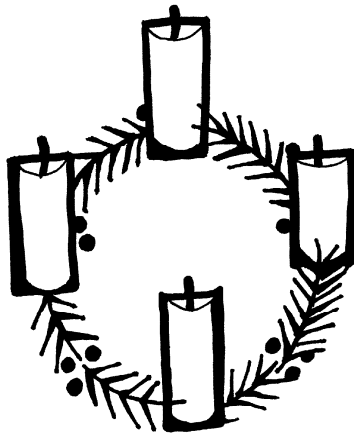


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*Holy Communion Setting Seven  
First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2016—8:30am*

Materials for worship are found in this bulletin or in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Page numbers, such as “p. 172,” refer to the small page numbers in the front of the book. Hymn numbers, marked with a # sign, refer to the large numbers in the back of the book.

At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Believing in the real presence of Christ, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church practices eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to commune here. Receive the bread first, then the common cup or individual glasses containing (red) wine or (white) grape juice. Gluten, yeast, dairy, egg, soy, nut, corn free communion wafers are available in covered glass dishes on stands near the front of each communion station. Place one in the palm of your hand, cover with the other hand (palm down) and your hand will be blessed during distribution of communion. Those desiring not to commune may fold their hands to receive a blessing.

**+GATHERING+**

Welcome

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.  
You call all nations to walk in your light  
and to seek your ways of justice and peace,  
for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near.  
Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.  
Rouse us from sleep,  
that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes  
and welcome him into our hearts and homes,  
for he is our light and our salvation.  
Blessed be God forever.

**Amen.**

Wreath-Lighting Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
*Verses 1-2*

Hymn #257

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who comes to wake us from sleep,  
who leads us into the light of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us prepare the way of the Lord  
by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.  
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

God of all time,  
**we confess that we have not prepared  
for your merciful reign among us.  
We ignore our neighbors in need  
and fail in the labor of justice and peace.  
In your mercy forgive us.  
Grant us wisdom to welcome your light  
and to seek the things that will endure  
until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven  
and all things are made new.  
Rejoice in this good news!  
**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

“My Lord, What a Mornin”

Hymn #438

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

**+WORD+**

Children’s Message

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD’s house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

*The assembly may respond* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody

#122

*Read responsively.*

I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

**Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself;  
**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
“May they prosper who love you.**

Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers.

**For the sake of my kindred and companions,  
I pray for your prosperity.**

Because of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek to do you good.”

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*The assembly may respond* **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

*Announcement:* The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one

will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

*Conclusion:* The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Mark Coulter

Hymn of the Day

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Hymn #815

Creed

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

Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition, the assembly responds, **Hear our prayer.***

Peace

**+MEAL+**

Offering

*Excerpt from Cello Suite*

J.S. Bach

*Many of our members give online, but we continue to pass the offering plate to reflect on the ways in which we can return thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us.*

Setting the Table

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

Hymn #247

Prayer after Offering

Great Thanksgiving

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Words of Institution

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.**

Communion

*Music during distribution, as time allows:*

"Lamb of God"

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"Wait for the Lord"

Hymn #262

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

Hymn #240

"The King Shall Come"

Hymn #260

Prayer after Communion

**+SENDING+**

Blessing

Hymn

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

Hymn #244

Announcements

Dismissal

Postlude

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