



HE WHO IS MIGHTIER  
THAN I IS COMING,  
THE STRAP OF WHOSE  
SANDALS I AM NOT  
WORTHY TO UNTIE.

LUKE 3:16, ESV



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## Pre-Service Meditation

*Philippians 4:5b-6*

*The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, it is during Advent that we consider how near you truly are. Though mankind was separated from God by our sin, You sent Your only Son into the world to dwell among us. In the birth of the humble Christ-child, we see all Your promises kept. Hear our prayers, quiet our hearts, and focus us now and always on our dear and ever-present Savior. Amen.

# Worship

# Service of the Word

## Opening Prayer

## Opening Hymn

*TLH 61 Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People*

## Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

**C** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved you above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

## Gloria Patri

*TLH pg 16*



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



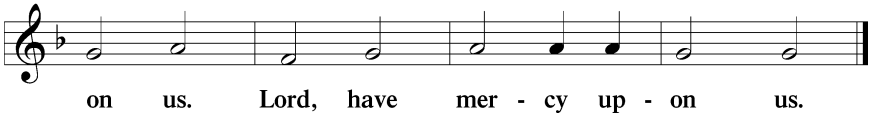
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Kyrie

*TLH pg 17*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



## Gloria in Excelsis

*TLH 293 All Glory Be to God on High (v. 1)*

♪ **All glory be to God on high, who has our race befriended!**  
**To us no harm shall now come nigh, the strife at last is ended.**  
**God showeth His good will to men, and peace shall reign on earth again;**  
**Oh, thank Him for His goodness! ♪**

## 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

*2 Kings 1:2-17a*

Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria, and was injured; so he sent messengers and said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this injury." 3 But the angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?' 4 Now therefore, thus says the Lord: 'You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" So Elijah departed.

5 And when the messengers returned to him, he said to them, "Why have you come back?" 6 So they said to him, "A man came up to meet us, and said to us, 'Go, return to the king who sent you, and say to him, "Thus says the Lord: 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'"

7 Then he said to them, "What kind of man was it who came up to meet you and told you these words?" 8 So they answered him, "A hairy man wearing a leather belt around his waist." And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

9 Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty men. So he went up to him; and there he was, sitting on the top of a hill. And he spoke to him: "Man of God, the king has said, 'Come down!'"

10 So Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God,

then let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men.” And fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty. 11 Then he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty men.

And he answered and said to him: “Man of God, thus has the king said, ‘Come down quickly!’ ” 12 So Elijah answered and said to them, “If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men.” And the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

13 Again, he sent a third captain of fifty with his fifty men. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and pleaded with him, and said to him: “Man of God, please let my life and the life of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight. 14 Look, fire has come down from heaven and burned up the first two captains of fifties with their fifties. But let my life now be precious in your sight.”

15 And the angel of the Lord said to Elijah, “Go down with him; do not be afraid of him.” So he arose and went down with him to the king. 16 Then he said to him, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.’ ” 17 So Ahaziah died according to the word of the Lord which Elijah had spoken.

## Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 111:6-10*

- P** He has shown his people the power of his works,
  - C** in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
- P** The works of his hands are faithful and just;
  - C** all his precepts are trustworthy;
- P** they are established forever and ever,
  - C** to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- P** He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
  - C** He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
- P** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
  - C** all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

## Second Reading

*Philippians 4:4-7*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about

anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication 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.

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

### Alleluia



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### Apostles' Creed

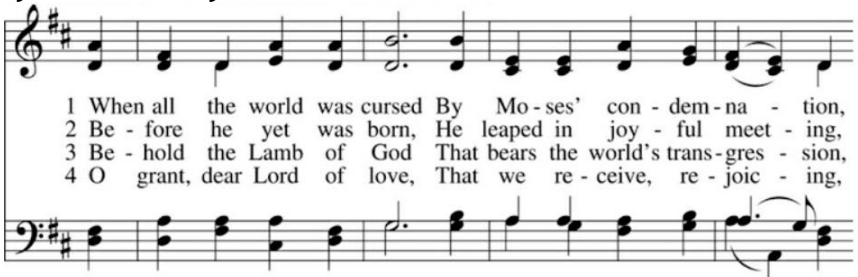
**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

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 sits 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.

### Hymn of the Day

*LSB 346 When All the World Was Cursed*



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo - ses' con - dem - na - tion,  
2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,  
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans - gres - sion,  
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re - joic - ing,

Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.  
 Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.  
 Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.  
 The word pro - claimed by John, Our true re - pen - tance voic - ing,

With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,  
 By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,  
 Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,  
 That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way

And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.  
 He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:  
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.  
 Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

Text: Johann Gottfried Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Paul E. Kretzmann, 1883–1965, alt.  
 Tune: Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701; setting: *Lutheran Service Book*, 2006

## Sermon

*John 1:19-28*

19 Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." 22 Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said: "I am<sup>c</sup> The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the LORD," as the prophet Isaiah said."

24 Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. 25 And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah,

nor the Prophet?" 26 John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. 27 "It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose." 28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**Sermon Theme:**  
**It's Good to be the Little Servant**  
**I: The world looks for an illustrious servant**  
**II: The world longs for an illustrious Savior**

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

**Offertory**

**C** ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. ♪

**Hymn**

*TLH 68 The Advent of Our King*

**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** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn

*WS 705 Come, O Long-Expected Jesus*

## Silent Prayer

## Acknowledgements

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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 rear of the sanctuary 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! Because He lives, we shall live also! We 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

### **BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Bible Class – The Acts of the Apostles (Sun – 9:15am & Wed – 2pm)

Sunday School – Jailer of Philippi (Sun – 9:15am)

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** – The church council will meet today following worship.

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE** – Our Christmas Eve service will begin at 6:30pm on Saturday 12/24. Our Christmas Day service will begin at 10:30am on Sunday 12/25, and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during this service. Luke 2:15b *“Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.”*

**NO BIBLE CLASS** – There will be no Sunday morning Bible class next Sunday. We will resume our studies in the book of Acts on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Carpet Committee Meeting** – The carpet committee will plan to meet this Tuesday (12/20) at 6:30pm in person and online. The link to join online will be sent out via email the day of.

**VS Benjamin Funeral** – Pastor and president of the Church of the Lutheran Confession – India, VS Benjamin was recently called to his eternal rest. The CLCI plans to have a large memorial service (expected to be attended by 5,000 people), and the Board of Missions has sent funds to help offset those costs from the Kinship fund. Kinship is now in need of replenishment. If you

would like to donate directly to the CLC Kinship fund, please designate your offerings accordingly by marking so on your offering envelope.

**2023 CLC Mission Helper Trip** – Applications are being accepted for the 2023 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip so please apply early. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

- We offer prayers of thanks on behalf of **Luke Lillquist**, as he was taken unexpectedly into surgery this past week to address an extremely painful hernia. The LORD blessed him with a successful surgery and he is now recovering at home. May God give Luke swift healing in his recovery process.
- There has been a Caring Bridge blog set up to give updates on **Pastor John Hein's** ongoing treatments for his recently discovered thymic carcinoma. If you would like to follow that, the link is: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein>. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family>. Please keep Pastor Hein and his family in your prayers; particularly his parents, Paul and Bertie, who are members here at Trinity.
- Please keep **Paul Hein** in your prayers, as he was hospitalized a few weeks ago with pneumonia, and He has since returned to the Veteran's Home. The likelihood of him getting pneumonia again is high. May the Spirit give healing and comfort, according to His will, to Paul, his wife Bertie, and the entire Hein family.
- A reminder to keep **Trinity's gospel ministry** in your prayers. May the Lord bless our labors in Spokane as a congregation and as individuals in sharing the saving message of Christ crucified with others so that many may turn to Jesus and be saved through the hearing and believing of His Word
- Please keep our sister congregations **Ascension** (Tacoma) and **Redemption** (Lynnwood) in your prayers as they each seek a pastor to shepherd their flocks. May the Lord strengthen these congregations during their vacancy period and grant them an answer to their prayers according to His own perfect timing.

## CALL NEWS

- Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, has accepted the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL.
- Pastor Tim Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, is considering the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA.

<b>FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Offering</b>
<b>11/20/22</b>	15	\$805
<b>11/27/22</b>	15	\$580
<b>12/4/22</b>	15	\$2615
<b>12/11/22</b>	10	\$250

<b>GREETER SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Pastor Naumann</b>
<b>1/1</b>	<b>Randy &amp; Lynne Estes</b>
<b>1/8</b>	<b>Joyce Miller</b>

<b>DECEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>North Entry</b>	<b>Karen Clark</b>
<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>Jeanne Helke</b>
<b>Basement</b>	<b>Karla Toll</b>

