

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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**December 10, 2025   Second Week of Advent   11:30am / 7pm**



***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 Two

### Week 2: No Place Like Home

**Text for the Day:** Isaiah 55:1-5 (Read)

<sup>1</sup> “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has 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 diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup> Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

**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**

*Hark the Glad Sound*

LSB 349

1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev'ry voice a song.

2 He comes the pris'ners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.

3 He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace  
To \_enrich the humble poor.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'n's eternal arches ring  
With Thy belovèd name.

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## **Confession and Absolution**

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

**Congregation: 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*

Leader: 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.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## **Responsory Psalm (Psalm 34:8–10, adapted)**

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

**Congregation: Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

Leader: The young lions suffer want and hunger;

**Congregation: But those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

**Congregation: Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

**Congregation: Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Article of the Creed*

**All: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

**This is most certainly true.**

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

Leader: Gracious God, you invite the thirsty to drink and the hungry to be filled without cost. Teach us to turn from empty pursuits and to delight in the rich food of your grace. Keep us secure in your covenant love, that we may both rejoice in your feast and share it with those who hunger. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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: 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

**Congregation: Amen**

### **Closing Hymn**

*Silent Night*

LSB 363

1 Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!

3 Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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

**Pastor:** Rev. Jake Sletten  
**Lay Minister:** Bruce Sletten  
**Elder:** Luke Hansen  
**Organist:** Susan Senninger  
**Pianist:** Betty Sawyer  
**Sound System:** Liam Hansen  
**Acolyte:** Pistol McCullough

#### **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.*