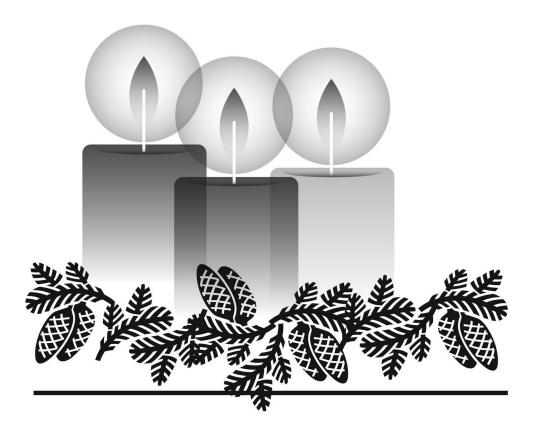
Third Sunday of Advent



December 11, 2022 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Prelude "Gesù Bambino (The Infant Jesus)" MaryAnn Hubbard/Deb McClure
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Announcements

Entrance/Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn "This little light of mine"

This little light of JOY, I'm gonna let it shine This little light of JOY, I'm gonna let it shine This little light of JOY, I'm gonna let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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Leader Today we light the first, second, and third candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, and the third candle is JOY.

The candles are lit.

- Scripture: Isaiah 55:12 You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.
- All Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen.

The shepherd figures are placed on a window shelf.

- Leader Lord, we remember how, watching their sheep on the cold, dark hillside, they would be surprised by the warmth and light and joy of the angel song announcing your birth. We remember, in this Advent season, those who feel sorrowful or lonely who wait to hear your good news of hope and peace and joy.
- Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

The Officiant begins the service with this sentence of Scripture.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. Isaiah 40:5

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord". Psalm 122:1

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together

Most merciful God,
we confess that 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.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant then says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Jubilate

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; * serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Hymn 66 "Come, thou long-expected Jesus"

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art: dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king, born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

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Gradual Psalm 146:4-9



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- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! * whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger. Refrain
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; * he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Refrain

The Lessons

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp. the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it. but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up

on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah Ecce, Deus Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, * and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing * from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, * and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, * for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel: * he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, * born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, * from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers * and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, * to set us free from the hands of our enemies.

Free to worship him without fear. * holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, * for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.

To give his people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to

look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon Rev. Dr. Daniel Maxwell, Deacon

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Marv. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People may then greet one another with a sign of peace.

Offertory

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Doxology (Old Hundredth, Hymn 380 v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow! Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low, Praise God above, ye heav-'nly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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 for ever. Amen.

Then follow these Suffrages

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
- R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
- V. Day by day we bless you;
- R. We praise your Name for ever.
- V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
- R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
- V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
- R. For we put our trust in you.
- V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
- R. And we shall never hope in vain.

Collect of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for all Sorts and Conditions of Humankind

Oh God, the creator and preserver of humankind, we humbly beseech you for all sorts and conditions of humanity; that you would be pleased to make your ways known to us, your saving health unto all nations. We pray especially for your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by the Holy Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in the unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distress, in mind, body, or estate, remembering today especially Bruce, Ruth, Mary, Sue, Maggie, Matthew, Bob, Curtis, Daryl, Jim, Mike, and Andrew; that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their necessities, giving them patience under their suffering, and a happy relief out of all their difficulties. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

A Collect for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving Said by all

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made, remembering especially the birthdays of Robert and Nancy, and for those in military service: Ashley, Tyler, Joshua, Isaac, and John. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Hymn 72 "Hark! the glad sound!"

Hark, the glad sound! the Savior comes, the Savior promised long: let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held; the gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure; and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim; and heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved Name.

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The Officiant may then say

Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Postlude

In Our Prayers

LARCC: Altar Servers/Ushers at All Saints Catholic Parish

For Healing & Convalescing: Bruce Connon, Ruth Kapala, Mary Hartman, Sue Linke, Maggie Lamb, Matthew Van Zetten, Bob Hanna, Curtis Carr, Daryl Hebert, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, and Andrew.

Homebound: Shirley Carr

Birthdays: Robert Hemmingson (12), Nancy Pettibone (17)

Military: Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham,

John Hartman

Cycles of Prayer: Diocesan: St. Andrew's, Flint and St. Paul the Apostle,

Greenville; Anglican: the Diocese of Ogbomoso (Nigeria)

The Flowers At The Altar

Given to the Glory of God and In Memory of Betty, Harry, and Bill Prieur by The Woida and Cousins Families

The Church Office will be closed on:

Monday, December 12 Friday, December 16

Announcements

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You are invited to contribute to the cost of flowers and decorations for church this Christmas season in honor of loved ones or in thanksgiving for God's many blessings. If you would like to contribute, please make your check out to Trinity and write "Christmas flowers" in the memo section. There are small, white envelopes in the hymn racks on the back of each pew. Just add to the collection plate or mail or bring your check to the church office. Please list your name and the name of your honoree as you would like it to appear in the bulletin. Deadline to be included in the Christmas Eve/Christmas Day bulletins is December 13.

COOKIES & CAROLS DECEMBER 17

Join us as we decorate cookies for Sunday Supper (and eat a few, too!) and sing Christmas carols on Saturday, December 17, at 10:00 am. Decorated cookies will be shared with our Sunday Supper guests on December 18. Please RSVP to Kat Tomaszewski (trinityalpenamusic@gmail.com, ph. 989-255-8750) or the church office (adminasst@trinityalpena.net, ph. 989-356-0576) by December 13 so we know how many cookies to have baked and ready for decorating. No need to bring anything, supplies will be provided.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much to Kathryn and Lew Kunze, Gerry Cawthra, Carole Cadarette, Cynthia Taylor, Kevin West, Marge and Bob Lakin, Michelle and Jim Munro, Eric Cornish, Fran Hamp, Sue Krafft and Bronwyn Woolman for putting up the lovely vintage Christmas tree in the parish hall. It is beautiful!

CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Along with hats, gloves, scarves, etc. that we collect for those in need, we are also looking for monetary donations to help with our Christmas baskets for families in need this holiday season. Our usual soup luncheon, held to raise funds for this Christmas basket ministry, is not able to be held this year. If you would like to make a donation to help with our annual Christmas baskets, please place your contribution in the offering plate marked "Christmas Baskets" or mail to/drop off at the church office. For more information contact Ellen Eagan or the church office.

WORSHIP CENTER WILL NOT MEET ON DECEMBER 25 AND JANUARY 1 We will resume on January 8, 2023. The teachers wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Announcements (Continued)

TECW MEETS MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

The December Trinity Church Women's Meeting will be held on Mon, December 12, at noon. You are invited to bring your lunch, and you are also invited to bring cookies to the meeting if you can contribute. We will be plating cookies and delivering them after the meeting to church members who are not able to attend church at this time. Left over cookies will be available for purchase for the benefit of the TECW treasury. Any contributions you would like to make to Shelter (list in the bulletin) can be dropped off at this time.

SALVATION ARMY "ANGEL TREE"

Please consider taking an "angel" (long slip of paper) from our Angel Tree. It is located at the top of the stairs going into the Fellowship Hall. Follow the directions on the slip. Gifts should be dropped off at the Salvation Army, 722 N. 2nd Ave. If you are unable to take them to their office, you may bring them to the church after December 10 but no later than 11am on December 12 and Gerry Cawthra will deliver them to the Salvation Army.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all who helped make our Little Girl Advent Tea a wonderful event. 23 little girls and 9 Teen Helpers were able to have a fabulous time learning about Advent, enjoying a Tea, and doing crafts. Thank you so much to all the bakers and workers who helped make this event possible!



Future Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 18

8 am & 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar (Children's Christmas Pageant at 11 am service)

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve 5 pm Festal Eucharist/Rev. Bruce Michaud

Sunday, December 25

11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Bruce Michaud

Wednesdays, December 14, 21, 28

12:05 pm - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Bruce Michaud 1:00 pm - Bible Study/Rev. Bruce Michaud

Shelter Christmas Wish List

TECW is collecting gifts again this year for those staying at Shelter.

A list of items needed is listed below.

Please hold your donations until after December 10. You can put them on the bench by the pantry after that. <u>Deadline is December 20</u>. Thank you so much for your generosity!

- Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper, plates, napkins)
- Kitchen Items (zip lock bags, foil wrap, plastic wrap)
- Trash Bags (large kitchen 13 gallon, leaf and lawn 40-50 gallon and 2.5-3mil contractor bags)
- Laundry Supplies (detergent and dryer sheets)
- Laundry Baskets
- Batteries (all sizes)
- Diapers and Pull-Ups (all sizes)
- Baby Powder
- A &D Ointment
- New Baby Bottles
- · Art and Crafts Sets for Children
- · Colored Pencils and Markers
- · Adult Coloring Books
- Highlighters
- Post-It Notes
- Legal Pads
- 2 Pocket File Folders
- Copy Paper White
- Hoodies (men's, women's, teens and children's especially xl)
- Pullover Sweatshirts (men's, women's, teens and children's especially xl)
- Underwear (men's, women's, girls and boys all sizes)
- Socks (men's, women's, girls and boys all sizes)
- Sports Bra's (women's and teens)
- Manicure Sets (men and women)
- Bath Loofahs

- Brushes and combs
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Make-up Remover Wipes
- Hygiene Wipes for Women
- Deodorant (men and woman
- Tampons/Pads
- Men's Body Wipes
- Men's Shave Cream and Razors
- Women's Shave Cream and Razors
- Bath Towels
- Wash Cloths
- Twin Blankets
- Twin Sheets
- Twin Waterproof Mattress Cover
- Visa Gift Card
- Amazon Gift Card
- Insulated Coffee Cups
- Keurig Single Serve Coffee
- Forever Stamps
- Cash Donations

Readings for December 18

Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

Masks are encouraged for all indoors and for those who are not vaccinated or especially vulnerable. We are encouraging worshippers to mask when singing and to refrain from singing (or hum) if unmasked.

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Welcome to Trinity, part of the Anglican Communion, and thus, both catholic and reformed — the *via media* or "middle way" between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism.

Trinity organized in 1864 and our Victorian Gothic building dates from 1883. As a "National Jubilee Center," we reach out to many in need, and as a venue for performing arts, we live out our identity as a "village church" in the English tradition.

In "Eucharistic hospitality," we invite all persons to the Lord's Table. Please join us there, and then, next door after the Service for refreshment and fellowship. We are delighted that you are here, and would be delighted to meet you.

The Vestry

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Cathy Meske Lisa Rhea

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