

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 4th, 2022

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
AMEN*



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Prelude

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.*

Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

*Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.
God of new beginnings,*

we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

Purify us with your refining fire

and set us again on your way of love,

that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,

and welcome your coming among us.

Amen.

*People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch, a living sign.*

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on \mp Christ, and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

Amen.

- 1 Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door
and lives now inside us forever.

- 2 To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of lovingkindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll
to shatter all hatred and blindness.

- 3 In darkest night his coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song,
the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons be broken asunder.

- 4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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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.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

MUSIC *We Lift the Light of Hope*

We lift the light of love, O God,
Your candle in our night.
You come to give and help us live
The mighty love of Christ.
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The mighty love of Christ.

Advent Wreath Litany (taken from Psalm 145)

L: I will extol you, my God and King,

C: and bless your name forever and ever.

L: The LORD is good to all,

C: and his compassion is over all that he has made.

L: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

C: and all your faithful shall bless you.

L: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,

C: and tell of your power,

L: to make known to all people your mighty deeds,

C: and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

L: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

C: The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

L: The LORD upholds all who are falling,

C: and raises up all who are bowed down.

*L: When we feel invisible, ineffective,
Too small to make a difference
The Holy invites us to be God-Bearers
And we shall find Love
(Light candle of Love)*

Where in the world do we find Love these days?

MUSIC *Instruments of Your Peace*

Lord, make us instruments of Your peace,
where there is hatred let Your love increase;
Lord, make us instruments of Your peace,
walls of pride and prejudice shall cease,
when we are Your instruments of peace.

READING: Isaiah 11: 1-10
A reading from Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gospel Acclamation

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come you source of Love unto us all
Enlighten us and help us hear your call
To bear your Love out into the wild
And celebrate God's wondrous holy Child!
Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to us
And all things shall be well

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist Cries ELW 249

1 On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
make straight the way for God
within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

3 We hail you as our Savior,
Lord, our refuge and our great
reward; without your grace we waste
away like flow'rs that wither and decay.

4. Stretch forth your hand, our
health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
oh, let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.

5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

MUSIC *Take My Life, That I May Be* ELW 583

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Refrain

1 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. **Refrain**

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adap.; Spanish text:
Vicente Mendoza, 1875-1955

OFFERING PRAYER

God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this
simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss,
1823-1904

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER

*O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.***

MUSIC *Song of Blessing*

May God give you eyes to see
All that is good, all that is good
The courage for anything
May you be strong, may you be strong
May God give you ears to hear
His loving voice, his loving voice
Speaking all around you
All around and deep inside

SENDING SONG

Days of Elijah

1. These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

2. And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes
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Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah

There is no god like Jehovah (x2)

There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehova-ah

Chorus

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