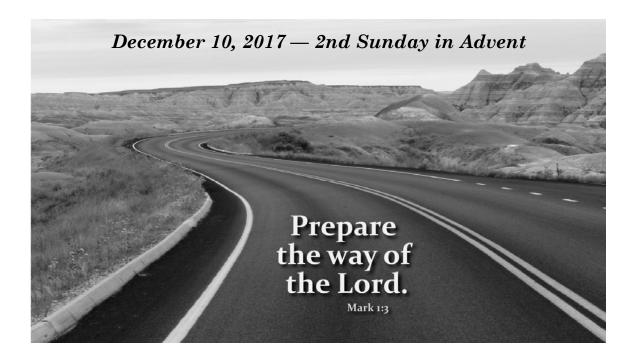
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God of all creation who gives us this beautiful day and life itself.

who hung the stars in the sky, and who also generously provides our daily bread, we welcome you into our presence. Dear Lord, what can I do for you today?



Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10

John called people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing would get in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Prayer See Bulletin Cover

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK BOB HORTON

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

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

C Amen.

P Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

 $Silence\ for\ reflection\ and\ self\mbox{-}examination.$

- P God of all time.
- C 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.
- P 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!
- C Amen.
- A Today we relight the candle of **HOPE** and light the candle for the second Sunday in Advent. This is the candle of **PEACE**. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace. From the prophet Isaiah: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.—Isaiah 9:6-7

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



- I Gio-ry be to God in neav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:1-11

In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. The Lord will deliver Israel and will care for her as a shepherd cares for his sheep. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of the Lord.

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. 3A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." 6A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



¹You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD; you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

²You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people and blotted out | all their sins.

⁸I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you, that your glory may dwell | in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together; righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth, and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity, and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

SECOND READING: 2ND PETER 3:8-15A

This short letter deals with pressing concerns regarding the final advent of Jesus, especially concerns that could arise over its apparent delay. The author of the letter calls on Christians to anticipate the promised coming of the Lord through conduct dedicated to God.

⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. ¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ^{15a}and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord GOSPEL: MARK 1:1-8

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME & SERMON

INTERIM PASTOR ALAN SAATKAMP

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Earth Is Hopeful

ELW HYMN 266

Please stand for the final stanza of the hymn.

- P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C 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.

THE PRAYERS

A Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people.

A brief silence.

A We long to see your glory. Prepare our hearts for your arrival by healing divisions in your church and blessing those who work for reconciliation within it. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for your creation. Bring renewal to open spaces, parks, forests, mountains, and grasslands. Restore the creatures and lands that are damaged or destroyed. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We long for your peace. Make places of welcome for people fleeing violence. For nations facing conflict or crisis, deliver relief. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We seek healing for all people who long for justice, freedom, and comfort. Sustain them in their time of need. Be with all who wait for you, who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Naomi Walker, Gay Marker, Jerry Chelson, Howard Kunard, Don Longren, Lucille Brill, Kathryn Axelton, Jane Velen, Evelyn Johnson, and Russell Winsor. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We give thanks for those who are ready to help in times of crisis. Give courage to disaster and emergency response teams, police officers, nurses, doctors, surgeons, chaplains, and all who work for the sake of others. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We ask blessings for Tom Arney, Brad Carpenter, Sara King, Edwin Brown and Chelsea Carpenter as they celebrate their birthdays, and for Roy O'Neil, Jane Velen, and Ivan Carlson as they remember their baptisms. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Bless your servants at Holy Cross Lutheran in Overland Park, St. Paul Lutheran in Peabody, Redeemer Lutheran in Salina, Friends Home Lutheran in Savonburg, Kansas, and Lutheran Family & Children's Services in St. Louis, Missouri. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We are your beloved flock and you are our shepherd, O God. Along with the saints already at rest in you, bring us together as your people under your holy rule. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We raise our prayers to you, O God, in the name of the one who is, who was, and who is to come. Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



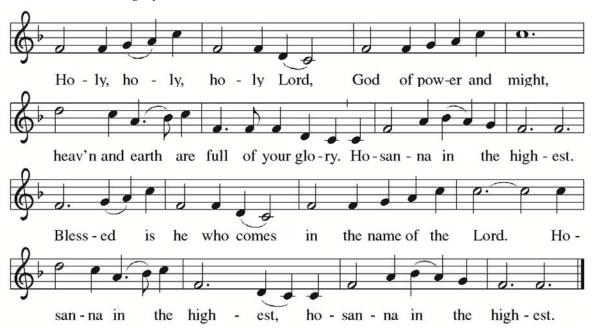


OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light.
- C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

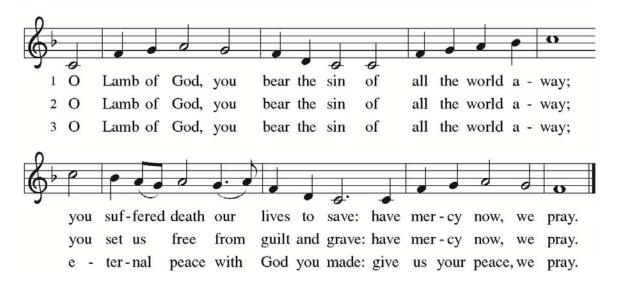
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast of salvation. *Please be seated.*

LAMB OF GOD



We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Everyone is invited forward to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMNS Comfort, Comfort Now My People ELW HYMN 256

There's a Voice in the Wilderness ELW HYMN 255

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

- P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Hark, the Glad Sound!

ELW HYMN 239

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Alan Saatkamp, 605-214-1469.

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments after worship.

Please Notice This



Members & visitors, please take note of the pew record books in your pew, fill out the information for yourself and pass it along to the other persons in your pew. This will help us keep up with prayer needs in your family and maintain our records of membership

Remember our shut-ins!

Kathryn Axelton Lucille Brill Peggy Buchholz Marlene Hassan Marie Henriksen Howard Kunard Don Longren Shawn Nowak Roy O'Neil Ron Owensby Keith Springer Naomi Walker Evelyn Johnson



Please call the office, 233-0767, promptly about hospitalizations in our church family.



To share a prayer request please contact Barbara Apps at 249-7244 She will get the prayer chain started.



Today December 10, 2017 Join us for food and a bit of Christmas spirit as we eat, talk, and rejoice in all of our blessings.



Please see the sign up sheet posted on the narthex bulletin board. We need soup for the Wednesday night Advent services, which start December 6 and will continue on Dec. 13 and Dec. 20. We love the different flavors of soups that have been shared during previous Advent soup suppers. Please join us!

				Worship A	ssistants				
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee	Assisting	Presiding
							Host(s)	Minister	Minister
Dec. 10, 2017	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Martha Nemeth	Erin Lewis	Team 2 Share	Potluck Dinner	Ted Murphy	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp
Dec. 17, 2017	Ted Murphy	Linda Longren	Mitchell Bean	Debbie Pomeroy	Curt Lewis	Team 2 Share	Janice Greenlee	Mary Heald	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp
Dec. 24, 2017 Christmas Eve	Martha Nemeth	Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson		Parker Jackson	Team 2 Share	Diane Bottorff & Martha Nemeth		Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp
Dec. 31, 2017	Junior & Liz Utech	Diane Bottorff	Laurie Jackson	Marcy Carlson	Laurie Jackson	Team 2 Share	Don & Charlotte O'Brien	Walt Laughlin	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp

Epiphany Sunday, January 7, 2018

You are invited to bring church on January 7 and love to hear the story of how it is significant to you.



your nativity scene to share it with us. We would you came to have it or why

	UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY				
Today, Dec. 10	Children's Sunday School	9:00 AM			
	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM			
	Confirmation Class				
	Worship with Holy Communion				
•••••	Christmas Potluck Dinner	after worship			
Mon., Dec. 11	Treat Day @ BUSN				
	Women's AA	5:00 PM			
Tues., Dec. 12	Church Council Meeting	5:30 PM			
Wed., Dec. 13	Soup Supper	5:30 PM			
	Advent Midweek Worship	6:15 PM			
	Women's AA	5:30 PM			
Thurs., Dec. 14 January 2018 Trinity Tidings deadline					
	Men's AA				
Sunday, Dec. 17		9:00 AM			
	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM			
	Confirmation Class	9:15 AM			
	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM			
	Youth Group Meeting	5:30 PM			

Pr. Alan will be in Topeka on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Dec. 11, 12 & 13. Adult and children's Sunday school classes will not meet on Dec. 24 or Dec. 31. The quilters are taking a Christmas break and will resume gathering on January 9, 2018

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS								
							Weekly Income	
						Average	Minus Average	
					Total Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Attendance/
Date	General	Building Fund	Other	Flowers	Income	Expense	Expense	Communion
Nov. 12	\$4,354.66	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$4,624.66	-\$2,643.92	\$1,980.74	65/59
Nov. 19	\$1,007.51	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,037.51	-\$2,643.92	-\$1,606.41	40/31
Nov. 26	\$1,826.00	\$20.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$2,146.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$497.92	39/33
Dec. 3	\$11,441.00		1	7	1 /	7 /	1 - 7	35/30
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.								
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead			
		August 2017	\$9,566.84	-\$12,384.14	-\$2,817.30			
		September 2017	\$9,523.00	-\$11,093.40	-\$1,570.40			
		Jan. thru Sept.	\$85,164.88	-\$101,513.01	-\$16,348.13			



The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is to

- · worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

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