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**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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Joel:  
God's  
Promised  
Spirit

First Sunday of Advent  
November 29, 2020



The service continues with gathering song.

\* GATHERING SONG

“Spirit of Gentleness”

ELW 396

*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness  
call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,  
stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.  
1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”

*Refrain*

\* Please stand if able

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\* **GREETING**

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

C: **And also with you.**

\* **KYRIE**

A: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

A: For this Holy House, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

A: Help, save, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... Steadfast God, You never abandoned your people when they were at their lowest. Hold your promises before our eyes that they might shine brighter than any darkness which threatens to overcome us, for the sake of your son Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

• **SCRIPTURE READING: Joel 2:12-13, 28-29**

P: Our scripture reading this morning is from Joel, Chapter 2.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord. (*Spoken*)**

<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. <sup>28</sup>Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream

dreams, and your young men shall see visions. <sup>29</sup>Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ (*Spoken*)**

• **SERMON**

**Pastor Mel Musser**

*Silence for reflection may follow*

\* **NICENE CREED**

*The Nicene Creed is said on all festivals and on Sundays in the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Apostles' Creed is said at other times. The Creed is omitted here if the service of Holy Baptism or another rite with a creed is used.*

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\* **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*The Peace is shared at this time.*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

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\* **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: In the season of tinsel and twinkling illusions, grant us a deeper joy that endures throughout these days, the burning promise of our coming savior. God of hope,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: In the spirit of St. Nicholas, use us to minister to those in need, providing for their lack without seeking recognition or thanks, but only the fulfillment of recognizing our connection with all of your children. God of hope,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: The earth is forgiving, even as its creator is, renewing what has been depleted and repairing what has been damaged. Make us partners in the recovery of this planet from the ravages of our abuse and neglect. Accept our repentance for all that we have done. God of hope,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: When we lose our visions, we are tempted to give in to despair. Rekindle your light within those who have given up, and work through us to reach out to the lonely, sad and discouraged. Bring an end to this pandemic and speed both the healing of those infected and the distribution of vaccines to the most needy. Send your healing spirit to all those who need it, especially... God of hope,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: With Nicholas, bishop of Myra, and all your faithful saints, we join our voices with the heavenly chorus praising the One who delivers and delights our hearts with the promise of eternal life. God of hope,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Here other petitions may be offered.*

L: Our eyes await the fulfillment of all your promises, the answer to all our prayers: your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**\* OFFERING PRAYER**

*While the congregation is still standing say:*

- P: Instead of passing the offering plate, we ask you to please place your offering in the Offering Plates conveniently located on your way out of worship. For those worshipping with us from their vehicles, there is a ceramic flower pot located near the back door of the church.
- P: You call us to return to you with all our hearts, and to give our lives to your service. Accept these offerings of love and use us as your servants to bring your light of mercy to all the world.

**C: Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**\* DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**\* THE PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\* THE SANCTUS**

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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\* **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty. When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy. At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace. Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C: Amen**

\* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: United into one by this heavenly food, we pray as Jesus taught...

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.**

\* **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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P: You have poured out your spirit upon all flesh, and gathered your children from the ends of the earth to proclaim your salvation. Let us come now to celebrate our deliverance in this bread and cup of mercy.

- **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*During the distribution the ministers say these words to each communicant:*

At this time you may open the communion bread and partake of the body of Christ, given for you.

Now please open the wine and you may now partake of the Blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: **Amen.***

- **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re- calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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**\* POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... Gracious and abundant God, you have done great things for us, and we rejoice. In this bread and cup you give us life forever. In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

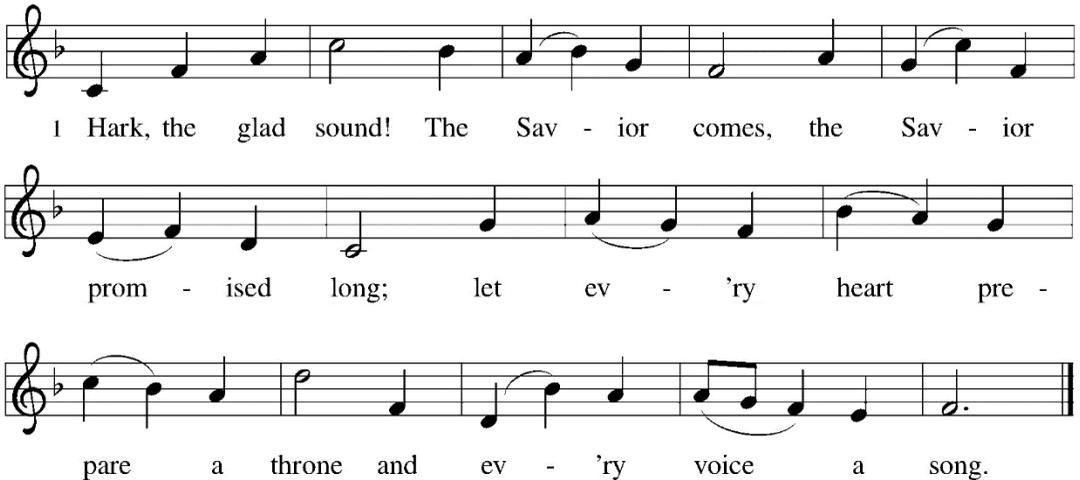
**• ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* SENDING BLESSING**

P: The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, † now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\* SENDING HYMN                      “Hark, the Glad Sound”                      LBW 35**



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.

**\* DISMISSAL**

P: Depart in Christ's Love.

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!**

**Postlude**

**Roxanne Groff**

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**Health Tips for the Week**  
**BODY:** Eat at least one high-fiber food every day  
**MIND:** Color with a child  
**SPIRIT:** Say Merry Christmas



### **Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3**

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.



Scripture readings for next Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>  
Isaiah 61:1-11

**This Week @ Trinity – December 6 thru December 13, 2020**

**Sun, December 6**

10:30 am      Worship Service

**Fri, December 11**

3:30 pm      FISH Pantry @ 400 Markwith, Greenville

**Sun, December 13**

10:30 am      Worship Service

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## **SUBMIT YOUR PICTURES!**

Due to the Covid Pandemic we will not be doing a live Children's Program this Christmas. Instead we are asking everyone who has pictures and or videos from years past to share them. We will edit them together and create a video collage of past Children's Christmas Programs. If you have hard copies of pictures, please drop them off at the Church. Make sure your name is on them and if they are more than a couple of years old, please let us know who is in the picture.

If you have digital pictures and or videos you can bring them to Church on a USB drive or click on the link below and when the window opens simply "Drag and Drop" them to the Trinity Lutheran Church Google Drive.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zTKD3I7R2UH4F1v9HSkaS6oNb3Rywdf?usp=sharing>

We hope to get a large number of pictures and videos that will allow all of us to take a nostalgic walk down Memory Lane. We plan to premier the video on Sunday, December 20, 2020 during the Worship Service, **so please get your pictures and videos turned in as soon as possible, but not later than December 15, 2020.**

If you have any questions or need assistance getting your pictures and videos turned in, please call Pastor Mel at 937 626-7100. I look forward to seeing all the "Ghosts of Christmases Past" pictures and videos. Let's make this a fun project and make lemonade out of the lemons of this pandemic!

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