



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH GREENCASTLE, PA
“Sharing Christ in Word and Deed”

December 11, 2011

11 am

Advent 3

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Music by Trinity’s Praise Band

- **WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE THIS DAY!** If you are visiting with us, we are honored by your presence. We encourage you to complete the Welcome envelope located in the pew rack and place in the offering plate. If you are seeking a church home, please speak with the Pastor.
- Holy Communion is celebrated in this morning's worship. Our Lord invites to this table all baptized Christians. Young children should follow the practice of their home congregation. Come forward by the center aisle receive bread from the Pastor, dip the bread into the chalice held by the Worship Assistant, then partake of the bread.
- Persons or concerns may be added to today's prayers by filling out a prayer request card located in the pew racks. The prayer cards will be collected before the scripture reading.

GATHERING SONG - King Of Glory

Who is this King of glory
 That pursues me with His love
 And haunts me with each hearing
 Of His softly spoken words
 My conscience a reminder
 Of forgiveness that I need
 Who is this King of glory
 Who offers it to me

His name is Jesus precious Jesus
 Lord Almighty King of my heart
 King of glory

Who is this King of angels
 O blessed Prince of Peace
 Revealing things of heaven
 And all its mysteries
 My spirit's ever longing
 For His grace in which to stand
 Who is this King of glory
 Son of God and Son of Man

Who is this King of glory
 With strength and majesty
 And wisdom beyond measure
 The gracious King of kings
 The Lord of earth and heaven
 The Creator of all things
 He is the King of glory
 He is ev'rything to me

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trading My Sorrows

I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord
I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

I am pressed but not crushed
Persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse
For His promise will endure
That His joy's gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes with the morning

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord Amen

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Jesus, Lover Of My Soul (It's All About You)

It's all about You Jesus And all this is for You
For Your glory and Your fame
It's not about me as if You should do things my way
You alone are God and I surrender to Your ways

Jesus lover of my soul, all consuming fire is in Your gaze
Jesus I want You to know I will follow You all my days
For no one else in history is like You and history itself belongs to You
Alpha and Omega, You have loved me and I will share eternity with You

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who shapes the whole creation, who comes with might and mercy, who fills the hungry with good things.

Amen.

Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

we confess that we have been unfaithful to you. Like dry leaves and withered grass, our lives are blown about by our sins and the powers of evil around us. Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine on us, and we shall be saved. Amen.

God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news: You are free from all that imprisons you; your sins are forgiven; God heals your broken hearts. Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God.

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Today we light three candles on our advent wreath. Let us pray...

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

Your prophets spoke of a day
when the desert would blossom
and waters would break forth in the wilderness.

Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

Strengthen our hearts
as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

May he give water to all who thirst,
for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

Amen.

As the candle is lighted we sing together

O come, o come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appears

Rejoice!, Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you
O Israel

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way.

Rejoice!, Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you
O Israel

O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Rejoice!, Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you
O Israel

Let us pray together... **Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Congregation may be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE SONG – Awesome In This Place

As I come into Your presence
Past the gates of praise
Into Your sanctuary
'Til we're standing face to face
I look upon Your countenance
I see the fullness of Your grace
And I can only bow down and say

You are awesome in this place
Mighty God
You are awesome in this place
Abba Father
You are worthy of all praise
To You our lives we raise
You are awesome in this place
Mighty God

RECEPTION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

SCRIPTURE READING – John 1:6-8, 19-28

Though the people had returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon, they continued to face hardship and oppression. In the language of the jubilee year described in Leviticus 25, the prophet, moved by the spirit of the Lord, announces deliverance for those who are oppressed and comfort for those who mourn.

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion —
to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.
For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

MESSAGE FOR THE DAY – Seminarian Victoria Larson

SONG OF THE DAY -- I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
#815 in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Worship Book)

NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers will be offered in petitions ending in "Lord, in your mercy". The congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer"

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. Please remain standing after this.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

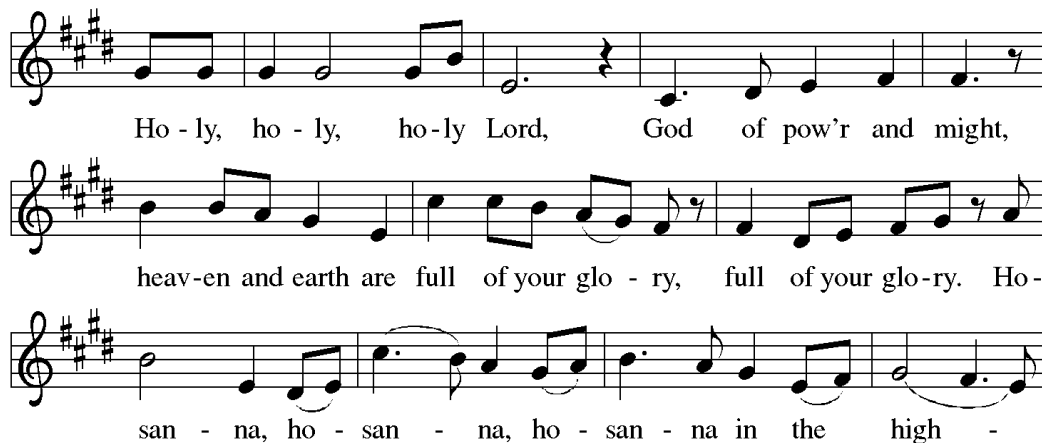
We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -

est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
 and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me

**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**

Come to Christ who comes to us in this holy supper.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

As you come forward receive the bread from the Pastor and then dip it in the cup held by the Communion Assistant. Then partake of the elements together. You may return to your place by using the side aisle. The Praise Band will be singing during distribution. You are welcome to sing along.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Lord God, we give you thanks that you have fed us even now with the banquet that is yet to come. Keep us alert for signs of your presence in the world around us. Send us as healing oil and sheltering comfort to those in need, and make us bold in testifying to the light of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God most high, God with us, God poured out on us,
 Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG -- Shine, Jesus, Shine

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last Sunday:

8:30 a.m. Service – 100 (15 visitors and 85 members)

11:00 a.m. Service – 36 (6 visitors and 30 members)

Offering last Sunday: Regular -\$1457.00; Benevolence - \$32.00; Building Fund - \$3820.00; Special Appeal – \$52.00.

IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK:

Monday – AA - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Youth Committee Meeting – 6:15 p.m.

Christian Ed. – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday – Greencastle Homemaker's – 9:00 a.m.

Thursday – Praise Band – 5:00 p.m.

Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.

Hand Chimes – 8:00 p.m.

Friday - AA – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday - Dress Rehearsal for Youth Christmas Program –

10 am – 12 Noon

Sunday - Worship – Youth Christmas Program – 10:00 a.m.

One Service Only

Fellowship time after worship service

No Sunday School this morning

“Little Lambs” Youth Group 3 p.m.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God by Robert and Betty Goetz in memory of loved ones and in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary.

THE SPECIAL APPEAL for December is designated for Women In Need. A list of items needed is located on the table in the Fellowship Room. These will be collected from now until December 18. If you desire to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelope for Special Appeal or use the white envelope in the pew rack and mark it “Special Appeal”.

NEEDED! – Worship Assistants for Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m. If you can help with this services please sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

POINSETTIAS have been placed in the church for the Christmas season. We still need sponsors for 9 poinsettias. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete the order form located on the table in the Fellowship room or on the Welcome Table and return to Donna Wolfe with your cash or check, made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church, in the envelope provided. The cost is \$10.00 each.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN will hold their annual Christmas banquet on Wednesday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. at Casey's Grill (across from Pizza Hut), in Greencastle. All women in the church are invited to attend. Each person will order from the menu. If interested, you are asked to bring a \$10 gift to exchange. Today is the last day to sign the sheet.

Sheetz FUNdraiser: Christmas is quickly approaching. Let the youth help you with your shopping Stuff lots of stockings with Sheetz coupon booklets. There is a Sheetz on almost every corner or every part of town. These coupons are good at ANY Sheetz store for two years. Cost per booklet \$10.00 for over \$25 worth of items! Please see Megan, Cameron or Rachelle to place your order .

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT? LET'S HEAR IT!

The children's Christmas program will be held **Sunday Dec. 18** during the church service. The final dress rehearsal practice will be held on **Sat. Dec. 17, 10 AM – 12 noon**. Feel free to contact Bobbi Blubaugh at 762-0218 or bblubaugh9@comcast.net if you have any questions.

2012 FLOWER CHART - The new flower chart has been placed on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room. Please sign for the week you would like to place flowers on the altar. Effective January 2012 the church altar vases will be increasing to \$30. This price is for the standard set of two vases.

Correction - Betty Goetz is in Room 223 at Quincy Home.

.WELLNESS TALK AT LUTHER RIDGE

Lutheran Home Care & Hospice will give a Health & Wellness talk on Thursday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m. at The Fleck Center at Luther Ridge. The program is free of charge and open to anyone in the community. No registration is required. The topic is Fibromyalgia