

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Advent 1

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Today we begin a new church year as we enter the "Festival Half of the Church Year" with the season of Advent. The word Advent comes from the Latin verb *advenio*, meaning "to come to." The word "Advent" in Latin means, "He comes."

Certainly, the end of the church year reminded us that Jesus would again come to judge on the last day of the world's HISTORY as we know it. To be sure, the Advent season has this same focus as well. But Advent also stresses Christ's first coming, which we celebrate in His incarnation at Bethlehem—when true God took on human flesh and blood and became true man.

Also, with the "advent" of this new church year, we move on to the ILCW "C" series of Scripture lessons. Please remember we follow a church year "pericope." There are several pericopes available. The "Inter Lutheran Commission on Worship" developed the church year calendar with its given readings that we will follow. The ILCW, then, has a three-part series of reading for each Sunday, namely, an Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle and Gospel. The goal during these A, B, and C series, respectively, is to cover the main sections/teachings of the Bible during a three-year period.

Order of Worship: ELH Page 60, The Common Service "Rite Two"

Hymns: 110 (1), 90 (1-5), 87, 88

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:14-16. Jeremiah prophesies that the promised Savior would come to bring righteousness to His people and that He would come from David's family line.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 25. We look to the LORD and trust in Him. He forgives all of our sins and guides us in holy living. (CW pg.74).

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13. St. Paul rejoices that the Thessalonians have been given saving faith. It is his prayer that the Lord keeps them in the faith until they enter eternal life on the last day when the Lord comes again.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. The one who testifies about these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! Alleluia. (Revelation 22:20, EHV)

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36. Jesus explains that the end of the world will be preceded by many gloomy signs which already began appearing at His time. These serve as reminders that the coming of the Lord is near. We need to watch and pray that we do not fall away but stand firm in the faith.

Sermon: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Theme - "The LORD Will Fulfill His Promise"

Points to ponder from the day's Scripture readings:

- Old Testament: What is the LORD promising through His prophet Jeremiah?
- Old Testament: How does the prophet Isaiah add to the above promise (see Isaiah 9:2-7; 11:1-9 – see Isaiah 7:14 & Matthew 1:21 as well)?
- Old Testament: When will the ultimate fulfillment of this prophecy happen, especially as pictured by Isaiah?
- Epistle: Of what is Paul grateful when it comes to the Thessalonians?
- Epistle: What does Paul mean when he speaks about "*supplying what is lacking in your faith?*"
- Gospel: In view of the end of the world's history as we know it, of what does Jesus remind us to be? (see vs.28, 34-36)
- What are some of the "signs of the times" through the Bible that remind us that the end of this world's history is approaching?
- What are ways Jesus sets before us to keep us ready for His second return and the world's end?

Announcements:

+ Please join us for Bible class on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. We are studying the Book of Psalms.

+ Confirmation class: 3:15-5:00 p.m. at the church on?

+ Sunday school on Sunday mornings from 8-8:30 a.m.

+ We give glory to our Savior for redeeming and now calling home the soul of our Christian loved one, Harold Hopp. Trinity held a Christian funeral service this past Wednesday. May our risen Savior continue to provide comfort, confidence and peace to all with His promise: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. Whoever lives and believes in me will never perish" (John 11:25-26). How our hearts long for a blessed reunion in heaven!

Jeremiah 33:14-16 – Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the good promises that I have spoken to the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah. In those days and at that time, I will cause a righteous Branch to grow up from David's line. He will establish justice and righteousness on earth. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. This is what she will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness. (EHV™)

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 – Indeed, how can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have before God on account of you? Night and day

we are praying earnestly to see you in person and to supply what is lacking in your faith. May God our Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord increase your love and make it overflow for each other and for all people, just as ours does for you, so that he may establish your hearts as blameless in holiness before our God and Father, when our Lord Jesus comes with all his saints. (EHV™)

Luke 21:25-36 – “There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And on the earth nations will be in anguish, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the surging waves, people fainting from fear and expectation of the things coming on the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these things begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is near.” He told them a parable. “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. As soon as they are sprouting leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is actually near. So also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. Amen I tell you: This generation will not pass away until all these things happen. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. “Watch yourselves or else your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and the worries of this life, and that day may come on you suddenly. For it will come like a trap on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Stay alert all the time, praying that you may be able to escape all these things that are going to happen and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.” (EHV™)

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Advent 1 – Today we light the first candle on our Advent wreath known as the Prophecy Candle. This candle reminds us that the light of God’s prophecy kept burning brightly on the pages of the Old Testament in preparation for the birth of our Savior.

As we witness this candle lit and burning, we sing the first stanza of

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel...

1) Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

(Refrain) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!