

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**The Second Wednesday of Advent**  
**December 8, 2021 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

**WELCOME TO TRINITY!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today, whether at home or in person. Those joining us in person who are not fully COVID-19 vaccinated are asked to wear masks. Please follow the instructions given by Pastor and the ushers to maintain a healthy environment for all present.

There are times in our worship service where we stand or kneel. Feel free to participate in either as you are able or feel comfortable to remain seated.

Please ask an usher should you require a hearing assistance device.

(†) ~ Those who wish may make the sign of the Cross in remembrance of their Baptism.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYER**

Prayer requests may be emailed to [trinityoffice@bellsouth.net](mailto:trinityoffice@bellsouth.net) or to [pastorjeffwebb@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorjeffwebb@yahoo.com).

**FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

We are delighted that you have brought your child to worship! We invite you to use the Cry Room as a courtesy to others if your little one gets a little rambunctious. Our Cry Room, complete with seating and children's activities, is located at the back of the Sanctuary. The service can be heard through the sound system. We hope your children feel glad they were here and that they are a part of the Trinity family!

***Our Vision:***

***Growing in God's Word to Share Christ's Love***

***Our Mission:***

***Led by God, equipped as disciples through Word and Sacrament,  
we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.***



### **AS WE GATHER TODAY**

It seems that no December goes by without hearing the song “Mary, Did You Know?” With that seasonal serenade, there is rightful theological reflection that could be had, especially considering what we heard last week with the announcing of the virgin birth from the angel Gabriel. There is no song asking, “Jesus, Did You Know?” Today we ask that question and gain theological insight and answers. We do so by going beyond the Bethlehem birth and learning from Jesus as a twelve-year-old boy in the Jerusalem temple. We ask the question, “When Jesus was a boy, did He know He was God?”

## ADVENT MIDWEEK 2

When Heaven Met Earth:  
Advent Answers to Hard Questions Hardly Anybody Is Asking  
*The Obedient Child: Did He Know?*

*Please Stand*

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES *LSB 334:1*

Pastor: O Lord, how shall I meet You, How welcome You aright?  
People: **Your people long to greet You, My hope, my heart's delight!**


Pastor: In this Advent season, reflecting on and anticipating the joy to come when heaven met earth through the promised and long-awaited Savior, we seek answers to our questions as we remain on this earth.

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
People: **the light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
People: **and the day is almost over.**

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness  
People: **and illumine Your Church.**

### HYMN 334 v. 1 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"



1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?  
Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!  
O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast  
To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.

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**COLLECT** "Thanksgiving for Light" *LSB, p. 245*

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

*Be Seated*

**READINGS** *Isaiah 65:24; Psalm 10:17; Zechariah 13:9b*

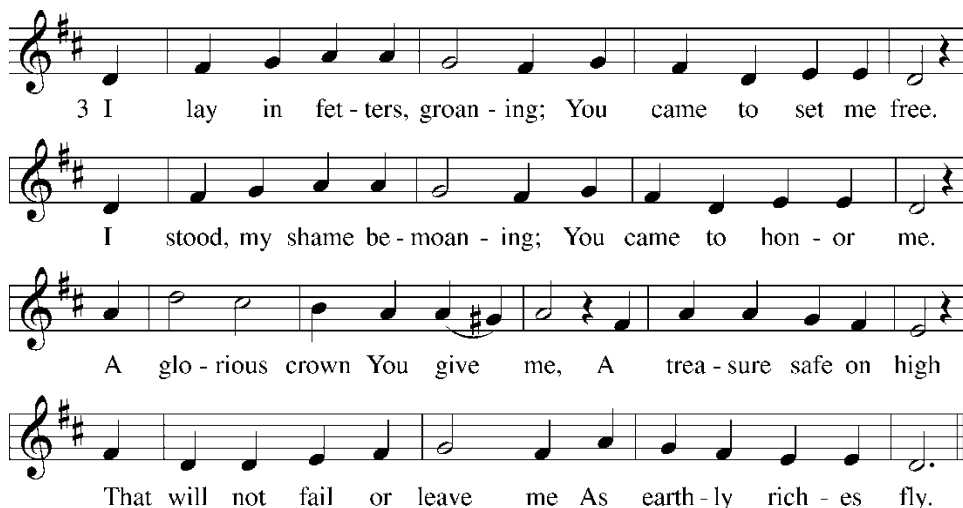
**Pastor:** God's Word speaks answers to our questions. As people of the past awaited the promised Savior to come, the Lord assured His presence through His inspired prophets and psalmists.

**People:** "Before they call I will answer;  
**while they are yet speaking I will hear."**

**Pastor:** O LORD, You hear the desire of the afflicted;  
**You will strengthen their heart; You will incline Your ear.**

**Pastor:** "They will call upon My name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'They are My people';  
**People:** **and they will say, 'The LORD is my God.'**"

**HYMN 334 v. 3** "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"



3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.  
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.  
A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high  
That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.

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**PSALM** *Psalm 85:1-7*

**Pastor:** LORD, You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**People:** **You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin.**

Pastor: You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger.  
People: **Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us!**

Pastor: Will You be angry with us forever?  
People: **Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?**

Pastor: Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?  
People: **Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.**

### HYMN 357 v. 1 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. *Refrain* Re - joice! Re - joice!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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### PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

People: **Amen.**

### READING *Isaiah 7:13–17* (The sign of Immanuel)

<sup>13</sup>And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. <sup>17</sup>The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria."

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

**READING** Luke 2:41–52 (The birth of Jesus foretold)

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>41</sup>Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup>And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup>And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Lector: In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

People: **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

*Be Seated*

**HYMN 357 v. 2** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d' rest all things  
might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain* Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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**SERMON**

**HYMN 357 v. 3** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on  
Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law  
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. *Refrain* Re - joice! Re - joice!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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**OFFERING**

*Please Stand*

**CREEDAL RESPONSE** *The Second Article*

**Pastor:** The season of Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at His second coming. It is a time of reflection on redemption. Luther's Small Catechism, useful for individual and household learning through questions and answers based on God's unchanging Word, reminds us of Jesus' incarnation into this world, the totality of Christ's complete work, and the redemption He achieved for us. We confess together:

**People:** **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 Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**Pastor:** What does this mean?

**People:** **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

*Kneel or Be Seated*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, in this season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate again the coming of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and await His promised return. As questions enter our minds, such as “Did Jesus know He was God?,” we thank You for Your Word of truth, which gives the answers we need to know as we live in this world to which Christ came. By Your Spirit’s work through Your Word, enliven our hearts and minds, nourish our faith, and be with us as we wait and watch this season and each day. Let us, like Jesus, be about the things of You, our Father, as we gather in Your house to receive the gifts You freely give through Your Spirit, where heaven has met earth through Your Son. We pray to You, Lord:

### HYMN 357 v. 4 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's  
tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,  
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain* Re - joice! Re - joice!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Pastor: Heavenly Father, as Your Son took on our human flesh, He remained divine and knew all things. As all things are known to You, only You know all our hurts and struggles, our trials and temptations. Only You can bring comfort and peace to troubled hearts, minds, bodies, and souls in this season and always. Give Your comfort to those who seek our prayers, [*including . . .*]. Grant healing according to Your will, along with peaceful minds and hopeful hearts. We pray to You, Lord.



**HYMN 357 v. 5** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our  
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to mis - er - y. *Refrain* Re - jice! Re - jice!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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*Additional petitions may follow.*

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

**ADVENT COLLECT**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility; that on the Last Day, when He shall come again in glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9-13*

**People:** 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.

## LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

**People:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## CLOSING SENTENCES *Isaiah 65:24; Psalm 10:17; Zechariah 13:9b*

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**People:** **and they will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"**

*Please Stand*

## BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.  
**People:** **Amen.**

## HYMN 357 vv. 6-7 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

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*Be Seated*

## TO THE GLORY OF GOD

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Leann Clifton in memory of Jim Perks.

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## HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

Wednesday Worship Service – December 15 at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service – 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion – 7:00 p.m.

### THERE IS NO CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP THIS YEAR

### NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP

Friday, December 31 at 7:00 p.m.

### THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS

*Matthew 1:1–16*

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of **David**, the son of **Abraham**.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by **Tamar**, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by **Rahab**, and Boaz the father of Obed by **Ruth**, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the **wife of Uriah**, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of **Joseph** the husband of **Mary**, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

## SEASON OF THE CHURCH YEAR

We begin the church year with an ending and a beginning. Advent is the season before Christmas during which we anticipate the Second Coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is in this Second Coming that He will judge the earth and raise all the dead. Those who have faith will be given their reward in heaven and live with Him eternally. Advent is a beginning as well. For we look forward to the time we celebrate Christ's first advent, His birth on this earth, which we celebrate on Christmas day. The color for Advent is blue, which suggests hope for us while we wait.

## THE SYMBOLS OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The evergreen wreath symbolizes eternal life in Christ. The candles are symbolic of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. The act of lighting more candles each week anticipates the imminent coming of Christ.

Each candle has a specific meaning:

1. **Prophecy Candle** announces a period of waiting for our Lord. – **Hope**
2. **Bethlehem Candle** symbolizes preparing to receive the Christ Child. – **Love**
3. **Shepherd's Candle** symbolizes sharing of the news of Christ's birth. The pink color is representative of their joy and witness to so great an event! – **Joy**
4. **Angels' Candle** symbolizes Christ's final coming on Judgment Day when He will appear in glory with all His angels. – **Peace**
5. **Christ Candle** is lit on Christmas Eve. This central candle signifies that the Light of the World, **Jesus, has come.**

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