemental Funds Provided By Thrivent Action Team



Trinity Lutheran Church
invites you to visit our

Live Nativity

Sunday, December 12 5-7 pm

Enjoy the beauty of this season with us –
drive or walk through the Holiday Lights in
Motion and experience the sights and sounds
of Christmas – complete with live animals!

Bonfire, concessions and
hayrides starting at 5:30

HOSTED BY THE TRINITY YOUTH BOARD AND HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN MOTION



December 5, 2021

One day the whole world will see Jesus return.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Mark 13:24-37	The day and hour unknown
Monday	Daniel 12:1-3	Hope for the end times
Tuesday	Zechariah 14:1-9	God will come to rule
Wednesday	Matthew 24:29-31	Be ready for that day
Thursday	Luke 21:25-36	Be alert for that day
Friday	Revelation 14:13	Stay faithful to Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 110	The Lord's rule
Sunday	Mark 1:1-8	John the Baptist prepares the way



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.” Mark 13:26 (NIV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, thank you for your words of grace and peace, which never pass away. Amen. (Mark 1:31; 1 Corinthians 1:8)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, thank you for giving us hope for the heart and food for the plate. For Jesus our Savior we watch and we wait. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God keep you strong in your faith until Jesus comes again. Amen. (1 Corinthians 1:8)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you were waiting for something or someone.
- Jesus said that one day he would return to our world with great power and glory. Is Jesus' return something you look forward to? Why?
- Jesus said, "My words will never pass away." (Mark 13:31) What words of Jesus are especially important to you?

DEVOTIONS

November 30 is the first Sunday in Advent. Using four blue or purple candles and a white center candle, set up a home Advent wreath. In your household devotion times this week, light the first candle and use the following words:

The first candle on our Advent wreath is the PROPHECY CANDLE. Long ago, God promised to send a Savior. He used prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah and Micah to give people hope for the future. (Light the first candle.)

Have a household member read Isaiah 9:6. Then say this prayer together, repeating after the leader:

Lord God, thank you for keeping the promises you made through the prophets and sending us a Savior. Fill us with hope as we get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth. Amen.

SERVICE

At Christmas time, we remember that God gave himself in Christ to the world to save us. In response, we are called to give to those less fortunate. This week, start purchasing non-perishable grocery items to donate to a local food pantry or charity serving needy persons or families. Set aside a special box for these items and add to it each week of Advent. When it is full, wrap up your gift, attach a Christmas card and make your donation. Pray for those people it will assist.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

With the beginning of the new church year in Advent, the church hears a new set of readings from the Bible (the main Gospel used this year will be Mark). Gather together all the Bibles in your home and use this prayer of blessing:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the Bible, and especially for the good news about Jesus our Savior. As we read, listen to and think about what the Bible says to us in this new church year, make us into people who are strong in our faith and full of love. Amen.



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.

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK
CHECK IT OUT!!**

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on 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. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Giving: \$19,368.30

November Giving: \$30,154.04

Yearly Contributions to Date \$231,224.47

We are \$48,122.00 below budget.

Your help is needed.

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 **Beth, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Abby, Emma, Ed, Story, Tina, Tammy, Robyn, Beth, Carmen, Julia Ann, Nathan, Linette, Tammy, John, Sandy, Tony, Ted, Connor, Sue, Ed, 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 compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

Pray for those preparing for marriage and those newly married...that God would be glorified in their union, filling every couple with the light and truth of God's grace and power throughout their lives ...

Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife (Donna Augustin's son stationed in Italy)...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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