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Second Sunday in Advent

*Divine Service*

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**Holy Communion** is celebrated this Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church in the glad confidence that our Lord, as His Words say, gives not only bread and wine, but also His true Body and Blood for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to His table those who believe He is truly present, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive as He forgives us. Because Saint Paul reminds us that we can receive the Lord's Supper to our judgment, we are very careful to administer the Sacrament only to those who are properly prepared. When we receive Holy Communion, we publicly declare our agreement with the teachings of the church from which we receive it. *Therefore, if you are not yet a member of this congregation, a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and if you have not previously spoken to the Pastor about Holy Communion, please refrain from coming forward to receive Communion until you have first spoken with the Pastor.* If you cannot receive the Lord's Supper but desire a blessing, please join us at the Communion rail and cross your arms over your chest to tell the pastor of your intent.

**Opening Hymn**

*Jesus Came, the Heav'ns Adoring*

LSB 353

**Liturgy**

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**Introit**

P: Say to the daughter of | Zion,\*  
“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”  
The LORD will cause His majestic voice | to be heard,\*  
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

C: **Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!\***  
**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.**  
**Restore us, | O God;\***  
**let your face shine, that we | may be saved!**  
**Turn again, O | God of hosts!\***  
**Look down from | heaven, and see;**

**But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,\*  
the son of man whom you have made strong | for  
yourself!**

**All:      Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
              and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
              is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**P:        Say to the daughter of | Zion,\*  
              "Behold, your sal- | vation comes."  
The LORD will cause His majestic voice | to be heard,\*  
              and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.**

**Kyrie  
Collect**

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**P:        Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-  
begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You  
with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C:        Amen**

**Old Testament**

Malachi 4:1-6 (ESV)

For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.

**Gradual**

**C:        Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | shines forth.\*  
             Our God comes; He does not keep | silence;  
             "Gather to me my | faithful ones,\*  
             who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice."**

## **Epistle**

Romans 15:4-13 (ESV)

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, *Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.* And again it is said, *Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.* And again, *Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.* And again Isaiah says, *The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

## **Alleluia**

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## **Gospel**

Luke 21:25-36 (ESV)

And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is 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. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

And he told them a parable: Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.

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<b>Advent / Christmas / Epiphany</b>			
<b>Special Services</b>			
Advent Weekday services begin at 12:00 p.m.			
Evening services begin at 7:00 p.m.			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Day Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Text</i>
12/10/25	Advent Midweek 2	Advent: Lord's Supper	1 Corinthians 11:27
12/17/25	Advent Midweek 3	Advent: Absolution	John 20:23
12/24/25	Christmas Eve	Christmas: The Savior	Luke 2:1-14
12/25/25	Christmas Day	Christmas: The Word	John 1:14-18
12/31/25	New Year's Eve	The Name Above All Names	Luke 2:21
01/06/26	Epiphany	Joint at St. Paul — Fulda	Pastor Williams preaching