



# Trinity Lutheran Church

Howards Grove, Wisconsin

TO MAKE THE SAINTS - "WISE UNTO SALVATION" AND TO "EQUIP FOR SERVING"



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**Sunday Worship: 8 & 10:30am**

**Bible Class and Sunday School 9:15am**

**December 11, 2022**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Divine Service 4**

## Third Sunday of Advent



# Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

Divine Service-Setting 4

Today's Hymns: 355, 531, 350

## Opening Hymn: 355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

*Stand*

*LSB 203*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*  
**Introit**

*Psalm 71:14-18; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

**P** Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, Rejoice.

**C** I will hope continually  
and will praise you yet more and more.

**P** My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,  
for their number is past my knowledge.

**C** With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;  
I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

**P** O God, from my youth you have taught me,  
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

**C** So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,  
until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

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** Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, Rejoice.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 35:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

James 5:7–11

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

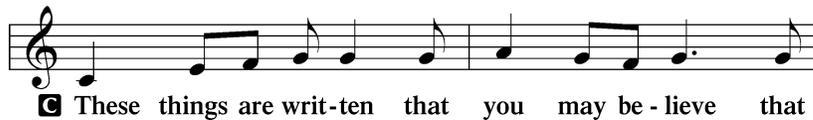
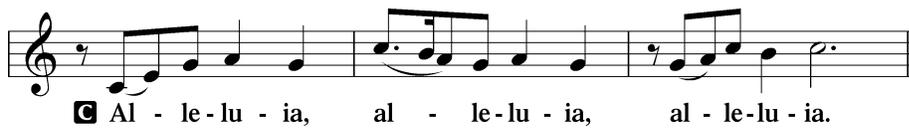
**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205



## Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2–15

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.” <sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.”

<sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Sermon

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church** We respond with Amen. Prayer requests: Trent Lieffring, Mike Milbrath, Eugene Bubolz, Roger Wagner, Michael Winter, Connie Hansen, Todd Bender, River Grunewald, Joan Rimmel, and our shut-ins.

*Sit*

**Offering** *Please rise as the offerings are brought forward to the altar.*

Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## Benedicamus

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## 350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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## The Trinity Lutheran Church Messenger

### Thank you

Thank you Ethan Winter for playing the organ for us this weekend.

### Hands for Hope

The Hands for Hope annual fundraiser is set up in the narthex. Please take a look at all of the beautiful crafts available and consider supporting this loving group. All of the prices are listed on the item and on the information sheets above the tables. There is a box for payment on the tables as well. Any questions, please see Robie Scharinger

### Voter's Meeting

There is a meeting to approve the 2023 budget on Wednesday, December 14th following the evening Advent worship service.

### Sunday School Christmas Program – December 18<sup>th</sup>

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, the 8:00am worship service will be regular worship with Holy Communion.

We are doing something new this year. Our Children's Sunday School Christmas Program will be our 10:30am worship service instead of regular worship. This year the program is "**The Son of Man**". Come and worship and hear the children share the Christmas Story. *Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* **Matthew 19:14**

### Christmas Program Practice

Practice will be held December 17th from 10am-11am. If your child will NOT be able to attend practice or the program itself, please contact Barbara Wolfert at [barbjwolf@yahoo.com](mailto:barbjwolf@yahoo.com) or cell 920-254-9297. Thank you.

### Sharing Blessings

This year we are again collecting items for Sheboygan County Health and Human Services. We will be collecting the first 2 weeks in December. The items will be picked up on December 13th. As in previous years, we have collected personal hygiene products and cleaning supplies. Those items include hair products, lotions, deodorants, toothpaste, shaving supplies, feminine hygiene products, etc. Cleaning and kitchen items include laundry products, dish soap, Kleenex, Saran wrap, foil and more. We will also be collecting baby items- diapers, wipes, blankets, clothes, etc. There is always a need for teen items as they tend to be forgotten. Scrip (gift) cards are always welcome if you prefer that to shopping. Please donate only NEW unwrapped items. There will be large marked boxes in the narthex for your donations. Trinity has always been a large contributor to this mission and we are praying that you open your hearts to those in need. Any questions, contact Susie Sixel or Robie Scharinger.

**Birthday Blessings to:** Viki Grunewald, Janelle Liermann, Mariah Grunewald, Dick Horness, Todd Lindekugel, Jim Post, Margaret Born, Linda Plocar, and Victoria Stelter.

### Christmas Poinsettias

If anyone is interested in a red poinsettia, please contact Connie Bitter at (920) 226-0803 or [connie.bitter@yahoo.com](mailto:connie.bitter@yahoo.com). They are \$11 each. You may pick them up after the service on Christmas Day.

### **Christian Women's Fellowship**

CWF would like to invite the women of the congregation to join them for their Christmas Potluck December 12 at 6:30pm. Please bring a plate, saucer, and cup. The group will be picking new Secret Sisters for 2023. All women are always welcome to join this organization at any time.

### **Christmas Cards**

Our Sunday school is selling boxes of Christmas Cards. They are located on the table in the narthex. There is a box to put your payment.

### **Advent Worship**

Our next midweek Advent service is December 14th. The worship times are 10:30am & 6:30pm. Advent meals will be offered after the morning Advent worship service and also from 5-6:15pm. A free will offering will be accepted. Anyone wishing to donate bars or a side dish for Advent meals, you are welcome to do so. If you have questions, please speak with Lee Schoessow.

### **Christmas and New Year's Worship**

Christmas Eve: 4:30 & 6:30pm, Christmas Day: 9:30am, (No Bible study or Sunday school)

New Year's Eve: 4:30pm.

### **UPDATE Sunday, January 1st Worship**

Our Worship Service on Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup> will be at **9:30 am**. This is a recent change from last week's bulletin.

**Love In the Name of Christ** is asking for your help. Love INC, Sheboygan County, has over 200 volunteers and 41 Christian churches along with community agencies helping neighbors in need. We do not judge and we believe you are important to God. We help provide for physical needs and help you with the underlying conditions that might be causing your current situations. Currently we need feminine hygiene products such as tampons and pads for our Personal Care Kit. Also, new, standard size towels.

Because we are growing, we are in need of volunteers. Opportunities for furniture pickup or delivery in our Furniture Ministry, Intake Specialist who answer calls for help and give/get pertinent information, Neighbor Liaisons who call on neighbors after receiving help to see how they are doing.

For more information go to our website [www.loveincsheboygancounty.org](http://www.loveincsheboygancounty.org) or call 920-783-6701. You may also get in contact with me at [barbjwolf@yahoo.com](mailto:barbjwolf@yahoo.com)

### **Scrip News**

The last day to special order scrip cards will be **TODAY, December 11th**. You can pick them up on December 18th. This will also be the last day for buying cards for 3 weeks since December 25th and January 1 will be on Sundays. You can use scrip for all your shopping needs. Groceries, gas, restaurants, etc. They also make good gifts for those difficult to shop for. Any questions, please ask the sellers. Remember, the church gets money back for every card you buy.

### **Flowers**

The altar flowers are in honor of Margaret Born's Birthday. Happy Birthday and God's Blessings!

The flowers on the tall pedestal are in remembrance of Connie Mallmann's mother and father.

The white poinsettia in the altar area is for Advent from Christian Women's Fellowship.

### **Newsletter/Bulletin Sponsor**

Today's bulletin and the December Newsletter are sponsored by Dick Horness in honor of his birthday.

Happy Birthday and God's Blessings!

### **December Special Offering**

Deaf Ministry—SWD serves the deaf community in Delevan and other locations throughout the South Wisconsin District.

### **DEADLINES:**

The deadline for the Annual Report will be December 16th. This is for committee information, not the financial reports.

The deadline for the January Newsletter will be also be December 16th.

## Attendance and Financials for 11/30/22-12/04/22

### Attendance

November 30, 2022

10:30am—44 6:00pm—30 = 74

December 4, 2022

8:00am--94 10:30am--88= 182

December 7, 2022

10:30am—45 6:00pm— 28 = 73

Sunday School Attendance--30

Description of Offering	Amount Given	Description of Offering	Amount Given
General Offering	\$8,044.00	Kitchen Remodel Fund	\$10.00
Sunday School Offering		Organ Fund	\$100.00
Deaf Ministries	\$211.00	Church Improvement Fund	\$1,835.00

Monday, December 12	Tuesday, December 13	Wednesday, December 14	Thursday, December 15	Friday, December 16	Saturday, December 17	Sunday, December 18
<b>8:30am</b> Preschool <b>10:00am</b> Hands for Hope <b>1:00pm</b> Quilters <b>6:30pm</b> CWF Potluck	<b>8:30am</b> Preschool	<b>8:30am</b> Preschool <b>10:30am&amp;6:30pm</b> Advent Worship <b>4-6pm</b> Confirmation <b>The advent meals are after morning worship &amp; 5-6:15pm 7:15pm</b> Voters Meeting	<b>8:30am</b> Preschool		<b>10:00am</b> Christmas Program Practice	<b>8am</b> Family Worship w/ Communion  <b>10:30am</b> Children's Program

<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>December 11</b> <b>December 14</b> <b>December 18</b>	<b>8:00am</b> - Emmet Kunze, Greyson Reiss <b>10:30am</b> Emily Harris, Chloe Grunewald <b>6:30pm</b> - Bryce Peter <b>8:00am</b> - Cooper Schmidt, Brody Timm <b>10:30am</b> Bryce Peter, Joey Senkbell
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>December 11</b> <b>December 14</b> <b>December 18</b>	<b>8:00am</b> - Peter and Kathy Franz <b>10:30am</b> Mark and Angie Schorer <b>10:30am</b> Janice Lieftring <b>6:30pm</b> Larry and Kris Bender <b>8:00am</b> - Jack and Sue Kober <b>10:30am</b> Barb Wolfert
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>December 5-18</b>	Ann Parnitzke, Patsy Sixel
<b>December Elders</b>		<b>8:00am</b> - Scott Plocar <b>10:30am</b> Jim Post
<b>December Ushers</b>		<b>8:00am</b> —Team 3 <b>10:30am</b> —Team 6
<b>Video Operators</b>	<b>December 11</b> <b>December 14</b>	Craig Lallensack Lance Liermann