

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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***The Mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is the preaching, teaching, baptizing and sharing the love of Christ in our church, our community and our world.***



## Advent One Week 1: Far from Home

### **Text for the Day:** Isaiah 11:1–10 (Read)

<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon 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> And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes 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; and 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 of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf 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 cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

### **Call to Worship / Invocation**    (*Based on Isaiah 11:1–2, 10*)

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Leader: The shoot has sprung from the stump of Jesse.

**Congregation: The branch from his roots shall bear fruit.**

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord rests upon him.

**Congregation: And his resting place shall be glorious.**

### **Opening Prayer**

Leader: Almighty God, you have gathered us from exile into the promise of your presence. Fix our eyes on Jesus, the One who comes to make his home with us, that we may find peace in his Word and rest in his grace. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

### **Hymn**

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

LSB 332 vv. 1-3 & 7

1 Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.

2 Not by human flesh and blood,  
By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made flesh—  
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

3 Here a maid was found with child,  
Yet remained a virgin mild.  
In her womb this truth was shown:  
God was there upon His throne.

7 From the manger newborn light  
Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides;  
In this light faith now abides.

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546; (sts. 1–2): tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76; (st. 3): tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006; (st. 7): tr. Gifford A. Grobier, 1973  
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## **Confession and Absolution**

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

**Congregation: 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*

Leader: 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.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## **Responsory Psalm (Psalm 90:1–2)**

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Congregation: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

Leader: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

**Congregation: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

Leader: The Lord is our home.

**Congregation: In Christ, we are brought near.**

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Congregation: 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.**

## **Advent Homily**

## **Offering**

### **Catechesis** *Luther's meaning to the 1<sup>st</sup> Article of the Creed*

**All:** I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

### **Prayer of the Day (Midday)**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you left your throne in glory to enter our exile, so that we might be welcomed home to the Father. Keep us from seeking refuge in the false shelters of this world, and anchor our hearts in you, the shoot from Jesse's stump and the King of all kings. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Or*

### **Luther's Evening Prayer (Evening)**

**All:** I thank you my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### **Benediction**

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

**Congregation: Amen**

### **Closing Hymn**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

LSB 361

I O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary,  
And, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king  
And peace to all the earth!

3 How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!

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## **ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES**

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Jake Sletten
<b>Lay Minister:</b>	Bruce Sletten
<b>Elder:</b>	Luke Hansen
<b>Organist:</b>	Susan Senninger
<b>Pianist:</b>	Betty Sawyer
<b>Sound System:</b>	Parker Schoen
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Seth Carr

### **Welcome to Trinity!**

*We are so happy that you have joined us for worship today. We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ who seek to love God with all of our heart, with all of our mind, and with all of our soul. We have a deep desire that all would come to the saving knowledge of the truth of Jesus as Lord! We cordially invite you to worship with us every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and join us for Bible Class and Sunday School after church.*