



Homecoming

Christmas Eve
11:00 pm
December 24, 2017



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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! Please sign the red Worship Witness booklet to record your attendance with us this day, and indicate how many are communing. Then pass the booklet to the worshipers beside you in your row. If you are a guest, name tags are available for you to wear---we would be delighted to greet you by name. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

about today's service

On a long winter evening we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ's body and blood—so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

P: Presiding Minister A: Assisting Minister L: Lector C: Congregation

✝ Gathering ✝

Preludes: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Douglas Wagner

"All the Bells on Earth Shall Ring"

arr. Terry Price

(incorporating *I Saw Three Ships* and *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*)

Adult Bells

Welcome

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

[Stand]

Gathering Hymn No. 270: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

Dialogue

P: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

C: By day and night he shines for all to see.

P: Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

C: that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

P: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

C: so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

P: Jesus is the light of the world.

C: Jesus is the light of our lives.

P: Sing to God a new song!

C: A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

Opening Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

[Sit]

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night

— and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Carol No. 292: Love Has Come

Second Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Carol No. 289: Angels We Have Heard on High

Third Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He 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 ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "The Holly and the Ivy"

arr. John Rutter

*The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,
Of all trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown:
O, the rising of the sun, and the running of the deer;
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.
The holly bears a blossom as white as any flower,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Savior: O, the rising...
The holly bears a berry as red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good: O, the rising...
The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn: O, the rising...
The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all: O, the rising...*
Chancel Choir and Instrumentalists

Fourth Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Carol No. 276: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the

glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Carol No. 296: What Child Is This (Verses 1, 2)

Sixth Reading: Matthew 2:1-11

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house,

they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

arr. Jay Althouse

*God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember, Christ, our Saviour was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*From God our Heavenly Father a blessed Angel came;
And unto certain Shepherds brought tidings of the same,
That there was born in Bethlehem the Son of God by Name:
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*The shepherds at these tidings rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway this blessed Babe to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*But when they came to Bethlehem where our dear Savior lay,
They found Him in a manger, where oxen feed on hay;
His Mother, Mary, kneeling unto the Lord did pray.
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface:
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

Chancel Choir

Seventh Reading: John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world

came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

[Stand]

Carol 295: Of the Father's Love Begotten (Verses 1 and 5)

[Sit]

Homily: "Homecoming"

Pastor Jack M. Horner

Anthem: O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam/arr. Hopson

*O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of our dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born.
O night, O holy night, O night divine!
Truly He taught us to love one another, His law is love and His gospel is peace;
Chains shall he break for the slave is our brother,
and in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise His holy name;
Christ is the Lord! Oh, praise His name forever! His power and glory evermore proclaim!*
Chancel Choir and Instrumentalists

[Stand]

Responsive Prayer

P: It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

C: Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

P: In his light, draw all to the manger

C: to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

P: In his light, draw all to the manger

C: to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

P: In his light, draw all to the manger

C: to sing for joy with the angels.

P: In the brightness of his life

C: cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

P: It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

C: In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life. 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.

[Sit]

Offering

Optional methods of giving: text an amount to 717-963-2281 (be sure to use a "\$"); use the Giving Station in the Gathering Space to donate by credit card.

Worship Witness (Please sign booklet and return to center aisle)

"Coventry Carol"

(16th cent. English) arr. Marshall Ocker

Lullay, Thou little tiny Child, by, by, lully, lullay..

Instrumentalists

[Stand]

Offertory

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.

The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthroned him.

Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;

Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. Good and loving God,

C: we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting of the Candles

Carol No. 281: Silent Night

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

Blessing

P: May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Extinguish Candles *Please leave your candle holder in the boxes at the doors.*

Dismissal

P: Glory to God in the highest!

C: Peace to God's people on earth!

P: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Fantasia on "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen"

Myron Roberts

Worship Leaders

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

Readers: Jim Fox, H. L. Bishop, Janis Martinez, Michele Addams, Virginia Hine Ely, Marianne Brock

Crucifer: Josh Easley

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Ushers: H. L. Bishop (head usher)



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Worship Notes

We thank the following instrumentalists for participating in our service this evening. Marcus Smolensky, Briana Heinly, Sarah Hannigan, Kierra Heinly, Olivia Falck, Christopher Para, Meredith Schmehl, Alison Koch, Duane Botterbusch, Karen Appel, and Sara Schmehl.

The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall, the communion elements for all services, and the sanctuary lamp candle, the symbol of God's abiding presence, are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Lawrence K. Thompson, III, by Mrs. L. K. Thompson, III and family.

Poinsettia Pick-up. Any person who has ordered a poinsettia and has chosen to pick it up, please do so after the 10:00 a.m. service on Christmas Day (the building will be closed at 11:30 a.m.). Please do not take the plastic saucers as they are saved for future use. Many thanks to all of you who contributed to the beauty of Trinity at Christmas.

Your many greetings and gifts received by Trinity Church's Staff are most appreciated. We bless you with peace and hope.

2017 contributions of offerings or special gifts must be received in the office by Sunday, December 31, in order to be credited to 2017 giving statements.

A message from the pastors and staff of Trinity Lutheran Church

We wish you a blessed Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. It's a wonderful time at Trinity, with hundreds and hundreds of people playing roles—large and small, seen or unseen. Thanks to each and every person who helped in any way. You are very much appreciated.

Something to think about: For some folks, this season of joy is tempered by hurt, loss, or sadness. Please reach out to those in need. Your greatest gift will be a visit, a listening ear, a prayer.

Thank you for being here. Come back often. There's always something going on; see below.

REGULAR WORSHIP TIMES IN 2018

Sunday Traditional 8:30 and 11 am, Contemporary 9 and 10:45 am • Saturday 5:30 pm
Thursday spoken service 6:30 pm • Friday prayer service 12 noon

- **Everyone is welcome** at Trinity. Wear what makes you comfortable—casual or dressy, it's your choice.
- **Kids can come** to any service. Or you can use our Sunday nursery for infants through age 5.
- Take advantage of our **learning opportunities** for children, nursery through high school.
- Teens and pre-teens love our **active Youth Group**.
- **Musically inclined?** Find opportunities for all ages: vocal and bell choirs, instrumentalists, praise band.
- Intellectual growth? **Connect** at Bible studies, discussion groups, classes, mission talks, more.
- **Serve our neighbors at home and abroad?** Prayer shawls, quilts, mission trips, prison ministry, much more.
- **Serve at Trinity?** Usher, greet, read, give communion, help in kitchen or office, visit homebound folks, more.
- **Connect with others?** Enjoy meals, concerts, plays, walk/run group, even motorcycling.



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is BORN!

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