



Advent Midweek 1
December 2, 2020

THEME OF THE DAY

Today we begin a new sermon series on the Old Testament prophet Micah—*Fierce Judgment: Final Grace*. In this service we learn that God arrives to address our deep pain of loneliness.

*INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

P It shall come to pass, in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD will be established as the highest of the mountains
C **Then many nations will say—**

P "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob."
C **"That he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."**

P They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks
C **Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.**

P God's fierce judgment—

C **Teach me Your paths.**

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Gives way to final grace!**

HYMN

The Advent Of Our God

LSB 331, vs. 1-2, 4



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

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*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Lord God, merciful Father, pour out your Holy Spirit and deliver us from all evil. Open our eyes so we see our sin and selfishness. Inspire our repentance so we return to you.

C **Amen.**

P Returning to our gracious Lord, let us confess our sins.

Silence for reflection and confession

P Merciful Father,

C **We confess that we do not live according to your Word and instead, we follow gossip and slander, pride and pretense. We have become smug and self-righteous. Bring us out of our sin and clothe us with the garments of salvation, won for us through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love! Out of that love he sent Jesus to shed his blood for us. By faith we stand forgiven, restored and empowered to live new lives. Therefore, we proclaim to each other—

C **Christ redeems you and restores you. Christ loves you and forgives you!**

P God's fierce judgment—

C **Gives way to final grace!**

*COLLECT FROM SUNDAY

P The Lord be with You

C And also with you.

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

C that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance;

P for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE READINGS ARE ABOUT GOD'S ARRIVAL

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 1:1–4

¹The word of the LORD that came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

²Hear, you peoples, all of you;
pay attention, O earth, and all that is in it,
and let the Lord GOD be a witness against you,
the Lord from his holy temple.

³For behold, the LORD is coming out of his place,
and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth.

⁴And the mountains will melt under him,
and the valleys will split open,
like wax before the fire,
like waters poured down a steep place.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 13:11–14

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:26–37

²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

No One Knows That Day or Hour

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

*APOSTLES' CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN

Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349, vs. 1, 2, 4



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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SERMON

The Advent of Our God

OFFERING

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P We see our mighty God arriving in the most unlikely places—a child in a stable, a Man upon a cross, the Risen One bursting forth from an empty tomb. May God hear our prayers, because of Christ Jesus.
- P Creator God, stretch out your hand in healing and protection over all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.
- P Just God, grant your Spirit to the nations and send your light to the dark places of the world. Lord, in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.
- P Suffering God, inspire all people by Christ's cross and bring forth resurrection and life. Lord, in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.
- P Saving God, sustain all who suffer and release those imprisoned by pain or disease. Lord, in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.
- P Renewing God, take us and empower us to live according to your will, making us shine with the love of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.
- P Arriving God, keep us steadfastly trusting your Word, just as you kept your powerful prophet Micah. Lord, in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.
- P Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the arrival of Jesus Christ.
C Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*BENEDICTION

P No god is like our God!
C **The Father, Son and Holy Spirit!**

P Pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression.
C **He does not stay angry forever—**

P Because he delights in steadfast love.
C **He casts our sins into the depths of the sea.**

P God's fierce judgment--
C **Gives way to final grace!**

HYMN TO DEPART The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns **LSB 348, vs. 1, 3, 5**



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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Serving our Lord this evening

Officiant: Rev. James Kroonblawd

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing

Elder: Andy Olson

Altar Guild: Karen Turnmire and Nancy Strand

Organist: Diane Streich

Cantor: David Workman

Live Stream: Jim Nicklas

Projectionist: Jean Peterson



Pick up an Advent devotional in the narthex for you and for a friend. Or call the church office to have one mailed.

Mark your calendar now for these December activities at TLO!



Advent Worship

Dec. 9, Dec. 16 | 6:30pm and livestream at www.trinityloneoak.org



Christmas Decorating

Saturday, December 5 | 9:00am | TLO Sanctuary

We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the Sanctuary and narthex for the Christmas season. Come for fellowship and fun while we decorate the Lord's House. No need to RSVP; just come with a cheerful heart! All activities socially distanced.



The Giving Tree*

through December 20 | TLO Church Narthex

Brighten Christmas for yourself and others by buying a gift for someone you don't know! Gift suggestions for families in need and full instructions will be on the tree in the narthex beginning Dec. 6



Poinsettias for Christmas Worship

through December 14 | TLO Church office

Help us beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia. This win-win also supports our Youth trip to NYG in 2022. Order forms are in the church narthex and church office. Plants may be taken home after Christmas worship.



Christmas bags for TLO members

take and deliver at your convenience

Pick up a prepared bag(s) near the end of December and deliver it to the address on the bag. You will deliver Christmas goodies and smiles while receiving much more in return.



Christmas Worship

December 24 | 3:30pm

Christmas Eve Family Worship

December 24 | 7:00pm and live stream at www.trinityloneoak.org

Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion

December 25 | 9:00am

Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion



Worship Sunday, Decr 27 | 9:00am and livestream at www.trinityloneoak.org
Note there is only one worship service and no Sunday school Sunday, December 27, 2020.



Vocalist and Instrumentalists wanted

For the coming Advent and Christmas season, we welcome musicians to come forward. We can help find music to suit your interests. Contact Diane Streich for more information.

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