

A Mission Congregation of the ELCA  
**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 13, 2020**

• **Prelude**

**Roxanne Groff**

• **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**

• **Welcome and Children's Message**

**Pr Mel**

• **Third Week of Advent**

L: Blessed are you, God of might and majesty, for you promise to make the desert rejoice and blossom, to watch over the strangers, and to set the prisoners free.

L: As we light these candles, satisfy our hunger with your good gifts, open our eyes to the great things you have done for us, and fill us with patience until the coming of the Lord Jesus.

L: O ransomed people of the Lord, come,

**C: let us travel on God's holy way and enter into Zion with singing. Amen.**

\* **GATHERING SONG "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"**


**LBW 34**



1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here



un - til the Son of God ap - pear. *Refrain* Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Renewing God,

**C: You have come into our world to live among us, yet we often lose sight of this and seek to manufacture our own truth. We are afraid to share your word lest others judge or mock us. We ignore your wisdom because it isn't convenient. We allow ourselves to be defeated by despair. Forgive our negligence and breathe new life into our heavy hearts.**

P: God knows our every weakness and still loves us and upholds our life. May your sins be forgiven, your past forgotten, and your hope restored in the name of our incarnate savior, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**\* 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.**

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... Faithful God, You restore to your people all that has been lost. Renew our hopes for the future and our zeal for serving you as chosen and beloved children, through Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**• SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 61:1-11**

P: Our scripture reading this morning is from Isaiah, Chapter 61.

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

61 The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. <sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. <sup>5</sup>Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; <sup>6</sup>but you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. <sup>7</sup>Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. <sup>8</sup>For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. <sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. <sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

• **SERMON**

**Pastor Mel Musser**

*Silence for reflection may follow*

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**\* 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.**

**\* PRAYERS AND QUILT TYING IF QUILT IS PRESENT**

**\* SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*(The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...)*

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

**C: And also with you.**

**\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

*A brief silence.*

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A: More valuable than expensive clothes or symbols of status is the robe of righteousness with which you cover us. Teach us to treasure the gifts of your kingdom blessings more than the material things which we are tempted to pursue.  
Generous God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Build up and restore ruined relationships and shattered connections with those from whom we feel distanced. Forgive harmful words and actions and teach us to value love and compassion above the need to be right and to justify ourselves. Generous God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Just as the earth brings forth shoots and a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, you will keep your promise to renew all of creation, even after all the damage it has suffered. Make us co-creators in your reconciling work, defenders of living things and the environment which supports them. Generous God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Those who mourn will one day celebrate again. Heal all those struggling with grief, regret, sadness, or any sort of illness, especially those whom we name before you...  
Generous God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: We honor St. Lucia for her generosity and devotion to her faith, and we pray to be as bold in our own proclamation of your gospel. Generous God,

**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**

P: You love justice, O Lord, and long to see all your people live life abundant. Bless these gifts and make them work towards your vision of plenty for all, in the power of your Spirit,

**C: Amen.**

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\* **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.**

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* **SENDING BLESSING**

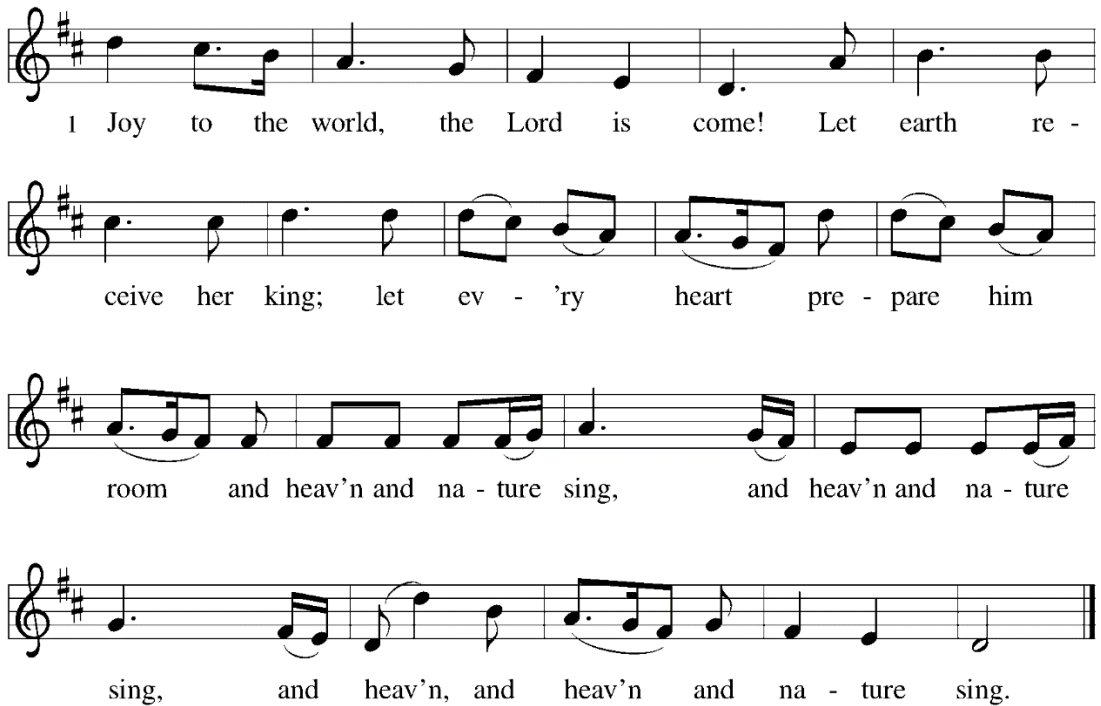
P: The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

\* **SENDING HYMN**

**“Joy to the World”**

**LBW 39**



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.

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\* **DISMISSAL**

P: Depart in Christ's Love.

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

**Postlude**

**Roxanne Groff**

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<p><b>Health Tips for the Week</b> <b>BODY:</b> Wear hats and gloves <b>MIND:</b> Sing Christmas songs <b>SPIRIT:</b> Take a drive to see Christmas lights</p>
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Scripture readings for next Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>  
Luke 1:26-45 [46-56]

**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.

**This Week @ Trinity –December 13 thru December 20, 2020**

**Sun, December 13**

10:30 am      Worship Service

**Wed, December 16**

9:30 am      GRCC Soup Kitchen

**Fri, December 18**

3:30 pm      FISH Pantry @ 400 Markwith, Greenville

**Sun, December 20**

10:30 am      Worship Service with Children's Christmas Program Montage

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## SUBMIT YOUR PICTURES BY THIS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15!

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/1zTKD3I7R2UHy4F1v9HSkaS6oNb3Rywdf?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 this Tuesday, 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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