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

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Welcome to Trinity!

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday in Advent

Divine Service, Setting 4

Worship:

Sundays at 8:00am and 10:30am

Sunday School/Bible Class:

Sundays at 9:15am

Advent Midweek Worship:

Wednesdays at 10:30am and 6:30pm

**PREPARE YE THE
WAY OF THE LORD**



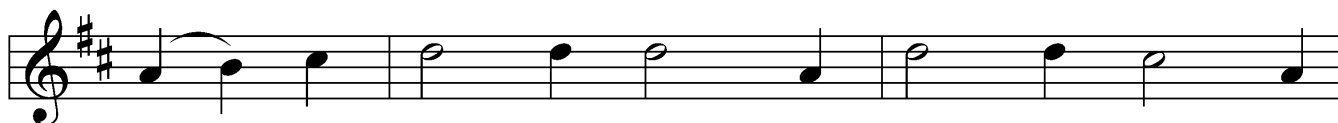
+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

344 ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

Please rise for the final verse



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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Tune: adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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(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 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/Sit)

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

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

(Stand)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: v. 3

P Restore us, O God;

C **let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

C **You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

P You brought a vine out of Egypt;

C **it took deep root and filled the land.**

P Restore us, O God of hosts;

C let your face shine, that we may be saved!
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 Restore us, O God;

C let your face shine, that we may be saved!

KYRIE

LSB 204



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. 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)

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the
LORD;

make straight in the desert a highway for
our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the
field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Behold your God!”

¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Peter 3:8–14

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,

who will prepare your way,

³the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

**☐ 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 Fa-
ther 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)

348 THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS



- 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!

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SERMON (Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH We respond with
*Amen. Prayer requests: the family of Eugene Bubolz,
Michael Winter, Connie Hansen, Todd Bender, Marie
Rietbrock, Lori (Kober) Badtke, the family of Lonnie
Bigler, Jerry Barts, Judd Baumann, Ken Korb, Margie
Born, Ron Plocar, 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

LSB 212

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 lift up His Countenance upon you
and ✠ give you peace.

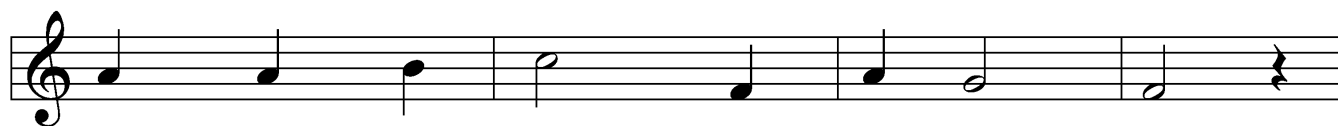
C Amen.

(Sit)

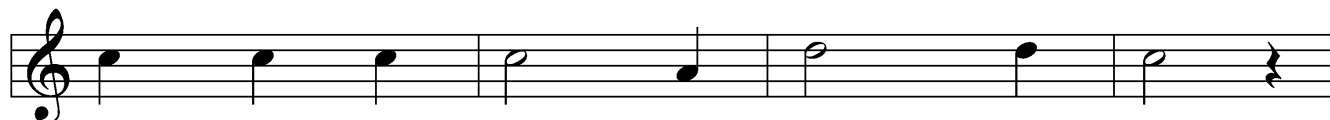
355 O SAVIOR, REND THE HEAVENS WIDE



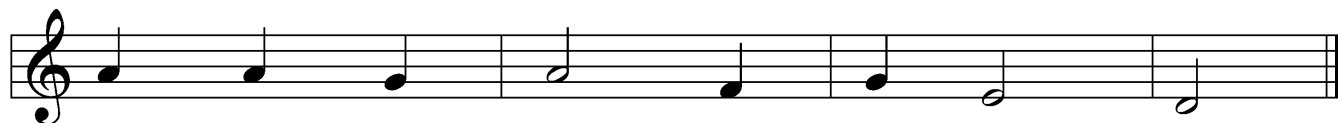
1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;
2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;
3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;
4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?



Come down, come down with might - y stride;
As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.
Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
When will You come with com - fort strong?



Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;
Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:
Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,
O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;



Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.
Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.
Con - sole us in our vale of woe.

- 5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
When will our hearts behold Your dawn?
O Sun, arise; without Your light
We grope in gloom and dark of night.
- 6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
O come, lead us with mighty hand
From exile to our promised land.
- 7 There shall we all our praises bring
And sing to You, our Savior King;
There shall we laud You and adore
Forever and forevermore.

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Trinity Messenger

Thank you to Ethan Winter for playing for our church this weekend!

Boiler Announcement We had a Special Voter's Meeting November 26th to discuss purchasing the new boiler. As per the meeting, it was approved that the Property Committee would gather bids and make the final decision. The bid from Four Seasons Comfort was selected and will cost \$19,100. We will be using money in the Building Fund and some from Scrip to cover the cost, but we will also be accepting offerings in order to not deplete those funds. If you feel moved to make an offering, please use a plain envelope with **"Boiler Fund"** and **your offering envelope number** written on it. These envelopes can be put in the collection plate during any worship service. Installation will start the week of December 18th.

Voter's Meeting There is a meeting to approve the 2024 budget on Wednesday, December 20th—following the evening Advent worship service.

Annual Report and Directory Information Due by December 13th. (Financials can be submitted when they're available.) Also, if you have moved or have a new phone number, please let me know for the directory.

Thank you! -Mary

Correction to the December Newsletter:
December's Special Offering is for the South WI District Deaf Ministry, not Concordia. WI. Sorry for the mix-up!

Birthday Blessings to: Janelle Liermann, Mariah Grunewald, Richard Horness, Todd Lindekugel, James Post, Margaret Born, and Linda Plocar.

Sunday School Christmas Card Sale is set up in the narthex on the table near the carport entrance. Sunday school sells them at a very reasonable cost. Please put your payment in the box on the table. Checks can be made out to Trinity Lutheran Sunday School.

Christmas Blessings - As in previous years, we will again be collecting donations for Health and Human Services of Sheboygan county. We will be collecting hygiene, paper, and cleaning products. This includes- hair care, oral care, deodorants, feminine care products, soaps, laundry and cleaning products, etc. Don't forget the guys! Also we need donations for the babies- diapers, formula, blankets, etc. If you don't want to shop, you can simply purchase scrip cards to donate. We will be collecting these items on December 3 and 10th. There will be boxes in the narthex. The items will be picked up on December 11th.

Scrip News - scrip cards are such an easy way to do your Christmas shopping. We have many cards in stock and there are 100s of cards that can be ordered. This year, the last day to special order cards will be TODAY December 10th. You can pick them up on the 17th. That will be the last selling day until January 7th since the 24th and 31st are holidays. Remember you are supporting your church by buying scrip cards.

Advent Worship Our next Advent worship service is Wednesday, December 13th. The worship times are 10:30am & 6:30pm. Advent meals will be offered on Wednesdays after the morning Advent worship service and also from 5-6:15pm. A free will offering will be accepted.

Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 17th during the 10:30am worship service. We will be having a practice Saturday, December 16th at 10:00am.

Christmas Worship Christmas Eve: 4:30pm & 6:30pm and Christmas Day: 9:00am (Sunday, December 24th will have no morning worship, Bible study, or Sunday school.)

Sunday, December 31st Worship Our worship services on Sunday, December 31st will be at their regular time, 8:00 & 10:30am. There will not be Sunday school or Bible study.

Hands for Hope Christmas sale is set up in the narthex and will be available through Sunday,

January 7th. Prices are as marked and bags are provided under the tables for your convenience. Thank you so much for your support!

Trinity Preschool wish tree is in the narthex on the table near the carport entrance. If you would like to purchase a gift for the preschool, please take a star off of the tree and purchase the gift that is on the star. Please wrap your gift and put it under the tree with the star attached. Thank you!

The white poinsettia in the front of church is from the Christian Women's Fellowship group. Their next meeting is December 11th at 6:30 and is their annual Christmas potluck. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend the meetings and participate!

USHERS: We need more ushers for the early service. Please contact Mike Mallmann if you want to volunteer. (920-905-6524) Any church member high school-aged and up can be an Usher.

Long-term Substitute Needed: Trinity Lutheran School is in need of a long-term substitute for third grade starting January 2nd and going through the end of the school year (May 23rd). If you know of someone who can help fill this position, please contact Principal Jenna Roeske in the school office (920-458-8248) or via email (roeske@trinitysheboygan.org) as soon as possible.

<u>December</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Elders</u>
8:00am	Team 5	Scott Plocar
10:30am	Team 2	Jim Post
December 13	Team 6	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>
Dec 4-Dec 17	Janice Lieffring and Kathy Shircel
Dec 18-Dec 31	Connie Bitter and Linda Plocar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Video Operators</u>
Dec 10	8:00am	Andie Koenig and Avery Sachse	Peter and Kathy Franz	Scott Timm
	10:30am	Bryce Peter and Ethan Fenn	Josh Schorer	
Dec 13	10:30am	Brody Timm and Owen Timm	Janice Lieffring	Lance Liermann
	6:30pm		Mark and Angie Schorer	
Dec 17	8:00am	Emmett Kunze and Cooper Schmidt	Jack and Sue Kober	Josh Schorer
	10:30am	Emily Harris	Larry and Kris Bender	
Dec 20	10:30am	Ethan Fenn	Jean Heibing	
	6:30pm		Barb Wolfert	

<u>Monday</u> Dec 11	<u>Tuesday</u> Dec 12	<u>Wednesday</u> Dec 13	<u>Thursday</u> Dec 14
8:30am Preschool 1:00pm Quilting 6:30pm CWF Potluck	8:30am Preschool	8:30am Preschool 10:30am Advent Worship, followed by Advent Meal 4:00pm Confirmation 6:30pm Advent Worship 5:00pm Advent Meal 6:30pm Advent Worship	8:30am Preschool 7:15pm Dartball Tigers @ Eagles

<u>Friday</u> Dec 15	<u>Saturday</u> Dec 16	<u>Sunday</u> December 17
	10:00am Christmas Program Practice	8:00am Worship with Communion 9:15am Bible Class/ Sunday School 10:30am Children's Christmas Program

<u>December 3, 2023 Offering</u>		Sunday School Offering	\$3.27
General	\$7,295.00	Pizza sales	\$76.00
Special Offering: Deaf Ministry	\$125.00	Boiler Replacement Fund	\$1,100.00
Kitchen Remodel	\$10.00	Church Improvement	\$100.00

<u>Attendance December 3, 2023</u>
8:00am:91
10:30am:53
Total:144
Sunday School:24