

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, December 5, 2021 Second Sunday of Advent 10:30 A.M.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \oplus one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

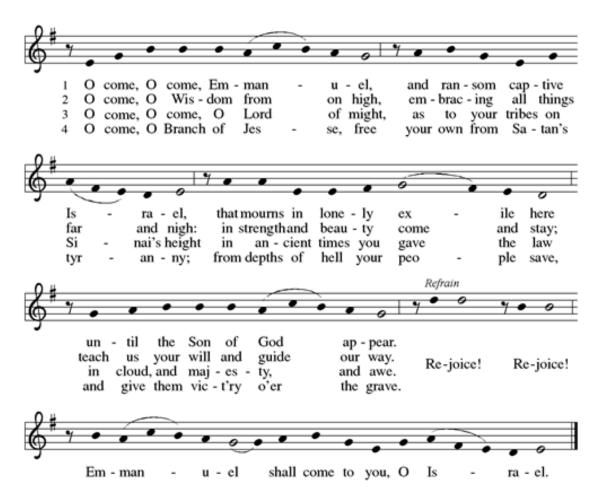
C: God for whom we wait, in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation.

We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love.

Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



(Congregation to be seated)

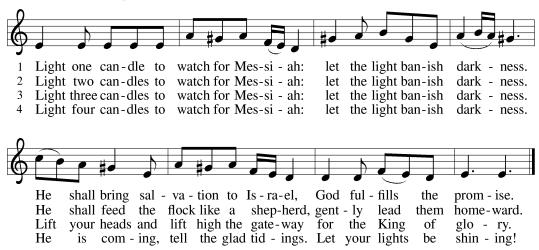
The Lighting of the Advent Candles – Second Sunday in Advent

- L: On this second Sunday in Advent, along with the candle of *hope*, we light the candle of *peace*. We find peace through a comforting and tender God.
- C: And let peace come from Jesus, our Prince of Peace.
- L: The Lord gives strength to his people.
- C: The Lord blesses his people with peace.
- L: I will lie down and sleep in peace.
- C: For you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.
- L: Let there be peace on earth.
- C: And let it begin with me!

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle – The Candle of Peace

(As the candle of peace is being lit we sing, Verse 2 of "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" – ELW #240)

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954 Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune Text © 1984 Fortress Press, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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L: Light two candles this Advent Season.

C: Let peace come from Jesus, our Prince of Peace.

Pastor: Let us pray...Almighty God, we cry for peace in this broken and turmoiled world. Set in our hearts your divine peace so that we may truly say, "Let peace begin with me." In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

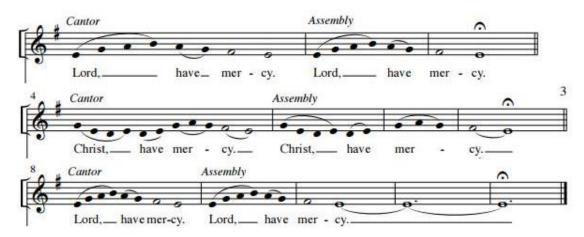


*Apostolic Greeting

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.

MISSA EMMANUEL



*Prayer of the Day

P. 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.**

Piano Dedication and Special Music

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Today we dedicate our "new" Grand Piano to the Glory of God, in loving memory of David Minett and Marjorie Weisz and in thanksgiving to others who gave of their monetary resources to make this piano a reality. Thanks to our music director, David Spielvogel, the piano was purchased from Dr. Luther and his wife, Dr. Luther. Believe it or not, Dr. Joseph Luther is a descendant of Dr. Martin Luther, a name which should be very familiar to all of us. This piano will be both an asset to our worship life and the music program here at Trinity. **Thanks be to God!**

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

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. ²But 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; ³he 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. ⁴Then 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.

Psalm *Luke 1:68-79*

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

*Gospel Acclamation"Wait for the Lord"



⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,

⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear, ⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to pre pare the way,

⁷⁷to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

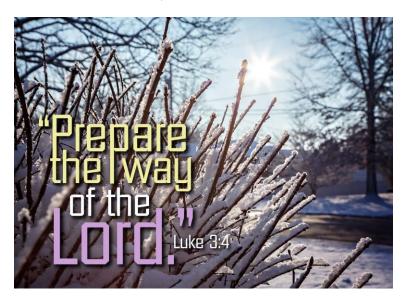
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd Chapter

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

C. Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In 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, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as 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." ⁵Every 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.



Sermon Pastor Peggy Suhr-Barkley

*The Apostles Creed

God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. 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 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 Choir Anthem

*Offertory.....ELW #254

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



*Offertory Prayer

P. 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.**

(Congregation may be seated.)



Prayers of the Church

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

A brief silence.

You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers confident in their preaching, that their words and our lives witness to your grace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send your Spirit to all living creatures that are endangered. Provide them with shelter and care, and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send leaders to our nations, cities, schools, and businesses to work on behalf of those who have lost parents, spouses, and loved ones; immigrants; the imprisoned; those living in poverty; and all who are oppressed. Make them bold in their commitments to justice and reconciliation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send your servants to care for those who suffer. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill. Grant them healing and wholeness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Embolden those who ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Today we uplift and give you thanks for these co-workers with us in the gospel: Brooke and Carson Colao, Carol and James Colao, Theron Colao, Tim Schuster, Carl, Nora Schuster and Bri Montgomery. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In your Love, we uplift and pray for Pastor Angela Smith and Redeemer Trinity Lutheran Church in Monaca. Keep them strong and centered, especially in these days and times of this pandemic. Christ be our light. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your saints, both those publicly celebrated and those more humbly remembered. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**



P: Lord, Remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as 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 forever. Amen.



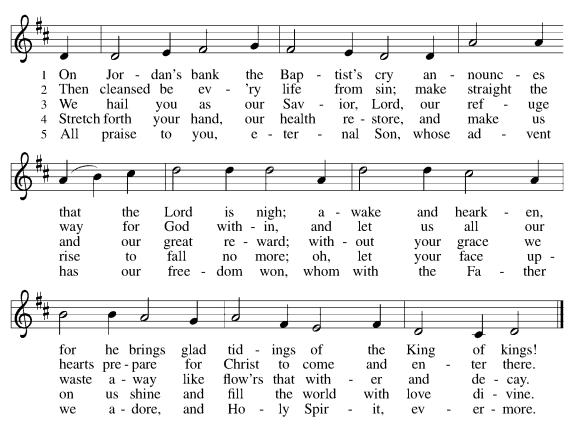
*Blessing and Benediction

P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**



*Sending Hymn..... ELW #249

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

The Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated after the Postlude.

(Please see the announcement on communion and liturgy on Page 11)

<u>Our Advent Wreath</u> – A Word of thanks to Herb and Barb Guenther for leading us with the Lighting of the Second Advent Candle, the Candle of Peace.

PARISH NOTES

Serving God's People at the Liturgy:

Ministers The Members of Trinity
Pastor Pastor Peggy Suhr-Barkley

Music Director David Spielvogel, II
Lay Lector Janice Grudowski
Altar Guild Kim Hunter

Worship Leaders (12/12//2021):

Lay Lector Denise Gerard Altar Guild Barb Beachem

Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Sunday, November 28, 2021

In-Person Worship Attendance: 37 Virtual Worship Attendance: 115 Sunday School Attendance – Children: 0 Confirmands: 0 Adults: 7 (There was no Virtual Sunday School nor Confirmation last Sunday.)

One of our goals for 2021 is to meet our 2021 Mission & Ministry Plan of \$218,672.48!

What we need to meet the 2021 Mission & Ministry Plan weekly - \$4,205

What we received on Sunday, November 28, 2021 – \$1,900.00

<u>Capital Projects</u> – What we received on Sunday, November 28, 2021 – \$125.00

Keep in Our Prayers: Bob Zikeli, Terri Zikeli, Craig Joki, JoAnn Minett & Jackie Rindle (JoAnn's sister and

kidney donor), Tom Pletz, Joan Evans, and Lisa Kenn

In Nursing Care: Ellie Paul (The Grove at Harmony)

Royellen Canterbury (Edison)

Independent Living Facility:

Dick and Mae Kyser, Bethany Place, Apartment 12, 916 North Street, Fremont, OH 43420

Shirley Twentier, 3313 Fortuna Drive, #527, Akron, OH 44312-5476

Our Homebound Members: Karen Covert, Ruth Miller, Dale Walker

<u>Prayers of Christian Sympathy</u> to Lori Coulter and Bob Zikeli and family on the death of Lori's brother Jay Kanzleiter and to Rosetta and Nick Colao and family on the death of Rosetta's sister Lois Peeples

Today we uplift the following persons, thankful for our partnership in the Gospel as fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, serving in His name!

Brooke and Carson Colao, Carol and James Colao, Theron Colao Tim Schuster, Carl, Nora Schuster and Bri Montgomery

Announcements

<u>Holy Communion</u> – For those of you who would like to remain after the worship service is concluded to partake in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, you are invited to do so. During the Postlude, Pastor Peggy will go into the sacristy and wash and sanitize her hands and then prepare the table for Communion. As Lutherans we believe and practice that Jesus is fully present in, with and under the bread and/or the wine. Both wine and grape juice have been placed into individual covered cups on the tables inside the front pews on both sides of the church. After the Words of Institution, you will be invited to come forward with your face mask on to receive the bread and the wine, the body and blood of Jesus. Please pick up a glass. Continue to come forward. Pastor will place the bread in your hand. You are then asked to either step away to the right or the left, lift up your face mask and partake of our Lord's body and blood. The empty glass and cover can be placed into the container hanging on the end of the front pew. As you come forward and as you leave, please remember to socially distance yourselves. May this Holy Meal and the real presence of Jesus, in, with and under the bread and the wine continue to give us hope and courage to continue our journey, one day at a time!

Holy Communion Liturgy

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And Also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them unto 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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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.

The Words of Institution – "It was in the night ..."

Invitation to Communion - Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.



Announcements

<u>Giving to the Congregation</u>: <u>YOU can help the Mission and Ministry of Trinity</u> <u>Lutheran_Church</u> as we reach out in Christ's name into the community and the world by using the link below to make financial contribution.



http://www.trinitylutheranellwoodcity.com/site/donate.asp?sec_id=180019417

<u>Educational "Hour"</u> continues on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. with our adult class meeting "in-person" and our Sunday School and Confirmation Classes meeting via ZOOM.

Advent Bible Study: We continue our four-week Advent Bible Study by Matt Rawle entitled "The Heart that grew three sizes – finding faith in the story of the Grinch". The study continues this Tuesday, December 7th at 11:00-12:00 a.m., "In-Person" in the Augsburg Room and at 7:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom. The Bible Study will continue on Tuesdays – December 14, and 21. This week we look at Chapter Two – "When Christmas Isn't Christmas"



Word and Praise Team will be meeting this

Tuesday, December 7th at 8:15 p.m. via Zoom.

<u>Love/Hope Circle</u> will be meeting this Wednesday, December 8th at12:00, noon for their Christmas Party at Shakespears.

<u>Choir Rehearsal:</u> Trinity Lutheran Choir is very excited to have rehearsals every Wednesday, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. They are practicing social distancing and masks are mandatory. Anyone interested in joining the choir please call or text David at 305-542-9723. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining us!! The ability to read music is not necessary.

<u>Church Council</u> will be meeting this Thursday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m. by Zoom. All reports are asked to be in the church office by Tuesday, December 7th. Reports and Zoom information will be emailed to members.



Our 7th Annual Christmas Organ Concert will be held on this Friday,

December 10th at 7:00 p.m. This concert will include Organ and Piano pieces played by Directors of Music from local area Churches along with solo vocal artists to lift your Spirits and prepare you for the 2021 Christmas Season! This unique concert will be both virtual and in-person! A free-will offering will be taken and

given to "Games to Give".

Sunday School Advent Day will be held next Sunday, December 14th at 9:15 a.m. via zoom! We will be reading a collection of readings and singing Christmas songs. All participating families will receive a bag with the songs and readings as well as a craft, a light breakfast and some



hot cocoa! Please RSVP to Sara Nielsen via text 724-630-9133 or email sjnielsen12@gmail.com by Wednesday, December 8th.

<u>A Word of Thanks</u> to all of you who rang bells for the Salvation Army. Look at the February newsletter for totals that were received with this year's bell ringing. A word of thanks to Ellwood City Rotary Club for heading up this Community outreach!



<u>Congregational Meeting</u> will be held <u>next Sunday, December 12th</u> at 11:30 a.m. This meeting will be held "In-Person" and via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to approve our 2022 Mission and Ministry Plan (Church Budget) and to approve a first Reading of our new Congregation Constitution. Hard copies of the constitution are available on the educational wing table.

The final approval of the new congregation constitution will take place at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 30th, following the worship service. Please contact the church office if you are planning to join us via Zoom for our December 12th Congregational meeting so we can send you the Zoom information.

Helping us prepare for Christmas Eve Service: We will continue to social distance from one another as well as wear masks for the Christmas Eve Service. In order to ensure adequate seating, we are asking that you make a reservation for attending. Those attending "In-Person" worship on Sundays can make their reservation with the attendance taker starting **today**, Sunday, December 5th. Others can make a reservation by calling the church office at 724-752-3050 by Wednesday, December 22nd.



<u>Staff Christmas Gift:</u> It has been our tradition to bless our staff each year with a monetary gift at Christmas time. We are currently accepting donations towards our church staff's Christmas gift. If you would like to donate, you can give a **non-tax deductible <u>cash</u> contribution.** Extra envelopes are available on the education hallway table and narthex table. You may drop off your monetary gift by bringing it to the church mail slot, to the church office or mail it to the church, or place it in the offering bucket. **Deadline for contributions is Sunday, December 19th.** This is an opportunity to show our appreciation for what the staff does for us! Thank you for your consideration.



<u>Cake Bakers Needed:</u> Trinity Lutheran Church partners with Christ Presbyterian Church, as well as Bell Memorial Presbyterian Church in a monthly community dinner, the third Thursday of the month, starting at 4:00 p.m. until the food runs out. We feed 175 people in our community. Our share in the partnership is to provide desserts. Each month we need $12 - 9 \times 13$ cakes, with no nuts or tree nuts. The cakes this month are needed in Trinity's kitchen by 12:00 (noon) on <u>Thursday, December 16th</u>. If you are willing to bake a cake, monthly, every other month or every once in a while, please either call the church office at 724-752-3050, email us at triquet2@zoominternet.net or sign-up on the sheet in the office by Monday, December 13th so we can line up these cakes and continue with our partnership in this joint adventure of feeding those in our community.

Extra 2021 Lutheran Advent Devotionals are available in the educational wing table.

<u>Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass</u> will be presenting a Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 7th at Christ Presbyterian Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free.

<u>Quarterly Devotional Booklets</u>: January, February, March 2022 The Word in Season and large print Christ in Our Home booklets are available on the education wing table and in the narthex.

Helping those in Need: Do you want to reach out to help those in need in our community? In the Ellwood City area the local food pantry is housed at Holy Redeemer Ministerium Social Services, 300 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117 (724-758-3465). Your monetary donation can either be sent directly to the Food Pantry or sent to the church and the church will forward the money on to the respective Food Pantry. Please in the memo portion of your check write: Food Pantry.



<u>Kid's Quest</u>: Kids Quest is an after-school ministry that takes place every day in the children's gym at Calvin Church. They are looking for volunteers who can help with 2nd-4th graders from 3:30-6:00 PM after school. You will need your clearances. If you are interested or want more information, please call Calvin Church at 724-758-4248.



<u>The 2021 Flower Chart</u> is hanging in the Educational Wing. Please call or email the church office if you would to reserve a special day. The new 2022 flower chart is now available!

This Week at Trinity:

| Today, Sunday, December 5 th | 9:15 | Educational "Hour" |
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| Second Sunday of Advent | 10:30 | "In-Person" Worship |
| | 8:00 | AA Group |
| Monday, December 6 th | 7:00 | Youth Group Zoom meeting |
| Tuesday, December 7 th | 11:00-12:00 | "In-Person" Advent Bible Study |
| | 11:30 | Ministerium |
| | 7:00-8:00 | Advent Bible Study via Zoom |
| | 8:15 | Word and Praise |
| Wednesday, December 8 th | 12:00 | Love/Hope Circle Christmas Party |
| | 5:45-7:30 | Girl Scouts |
| | 7:00 | Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday, December 9 th | 12:00 | Luther Cluster |
| | 6:30 | Church Council via Zoom |
| | 7:00 | Women's AA Group |
| Friday, December 10 th | 7:00 | Organ Concert |
| Saturday, December 11 th | 7:00 | AA Group |
| Next Sunday, December 12 th | 9:15 | "Educational" Hour |
| Third Sunday of Advent | 9:15 | Sunday School Family Advent Day |
| | 10:30 | "In-Person" Worship |
| | 11:30 | Congregational Meeting via "In-Person" and Zoom |
| | 8:00 | AA Group |
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Invite your family, friends, and co-workers to worship with us,

as we proclaim the Good News of Christ!