

A lit candle in a holder, surrounded by greenery and holly leaves with red berries, with an open Bible in the foreground.

# HOPE

HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL.

ISAIAH 9:6

## First Sunday in Advent

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### Welcome to Trinity!

We're glad you're here to worship!

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### Savior of the Nations, Come

(Hymn 2)

*1* Savior of the nations, come;  
Virgin's Son, make here your  
home.  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.

*2* Not by human flesh and  
blood,  
By the Spirit of a God  
Was the Word of God made flesh,  
Woman's offspring, pure and  
fresh.

*3* Wondrous birth! O wondrous  
Child  
Of the virgin undefiled,  
Though by all the world  
disowned,  
Yet to be in heav'n enthroned!

*4* From the Father's throne he  
came  
And ascended to the same,  
Captive leading death and hell —  
High the song of triumph swell!  
*Please rise*

*5* Praise to God the Father sing,  
Praise to God the Son, our King,  
Praise to God the Spirit be  
Ever and eternally.

### Prayer of the Day:

*P: Let us pray*

*Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

*C: Amen*

*Please be seated*

## **Old Testament Lesson**

### ***The Problem of People***

*It seems that the more people there are, the more corruption there is, too. In Noah's time, there were only 8 faithful people on the whole planet. So, God sent a flood to save them.*

*Today, the world is filled with corruption, too. Do you think that it might be time for judgment again?*

*When we consider how corrupt the human race is, there is a temptation to consider ourselves uncorrupt. It's part of our nature to look outside of ourselves when we identify the problems of the world. We know that our own hearts are corrupted by sin and that we deserve God's judgment, too. Where would we deserve to be: inside the ark or outside?*

*During Advent, we prepare ourselves to face God's judgment. We prepare to celebrate the Jesus' arrival to rescue us from sin. And we cling to God's grace as we contemplate standing before our King when he returns.*

*It's no wonder that we sing songs of praise to our Savior. He saved Noah and his family with the waters of the flood. He saves us through the waters of baptism and the Living Water of his Word.*

*There is no better preparation for this life or for the next than the Word of our God, it is his power for salvation! It cleanses our hearts and lifts us out of corruption and into grace.*

### **Genesis 6:1-3, 5-14, 17-22 (EHV)**

**6** This is what happened when mankind began to multiply on the face of the earth. When daughters were born to people, <sup>2</sup>the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they took as wives for themselves any of them they chose. <sup>3</sup>The LORD said, "My Spirit will not struggle with man forever, because he is only flesh. His days will be 120 years."

<sup>5</sup>The LORD saw that the wickedness of mankind was great on the earth, and that all the thoughts and plans they formed in their hearts were only evil every day. <sup>6</sup>The LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with sorrow. <sup>7</sup>The LORD said, "I will wipe out mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth, along with the animals, the creeping things, and the birds of the sky, because I regret that I have made them." <sup>8</sup>But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>This is the account about the development of Noah's family. Noah was a righteous man, a man of integrity in that generation. Noah walked with God. <sup>10</sup>Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. <sup>11</sup>In the sight of God the earth was morally corrupt, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup>God looked at the earth and saw that it was corrupt, for all flesh was corrupt in all their ways on the earth. <sup>13</sup>So God said to Noah, "I have decreed the end of all flesh, because the earth is filled with violence because of them. Now I am going to destroy them along with the earth.

<sup>14</sup>“Make an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark. Seal it inside and outside with pitch.

<sup>17</sup>“I myself am about to bring a flood of waters on the earth, in order to destroy all flesh under the sky that has the breath of life. Everything that is on the earth will die, <sup>18</sup> but I will establish my covenant with you. You shall come into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. <sup>19</sup> You shall bring a pair (male and female) of every kind of living flesh into the ark with you to keep them alive. <sup>20</sup> Include the birds according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, every creeping thing on the ground according to their kinds. Two of every sort shall come to you, so you can keep them alive. <sup>21</sup> Take with you every type of food that is eaten, and store it for yourself, so it can be used as food for you and for them.”

<sup>22</sup> So that is what Noah did. He did everything that God commanded him, just as he had been told.

### ***Epistle Lesson***

#### ***Miraculous Salvation***

*It’s a miracle!*

- *That a righteous, holy God would die for the unrighteous*
- *That he rose from the dead after a brutal and ignominious death*
- *That Jesus went into hell in victory*
- *That baptism saves us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ*

*Christians are surrounded by miracles and are filled with God’s grace.*

*We should real-ly stop to think about that. Life is so much bigger than what we can see. God is at work in us, through us, and around us. He’s preparing us for a life beyond our imagination.*

*As we walk in this world, we walk in God’s grace and God’s power. We are growing in faith, strengthening Christian family and bringing the Gospel to people bought by the blood of Christ. And that’s only the beginning!*

*Jesus is coming back! When he does, everything will change. Evil will be eradicated. Sin will be gone. Death will be destroyed. And life will be perfect and eternal.*

*All because of Jesus.*

#### **1 Peter 3:18-22 (EHV)**

<sup>18</sup> because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. <sup>20</sup> These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God’s patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. <sup>21</sup> And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> He

went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates**

**(Hymn 4 vv. 1-3)**

1 Lift up your heads, you mighty gates!  
Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation he will bring;  
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise  
Your joyful songs of praise.

2 The King is born in poverty,  
His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness,  
His scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe he brings;  
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
To Christ the Savior raise  
Your grateful hymns of praise.

3 How blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy homes  
To whom this King in triumph comes!  
The cloudless sun of joy is he  
Who comes to set his people free.  
To God the Spirit raise  
Your happy shouts of praise.

**Gospel Lesson/Sermon Text:**

**Be Ready**

*Are you ready? Sometimes the answer is “Ready for what?” There are so many things to be done, so many things that require our attention, and so many things to get ready. How can we keep track of them all? Which one do we do first?*

*In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told us, “Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.” Today, he says, “Keep watch! Be alert! Do not let him find you sleeping!”*

*Jesus is coming again and we do well to get ready. We prepare for his return the same way Christians prepare for Christmas: by hearing and sharing the Word of God and by loving each other the way Jesus loves us.*

*Let’s bring the peace of God into the chaos and the distress that surrounds us. Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ can prepare us for this world and the next.*

**Mark 13:32-37 (EHV)**

<sup>32</sup>“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Watch! Be alert and pray, because you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going away on a journey. When he left his home, he put his servants in charge and assigned what each one was to do. He also commanded the doorkeeper to keep watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore

keep watch, because you do not know when the owner of the house is coming: whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or early in the morning. <sup>36</sup> If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup> What I say to you, I say to everyone: Keep watch!”

**Prayers for Our family and Friends**

**The Beaumont Family, Milferd Behnke, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Ardice Cerney, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Jean Harper, Dorothy Johnson, Sally Kamps, Rose Karr, Noah & Kristin Olson, Lisa Schmitt, Marjorie Urbaniak, and Jesse Zach**

**Prayers for those called to protect**

**Military:** **Jesse Adams** (Sue Connor’s son), **Greg Carow** (Dennis Carow’s godson/nephew), **Aeron Forsberg** (Linda and Gene Erickson’s grandson), **Dayton Godfrey** (Dave & Cindy Schacht’s great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen’s cousin), **Jesse Johnston** (Jim & Laurie Johnston’s son), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth’s son), **Aaron Stocker Jr.** (Martina (Dura) Stocker’s husband), **Dylan Vanko**, (Roy and Grace Chmela’s grandson), and **Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush’s nephew).

**Firefighter: Steve Campbell.**

**Police: Greg Haemker, Raymond Cashaw** (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband) and **David Peterson** (Jamie Tesch's uncle). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

***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.*

***The Sacrament***

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: (sung) And also with you.**

*P: Lift up your hearts.*

**C: (sung) We lift them up to the Lord.**

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C: (sung) It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.*

*C: (sung) Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glory.  
You are my God, and I will exalt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glory.*

### **The Words of Institution**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

*C: (sung) Amen.*

### **O Christ, Lamb of God**

*O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.*

*O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.*

*O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us your peace. Amen.*

### **Be Still, My Soul**

**(Hymn 415)**

1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is  
on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or  
pain;  
Leave to your God to order and  
provide;  
In ev'ry change he faithful will  
remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your  
heav'nly friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a  
joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul; your God  
will undertake  
To guide the future as he has the  
past.  
Your hope, your confidence, let  
nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright  
at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and  
winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while  
he lived below.

***Be Still, My Soul cont...***

3 Be still, my soul, though  
dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in the vale of  
tears;  
Then you will better know his  
love, his heart,  
Who comes to soothe your  
sorrows and your fears.  
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can  
repay  
From his own fullness all he takes  
away.

4 Be still, my soul; the hour is  
hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the  
Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and  
fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys  
restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change  
and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet  
at last.

***Thanksgiving (sung)***

***C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise.  
Tell everyone what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

***C: (sung) Amen.***

***The Benediction:***

*P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.*

*The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.*

***C: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen***

**TRINITY'S CORE MISSION**

**Shining the Light of the Gospel in our community.**

**John 8:12** - *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

**Matthew 5:16** - *"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*