



The third part in the series: "Advent Adverbs"

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AS WE GATHER

Advent is a most joyful time and a time for great praise of our God. Today is the “joyful Sunday” in Advent. With Mary’s beautiful song, the Magnificat, we exult that God has “done great things” and that “His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation” (*LSB*, pp. 248–49). With Mary, we rejoice that God “has shown strength with His arm” especially to those who are lowly and humbled. In his paraphrase of the Magnificat, hymnwriter Stephen Starke invites us to “Sing the greatness of the Lord” and “With praise and blessing Join in confessing God, who is solely Mighty and holy” (*LSB* 933:1). There is so much joy in Advent—it simply must be shared!

HYMN**REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS****LSB 515*****INVOCATION**

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

OPENING SENTENCESPsalm 100; 118:24*

- P This is the day that the LORD has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
C **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!**
P Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
C **Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!**
P Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
C **For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.
C **Merciful Father, our Lord and King, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We have not always made Your kingdom of first importance in our lives. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**
- P God is gracious and forgiving. He shows His kingly power in ways that are merciful. To each of us, our Lord says, “Fear not!” and promises pardon, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I announce to you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.
- C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE*IN ADVENT HOPE WE GATHER**

(not in pew hymnal)



1 In Ad-vent hope we gath - er And wor - ship trust - ing - ly,
 2 Our Ad-vent-hope ho - san - nas Ex - pec - tant - ly a - rise
 3 With Ad-vent hope our prais-es Re - ech - o joy - ful - ly
 4 As Ad-vent hope-filled peo-ple, We res - o - lute - ly pray,



As-sured that Christ is com-ing To set His peo-ple free.
 To Je - sus Christ, the Sav - ior Who comes from Par - a - dise.
 To greet our Lord's ar - riv - al In His hu - mil - i - ty.
 "A - men, O longed - for Sav - ior! Come, Lord, with us to stay!"

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INTROITPsalm 71:14–18; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

- P Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
 C **I will hope continually and will praise You yet more and more.**
 P My mouth will tell of Your righteous acts, of Your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.
 C **With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come; I will remind them of Your righteousness, Yours alone.**
 P O God, from my youth You have taught me, and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds.
 C **So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim Your might to another generation, Your power to all those to come.**
 P Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
 C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

KYRIELSB 168*

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
 C **Amen.**

*SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

During the singing of the hymn, three candles on the Advent wreath are lighted.

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

LSB 357, vs. 1, 2, 5

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| 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. | 2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. |
| ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel! | 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. |

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:1–10

- ¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the
crocus;
²it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.
³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you."

- ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.
⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

PSALM

Psalm 146

- A Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- C **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
- A Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.
- C **Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.**
- A The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
- C **The LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.**
- A The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE

James 5:7–11

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GRADUAL AND VERSE

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.; Matthew 11:10b

- P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
- C **Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.**

- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless You.
C **Alleluia. Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You. Alleluia.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2–15

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

²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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

SERMON

VENGEANCE AND JOY

HYMN OF RESPONSE

HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING

LSB 345

OFFERING

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*CREED

The Third Article

- P The Third Sunday in Advent is a joy-filled Sunday in which we can thank God for His gracious plan for our salvation and for the Holy Spirit, who guides our lives of faith and joins us together in the community of the Church. We speak the words of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed with joyful confidence:
C **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.**
P What does this mean?
C **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts,**

sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C **Amen.**

HYMN TO DEPART

HARK THE GLAD SOUND

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Christmas bags for TLO members

Take and deliver at your convenience

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

Serving our Lord

		December 11, 2022	December 18, 2022
Musician		Merlin Simon	Diane Streich
Cantor		Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild		Nancy Strand	Nancy Strand
Elder	8am	Andy Olson	Sam Erdman
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Jon Peterson
Reader	8am	Andy Olson	Peter Olsen
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Tim Morris
Usher Team	8am	Sam Erdman	Brian Nack
	10:30am	Open	Terry Stoerzinger
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8am	Jacob Seeman, Camryn Ergang	Lillian Olander, Sabontu Benya
	10:30am	Ethan Swenson, Dana Vallin	Andrew Swenson, Grace
Projection	8am	Matt Seeman, Marc Ergang	Peter Olsen
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Caleb Morris
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas



Salad Luncheon and optional Christmas Cookie Exchange

Sunday, December 18 | 11:30am | TLO Conference Room

Come and enjoy salad and conversation with your TLO friends. To participate in the cookie exchange, bring 6 dozen cookies to share. RSVP Lana Siewert-Olson (651-453-1563) today!



Christmas Caroling and pizza

Sunday, December 18 | 3:00pm | All ages | Meet in the TLO gym

Bring Christmas joy to TLO members in homes and in care centers. Meet at TLO to form caroling groups that make up to 4 stops. All ages welcome, and no singing talent needed! Join us!



The Giving Tree

Check out the tags on the tree in the narthex. Gifts should be **wrapped** and returned by next Sunday, December 18. Thanks for adding to Christmas joy by buying a gift for someone you don't know. Full instructions are on the small tree in the narthex.

COMING UP AT TLO — December 11, 2022 — December 18, 2022**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible class
	4:30pm	Grade 4-5 Girls BB game
	6:00pm	Grade 6-8 Girls BB game
	7:00pm	TLO Youth CRUX
Tue	7:00pm	Board of Elders
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	4:00pm	Midweek Confirmation
	5:15pm	Advent Meal served by Quilters
	6:30*pm	Advent Worship
	7:15pm	Men's choir rehearsal
Thur	11:00am	Board of Stewardship
	6:30pm	Board of Christian Education
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study
	4:00pm	Grade 6-8 Boys BB game
Sat	9:00am-6:00pm	Peniel meeting in the gym
	1:00-7:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church events

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org

“Wise Men Seek the Savior” — Christmas Activities for Families
Wednesday, December 28 | 2:00-4:00pm

Through child-friendly stations, parents and children share in the joy of the season and in the truth of a King and Savior born for them. Bring the young ones in your life to this casual event! Registrations helpful, but not required, on the website or with the church office.

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: December 4, 2022

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	20,909.75
	(Our offering budget is \$8,175 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	295.00
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	Chapel	\$	70.95
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	5.00
	Tuition	\$	6,446.88
	Sunday school	\$	1.34
	Verizon Tower Rental	\$	1,844.81
	Church and school fees	\$	575.65
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	30,149.38
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	805.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	4,780.00
	Young Investor Stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	266.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	5,851.00



SCRIP—place your order today!

There's still time to get gift cards for Christmas giving! And when you do, a percentage of your purchase supports TLO Church and School. See Leann Becker in the narthex or contact the church office to learn more.



Concordia Academy Christmas Concert TODAY!

Join the Concordia Academy band, orchestra, choirs, and art students at CA's 2021 Christmas Concert, "The Dawn of Christmas" today, Sunday, December 11, at 3pm.



Of the Father's Love Begotten

TODAY, December 11 | 3:00pm | Concordia University, St. Paul

Enjoy the musical offerings of Concordia University, St. Paul's Jubilate choir, Christus Chorus, Handbell Ensemble, and faculty and guest artists.



2023 offering envelopes are in the church narthex. Contact the church office if you need a box prepared for you!



Remember in Prayer

Daryl Buecksler, thanksgiving his recovery is going so well

Ryker Buecksler, thanksgiving he's doubled his birthweight!

Rich and Dixie Cliff

Ginny & Steve, Hannah's coworker, as Ginny is diagnosed w/ stage 4 non hodgkin's lymphoma

Ed Jones, father of David Jones and Julie Casby, in need of prayer

Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns

Dan Linse, successful surgery; pray for full recovery

Brian Motz in need of our prayers

Ian Olander, TLO Grade 3 student, keep updated at caringbridge.org/visit/iano

John Prusak, Keith's father, struggling with Parkinson's and dementia

Billy D. Swain, ongoing health concerns

Laverne and Beverly Ziebell, thanksgiving to God for His mighty hand in their lives. Beverly has transitioned home; prayers that she can get the care she needs at home.



Birthdays this week

Dec. 12 Garrett Lowry, Steve Niehaus

Dec. 13 Ashley Hedtke

Dec. 14 Rachel Clark

Dec. 15 Bill Maloney, Luna Wong

Dec. 16 Aaron Peterson

Dec. 17 Michelle Nadeau, Wendy Rueger



Poinsettias for Christmas Worship

through December 14 | TLO Church office

Help us beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia. The plant is yours to take home after Christmas Day worship. This win-win also supports our Youth program. Order forms are in the church narthex and church office.



Bible Seminar at TLO

January 28, 2023 | 9am - 3pm

Pastor Lessing leads our annual Bible seminar. This year's title is "Genesis: The most important book." Lunch is included. Register with the church office or at trinityloneoak.org.



Welcome Guests

We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to one of our pastors, a greeter or an usher. We love to make new friends!

For those with small children, a nursery is available, located in the narthex, if you need a place to care for your child. Children’s bulletins are in the narthex, or ask an usher.

Restrooms are located to the east end of the narthex near the main entrance.

Large print copies of the worship folder are available. Please ask an usher.



Advent Meal and Worship

December 14 | 5:15 & 6:30*pm

TLO Quilters are serving supper prior to worship, and the Men’s Choir is singing this Advent service where we learn that Jesus is the Son of Solomon. Make it a great night of food, fellowship and worship.

*Livestreamed at www.trinityloneoak.org



Christmas Worship

December 24 | 3:30pm | Christmas Eve Family Worship
December 24 | 7:00pm | Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion
December 25 | 9:00am | Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion



Worship Sunday, January 1 | 9:00am

Note there is only one worship service Sunday, January 1, 9:00am. While there is no Sunday school, Pastor Lessing will be teaching Bible class at 10:00am that’s suitable for any learner!



2023 calendars, Devotionals, Portals of Prayer, My Devotions

Stop by the narthex to take any items you can make use of. Share with a friend, too!