

Wonder FULL

*Nativity of
Our Lord*

Christmas Eve
6:00 pm
December 24, 2019



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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 winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

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

✚ Gathering ✚

Prelude: "We Three Kings"

"Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine"

Youth Bells

Valerie Stephenson

Brenda Austin

Welcome

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

[Stand]

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

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Greeting

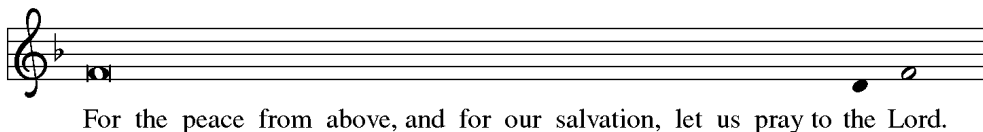
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C: And also with you.

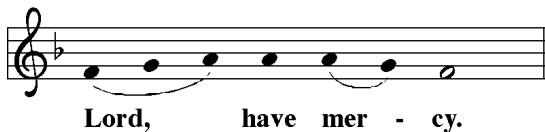
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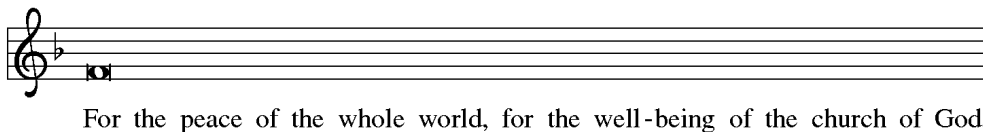
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



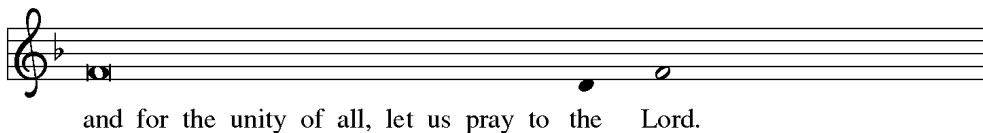
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



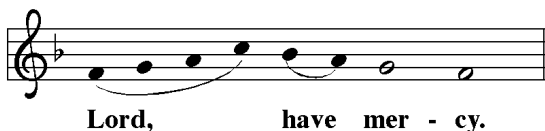
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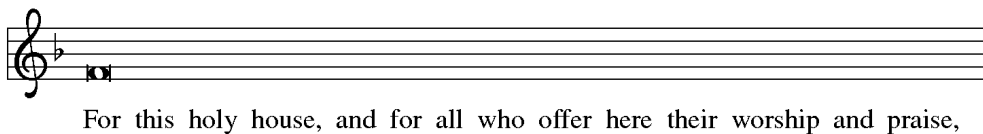
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



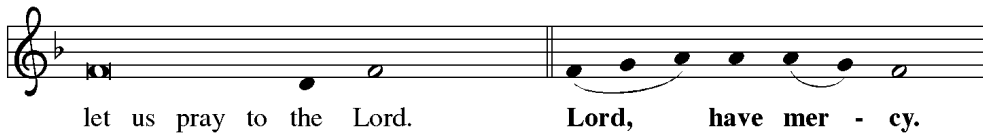
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



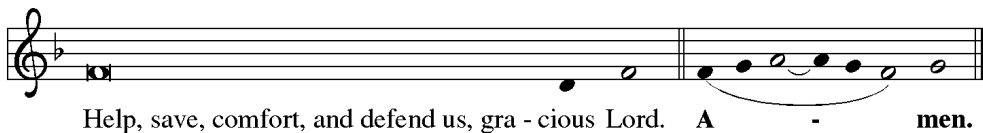
Lord, have mer - cy.



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: Angels we Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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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: "We Bring His Light"

John Purifoy

We bring light to all the world today, light that will shine in your hearts.

*Take this light of peace to all mankind, it is Christmas,
we bring Christmas, God is with us, we bring His light.*

We bring light to worship Christ our King, light that gives joy to the world.

*Unto us is born a Child of hope, He will teach us,
He will save us, He will love us, we bring His light.*

We bring light to show the way of truth, truth that will now set men free.

*All the love of God has come to us in a Savior, Christ our Savior,
He is with us, we bring His light.*

Matins Choir

† 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

Pastor Liz Frey

[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]

Sermon: "Wonder-FULL"

Pastor Jack M. Horner

[Stand]

Hymn of the Day No. 292: Love Has Come

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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 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: "I Saw Three Ships"

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

*I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas day in the morning.
And what was in those ships all three on Christmas day in the morning?
'Twas Mary and the baby boy on Christmas day in the morning.
O they sailed to Bethlehem on Christmas day in the morning.
And all the bells on earth shall ring on Christmas day in the morning.
Then let us all rejoice amain (with strength) on Christmas day in the morning.*
Matins Choir

[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: Let us Pray. Generous God,

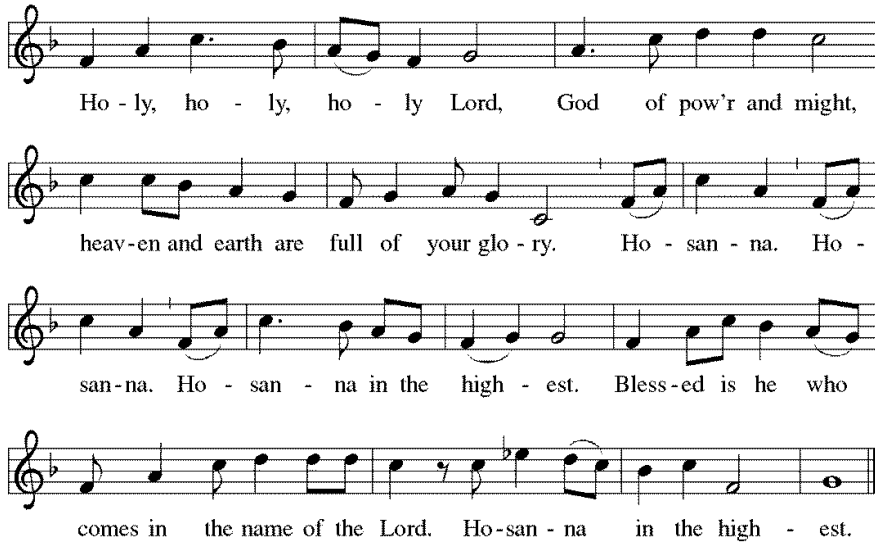
**C: you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that
become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your
gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

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: Almighty God you shape your very life... and around your eternal throne,
singing the hymn of your unending praise:



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: God of new birth as you laid your Son in Mary's arms...

P: Great is the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

P: God who exalts the humble and humbles the exalted...
...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours,
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.**

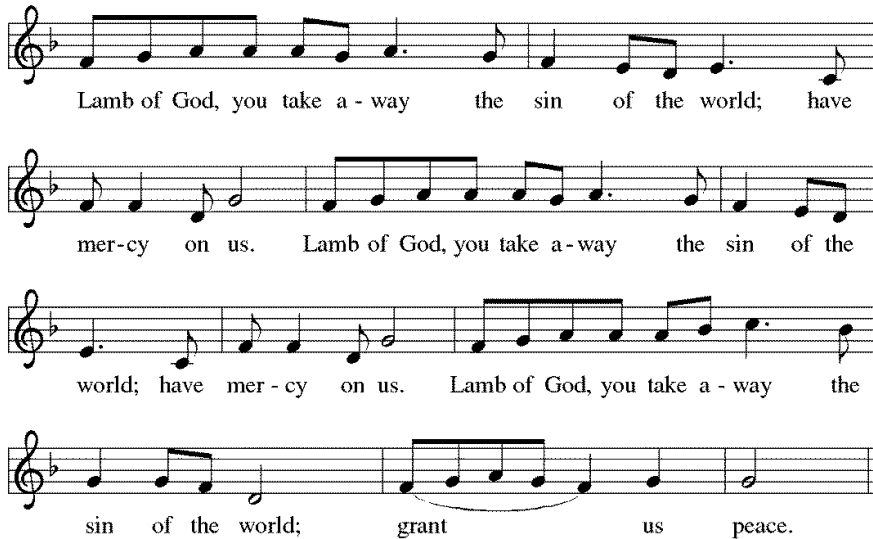
Invitation to Communion

P: Love has come: God's love for all people.
Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

C: Thanks be to God.

[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 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.

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Christmas Cello) arr. Nelson/McDonald
Alison Koch, cello

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: Let us pray, Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all.

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: Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella"

Keith Chapman

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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.

2019 contributions of offerings or special gifts must be received in the office by Monday morning, December 30, in order to be credited to your 2020 giving statements.

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We wish you a blessed Christmas. It's a wonderful time at Trinity, with hundreds of people, seen and unseen, handling all details large and small. Thank you to every person who has played a role.

Something else: Not everyone feels joy during this season. Some folks are grieving, or ill, or hurt, or lost. Reach out to those in need: a visit, a listening ear. But remember too that some folks hide their suffering; maybe it's the person next to you, quiet but smiling. So be thoughtful, sensitive, and kind. And pray for all.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTORS AND STAFF

Regular Worship Times in 2020

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.
- **Children are welcome at 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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