

*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
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*Holy Communion Setting Seven
Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 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

Awake, Awake, Love Has Come

arr. Lars Bishop

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.
John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way
for the kingdom of heaven is near.
Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.
Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit,
that we may be a light shining in the darkness
welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,
for he is our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God forever.

Amen.

Wreath-Lighting Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Verses 3-4

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

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

Hymn #264

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

Please be seated.

+WORD+

Children’s Message

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

Psalmody

#72:1-7, 18-19

Sung responsively between choir and assembly.

Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
**that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;**
that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.
**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.**
May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**
In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.
**Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel;
you alone do | wondrous deeds!**
And blessed be your glorious | name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen.

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

Sermon

Holly Shipley, AIM

Hymn of the Day

“O Day of Peace”

Hymn #711

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

Hark, the Glad Sound!

Timothy Shaw

*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.*

*Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.*

*He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
To enrich the humble poor.*

*He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.*

*Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
Your welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With your beloved name.*

-Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Setting the Table	“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”	Hymn #247
Prayer after Offering		
Great Thanksgiving		p. 180
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		
	<i>Music during distribution, as time allows:</i>	
“Lamb of God”		p. 182
<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>		arr. Cathy Moglebust
“Wait for the Lord”		Hymn #262
“Fling Wide the Door”		Hymn #259

Prayer after Communion

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Blessing

Hymn

“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”

Hymn #249

Announcements

Dismissal

Postlude

The King Shall Come

arr. Cathy Mokebust