

Second Sunday of Advent



December 4, 2016

8:00 am

Trinity Lutheran Church

2163 Mayhew Lake Rd. NE

Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

*Trinity is a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association
and the Good Shepherd Community.*



Those Serving Today

Officiating Today	8:00am &	10:30am	Pastor Dave Strohschein
Organist	8:00am		Daniel Reineke
Musician		10:30am	Ruth Immerfall
Screen Team	8:00am		Andy Freihammer
		10:30am	Creighton Clark
Lector	8:00am		Jan Sorell
		10:30am	Gayleen Dierks
Visuals	8:00am &	10:30am	Daniel Reineke
Acolyte	8:00am		Riley Prow, Britney Neiters
		10:30am	Selena Alvarez, Jami Novak
Altar Guild			Jolyn Antonsen, Evora Sorokie
Information Desk	8:00am	Zone – 4	Sandy Austin
	10:30am	Zone – 5	Marie Mendel
Greeters	8:00am	Zone – 4	Nancy Cloeter
	10:30am	Zone –5	Diane Haffner, Marie Mendel, Amy Schaefer
Ushers	8:00am	Zone –4	John Hiltel, Marvin Neubert, Karen Petron-Broda, Wayne & Sue Kulzer, Janet Renn, Chris Kutzorik
	10:30am	Zone –5	Bob Behrendt, Luke Wendt, Jim & Kathy Stueve, Trevor Jevne, Andy Behrendt
Lay Minister	8:00am		Jon Lentz, Chuck Haake
		10:30am	Luke Wendt

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Divine Service Setting 3 (LSB pg 184)

December 4, 2016

8:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER “Say you’re sorry!” Such words are often said by a parent to a child when a wrong has occurred, usually intended to be a lesson for the child in teaching that actions have consequences. As we hear the Word of God today from Matthew 3, we also come to realize that our actions have consequences. Yet it is not just actions, but also thoughts and inactions, and the consequences of our sinful nature. The Lord doesn’t tell us to just, “Say you’re sorry!” Through His Word and through His servants like John the Baptist, He calls us to repent—to not just speak an apology, but to turn away from sin and turn to Him. In this Advent season of preparation to receive our Savior born for us, we also prepare like the people of John the Baptist’s time through this ongoing and continuing action of repentance. Moved to repentance by faith, we are then able to live as His people, bear fruit in His name, and continue to be united as one and “together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 15:6).

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “Prepare the Royal Highway” LSB 343

INVOCATION

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

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

P: Let us heed the call of the Lord through John the Baptist to repent—to turn from our

sins and turn to Jesus Christ, our Savior, through whom we find true and lasting hope.

C: Merciful Father, we have turned away from You and sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things, and have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, turn us away from sin and to You, that we may love and serve You and Your ways of righteousness, justice, and peace.

P: God has heard our plea for forgiveness and for the sake of Jesus Christ, He answers our prayer. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

P: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;

C: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

P: Seek the Lord and his strength;

C: seek his presence continually!

P: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

C: his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

P: O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

C: children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

P: He is the Lord our God;

C: his judgments are in all the earth.

P: He remembers his covenant forever,

C: the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.



ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;

C: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

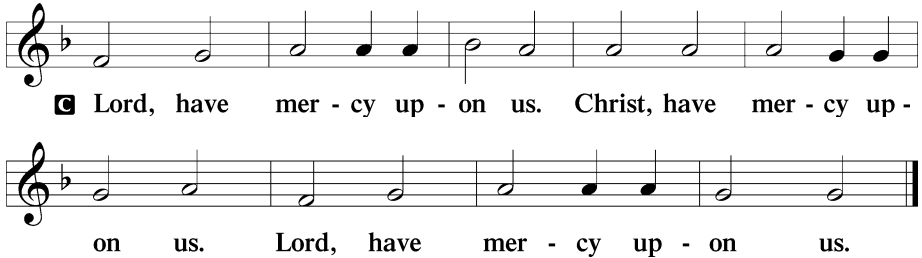
GLORIA PATRI



☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



KYRIE



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

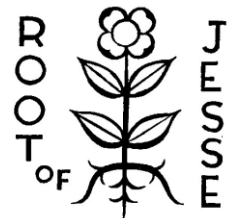
P: Let us pray... Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw



like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" LSB 359

EPISTLE: Romans 15:4-13

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name." Again, it says, "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him." And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

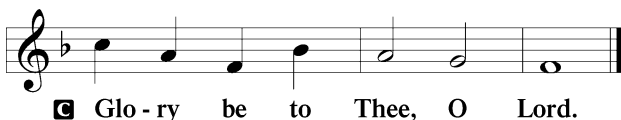
ALLELUIA



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’ ” John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and

was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Sit

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” LSB 782

SERMON: “What Can God Do?” (2 Corinthians 9:8)

OFFERING *(Please sign and date the Rite of Friendship pad located in the pew. The children are invited to bring their offerings to the front at this time.)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:
SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

THE WORDS OF CONSECRATION

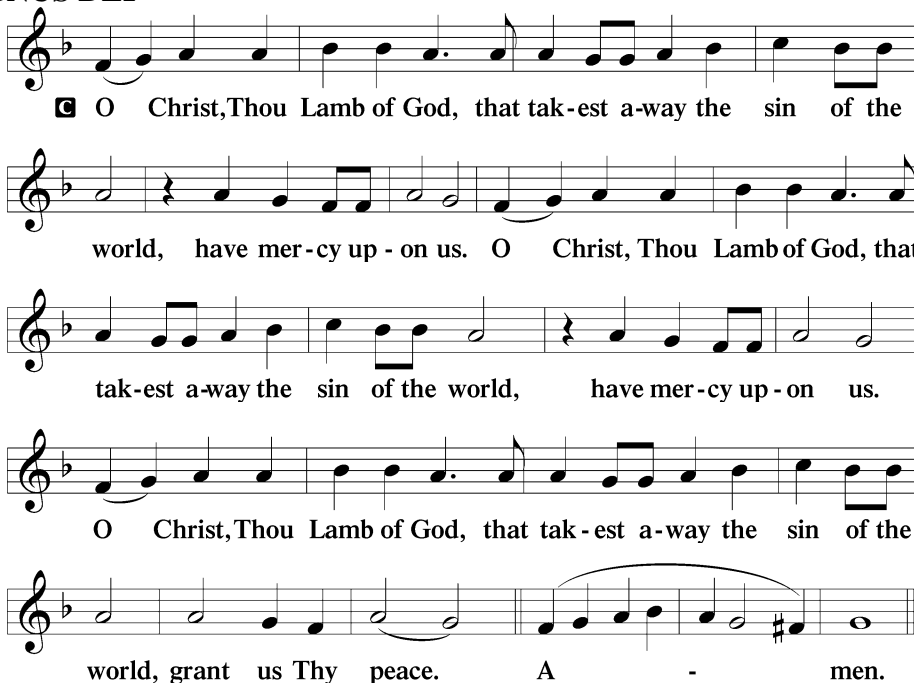
PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

About Holy Communion—The Lord’s Supper is celebrated here in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives us as He says, not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If this is your belief, we welcome you to join us at the Lord’s table.

Because we are called to examine ourselves before receiving the Lord’s Supper (I Corinthians 11:28-29), we encourage you to consider the questions on p. 329-330 in the front of the hymnal. If you are communing with us for the first time, or if you would like a fuller understanding of what we as Lutherans believe about the Lord’s Supper, please pick up a copy of **“What is the Lord’s Supper?”** at the Information table in the entryway.

Please reserve the white grape juice cups in the center of the communion trays for those who for health reasons are unable to drink wine. If your health requires gluten-free wafers, they are available upon request. Speak to the pastor prior to the service. Our pastors are happy to speak to you further if you have any questions.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” LSB 347

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P: Bless we the Lord.



☐ Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Prepare the way of the Lord;

C: make His paths straight.

P: May the God of hope fill you with comfort, joy, and peace in the promised Savior who has come.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

C: Amen.



CLOSING HYMN: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” LSB 338

Trinity Lutheran Church Announcements December 4, 2016

Second Sunday in Advent

TODAY 8:00am Worship Z4 (HC)
 9:15am Sunday School
 9:15am Voter's Meeting
 10:30am Worship Z5
 12:00pm Anyuak Worship
 6:00pm Green Team Mtg.

MONDAY 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY 4:45pm Caroling at Good Shepherd
 7:00pm Friends in Harmony
NO BIBLE CLASS

WEDNESDAY
 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS
 5:00pm God's Grub
 6:00pm Advent Worship Z1
 6:45pm Conf. Classes
 6:45pm Youth Night
 6:45pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY 1:00pm LWML Luncheon @
 Jimmy's
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers
 7:15pm Worship Team Rehearsal

FRIDAY Parish Workers

SATURDAY Altar Guild 9:00am
 9:00am Cookie Exchange
 1:30pm St. Cloud Prison Bible Study
 6:45pm Traditional Music Rehearsal

IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Faith Promise Sunday & Third Sunday in Advent

8:00am Worship Z2
 9:15am Sunday School
 9:15am Bible Classes
 10:30am Worship Z3 (HC)
 New Member Welcome & Potluck
 12:00pm Anyuak Worship
 4:00pm Creative Crafts

Scripture Lessons:
*Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-11
 Matthew 11:2-15*


Church Office Hours:

M-F 8:30am-2:30pm
 Open during the noon hour.
Church Office Phone 252-3670

WEEK OF	TIME	ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS (INC. 11/23 & 11/24)	
11/27/16	8:00am	118 <small>11/23: 141</small>	General Fund Offerings	\$9,912.32
11/27/16	10:30am	151 <small>11/24: 46</small>	Building Debt Offerings	\$3076.00
	Total	269 <small>11/30: 183</small>	Total	\$12,988.32
MISSIONS				
Missions this Week		\$640.00	Weekly Need:	\$11,938.00
Received to-date		\$22,570.50		
Annual Funds Promised		\$27,500.00		

Sharing the Caring Christ with All People Matthew 3:1-12: John the Baptist was sent by God to prepare the way for the first coming of His Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. We, like John the Baptist, have the opportunity to give a bold witness to Jesus, our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. **May the Holy Spirit bless our witness and use it to change hearts for eternity.**

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Don Zwick in memory of William, Ethel and Jack Zwick. We thank him for sponsoring this broadcast. We have sponsorship openings in January and February. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast please complete a form and turn it in. Forms are available in the church office. The radio transmission enables our shut-ins, as well as others in our community to hear and participate in our worship. The service airs on WVAL 800 on the AM dial, at 8:00am, and live on the internet at www.800wval.com.

 **Sunday Morning Fellowship** Our servers for December are John and Raquel Alstrup. Members who have last names beginning with the letter "W & Z" are asked to bring treats for our fellowship time during the month. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.

ADVENT SERVICES
THIS WEEK Everyone needs Godly wisdom when it comes to family relationships. That's why, this Advent, we plan to learn from the families connected with our Lord's birth. Join us each Wednesday for God's Grub in the fellowship hall at 5:00 p.m. and worship at 6:00 p.m.

The Finance Team has revised the 2017 budget. If you would like to see a copy of this revised budget, please pick one up in the church office on the counter. Your feedback and comments would be appreciated. Questions and comments can be directed to Jeff Cziok (253-0475) or Mark Helgeson (259-7640).

Voters Assembly Meeting: There will be a Voter's Assembly Meeting today, at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Meeting items will include: Approving the 2017 Budget and approval of Endowment Fund Bylaws. A copy of the proposed budget can be found in the Church Office. Blessings, The Leadership Team

God's Grub this week: Hot Dogs

Caroling The Salt and Pepper Group will be caroling on Tuesday, at 4:45 pm. @ Good Shepherd. Please meet in the Chapel there. We will sing praise to the coming King!!


SCRIP is Coming! SCRIP gift cards will be available on Sunday **DECEMBER 11TH** for you to purchase here at Trinity. SCRIP are gift cards you purchase and the business gives Prince of Peace money for each gift card sold. Christmas is almost here! This is the perfect time to purchase cards you can give as a gift, or to use yourself on your every day purchases. Cards from 90 businesses including gas stations, restaurants, movies, and retailers will be available. Pick up an order form for the SCRIP table in the narthex and bring it on the 11th to have your order filled. THANK YOU from Prince of Peace!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League will gather Thursday, December 8th, at Noon at Jimmy's Pour House in the social room for lunch. Members are asked to bring their red stocking donation for Trinity Social Ministry. LWML doesn't meet in January.

Do You Like to Crochet or Knit? Do you have extra yarn to donate to a project?

A small group of members is meeting on Tuesday after Bible Study, approximately from 11:30-1:30, to make simple prayer shawls. If you would like donate yarn, it needs to be at least 600 yards of the same color or complimentary colors to begin this project. Prayer shawls are to be given to members of any age, after surgery or during illness, at no charge. Monetary donations are also welcome. If you have questions or interest in participating, contact Judy in the church office, 252-3670.

LCEF Update Congratulations, we have officially made it to the final tier of the Shared Blessing program. Thank you to all of you that have made this possible. For questions about becoming a LCEF investor and investments please contract Lori Wendt at 420-4368 or email at Loriannwendt@gmail.com.

Trinity Lutheran Church's Christmas Cookie Exchange, next Saturday, December 10, 9:00 – 10:30am, in the Fellowship Hall. Cookies must be homemade. Sign-up by Dec. 4th. If possible, give cookie name you will be bringing to avoid too many duplicate kinds. Bring 10 dozen (all the same kind). Please bring your cookies in a large container; plates and plastic bags will be provided. Coffee, juice and rolls will be served. It will be a fun get together with a short devotion. Any questions call Sue B. @ 252-9618 & Gail R. @253-9462. 



Angle Tree Sunday Gifts will need to be returned wrapped and under the tree by Sunday, December 11th. Please be sure to sign your Gift tag name out at the desk that will be located next to the tree. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to deliver gifts, please contact me Jennifer Kranz @ 320-290-3498. Thank you for helping make this Christmas special for these children.

“How to Grow a Connected Family” will be offered at Trinity beginning Sunday, January 8th through Sunday, February 12th from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 am. This 6-week Bible study will focus on helping parents to purposefully raise children who know, love, and serve God. Pastor Dave will facilitate this class. Please share your intention to participate in this class with Pastor Dave by December 18th so that we can have adequate materials on hand.

New Member Reception & Congregational Pot Luck Lunch We will receive new members at the 10:30am worship next Sunday, December 11th. Following the service (approximately noon) we will have our congregational pot-luck lunch. You are invited to bring a dish to share. Bring food as indicated according to the first letter of your last name; A-K Hotdish, L-R Salad, S-Z Dessert.

Thank You – from Diane Haffner for all the calls, cards and well wishes during her recovery from surgery. You are a blessing, may God bless you all!

A Warm Thank You - from Amy Schaefer for all the sincere concern and prayers during her surgery and following. Thank you for the lovely prayer shawl, the cards and the visits from the Pastors. God bless you.

The Rada Knives are here! If you placed an order with the LWML, pick it up today. Thanks!
