

Imagine the Impossible



*Nativity of
Our Lord*

Christmas Eve
4:00 pm
December 24, 2018



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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 †

Prelude: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. Susan Berry and Janet Van Valley
Junior Bells

Welcome and Prayer

[Stand]

Carol: O Come All Ye Faithful

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the king of angels:**

Refrain

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest:**

Refrain

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. May we walk in the light of Jesus' presence and one 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]

The Story of Jesus' Birth as told by the Children of Trinity

Scene One: Angels Visit Mary

Carol: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

**The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady." Gloria!**

Scene Two: Angels Visit Joseph

Carol: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

Scene Three: The Travelers Make Their Journey for the Census

Carol: Away in a Manger

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

Scene Four: Angels Appear to the Shepherds

Carol: Angels We Have Heard on High

**Angles we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Scene 5: Wise Men from Afar

Children's Message: "Imagine the Impossible"

Pastor Jack M. Horner

[Stand]

Carol: Joy to the World

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

Prayers

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

[Sit]

✝ Meal ✝

Offering

Optional giving methods: Use the Give+ app on your mobile device • Use the Giving Station in the Gathering Space • Text an amount to 717-963-2281 (be sure to use a "\$") • Use the "DONATE" button on our website and e-blasts

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

Anthem: "Everywhere Christmas Tonight" By Brooks, Williams, and Martin

*Christmas in lands of the fir tree and pine.
Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine.
Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white.
Christmas where cornfields lie sunny and bright.
Everywhere, everywhere, everywhere Christmas tonight.*

*Christmas in hearts of the young and the old.
Christmas in hearts of the meek and the bold.
Christmas where children are filled with delight.
Christmas wherever the wrong is made right.
Everywhere, everywhere, everywhere Christmas tonight.*

*Come, celebrate Christmas wherever you are tonight.
Come celebrate Christmas. Christmas is waiting with arms open wide.
Cherub and Junior Choirs*

[Stand]

Offertory

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone 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

L: Let us pray. Holy God,

C: your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, You made everything and we thank you. You filled the world with light and life and gave us a Savior, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and to make us your children. He lived, died, and rose in glory to save us and bring us eternal life.

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.

Oh, come let us adore him!

C: 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table where Christ meets you.

C: O Come let us worship him.

[Sit]

Carol: O Come All Ye Faithful

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!**

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

Distribution of Holy Communion

We invite all baptized Christians to the Lord's Table to celebrate the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament. The pastors will offer communion at seven stations. You will be directed by the ushers. 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. 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.

Hymn No. 270: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn No. 279: O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn No. 300: The First Noel

Remain seated for the prayers and “Silent Night”

Prayer after Communion

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

C: Amen.

P: God of the Impossible, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.

C: Amen.

All adults remained seated; all children may stand.

Carol: 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.**

Instrumental verse will be played while pageant children exit

[Stand]

Blessing

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.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Toccata on "Hark! The Herald"

Diane Bish

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Worship Leaders

Children's Message: The Rev. Jack M. Horner

Presiding Pastor: The Rev. Elizabeth E. Frey

Communion Assistants: Meredith Askey, Nancy Martin, Mary Ellen Hettinger, Kathy Smeal, Steve Chevarria, Michael Clements, Brian Falck, Lisa Trogner, Matt and Janelle Bingaman, Debbie Savidge, Jennifer Wharton, Ben Yoffee, Pastor John Brock

Soundboard: Jay Killian

Children and Family Ministry would especially like to thank our wonderful teacher, parents and volunteers.

Worship Notes

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 am service on Christmas Day (the building will be closed at 11:30 am). 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.

2018 contributions of offerings or special gifts must be received in the office by Monday morning, December 31, in order to be credited to your 2018 giving statements.

The Characters

Adult Narrator	Kelly Falck	The Innkeeper	August Murray
Kid Narrator # 1	Jackson Fedor	Innkeeper's Wife	Piper Reibsane
Kid Narrator #2	Molly Forbes	Wise Men	Austin Chevarria
Mary	Lauren Savidge		Crosby Lyon
Angel #1	Avary Falck		Kian Murray
Angel #2	Emily Andrews		
Joseph	Brody Powers	Camel	Payton Beck
Donkey	Lennon Sheaffer		Molly Jensen
Census Taker	Parker Fedor		
Flavius	Ryan Andrews	Star	Caroline Lyon
Inn Keeper #1	Jordyn Beck		
Inn Keeper #2	Emma Hetrick		
Inn Keeper #3	Isaiah Clements		

Shepherds

Jacob Albert	William Comegna	Hanna Gurchik
Cassidy Anderson	Lilly Costill	Conner Jensen
Parker Bingaman	Ian Gamber	Keaton Miller
Max Bustamante	Ella Gates	Anderson Mitchell
Tessa Comegna	Kingston Georges	Mackenzie Patrick

Angels

Penelope Askey	Greta Comegna	James Pae
Alex Bertsch	Henry Comegna	Peyton Patrick
Ella Biebuyck	Lyla Costill	Sadie Ream
Nora Buhrman	Addie Custer	Katie Shivers
Ava Buhrman	Jack Forbes	Sarah Trogner
Arianna Burks	Annie Gates	Jack Trogner
Braydon Caboot	Isaac Gurchik	Ashton Walters
Lilianna Caboot	Addy Hetrick	Julia Wharton
Elliott Clements	Erin Kelley	Grace Yoffee
Katie Clymans	Colton Lehmer	Hope Yoffee
Matthew Clymans	Nathaniel Lorah	

Sheep

Jonathan Bertsch
Marshall Cramer
Izzy Hetrick
Zachary Lorah
Jonah Miller
David Pae

Adelina Biebuyck
Emersyn Custer
Cameron Hettinger
Kennedy Luvison
Noble Murray
Alexis Shivers

Logan Costill
Lucy Custer
Caroline Jensen
Melanie Melear
Ronan Northridge
Kai Weiss

Junior Bells

Cassidy Anderson
Emily Andrews
Jordyn Beck
Payton Beck

Acadia Catherman
Avary Falck
Chase Funk
Hanna Gurchik

Isaac Gurchik
Piper Reibsane
Lauren Savidge
Danica Stewart

Junior Choir

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Cherub Choir

Ryan Andrews
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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 of people playing roles—large, small, seen, unseen. To each and every person, we say thank you.

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



Thanks for being here. Come back often. There's always something going on. See below.

Regular Worship Times in 2019

Sunday Traditional 8:30 and 11:00 am • Sunday Contemporary 8:30 and 11:00 am
Saturday 5:30 pm • Thursday spoken service 6:30 pm • Friday prayer service 12 noon
Healing service monthly, third Sunday, 12:30 pm

☆ **Everyone is welcome at Trinity.** Families, singles. All walks of life.

☆ **Kids can come to any service.** Or you can use our Sunday nursery for infants through age 5.

☆ **Take advantage of our Faith Connection opportunities** for infants through elders.

☆ **Teens and pre-teens love our active Youth Group.**

☆ **Musically inclined?** Find opportunities for everyone: vocal and bell choirs, instrumentalists, praise band.

☆ **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, all kinds of fellowship.



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