



# Trinity Lutheran Church

First Sunday in Advent  
Far from Home  
November 30, 2025



## Welcome

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

- P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God, Who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.
- C: Amen.
- P: Stir up our hearts O God, that we may be messengers of Your hope and light amid a dark and often dangerous world.
- C: By the power of Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, may Your Gospel promise to us be daily heard, and our faith strengthened, that we may bring hope in Jesus' name.
- P: Keep us vigilant and joyful, living in the expectant hope of Your good and glorious day, when Jesus, our Incarnate LORD, whose birth we prepare to celebrate shall come again in glory as He has promised and take us home! Amen.

*(First Candle (HOPE) is lit on the Advent Wreath)*

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

### \*Confession of Sin & Absolution:

- P: Let us confess our sins before God our Father.
- C: **We confess that we have wandered far from you, our true home. We have sought security, meaning, and belonging apart from you. We have listened to sin's whispers and followed our own desires. We are exiled by our rebellion, and we cannot bring ourselves back. Forgive us, Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ.**

*Silence for reflection*

- P: Hear the good news. God has not abandoned you in exile. In Christ Jesus, the shoot from Jesse's stump, he has come to you. By his death and resurrection, your sins are forgiven. The door to the Father's home stands open, and you are welcomed inside. 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" vs2

### \*Responsory Psalm: (Psalm 90:1-2)

- L: *Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.*
- C: **From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**
- L: *Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,*
- C: **From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**
- L: *The Lord is our home.*
- C: **In Christ, we are brought near.**
- L: *Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.*

**C: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God. All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **Children's Story (Noisy Offering)**

(Children go down for Sunday School)

#### **God's Word: Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

#### **Hymn:**

"Prepare the Royal Highway" LBW 26 vs 1, 3, 4

#### **Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44**

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

#### **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:**

## Benediction:

**P:** God the Father, who calls you home, keep you steadfast in faith. God the Son, who welcomes you home, forgive you and make you new. God the Spirit, who dwells with you, guard you until the day you see your home complete.

**C:** Amen

## Sending Hymn:

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" LBW 30

## Dismissal

**P:** We continue our journey home in the peace of Christ,

**C:** Thanks be to God. Amen.

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