



ADVENT MIDWEEK 2

DECEMBER 10, 2025

**congregation stands*

AS WE GATHER

"Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

Luke 1:25 In this second service for Our Dear Christ Enters In, we contemplate how Jesus helps us when hurt comes to our homes, and we are reminded that Jesus came to this broken world as one of us to comfort us and heal us of any pain and suffering we experience.

INVOCATION

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

- P Beloved in the Lord, as we draw closer to Christmas, may this wreath remind us that Jesus came to conquer the darkness of our sin and lead us into the light of his glorious kingdom, as the prophet Isaiah declares,
C **"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone."**
P Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, the true Light who comes into the world to enlighten all peoples, bless us as we light the candles of this wreath in preparation for your coming. Enkindle our hearts with the fire of your love that we may reflect your love to all—especially to those who are still walking in spiritual darkness around us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

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*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

from Daniel 9:4-18

- P O Lord, the great and awesome God,
C **who keeps his covenant of love with all those who love him and keep his commandments,**

P we have sinned and done wrong.
 C **We have been wicked and rebelled;**
 P We have turned away from your commandments and rules.
 C **We have not listened to your Word.**
 P Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame
 C **because we have sinned against you.**
 P We have not sought your favor by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth.
 C **O Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath.**
 P You, O Lord, are merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against you.
 C **O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! We do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy.**

Silence for personal confession.

P "'Comfort, comfort my people,' says your God. 'Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and cry to her: that her iniquity is pardoned'" (Isaiah 40:1-2). Through the perfect life, death and resurrection of the Christ Child, God has completely removed your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 C **Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE LSB 347, vs. 1**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 53:1-5

¹Who has believed what they heard from us?
 And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
²For he grew up before him like a young plant,
 and like a root out of dry ground;
 he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
 and no beauty that we should desire him.
³He was despised and rejected by men;
 a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
 and as one from whom men hide their faces
 he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs
 and carried our sorrows;
 yet we esteemed him stricken,
 smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions;
 he was crushed for our iniquities;
 upon him was the chastisement that brought us
 peace,
 and with his stripes we are healed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:35-39

³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
 we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor

height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 1:15–25

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

¹⁸And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." ¹⁹And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." ²¹And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. ²²And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. ²³And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

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."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

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SERMON

Our Dear Christ Enter In: Home Hurts

***APOSTLES' CREED** —*See inside back cover of the hymnal or projection slides*

OFFERING

***PRAYERS**

After our petitions:

- P O Jesus Christ, who brings healing,
- C **Bless all homes with your grace and love.**

***LORD'S PRAYER** —*See inside back cover of the hymnal or projection slides*

***BENEDICTION**

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Serving Our Lord

		December 10, 2025	December 17, 2025
Musician	6:30pm	Diane Streich	Éowyn Prusak
Cantor	6:30pm	Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild	6:30pm	Sharon Drews and Nancy Strand	Sharon Drews and Nancy Strand
Elder	6:30pm	Kurt Vallin	Bill Breitinger
Reader	6:30pm	Kurt Vallin	Keith Prusak
Usher Team	6:30pm	Gary Sheets	Andy Olson
Acolyte	6:30pm	Dana Vallin	Open
Projection	6:30pm	Sebastian Ness	Tim Morris
Live Stream	6:30pm	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Advent Meal	5:15pm	Church Council	WoW Bible study



Christmas Worship

Join us as we worship Jesus this Christmas season. Postcard invitations in the narthex make it easy to invite a friend or neighbor to worship with you!

- December 21 | 8:00*am and 10:30am, Worship | Adult study; no Sunday school
 - December 24 | 3:30pm | Christmas Eve Family Worship
 - December 24 | 7:00*pm | Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion
 - December 25 | 9:00*am | Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion
 - December 28 | 9:00*am | Worship (NOTE: one Sunday service) | Adult study; no Sunday school
- *livestreamed at www.trinityloneoak.org