



# Sunday Morning Worship Celebration

Christ the Child |  
Hebrews 2:10-18

**December 21, 2025**

Advent 2025:  
Seeking the  
Superior Savior

## Gathering

### Announcements

### Advent Reading & Candle Lighting

#### Prelude | "Carols of Gathering"

By Joseph Martin

## Praise

#### Call to Worship | Luke 1:68-71

Leader: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

People: that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

## The Invocation

*Hymn of Praise | O Come O Come Emmanuel* [ Dan Kreider ]

## Confession & Assurance

#### Need of Confession | 1 John 3:11-12

11 For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12 We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous.

## Personal Confession of Sin

#### Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved, but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept your forgiveness, but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to receive redeeming love, but also our resistance to follow you without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond to your love. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us. Even so: come Lord Jesus. Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon | Romans 8:37-39

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

[Gospel Hymn | In Christ Alone](#) [ Getty (Simple) ]

## Corporate Prayer & Giving

### The Lord's Prayer (unison) / Pastoral Prayer

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 the day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, amen.

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory | "Star Carol Medley"

By Marilyn Ham. Presented by Olivia Bellefeuille, piano.

### Doxology

Trinity Hymnal #733

## Hearing of the Word

### Sermon | Hebrews 2:10-18

"Jesus, the Superior Child"

### Affirmation of Faith or Scripture Reading |

Westminster Larger Catechism #39

Q. 39. Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be man?

A. It was requisite that the Mediator should be man, that he might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, sympathize with our weaknesses; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness to the throne of grace.

[Hymn of Response | What Child Is This?](#) [ Default Arrangement ]

Trinity Hymnal #213

## Sending

## Benediction

## Postlude

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