



Advent Midweek 2
December 9, 2020

THEME OF THE DAY

Forever. We use this word a lot. Micah, however, teaches us that God's grace is forever grace.

*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 **Gives way to final grace!**

HYMN

Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332, vs. 1, 3, 4, 5



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and
5 God the Fa - ther was His source, Back to God He



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,
ran His course. In - to hell His road went down,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.
Back then to His throne and crown.

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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!

***HYMN**

Savior of the Nations. Come

LSB 332, vs. 6, 8

6 For You are the Fa - ther's Son Who in flesh the
 Δ 8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the
 vic - t'ry won. By Your might - y pow'r make whole
 Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be
 All our ills of - flesh - and soul.
 Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

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***COLLECT FROM SUNDAY**

P The Lord be with You

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. 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 live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE READINGS ARE ABOUT GOD'S PROMISES THAT LAST FOREVER

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 4:1–5

¹It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and it shall be lifted up above the hills;
and peoples shall flow to it,

²and many nations shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

³He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall decide for strong nations afar off;

and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore;
⁴but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree,
and no one shall make them afraid,
for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.
⁵For all the peoples walk
each in the name of its god,
but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God
forever and ever.

EPISTLE READING

Jude 20–24

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 1:24–33

²⁴After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying,
²⁵“Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people.”

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

***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

Forever

Micah 4:1-5

HYMN

Joy to the World

LSB 387, vs. 1, 3, 4



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P We see our mighty God 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 Promising 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 coming 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

Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349, vs. 1, 3, 4



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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Serving our Lord this evening

Officiant: Rev. James Kroonblawd

Elder: Jon Peterson

Musician: Marsha Workman

Live Stream: Jim Nicklas

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing

Altar Guild: Karen Turnmire and Nancy Strand

Cantor: Andy Koch

Projectionist: Ryan Kroonblawd

Upcoming events



Advent Worship

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

Sun, Dec 20 | 8:00am and 10:30am and livestream at www.trinityloneoak.org



Christmas bags for TLO members

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