

HOLY CHILD



1st Sunday of Christmas

Traditional Worship

11:00 am

December 31, 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

In the psalm all the natural world praises God, including all humanity, male and female, young and old. The voices of Simeon and 84-year-old Anna join the chorus today, recognizing what God is doing in Jesus. Simeon's song is often sung after communion, for we have seen God's salvation in the assembled community and have held Jesus in our hands in the bread. Then, like the prophet Anna, we speak of Jesus to all who look for the healing of the world.

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

✝ Gathering ✝

Prelude: "Cold December Flies Away"

Michael Burkhart

Welcome and announcements

[Stand]

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High, ✝one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

P: I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. Your sins are forgiven in +Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Please turn to face the processional cross as it enters our midst.

Gathering Hymn No. 417: In His Temple Now Behold Him

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Greeting

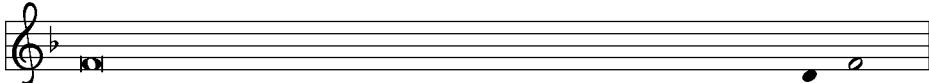
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.


Kyrie



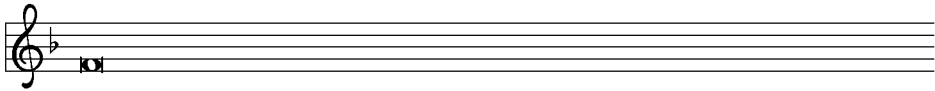
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



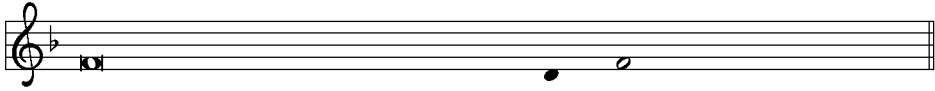
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



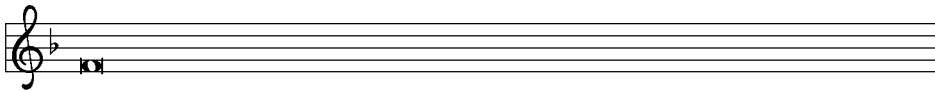
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



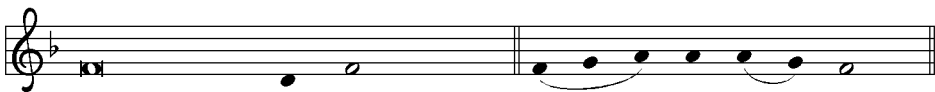
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

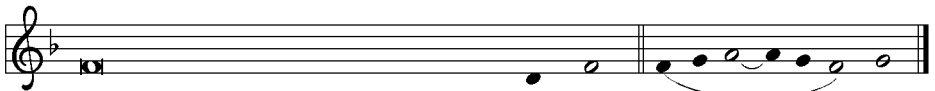


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

[Sit]

† Word †

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10--62:3

To the people who returned to Jerusalem after the exile, the prophet proclaims that the Lord's salvation will fully come to pass. Jerusalem will become a shining light to the nations and righteousness and praise will spring up as surely as the earth puts forth vegetation.

¹⁰I 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. ¹¹For 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. ^{62:1}For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

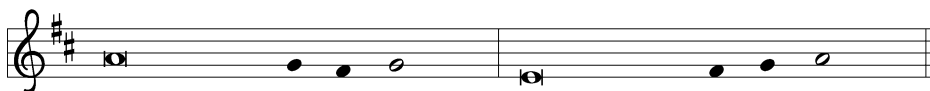
L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms for the Day

Psalms 148

The assisting minister will sing the refrain, then the congregation will sing it.



A: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord | from the heavens; * praise God | in the heights.

C: Praise the Lord, | all you angels; * sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.

A: Praise the Lord, | sun and moon; * sing praise, all you | shining stars.

C: Praise the Lord, heav- | en of heavens, * and you waters a- | bove the heavens.

A: Let them praise the name | of the Lord, * who commanded, and they | were created,

C: who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever, * giving them a law that shall not | pass away.

Refrain:

A: Praise the Lord | from the earth, * you sea monsters | and all deeps;

C: fire and hail, | snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;

A: mountains | and all hills, * fruit trees | and all cedars;

C: wild beasts | and all cattle, * creeping things and | flying birds;

A: sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples, * princes and all rulers | of the world;

C: young | men and maidens, * old and | young together.

Refrain:

A: Let them praise the name | of the Lord, * whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

C: The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. | Hallelujah!

Refrain:

Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

Paul seeks to show the Galatians that the purpose of Christ's birth was to liberate us from the law's condemnation so that we would be fully adopted into God's family as sons and daughters.

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are

children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

[Stand]

Turn to face the procession as it moves to the midst of God's people.

Gospel Procession:

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come, and adore Him, born the King of angels,
O come, let us adore Him...**

Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40

Luke's narrative continues with stories that emphasize Jesus' connection to Judaism. His family is devout in its observance of the law, and Jesus himself is recognized as one who will bring glory to Israel.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in

the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." ³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." ³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sing as the procession returns.

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest.
O come, let us adore Him....**

[Sit]

Sermon: "Holy Child"

Pastor Jack M. Horner

[Stand]

Hymn of the Day No. 299: Cold December Flies Away

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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

Each petition ends:

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Prayer Response (sung by all)

**O holy child of Bethlehem descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

† Meal †

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

[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.)*

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.*

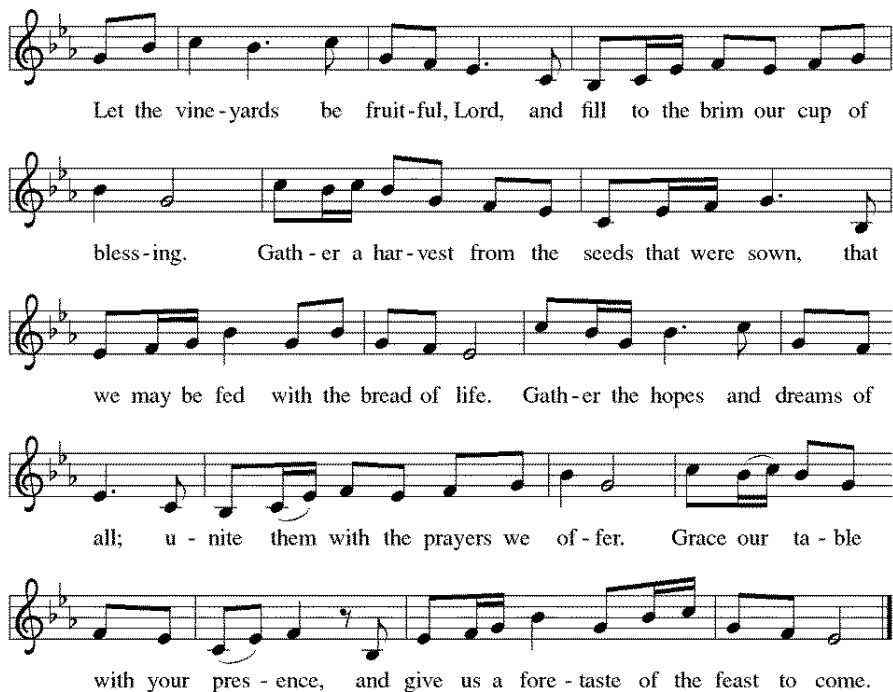
*But when they came to Bethlehem where our dear Savior lay,
They found Him in a manger, where oxen feed on hay;
His Mother, Mary, kneeling unto the Lord did pray.
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*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

[Stand]

Offertory



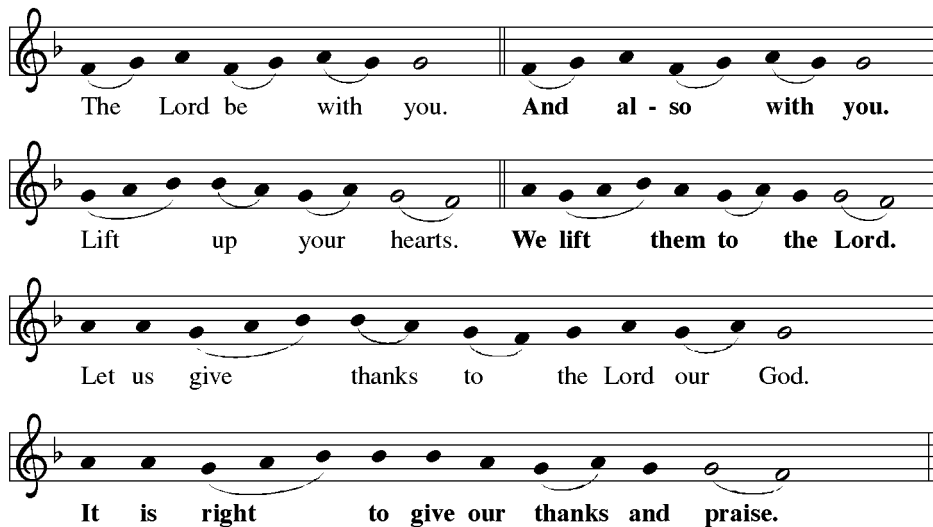
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

A: Generous God,

C: You invite us to live lives of gratitude and generosity. Unite and empower us to give our time, talents, and treasures for your mission and ministry. Make your home in us so we may serve you and your people. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

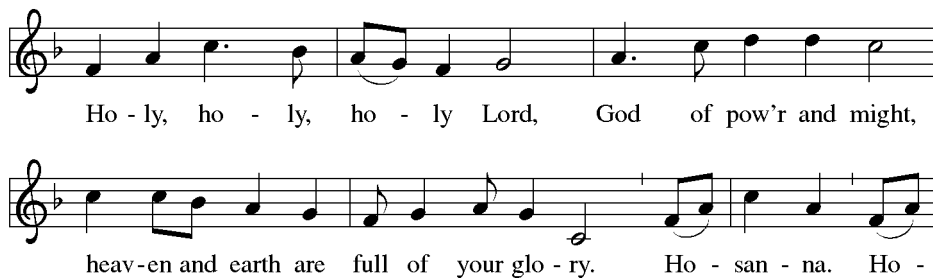
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

Eucharistic prayer

P: We give you thanks ... through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

The 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Joy to the world! The Lord is come.

C: Let every heart receive our Savior.

[Sit]

Lamb of God

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.

Distribution of Holy Communion

We invite all baptized Christians to the Lord's Table to celebrate the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament. Communion is by intinction. You will receive a wafer. Dip it in the chalice of wine before consuming. You may then return to your seat or come to the altar rail for prayer. Children and adults who aren't communing may come forward to receive a blessing. As a gesture of hospitality, we use dealcoholized wine (less than .5% alcohol). In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers, available upon request – please ask at the time of communion.

Communion Music:

Kierra and Briana Heinly, violins

Hymn No. 269: Once in Royal David's City

[Stand]

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray. O God, you gave us Christ the Son to bring us home and save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

✝ Sending ✝

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.

Sending Hymn No. 282: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

CAROL

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 GLORIA

Diane Bish

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worship notes

Attendance at our worship services last week was 2,903 (Christmas Eve – 2,539). Copies of last week's sermons are available on the tables in Fellowship Hall, in the narthex, the tract rack in the Gathering Space, and on our website (www.trinitycamphill.org).

If you are seeking a unique way of remembering a loved one, or of honoring someone special in your life, or of remembering a special date in your own life, please consider making a contribution to help defray the cost of our worship elements (flowers, communion elements, sanctuary lamp candles). Contact the church office if you are interested (737-8635).

United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.