

Third Sunday in Advent

December 11th & December 12th 2021

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CONTEMPORARY W/COMMUNION

HYMN

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

↑ *Please rise*

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Cong: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Cong: O Lord, my God, I confess that I am a sinner from birth. I focus on the things of this world and am too willing to put off your work. I am not as faithful in my watchfulness and my preparation for your return as I should be. Too often your work waits and people do not hear your message of forgiveness and life.

Please forgive me for Jesus' sake. Open my eyes and help me prepare .

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: By the grace of God and by the blood of Christ, you are forgiven. God has chosen us, cleansed us, and equipped us. He prepares us for the day He will come to bring us Home to Heaven.

Cong: Thank you, Lord God. Strengthen us and bless us. Prepare us for our ministry here and for our journey Home to Heaven. Amen.

↓ *Please be seated*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

The prophet Zephaniah urges us to rejoice. Not only has the Lord taken away our punishment, but he will defeat all the enemies of God's people.

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-17 (EHV)

¹⁴ Sing out, daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, you daughter of Jerusalem. ¹⁵ The Lord has removed the judgment against you. He has turned back your enemy. Israel's king, the Lord, is in your midst! You no longer need to fear disaster. ¹⁶ In that day Jerusalem will be told, "Do not be afraid, O Zion. Do not give up." ¹⁷ The Lord your God is with you as a hero who will save you. He takes great delight in you. He will quiet you with his love. He will rejoice over you with singing."

We continue our worship by singing **Psalm 130**.

As you sing this psalm, think about Jesus' power and glory and how he will come again to bring us home! The music for this psalm is on **page 114** in the front of the hymnal.

↓ *Please be seated*

EPISTLE LESSON

When the world opposes Christ and his Church, Christians do not respond with anxiety or anger, but gentleness. We bring all our concerns to God in prayer and rest in his peace of knowing the Lord will humble his enemies in due time.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7 (EHV)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Out of respect for the directly quoted words of our Savior, *please*

↑ *rise* for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL LESSON

Who is Christ's enemy? Anyone who refuses the gifts of his grace, received humbly in repentant faith.

LUKE 3:7-18 (EHV)

⁷ So John kept saying to the crowds who came out to be baptized by him, “You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore produce fruits in keeping with repentance! Do not even think of saying to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ because I tell you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones. ⁹ Even now the ax is ready to strike the root of the trees. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is going to be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ The crowds began to ask him, “What should we do then?”

¹¹ He answered them, “Whoever has two shirts should share with the person who has none, and whoever has food should do the same.”

¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized. They said, “Teacher, what should we do?”

¹³ To them he said, “Collect no more than what you were authorized to.”

¹⁴ Soldiers were also asking him, “And what should we do?” He told them, “Do not extort money from anyone by force or false accusation. Be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might be the Christ. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But someone mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸ Then with many other words, he appealed to them and was preaching good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Cong: (*sung*) “Praise be to you, O Christ!”

↓ *Please be seated*

SERMON SERIES

WHEN THE LORD COMES NEAR

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-17

↑ *Please rise*

NICENES' CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

↓ *Please be seated*

OFFERING

↑ *Please rise*

PRAYERS FOR HEALING OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

John Allen, Lucas, Ashley & Colton Baneck, A.J. Betters, Pastor Doletzky, Geri Garbrecht, Dorothy Johnson, John Peters Rose Karr, Duffy Nast, Gary Ohrt and Lisa Schmitt.

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), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen's cousin), **Jesse Johnston** (Jim & Laurie Johnston's son), **Dacien Konell** (Linda and Gene Erickson's grandson), **Brock Miller** (Jenna Miller's brother), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth's son) **Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush's nephew) **and Aaron Wood** (Hope Wood's brother). **Firefighter:** **Steve Campbell.** **Police:** **Greg Haemker** and **Raymond Cashaw** (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband).

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 OF HOLY COMMUNION

P: We who trust in Jesus Christ for our full and free salvation can give no higher honor to our Lord than to believe and to do what He has commanded us. For that reason, we have come here to obey Jesus' gracious invitation, partaking in His Holy Supper according to His words and commands.

Consider carefully the words of the Lord and diligently examine your heart's condition in view of His Word. Jesus said, *"This is My body, which is given for you...this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."*

Jesus is telling us that this supper is for sinners. It is for sinners who grieve over their sin, its offense to God and its sentence to death. It is for sinners who long for the forgiveness of sins. It is for sinners who believe Jesus died the death our sins deserve. Do you believe this?

Cong: Yes, I believe this.

P: Jesus' clear and simple words also reveal a great mystery. In this Supper of bread and wine Jesus actually gives every communicant just what His words say: His body and blood that was crucified for you. Jesus' gifts of His body and blood are God's official seal that God Himself makes a covenant with each one who eats this bread and drinks this wine.

In this covenant God promises each communicant that his sins are forgiven and that he is God's child. The Bible states this truth also with warning. Anyone who comes to the Lord's Supper, but *"eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself"* for he is *"guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord."* Do you believe this?

Cong: Yes, I believe this.

P: Jesus said: *"Take and eat. his do in remembrance of Me."* And, *"all of you drink of the cup. do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."* Here Jesus invites us and commands everyone who calls Him Lord to come to this blessed Supper frequently. He also instructs us to do it while remembering and celebrating the central truth of our faith – Christ Crucified!

Every time you commune you declare that Christ is your greatest treasure. That Jesus is your life. This confession by your actions encourages your fellow believers, proclaims the Gospel to a dying world and praises Jesus who commanded you to do this in memory of His death. Do you believe this?

Cong: Yes, I believe this.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all compassion and the God of all comfort. For all this was not revealed to you by man, but by our Father in heaven. You are blessed to believe this.

P: In this Supper Jesus will forgive your sins, strengthen your faith, draw you into close communion with the Living God and His holy people, fill your heart with thankful joy, and renew your zeal to walk as a child of Light, loving each other as Christ loved you.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

We now have the incredible privilege of approaching the Lord’s table at his invitation to receive His body and blood in the sacrament.

Come, for all things are now ready.

↓ *Please be seated*

THE LORD’S SUPPER

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with each other. 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.

Cong: Amen.

↑*Please rise*

HYMN

THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

<h2>TRINITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</h2>

MEMORIAL: A memorial was given to the church in loving memory of Anita Hemminger. Thank you to The Hemminger family for your generous gift to the Lord's house.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: God's people want to tell others about the peace, joy and forgiveness they have in Jesus. But many Christians are unsure how to do this. Join us as we learn some simple, practical ways to Join us today after worship.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY - Our Small Group Bible Studies have resumed, days/times and locations listed on back page of bulletin in weekly calendar.

FOOD PANTRY: Our Food Pantry is an expression of God's love to the people in our community. You can help share his love by bringing your donations to your TLC Food pantry. (*for personal use*)

LUNCH BUNCH: Will meet on Thursday, December 16th at Rivers Edge for 5pm. Please bring a \$10-15 gift to exchange.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: The BOE will have it's December Meeting on Tuesday Dec. 14th at 6:30pm.

CHURCH COUNCIL: December's Meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 15th at 6:30pm

TLS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Trinity Lutheran School will hold the Children's Christmas Program on Monday Dec. 20th for our Monday Worship Service and then again on Wednesday morning at 9:30am.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING: Our next Voters' Meeting is January 16th following Sunday Worship.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Is Tuesday Dec. 28th from 10am-3pm in the School Gym. Register online or call church office 715-732-9868
**We Looking for people to volunteer at the registration table and refreshment area. Please contact church office for more information.*

CHURCH LIBRARY: Check out the new books Ladies Aid added! "Keys to the Mysteries" and two more books were also donated by a member, "Chicken Soup for the Soul" and a second "Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul. The Church Library is a free resource.

TLS CHRISTMAS VACATION: Our day school will be on a break for Christmas this year starting Thursday Dec. 23rd and will return January 3rd.

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY AT 9:00AM

MONDAY AT 6:00PM

Or watch online at: www.youtube.com/user/PastorTesch

HOLIDAY WORSHIP:

TLS Children's Program..... Mon, Dec. 20th at 6:00pm

TLS Children's Program.....Wed, Dec. 22nd at 9:00am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Fri, Dec. 24th at 7:00pm

Christmas Day Service..... Sat, Dec. 25th at 9:00am

New Year's Eve ServiceFriday, Dec 31st at 6:00pm



Those serving in our Lord's house

Pastor Jon Tesch

THIS WEEKEND December 12th

Altar Guild: Ben Brattain

Lector: Fred Schrank

Music: Praise Team

Camera: John Brattain

Projector Operator: Mariah Salewsky

Usher Team: 1 - Dale Zorn, Dave

Schacht, Dennis McKenney, Jerry

Kamps, Josh Ehlers and

Lyla Koeffler

NEXT WEEKEND December 19th

Altar Guild: non-communion

Lector: Josh Danell

Music: Josh Ehlers

Camera: Lyla Koeffler

Projector Operator:

Usher Team: 2 – Fred Schrank,

Donn Yunke, Mike Hoard, Tim

Baneck and Dominic Nelson

Cleaning the Lord's House

WEEKEND of Dec. 11 2021

Kert & Jennifer Guilani

Brian & Jennifer Unterholzner

Becky Gronmark

WEEKEND of Dec. 18 2021

Adam & Jennifer Johnson

Jim & Laurie Johnson

Rosemary Jansen

† Next week at a glance †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

- Small Group @ Donna Behnke's 2:00pm
- Worship Service.....6:00pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

- Food Pantry 10am-12pm
- New Membership Class2:00pm
- Praise Team Practice.....6:00pm
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- Board of Education Meeting.....6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

- TLS Chapel 8:10am – 8:30am
- Public School Catechism3:30pm
- Small Group @ Schmiede's.....6:00pm
- Church Council Meeting.....6:30pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

- Food Pantry1pm-3pm
- TLS/St. John's Basketball Game5:00pm
**Away game at Bay City Christian*
- Lunch Bunch.....5:00pm
 - At Rivers Edge
- Small Group @ Joan Hetcher's6:00pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

- Worship Services – Usher Team 29:00am
 - Bible Class 10:00am