Second Sunday in Advent December 8, 2024



<u>OUR MISSION:</u> To make disciples for Jesus Christ, to baptize and to teach the faith, that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ and become responsible members of His church.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the LORD of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

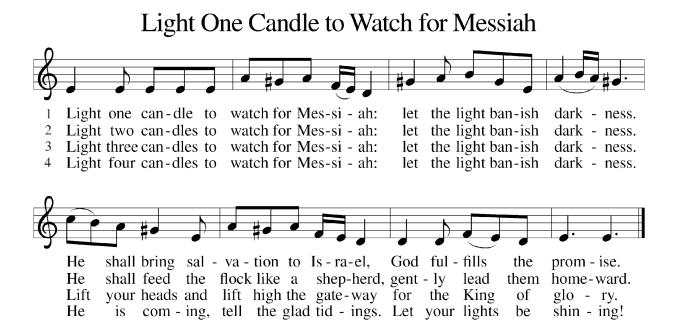


P Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.



Advent Candle Lighting

ELW 240 verse 2 only



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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- C Amen.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.
- P Most merciful God,
- C We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
 As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ⁴ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

GATHERING SONG ELW 264

Prepare the Royal Highway



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Holy Baptism

Presentation

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Trinity Sponsor I present Nathan Brian Tocco for baptism.

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Nathan Brian baptized into Christ?

Parents I do.

P As you bring Nathan Brian to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
 to live with him among God's faithful people,
 bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
 teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
 place in his hands the holy scriptures,
 and nurture him in faith and prayer,
 so that he may learn to trust God,
 proclaim Christ through word and deed,
 care for others and the world God made,
 and work for justice and peace.

P Do you promise to help Nathan Brian grow in the Christian faith and life?Parents I do.

P Mara & Erika, do you promise to nurture Nathan Brian in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Godparents I do.

- P People of God, do you promise to support Nathan Brian and pray for him in his new life in Christ?
- C We do.

Profession of Faith

- P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
- P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- C I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Baptism

- P Nathan Brian, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

- P Sustain Nathan Brian with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
- C Amen.
- P Nathan Brian, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- C Amen.

Welcome

P Jesus said, I am the light of the world.Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Trinity Sponsor Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- C Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means "my messenger") will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God's people, as silver and gold are refined.

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm: Luke 1:68-79

- L ⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.
- C ⁶⁹ You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.
- L ⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, ⁷¹ from the hands of all who hate us,
- C ⁷² to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.
- L ⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴ to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- C free to worship you without fear, ⁷⁵ holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.
- L ⁷⁶ And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
- C ⁷⁷ to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.
- L ⁷⁸ In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,
- C ⁷⁹ to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

- P The holy gospel according to Luke, the third chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

- P The gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.
- P Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor

P Please rise.

SERMON HYMN ELW 249

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- L Let us pray.
- L As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

- L Refining God, move through your church. Root out practices that harm your people, and kindle a fire for sharing the gospel among bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized. Lord, in your mercy,
- C receive our prayer.
- L Renewing God, transform your creation. Steer us from habits that harm what you have made, and guide us in practices that preserve and restore creatures and habitats. Lord, in your mercy,
- C receive our prayer.
- L Ruling God, teach the nations your ways. Strengthen organizations and communities that broker peace and care for refugees, immigrants, and all caught in the center of conflict. Lord, in your mercy,
- C receive our prayer.
- L Rescuing God, restore your people who are in any need. Heal all who are suffering,

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy, Joe & Diane.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: Steve, Rick, Brandon, Mike, Stacy, Joan, Jane, Peggy, Anna, Marita, Heather, Tilly, Paula, Tom, Susan, Vince, Bob, Carol, Leslie, Katrina, Mary, Sherry & Rhiana.

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength: Christine

In gratitude for God's abundance.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: For the Sweeney Family upon the death of Bill's mother. The Schilling Family.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, & Craig.

And for those who we hold in our hearts, and those whose needs are known only to you God.

Provide comfort and strength, and nurture sustained wholeness for the future.

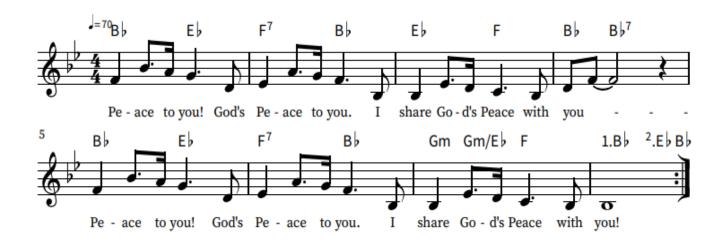
C receive our prayer.

- L Reforming God, fill this congregation with your presence. Enrich our seasonal preparations, and bless the efforts by worship committees, music ensembles, staff, clergy, and lay leaders as they work in the weeks ahead. Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** receive our prayer.
- L Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P Please rise.
- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.



Peace

P Please be seated.

OFFERTORY MEDITATION MUSIC

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God has blessed us in so many ways. We offer our gifts as a demonstration of our gratitude. And we pray God will use these resources to help us address the needs of our neighbors.

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P Please rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us.
We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.
Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

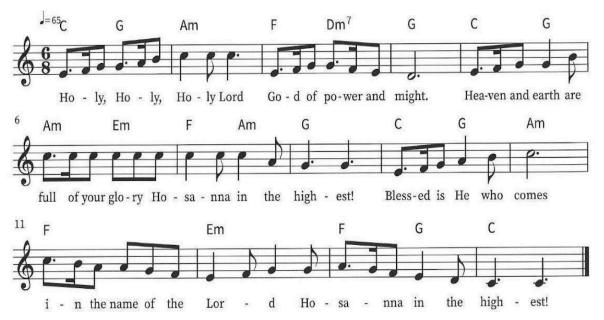
C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



SANCTUS

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

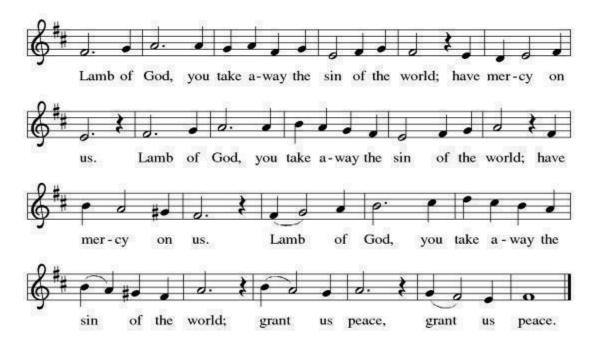
P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- 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.
- P Please be seated until the invitation.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

- P The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
- C Amen.

To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.

Non alcoholic wine is used at all services. A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.

If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides. P Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

- P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.
- C Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

- C Amen.

SENDING SONG W&P 136 Verses 1-3



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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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Announcements:

- Welcome to all who are visiting us today. Please complete a purple visitor's card (found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you) and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for taking the time to worship with us today.
- For Pastoral emergencies please call 610-584-8411 extension 2 and leave a message for Pastor Nelson. This voicemail is being monitored for emergencies.
- Adult Faith Formation: Today Nancy Klein will lead our discussion of Luke 1:68–79 as we consider preparing for the work of incarnation. All are welcome to join us after worship and coffee in Room 129.
- Please join us for worship on December 15th when students from TCNSK will sing!
- Just a reminder that we will be making peanut butter & jelly sandwiches at noon on December 10. We had a large donation of peanut butter and jelly, so you only need to bring bread.
- Volunteers are needed for Coffee Time so this welcoming ministry can continue. Open set up & clean up: December 29. Sign up on Sundays in the narthex or contact Marilou at <u>mariloudoughty@gmail.com</u>.
- Stuffed Animal Collection Update: We currently have 63 of the 100 stuffed animals for our Gemma friends. We will continue to accept donations through Sunday, December 15th. Volunteers are needed to help transport and set up the animals at Gemma on Wednesday, December 17 between 11 am and 1 pm. Please see Lynn Chialastri if you are able to help.
- Crafts for Outreach: Come join us on December 10 from 10 to 12 noon to make Christmas ornaments for the TCNSK children. No experience needed. Contact Jan Contino if you have any questions.
- TCNSK Cy of Relief Winter Coat & Sock Drive Donations of gently used or new adult coats & new adult socks are being collected for the St. John's Soup Kitchen patrons. Place outside of the church office before December 20th.
- Trinity has an open flower date for December 22. Contact Linda Stone if you are interested in sponsoring.



| Serving Today 12/8 | | | | |
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| Lector | Judy Flanigan | | | |
| Greeter | Lori Peltier | | | |
| Communion Assistants | Rick & Chris Cole | | | |
| Ushers | Peter & Lynn Schell | | | |
| Advent Wreath Lighter | Andrew Keenan | | | |
| Coffee Hour | Ann Dungan & Kristin Stoeber | | | |
| Building Opener | Ann Dungan | | | |
| Altar Guild | Ann Dungan | | | |
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| Serving Sunday 12/15 | | | | |
| Lector | John Nowmos | | | |
| Greeter | Sally Jeffries | | | |
| Communion Assistants | Susan Chambers & Alma Nowmos | | | |
| Ushers | Lynn Chialastri & Wilmer Cressman | | | |
| Advent Wreath Lighter | Ryann Lacerte | | | |
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This Week at Trinity

Sunday, December 8 – Second Sunday in Advent 10:00 AM – Worship with Tocco Baptism 11:15 AM -Adult Faith Formation – Room 129 1:00-3:00 PM – Food Drive **Monday, December 9** 8:30 AM -2:00 PM - Trinity Country Nursery School 6:30 PM- Aerobics - Hall 7:00 PM - Worship & Music - Room 109 **Tuesday, December 10** 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM -Trinity Country Nursery School 10:00 AM -TAG Crafters - Narthex 12:00 PM - Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Making - Kitchen 6:30 PM – Finance Committee – Room 129 Wednesday, December 11 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM - Trinity Country Nursery School 6:30 PM- Aerobics – Hall 7:00 PM – Wednesday Evening Prayer – On Zoom **Thursday, December 12** 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM - Trinity Country Nursery School with Early Dismissal 12:30 PM - TCNSK Christmas Luncheon 1:00 PM -TAG Cards & Games 7:00 PM -Choir Rehearsal Friday, December 13 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM - Trinity Country Nursery School Saturday, December 14 8:00 AM – Car Club – Narthex 3:00 PM -Outside Event in Hall

Upcoming Events at Trinity

December 18th 7 pm Blue Christmas Service December 24th 3 pm & 7 pm Christmas Eve Services December 29th 10 am Lessons & Carols

·Blue Christmas Worship Service

DEC 18, 7 PM

A prayerful, come-as-you-are break from the busy season where Holly Jolly feelings are completely optional.



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