



# Trinity Lutheran Church

Second Sunday in Advent  
No Place Like Home  
December 07, 2025



## Welcome

### ^Opening Responses & Lighting of the Candle of *PEACE*

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Stir up our hearts O God, that as we live in the Hope that is ours in Christ, we may also be eager to share Your peace which we have received through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **We come thankful for the peace that is ours, found only in Christ Jesus. His peace holds us fast amid the chaos of our world which is aflame with discord, wars and rumours of war. His peace soothes our troubled hearts and calms our crazy busy lives. The peace we have with God strengthens us and encourages us to be peacemakers and peacekeepers each day.**

P: Draw us in this season of Advent to quiet places where we may hear Your word and receive Your steadfast gifts of forgiveness, belonging and love. Help us to not miss the beauty of this season of stillness and promise. Keep us watchful with expectant joy.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

*(Lighting of the Advent Candles of Hope & Peace)*

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs1-2

### \*Confession of Sin & Absolution:

P: Let us confess our sins before God our Father.

C: **We confess that we spend ourselves on what cannot satisfy.**

**We chase approval, possessions, and pleasure,  
ignoring the feast of grace you freely set before us.**

**We labor in vain, and we doubt whether we still belong in your family.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ.**

*Silence for reflection*

P: Hear the good news. The Lord invites all who thirst to come and be filled. In Christ Jesus, the feast is already paid for, and your place is secure. Your sins are forgiven. You are welcomed to the table of God's mercy, now and forever. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs3

## Children's Story

*(Children go down for Sunday School)*

### God's Word: Isaiah 55:1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and

commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

**Hymn:** "What Feast of Love" WOV 70

### **Holy Gospel: Matthew 3 :1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" <sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

### **Message**

#### **++Advent Creed**

**We believe in one God, Who is The Father, Maker of all we see and all we don't see. Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation! We believe in one God, Who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light, true God and true man. He is one with The Father, He is the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Saviour of all creation! We believe in one God, Who is the Holy Spirit, breath of God moving among us; Who is one with The Father; one with Jesus Christ; the Holy Spirit is our Comforter and our Counselor: nurturer of all creation! We believe in the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit who is ONE God. Amen**

#### **Offertory:**

Offering will be received at this time

#### **Prayers of the People:**

#### **Lord's Prayer:**

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

#### **Words of Institution**

**Communion Hymns:** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" LBW 198  
"I Come, O Savior to Your Table" LBW 213  
"Lamb of God"

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

#### **Benediction:**


**Sending Hymn:** "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" LBW 29

Dismissal

P: We continue our journey home in the peace of Christ,  
C: Thanks be to God. Amen.


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