



**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
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 Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship*, Setting II  
 The First Sunday in Advent, December 1, 2024  
 In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** *"The Advent of Our God"* **LBW No. 22****APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Let us pray...

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

**ADVENT LITANY:** *"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"* **LBW. No. 34, vs. 1-2****FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

*In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The LORD is our righteousness"—proclaims the coming Christ who is faithful to his people.*

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.**

**Psalm 25:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my | trust in you;\*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

<sup>2</sup> **Let none who look to you be | put to shame;\***

**let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.**

<sup>3</sup> Show me your | ways, O LORD,\*  
and teach | me your paths.

**<sup>4</sup> Lead me in your | truth and teach me,\*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day  
long.**

<sup>5</sup> Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,\*  
for they are from | everlasting.

**<sup>6</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;\*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> Gracious and upright | is the LORD;\*  
therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.

**<sup>8</sup> He guides the humble in | doing right\*  
and teaches his way | to the lowly.**

<sup>9</sup> All the paths of the LORD are | love and faithfulness\*  
to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.

**Gloria Patri (chanted after the psalm)**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen**

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

*Paul is exuberant with gratitude for the Christians in the congregation at Thessalonica. Trusting in Christ's work, Paul looks forward in confidence to the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.*

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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 ACCLAMATION**

**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*God will fulfill his purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive his promised redemption.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“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.

<sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.

<sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “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, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> 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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" LBW No. 25**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

### **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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**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.  
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
 He 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**

### **THE PRAYERS**

D: In our prayers today and this week, please remember: [prayer list]. We also invite your own petitions either aloud or silently in your hearts.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, prepare your people throughout the world for the coming of your Son in glory. Renew your church in faith, hope, and love, that always keeping in mind the end of all things she may boldly proclaim your Word that shall never pass away. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation called Trinity, that we may abound in love for one another and for all this season, and that with hearts strengthened in holiness and faith be found blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bestow righteousness and wisdom upon the rulers of the world, upon the leaders of our communities, and upon all who give of themselves to protect and serve others. Provide for the poor, lift up the lowly, and remember in mercy all whose lives are knit closely to ours. And teach us all to live in peace with one another, eagerly looking for the coming of the righteous Branch of David, who will rule over all with justice and truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We plead on behalf of everyone in need of your merciful care and glorious deliverance, especially those we have named or remember before you now. Gladden their hearts, heal their bodies, uphold their spirits, and surround them with the love of your Son and all who hold them dear. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we entrust into your never-failing care our beloved dead and all who have died trusting in your promises. Ease the sorrow of those whose grief runs deep. Revive our spirits, direct our days and our deeds in your peace, and make us abound in love and in every good work; so that at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints, we too may be gathered into your eternal Kingdom, where we shall rejoice in you forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## **PEACE**

**OFFERING** *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by [clicking here](#).*

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** *"The Lord Will Come"* York

**OFFERTORY:** *"What Shall I Render"*

## **CONSECRATION PRAYER**

P: Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: bless these pledges and those who offer them here this day, that remembering the account we must one day give, we may always honor you with our substance, and have the privilege of sharing in the work of your Kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

D: Let us pray...

Merciful Father,

**We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **LAMB OF GOD**

**THE COMMUNION** *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated*

*Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS: LBW Nos. 323, 23**

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Create in Me"**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

D: Let us pray...

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Hark, the Glad Sound!" LBW No. 35**

**DISMISSAL**

D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**