

Sunday, December 5, 2021 Second Sunday in Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Confession & Forgiveness

ELW pg. 95

*Opening Hymn

“He Came Down”

ELW 253

1. He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.
2. He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore
3. He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore
4. He came down that we may have joy; he came that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.

*Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together, C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all 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.

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

See, 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.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I 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. It 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. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

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, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 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. 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; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

Children’s Sermon

Pastoral Intern Katie Wagner

Sermon

Pastor Brad

*Hymn of the Day:

“Hark the Glad Song”

ELW 239

1. Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long; let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song.
2. He comes the prisoners to release, in Satan’s bondage held. The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield

3. He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure, and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.

4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace, your welcome shall proclaim, and heaven's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.

*Sacrament of Baptism see insert

*The Prayers: Each petition ends with: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

*The Peace: P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Hymn: "Love Has Come" ELW 292

1. Love has come a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies. See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises; Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.
2. Love is born! Come, share in the wonder, Love is God now asleep in the hay. See, the glow in the eyes of his mother, what is the name her heart is saying? Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.
3. Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free. Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Praise to you, God on high!

*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father, C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer:

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.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Songs: ELW 244, 257 (4-8)

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

*Benediction and Sending: P: May the Lord bless you . . . and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

*Closing Hymn "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" ELW 249

1. On Jordan's bank 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 every 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, and refuge and our great reward; without your grace we waste away like flowers 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.

Postlude

Trinity Lutheran Church exists to support its members in proclaiming the Word of God so that all may know the peace, joy, and fulfillment that comes through Jesus Christ

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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 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. Who presents this child for Holy Baptism?

Sponsors: We present Garrett Jay Wolf for baptism.

P: In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should faithfully bring him to the services of God's house and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for instruction in the Christian faith, that living in the covenant of his baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? *Sponsors & Parents: I do.*

P: Let us pray: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah & his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your Son has set us free from sin and death and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. By his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Spirit so that he who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away his sin by this water and bring him forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

I ask you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises? *Sponsors and family: I do.*

P: Would the congregation please rise and confess the faith. 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, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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. Amen.**

P: I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Let us pray, Gracious God, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and raising them up to new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon them; 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. Amen.

Child of God, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.
A candle is lit and received.

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven.

P: Let us pray, O God, the giver of all life, look upon the parents of this child. Make them teachers and examples of faith for their child. Strengthen them in their faith so that they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us welcome this new brother in Christ: **C: We welcome you into the Lord's family and into the mission we share giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.**

Baptized: Garrett Jay Wolf

Parents: Levi & Marki Wolf

Sponsors: Mya Lagerstrom, Hannah Wolf, Logan Wolf.

Blanket made by the Women of Trinity

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptized today is Garrett Jay Wolf. Let us welcome this new brother in Christ.

Mission Madness Update: Today Katie & PB will have a spaghetti eating contest with NO HANDS.

Men's Band Christmas Concert at First Lutheran Church in Cumberland tonight at 6 pm.

Lefse Making December 8th & 9th, 9 am. Sign-up on the table in the Narthex. You can also sign-up to pre-order your lefse as well. \$4 per package.

Silent Auction Saturday, December 11th, 9 am till 3 pm. Benefits our youth going to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis this summer.

Lefse & Bake Sale Saturday, December 11th, 9 am till 2 pm. Sponsored by the Women of Trinity. You can bring your items for the Bake Sale on Friday night.

Live Nativity Saturday, December 11th, 4 pm, downtown Boyceville. Sponsored by the Boyceville Ministerial Association.

Christmas Carol by Request Service next Sunday, December 12th

Sunday School Christmas Program December 19th.

Calling all 3rd thru 6th Graders! *The Crew* is back! We will meet on December 15th from 3:30pm-5pm. !

Snacks are needed for *The Crew*. If you would like to supply snacks, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex. Plan for 50 kids. Want to volunteer? We would love to have your help at Crew! Talk to Katie or PB if you have any questions.

Serving Our Lord and Church

Pastor: Bradley K. Peterson

Pastoral Intern: Katie Wagner

Parish Manager: Andrea McVeigh

Organists: Ginny Waller, Lee Peshaw

Acolytes: Owen Duncan & Landyn Leslie

Ministers: All Baptized Believers

Ushers: Brent Larson & Chad Lee

Altar Guild: Jessica Larson, Shelia Lee, Sandy Wheeler

Fellowship: Owen Duncan & Landyn Leslie

Schedule For The Week of December 5 - December 12

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| Monday | 10am | Bible Study |
| Wednesday | 6pm | Worship w/Communion |
| | 6:30pm-7:30pm | Christmas for Kids Shopping by Confirmation Students |
| Thursday | 10am | Card Club Fellowship |
| Saturday | 9am-3pm | Silent Auction & Lefse & Bake Sale |
| Sunday | 9am | Christmas Carol by Request Worship |
| | 9:45am-10:30am | Sunday School |
| | 10:00am | Church Council |

Our Prayer Concerns

Carol Erickson

Leona Steies

Jennifer Marlett

Randee Mayer

Willard Tronrud

Jeanna Hollister

Gary Gilbertson

Stub Swenson

Saul Hedlund

Kaleb Humpal

Brad Stevens

Ted Erickson

Tom Lohfink

Ashley Behling

Shannon Bauer

Shirley Mittlestadt

Adella Hanson

Easton Riek

Ben Schlosser

Beverlye Thompson

Gaylan Nerison

Lynda Swenson

Kurtis Marlett

Mike Kietzer

Kayden Ebersperger

Betty Steies

Vaughn Hedlund

Gary Lierman

Scott Anderson

Dick Clack

Weekly Devotions

Sunday: Judges 13:8-14

Wednesday: Judges 14:10-20

Saturday: Judges 15:18-20

Monday: Judges 13:15-25

Thursday: Judges 15:1-8

Sunday: Judges 16:1-3

Tuesday: Judges 14:1-9

Friday: Judges 15:9-17