

Imagine the Impossible



*Nativity of
Our Lord*

Christmas Eve
7:00 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 night, 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 are available at the Gathering Space desk.

about tonight'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: Pastor

L: Lector

C: Congregation

✝ Gathering ✝

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Verse 1

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Verse 2

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Verse 3

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Text: Charles Wesley. Music: Felix Mendelssohn

"What a Glorious Night"

Verse 1

The shepherds came to see the Baby,
Stood by His mother's side.
Here laid the Savior inside a manger.
Oh, what a glorious night!
Oh, what a glorious night!

Chorus

I hear the angels singin',
"Halleluiah! Let the earth receive her King."
I know that Love has come; sing it out:
Jesus Christ is born! Jesus Christ is born! Yeah, yeah.

Verse 2

The shepherds wondered; They couldn't hide it,
Told ev'ry one in sight.
All were amazed when they heard how God came
Down on the glorious night.
God came down on this glorious night!

Chorus

Bridge

Glorious, glorious, what a glorious night!
Glorious, glorious, what a glorious night!

Chorus (2X)

Ending

All is calm now, all is quiet;
A star shining in the sky.

Below, in Bethlehem, the King is sleeping.

Oh, what a glorious night!

Oh, what a glorious night!

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Welcome and Announcements

Pastor John Brock

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

(Stand)

Song: “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

Verse 1

Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!

Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem.

Come and behold him, born the king of angels.

Chorus

Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come let us adore him.

Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Verse 2

The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal.

Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!

Chorus

Verse 3

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God in the highest:

Chorus

Verse 4

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Chorus

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Greeting

P: Christ the Lord makes his home with us. May the light and life of Christ 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. 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)

† Word †

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of His people.

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!

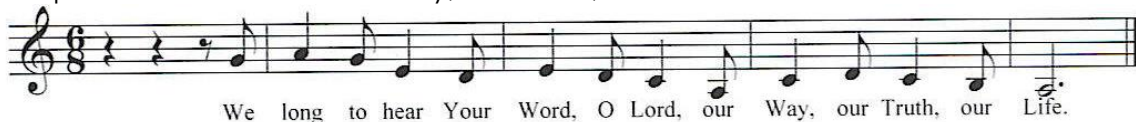
²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation: "Our Way, Our Truth, Our Life"



We long to hear Your Word, O Lord, our Way, our Truth, our Life.

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God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸In 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.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

Sermon: "Imagine the Impossible"

Pastor Jack M. Horner

Children's Story

Becky Enney

(Stand)

Song: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Verse 1

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

Verse 2

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly music floats
o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ever o'er its babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

Verse 3

And you, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow:
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing;
oh, rest beside the weary road
and hear the angels sing!

Verse 4

For lo! The days are hast'ning on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876

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 the Church

Following each petition are the words: "hear us, O God. . ."

*Please respond with: ". . . **Your mercy is great.**"*

+ Meal +

When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(Sit)

Offering

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Special Music: "Somewhere in Your Silent Night"

Verse 1

All is calm and all is bright,
Everywhere but in your heart tonight.
They're singing carols of joy and peace,
But you feel too far gone
And too far out of reach.

Chorus

Somewhere in your silent night
Heaven hears the song your
Broken heart has cried.
Hope is here, just lift your head
For love has come to find you
Somewhere in your silent night.

Verse 2

From heaven's height to manger low,
There is no distance the Prince
Of Peace won't go.
From manger low to Calvary's hill,
When your pain runs deep,
His love runs deeper still.
He has always loved you, child,
And He always will.

Bridge

Lift your head, lift your heart.
Emmanuel will meet you where you are.
He knows your hurt, He knows your name.
And you're the very reason that He came.

Tag

Love will find you.
Love will find you.
Love will find you.

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(Stand)

Offering Prayer

P: 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

P: Christ is here.

C: The Spirit is with us.

P: With joy, we lift up our hearts.

C: And give thanks to the Lord of Life.

P: On this holy night we give you thanks, Heavenly Father, for your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. His coming was foretold by the prophets, and his arrival was heralded by choirs of angels. Born of the Virgin Mary, he was your light come into the world. In him your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. By his life he proclaimed your mercy and love. By his death on the cross, he destroyed the power of sin and death. By his resurrection, he leads us into new life. Now, by the gift of this meal, fill us with the Holy Spirit, and strengthen us to live as children of the light.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: 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."

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Holy Communion

P: Come to the table where Christ meets you.

C: O Come let us worship him.

(Sit)

Sharing our Lord's Supper

All baptized Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. Please come forward, receive the bread, dip it into the wine, and return by the side aisles. Communion may be received in bread only, if desired. Non-communing children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing. As a gesture of hospitality we use dealcoholized wine (less than .5% alcohol). In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers—please ask the assistant at the time of communion.

(Stand)

Post-Communion Prayer

P: God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening 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.

✠ Sending ✠

We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and been fed at the table. Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.

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.

Lighting of the Candles

*The ushers will light the candles of worshipers on the aisles. Pass the light to the person next to you until every candle is lit. **TILT ONLY UNLIT CANDLES.** The candles will remain lit during "Silent Night." Please extinguish the candles following the Dismissal, and place them in the box by the door.*

Song: "Silent Night"

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

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!

Verse 3

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

Tag:

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr; Music: Franz Gruber

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

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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

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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

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- ☆ **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.
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