



Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church



John 1:17

3rd Sunday in Advent

*For the law was given
through Moses;
grace and truth
came through Jesus*

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Bible Class: 9:15am
Worship Service: 10:30am

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Pre-Service Meditation

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, we praise and thank you that you have not come as another Lawgiver. Rather, you came to restore us to righteousness through your redeeming work. Send us your Spirit that we might serve you in all that we do, so that You and the Father might be worshipped and glorified through our lives. Amen.



Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 26 Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken) **Amen.**

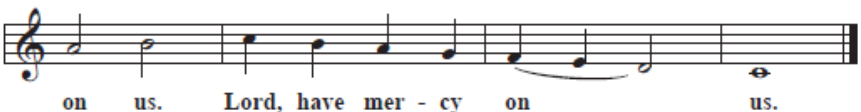
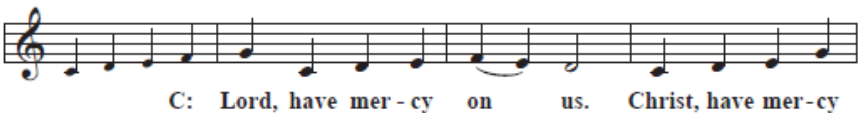
P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C (spoken) **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. . .

C Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 32:30-35

Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. So now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin." 31 Then Moses returned to the Lord and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold! 32 Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written."

33 And the Lord said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book. 34 Now therefore, go, lead the people to the place of

which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit for punishment, I will visit punishment upon them for their sin.”

35 So the Lord plagued the people because of what they did with the calf which Aaron made.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119 (selected verses)

- P** I hate the double-minded, But I love Your law.
- C** **You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.**
- P** Depart from me, you evildoers,
- C** **For I will keep the commandments of my God!**
- P** Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live;
- C** **And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.**
- P** Hold me up, and I shall be safe,
- C** **And I shall observe Your statutes continually.**
- P** You reject all those who stray from Your statutes,
For their deceit is falsehood.
- C** **You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross;
Therefore I love Your testimonies.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:1-9

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.

From there He will come to judge the
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sermon

John 1:15-18 (ESV)

(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Don't Be a DIY-er

I: The Law came through Moses, which we can't fulfill

II: The Gospel comes through Christ, and has already been fulfilled

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

OFFERTORY

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
 not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
 Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

TLH 289 The Law Commands and Makes Us Know

Offering

Prayer of the Church & the Lord's Prayer

- P** . . . in whose Name we also join to pray together:
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**
Hallowed by 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

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **(spoken) Amen.**

Closing Hymn

WS 709 God Loves Me Dearly

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Please wait to be ushered out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. **Offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the narthex or mailed to the church.

Guest and Visitors, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this morning and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! We also invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*, and we hope to see you again!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 – Due to the mask mandate in Washington state, **Trinity will be requiring that those attending in-person services wear face masks at all times.** This is an unfortunate step backwards in the re-opening process, yet the Lord remains in control. Please keep all those effected by the virus in your prayers, especially those within our fellowship. Instead of despairing over all the many disheartening things that are going on in the world right now, may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!

BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Class – Now: Hosea Up Next: Lutheran Spokesman Discussion
Sunday School – Now: Jailer of Philippi Up Next: The Fiery Furnace

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE SCHEDULE

- o Midweek Services (6:30pm): 12/15
- o Christmas Eve (6:30pm): 12/24
- o Christmas Day (10:30am) 12/25

CHRISTMAS PARTY – Trinity is having a Christmas party following the worship service! We are taking precautions to limit any potential COVID exposure, so please come and join us for a wonderful fellowship opportunity and some great food! If you didn't bring anything, don't worry: there's always plenty! Come enjoy the food and the fellowship!

COUNCIL MEETING – This week's council meeting has been postponed to next week following the worship service.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- The LORD, in His wisdom, saw fit to take Dr. David Menton out of this vale of tears to himself in heaven yesterday morning. Dr Menton was a long-time CLC member in South Carolina and a very gifted Christian apologist. May the God of Hope grant his wife, Debbie, their two daughters, and their families comfort and peace in the sure hope of the resurrection. Psalm 116:15 *Blessed in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.*
- Kathy Conway's husband, Bob, had a leg adjustment to help with his recovery from knee replacement surgery which went well. Please keep Bob's recovery in your prayers.
- A friend of Kathy Conway's has a daughter named Becky who is suffering with a leg infection along with other serious health complications. Please keep Becky in your prayers during the coming weeks, that the Lord would grant strength and healing to Becky and her family.
- Flooding in India has been very severe in recent days, and it has affected many of our brothers and sisters in Christ of the BELC (South-West India). The Northern group, the CLCI has not been affected as much, but has not been unscathed. Please keep these congregations in your prayers that the LORD might preserve them from any danger and sustain them with everything they need for their bodies and souls.

CALL NEWS:

- Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School, Phoenix, AZ, has received the call to be the upper grade of Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE.
- Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has received the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA.

- Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Florida, is still considering the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

	Attendance	Offering
11/28/21	17	\$495
12/1/21	11	\$1147
12/5/21	19	\$2050
12/8/21	13	\$95

DECEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE	
North Entry	Clark
Sanctuary	Helke
Basement	Toll

