

Imagine the Impossible



*Nativity of
Our Lord*

Christmas Eve
8:30 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: Ring, Little Bells (trad. German) arr. Lynne Hollander

Youth Bells

Two Carols for Christmas

Kevin McChesney

"We Three Kings", "Good King Wenceslas"

Youth Bells

Welcome

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

[Stand]

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

Greeting

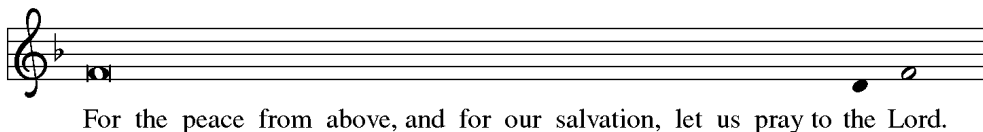
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

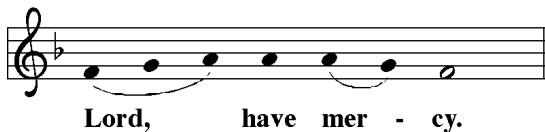
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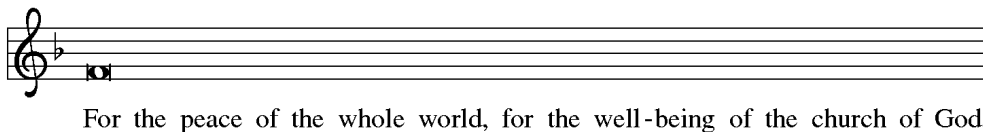
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



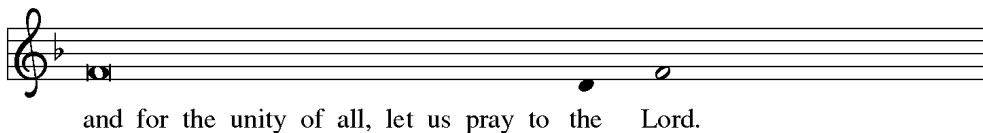
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



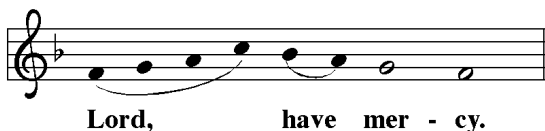
Lord, have mer - cy.



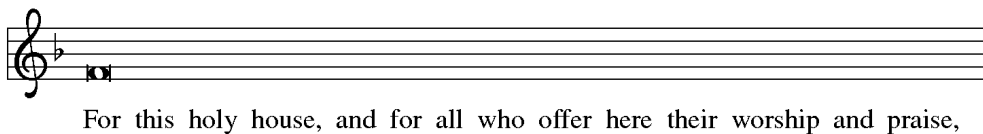
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



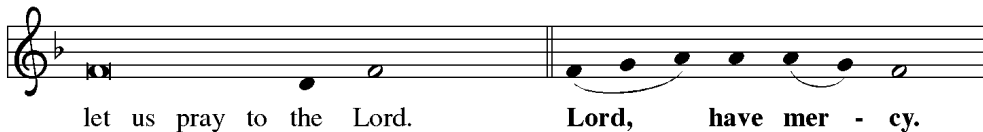
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



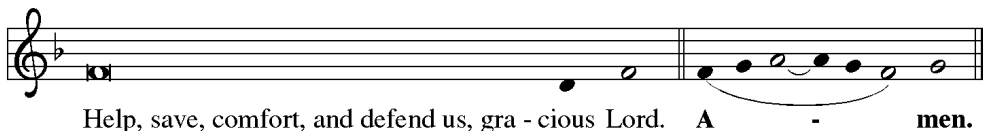
Lord, have mer - cy.



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: 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]

Anthem: "Celebrate Jesus, the King"

Michael Barrett

A tiny child was born in royal David's town.

The holy Son of God, love to the earth come down.

Now let us together praise the King forever. Glory to God! Hear the angels sing.

Let every nation sound the jubilation! Celebrate Jesus the King!

Alleluia! A tiny child was born in lowly Bethlehem.

When shepherds heard the news they ran to worship Him.

Now let us together... Alleluia! Lift your voice and sing!

Alleluia! Celebrate Jesus, the King!

Matins Choir; Georgia Clements, Piano

✝ Word ✝

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**

Second Reading

Titus 2:11–14

The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹² training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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...**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-20

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: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sing as the procession returns.

Gospel Procession:

**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]

Homily: "Imagine the Impossible"

Pastor Jack M. Horner

[Stand]

Hymn of the Day No. 289: Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

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 portion of the prayer ends:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Prayer Response

**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:

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

Anthem: "Come to the Light"

Mary McDonald

*Come to the light of a Savior. Come to the light of a King.
 Son of God, Redeemer, to Him, the angels sing:
 "Glory to God in the highest." Praises to Him we bring.
 Follow the light of our Savior. Come to the light, our King.
 God of glory, Lord of light, sing to Him this holy night.
 Come, behold this wondrous sight: Jesus Christ is born!
 Come to the light of our Savior. Come to the child, a King.
 Come to the light of Jesus. Come to the light, our King.*

Matins Choir; Georgia Clements, Piano

[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

A: 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.

Great Thanksgiving

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

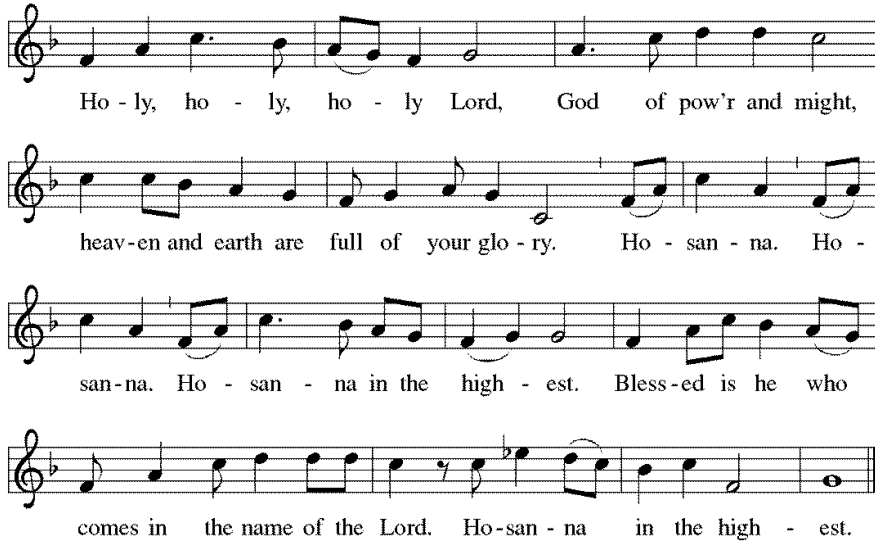
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

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



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.

P: Holy God, the Beginning and the End.... through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

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.

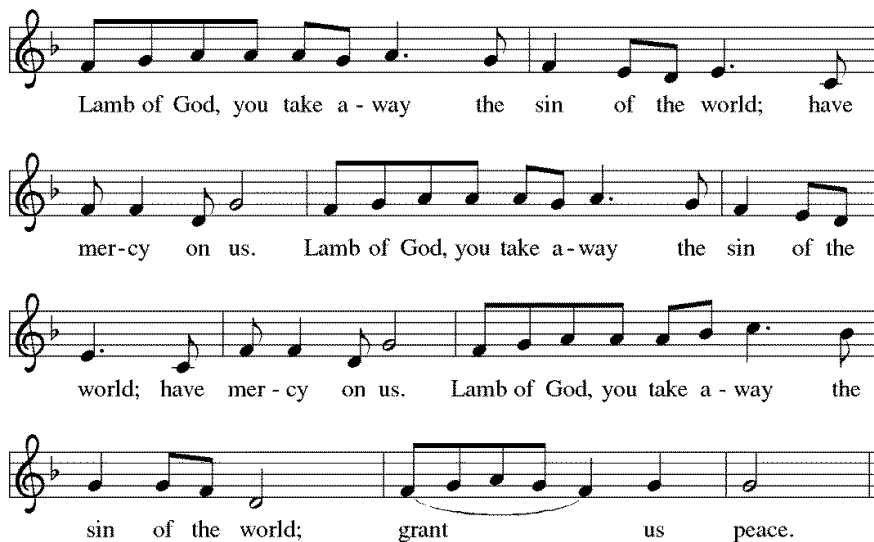
Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table where Christ meets you.

C: O Come let us worship him.

[Sit]

Agnus Dei [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 will be offered at several stations on the floor of the Nave, and in the balcony. Please follow the instruction of the ushers. Communion is by intinction. You will receive a wafer. Dip it in the chalice of wine before consuming. 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.

"One Star in the Night" (The Little Drummer Boy)

Laws/Bass/arr. Koch

*One star in the night, singing silently;
you can hear the music if you listen with your heart.*

*One star in the night shown o'er Bethlehem;
magic in the moment when that lonely star began its lovely song.*

Angels lullaby on that holy night; sung unto a Savior who was born beneath its glow.

One star in the night, rainbow in the dark;

One night to remember on that peaceful night the King of Kings was born.

Alison Koch, cello; Tim Koch, piano

Carols by the Trinity Strings:

Kierra Heinly, Briana Heinly, Olivia Falck, Alison Koch

Anthem: "Carol of the Bells"

Ukrainian Carol/arr. Wilhousky

*Hark, how the bells, sweet silver bells, all seem to say, "throw cares away",
Christmas is here, bringing good cheer to young and old, meek and the bold,
Oh how they pound raising the sound o'er hill and dale telling their tale,
Gaily they ring while people sing songs of good cheer, Christmas is here!
Merry Christmas! On, on they send, on without end, their joyful tone to every home.*

Matins Choir

[Stand]

Prayer after Communion

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

C: Amen.

A: 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.

The Lighting of the Candles

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.**

✠ Sending ✠

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.

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 joy of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Toccata on "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

arr. Diane Bish

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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.

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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.
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