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Second Sunday of Christmas

January 2-3, 2021

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January 2-3, January 9-10

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January 16 at 6:00 pm – January 17 at 9:30 am

Confession

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin
to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness,
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

**Congregation: we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you
In thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart;
we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake
of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake
God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister
of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Entrance Hymn: #296 What Child is this?

- 1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the king, who shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!**
- 2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian fear; for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!**
- 3. So, bring him incense, gold and myrrh; peasant, king, to own him. The King of king's salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

Greeting

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Kyrie

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Leader For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Leader Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Congregation: Amen

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Today's Readings Insert

Psalm: Psalm 147:12-20

Today's Readings Insert

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Congregation: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia.
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Pastor: The holy gospel according to St. John the 1st verse

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 1:(1-9) 10-18 Today's Readings Insert

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Chris

Hymn of the Day: #295 Of the Father's Love Begotten

- 1.Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega. He the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.**
- 2.Oh, that birth forever blessed, when the virgin full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race, and the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore.**
- 3.This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord, whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word; now he shines, the long expected; let creation praise its Lord evermore and evermore.**
- 4.Let the heights of heav'n adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing; pow'rs, dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring evermore and evermore.**
- 5.Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be: honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory evermore and evermore.**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer Hymn-#752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

Prayers

**Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.**

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor	The Lord be with you.
Congregation:(sung)	And also with you.
Pastor	Lift up your hearts.
Congregation:(sung)	We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation:(sung)	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection open to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Congregation:(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Pastor In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took
bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
saying; Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for
the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for
all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

**Pastor The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Strengthen You and Keep You in His Grace. **Amen.****

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Blessing

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Congregation: Amen.

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn: #290 Go Tell it on the Mountain

*Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, through-out the heavens there shone a holy light.
Refrain

2. The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.
Refrain

3. Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.
Refrain

*God be with you till we meet again,
By His counsels guide uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again.*

Organ Postlude

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OUR DAILY BREAD

John 11:14-27

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “If you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

MOVE AT THE SPEED OF JESUS

Recently, my car needed work. The mechanic’s shop was close, a mile from my home. So, I decided to just walk home. But as I shuffled along next to a bustling thoroughfare, I noticed something: Everyone else was moving so fast.

This isn’t rocket science. Cars go faster than pedestrians. Zip, Zip, Zip! As I ambled home, I had a realization: We’re so used to moving fast. All the time. Then, another realization: I often expect God to move just as quickly. I want His plans to fit my speedy timetable.

When Jesus lived on earth, His seemingly slow pace sometimes disappointed His friends. In John 11, Mary and Martha sent word that their brother, Lazarus, was sick. They knew Jesus could help. But He arrived some four days later, after Lazarus had died. ““Lord, Martha said to Jesus, ‘if you had been here, my brother would not have died’”. Translation: Jesus didn’t move fast enough. But He had bigger plans: raising Lazarus from the dead.

Can you relate to Martha’s desperation? I can. Sometimes, I long for Jesus to move more quickly to answer a prayer. Sometimes, it seems like He’s late. But Jesus’ sovereign schedule is different from ours. He accomplished His saving work on His timetable, not ours. And the ultimate outcome displays His glory and goodness in ways that are so much greater than our plans.

**When have you been disappointed that Jesus seemingly didn’t
answer a prayer, only to realize He was accomplishing something bigger?
How did that affect your perception of God?**

*Father, sometimes I get so impatient. Help me to trust in Your perfect
timing and to cling to Your goodness to faith.*

Our Daily Bread: January 3rd

Prayer List: Prayer List: December 28, 2020-January 3, 2021

Members of Trinity – Members of Trinity – Nick Angelo, Robert Arner, Paul Ashembrier, Judi Barton, Ray Brennan, Jody Brossman, Doug Camodeca, Sam and Joan Carroll, Laura Louise Dolbin, Joel Ebling, Fred Gradwell, Louise Gradwell, Margaret Gretskey, Larry Haffey, Scott Haffey, Pat Haluska, Shirley Harkins, Helen Harvey, Peggy Hassler, Bruce Heckman, Mike Kiehner, Dorothy Heiser, Kelly Knorr, Paula Kriner, Lincoln Krisa, Kim Leiby, Debbie Linder, Janet Little, Dennis Lord, Jean and George Lord, Nancy Mahall, Margie Mataka, Shirley Morgan, Adam Morrow, Ray Moyer, Jean Neithamer, Pamela Purcell, Marilyn Reed, Jill Schaeffer, Ron Schaeffer, Peg Schappell, Linda Seiwel, Kay Shaw, Judy Steffanic, Colin Studlack, Dorothy Thomas, Frances Thomas, Judy Thomas, Shawn Thomas, Barbara Wagner, Dolores Wagner, Helen Walasavage, Nancy Weigand, Mary Jane Wilson, Carolyn Wire

Shut-Ins – Merle Amos, Tom & Mickie Bair, Leah Brokhoff, Judy Cappel, Earlamay Downing, Jacques Ebling, Carolyn Gauntlett, Jeanne Heffner, Robert Heffner, Dolores Hoffman, Richard & Carole Kline, Mary Leary, Bob Pauzer, Pat Phillips, Terry Pugh, Nancy Schriener, Carolyn Spiess, Ann Spotts, Ann Tihansky, Beatrice Walsh, Kathryn Wodack, Darlene & Richard Zeller

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Those who mourn– Family and friends of *Barbara Gentile*

Family Members/Friends –Sharon Alfonso, Michelle Ambrose, Jessica Archibald, Inez Aurand, Beverly Banovatz, Donna Bast, Kathy Bauers, David Bechtel, Ed Bensinger, Olivia Bensinger, Ron Boris, Rose Brehony, Kristel Brennan, Patricia Bressler, Doug Broughton, Jason Castaneda, Bruce Chattin, Mike Cloud, Pat Connor, Pete Connors, Irene Conway, Robert Craig, Jessica Croley, Megan Dasch, Hayden Daubert, Alice Davis, Ethel Davis, Ray Dee, Mike Dempsey, Patricia Derlunas & Family, Marian and Sarah Donlin, Diane Donovan, Robert Dougherty, Jim Driscoll, Nick & Nicholas Dubb, Kerry Duke, Laura Dunlap, Joanie Eagan, Bruce Ernst, Jessie and Jamie Ebert, Marilee Ebert, Gaylene Ebling, Peggy Ebling, Tracey Ebling, Scarlett Eckers, Jamie Edwards, Virginia Ehrich, Mary Eiler, Erin Emmick, Michelle and Peggy Evans, Vince Fabiani, Nolan Ferhat, Grace Flynn, Kathy Fronza, Daniel Fuentes, Jim Gary, Elaine Gayman, Judy Genovese, Donna George, Kim Gerthoffer, Kathleen Gradwell, Scott Grossman, Tina Guise, Tim Guise, Gemma Haas, Shane Haffey, Joe Halko & Family, John Hannaway, Ann Marie Harpel, Nancy Hart, Joie Hartnet, Jarred Heckart, Bruce Heffner, Psmurfisa Hernandez, Rita Hinchey, Rosalind Hosler, John Housknecht, Helen Hufnagle, Sandy Huntzinger, Agnes Jaglas, Tom Jefferson, Lauren Kelly, Beth Ketz, Edwin Kindred, Sr., Phyllis Knoll, Shirley Koury, Sue Kraft, Rita Kruel, Chrissy Kull, Mary Larish, Chris Larsen, Butch Lasco, Phil Lasco, Christina Lee, Alexia Leib, Jaden Leiby, Kathy Lenge, Robert “Oscar” Leskin, Bernadette Lord, David Lord, Helen Love, Sister Jo Magdalinski, Thelma Mansfield, Melissa Martin, Linda Marx, Mona Marzullo, Amanda Mason, Harper Masland, John Matz, Gladys Maurer, Debra McBride, Debra Lynne McBride, Jeanne McClure, Diane McCully, Helen McGeever, Lenny and Karen McHugh, Kathy McGee, Joe McNulty, Sandy Mendini, Nadine Merrigan, Alethia Meyer, Peggy Meyer, Lisa M. Mikula, Ariel Miller, Laura Miller, Leslie and Geoff Miller, Carol A. Mills, Madeline Miscannon, Helene Moore, Janice Moore, Patrick Moore, Rochelle and Lindsey Moser, Darron Moyer, Robert Muldowney, Colleen Murphy, Anthony Murray, Vincent Murray, Virginia O’Brian, Tom Palewicz, Rob Parano, Maureen Pavlick, Pastor Peggy Sue Pfeffer, Joe Phillips, Annalise Porreca, Anna Sterner Porreca, Irene Post, John Potlunas, Karen Prettie, Kathy Pritchard, Kayleigh Pronio, Joe Rady, Dayne Readinger, Dot Rebeck, Joe & Mary Jane Reed, Colleen Rothharpt, John Roberts, Tina Robinson, Mary Lou Roeder, DJ Rubright, Charles (Chuck) Rushannon, Bob Sabaday, Amy Schade, Cheryl Scharff, Anne Schock, Earl Shoener, Jennifer Schultz, Jack Schwenk, Rogene Seidel, Shawn Seidl, Rosemary Shustack, Aldyn Socks, Allen and Jack Spotts, Lindsay Spotts, Karen Engel Sterling, Jessica Stewart, Sawyer Sullivan, Brian Symons, Skip Tyson, Tristen Uffre, Joan Urenko, Karen Urban, Tammy Uhrin, Gloria Uzick, Bob Voskuhl, Charlie Wagner, Jean Walsh, Rol Walters, Angela Ward, Glynn Ward, Bill Weiss, Mark Wolfgang, Joan Woodward, Nancy Woodward, George Yarnell, Connor Joel Yob, Kathleen & Joseph Young, Marge Yourshaw, Tony Zampella

STATEMENT OF CONGREGATIONAL MISSION

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Trinity Lutheran Church is a worshipping, learning, witnessing, and serving community of baptized Christians. It is a welcoming place where the Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are celebrated according to the Gospel. As a community of believers, we challenge each other to respond to the call of our Lord to love and minister to persons at home and throughout the world. We encourage each other to share our time, our talents, and gifts to further the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. In these ways, we bear witness to the love we have first received from God through Jesus Christ.

Adopted by the Congregation

January 25, 1998

Chris Rothharpt, Senior Pastor

Ron Brennan, Church Council President

Michael Kiehner, Organist & Choir Director

Jean Miller, Church Secretary

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