

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

8:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

C Amen

P Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P God of all time,

C we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen

P Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In + Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

C Amen

Gathering Hymn

'Prepare the Royal Highway'

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Greeting

P From the one who was and who is and who is to come. Grace and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

Be seated.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

A Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

C John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way for the kingdom of heaven is near. Bless us as we light the second candle on this wreath. Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit, that we may be a light shining in the darkness welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever. Amen

The second candle is lit.

Hymn

'Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah' vs 2 **240**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray
Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia!' p. 151

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,'"

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized

you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'Comfort, Comfort Now My People'

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Stand as you are able

Apostles' Creed

p. 105

Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We raise our prayers to you, O God, in the name of the one who is, who was, and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

Peace

The people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you".

Be seated

Offering

Stand as you are able

Offertory *'Fling Wide the Door' vs 2*

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Offering Prayer

A Savior of the nation, come.

C **Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving pp. 152-153

Lord's Prayer p. 154

Be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion

Come to the communion rail by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand. Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. If you prefer grape juice, ask the server. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.

Hymns at the Distribution

'Lamb of God'	p. 154
'Wait for the Lord' (sing twice)	262
'On Jordan's Bank'	249

Stand as you are able.

Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A God for whom we wait,

C **you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Blessing

P May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before

your path. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

Sending Hymn *'Hark, the Glad Sound!'* **239**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

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Worship Assistants: December 10

Greeters: Mason – Nita Williams
East – Karen and Gene Krull

Assisting Minister: Lois Hilger

Lector: Lois Hilger

Communion 8:30: Ron Bailey

Communion 10:30: Judy Cross

Ushers: Marty Grow, Laury Grow, Brian Klauer,
Kathy Lanska

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 12/03: 8:30 am-63 & 10:30 am-26

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 177

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In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Donny Kassube and Marie Mueller.

For Healing for Norma Bryant; Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Valerie Sieg; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms.

For those with cancer especially Ellie; Melissa Heins, Gene and Karen Krull's daughter; Mark Catlin; Roger Schmidt; Marian Breitenfeldt; Enid Andrews.

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." Romans 12:12



If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.

Announcements

Advent is here. Join us for the Midweek Advent services at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays in December. These services will be about 30 minutes so you can plan your Wednesday activities. We are inviting Trinity to join us for these services.

Dec. 13 - The Angel Speaks to Joseph's Confusion

Dec. 20 - The Angel Speaks to Mary's Doubt

Congregational Meeting TODAY

at 11:15 following second service.

Christmas Display. If you would like to give a gift toward the Christmas display, please sign up on the sheet on the desk today. Place your gift in an envelope, marked "Christmas Display" with the suggested gift of \$12.00 or any amount you choose by Sunday Dec 17th. Donors will be listed.

Thank you for your enthusiastic response to the **Angel of Hope Christmas Tree.** Please return your unwrapped gift(s) by today December 10th with your angel attached. Thank you again for your generosity.

Christmas Worship Services

Sunday, Dec. 24 -

- 8:30 A.M. - Fourth Sunday in Advent
- 10:30 A.M. - Christmas Eve with the reading of Jesus Birth
- 6:30 P.M. - Christmas Eve with Meditation and Candlelight

Monday Dec. 25 - 9:00 A.M. - Christmas Day

Advent Bags for Homebound

Between now and December 17, please bring in donations for our more fragile members of Grace, and the care team will assemble gift bags for each of them. Please put items for the Advent Bags in the plastic bin in the narthex. About 20 bags will be taken to members. Suggested items include socks, stamps, Christmas &/or hard candy, small Kleenex, homemade cookies and hand/body lotion. For a complete list see the December newsletter. Thank you on behalf of the many who will receive these thoughtful gift bags.

Linwood Place Apartments has openings: large 2 BR with 1½ bath, large 2 BR, and 1 BR. Our waiting list is empty! Call now to see an apartment or to secure a spot for the future. This is the time to act!!! Call Becky at 920-734-7725 or 920-594-2016, or call Brian at 920-840-3578.

Welcome to Grace

*Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today.
There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area.
If you are looking for a church home,
you are welcome here.*

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 10..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Congregational Meeting

Monday, Dec. 11.....7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
6:30 pm Joy Circle

Tuesday, Dec. 12.....8:30 a.m. Quilting
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 pm TLC Church Council
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus

Wednesday, Dec. 13.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Advent Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 14.....10 a.m. Grilled Cheese Lunch
10:00 am Serve at Salvation Army
6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers Practice
News Letter Deadline

Friday, Dec. 15.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, Dec. 16.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, Dec. 17.....8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Worship
Children participate in worship at 10:30

