

Wonder FULL

*Nativity of
Our Lord*

Christmas Eve
8:00 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 night. 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

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: Pastor

L: Lector

C: Congregation

✝ Gathering ✝

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

Song: "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

Intro

God rest ye merry gentlemen.
Let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ, our Savior,
Was born on Christmas day.

Instrumental Verse 1

Verse 1

God rest ye merry gentlemen.
Let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ, our Savior,
Was born on Christmas day,

To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray.

Refrain

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Instrumental Verse 2

Verse 2

In Bethlehem in Israel this
Blessed Babe was born
And laid within a manger
Upon this blessed morn.
The which His mother Mary did
Nothing take in scorn.

Refrain

Instrumental Verse 3

Verse 3

From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought
Tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name.

Refrain

Instrumental Verse 4

Verse 4

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a feeding
In tempest, storm, and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
The Son of God to find.

Refrain

Instrumental Verse 5

Verse 5

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.

Tag

This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface.

Ending

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, ye-ah.

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Song: "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

Pastor John Brock

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ video

(Stand)

Song: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Verse 1

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;

Chorus

Come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Verse 2

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Chorus

Verse 3

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
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: **“Go Tell It on the Mountain”**

Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

Verse

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Chorus

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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: "Wonder FULL"

Pastor Jack M. Horner

Children's Story

Pastor Liz Frey

(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.

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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 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.**

Announcements

(Sit)

Offering

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Special Music: "Hope Was Born This Night"

Verse 1

Tonight, I can see a star shine
and its splendor fills up the sky.
It's the same that appeared
and the wise men revered
When hope was born this night.
Out upon the snowy fields
there's a silent peace that heals,
And it echoes the grace
of our Savior's embrace because
Hope was born this night.

Chorus

Glory to God in the highest!
Peace on earth, good will toward men.
Let all of the world sing a chorus of joy
because hope was born this night.

Verse 2

I can hear the Christmas bells ring
As softly, a church choir sings.
It's the song used to praise
the Ancient of Days
When hope was born this night.
There are angels in this place
And my heart resounds with the praise.
Like a shepherd, so scared,
I'll rejoice and declare that
Hope was born this night.

Chorus

Bridge (2x)

Gloria! Gloria!
Gloria! Gloria!

Chorus (2x)

Ending

I know hope was born this night.
Because Christ was born this night.

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(Stand)

Offering Prayer

P: 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

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.

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

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 Communion

P: Love has come: God's love for all people.

C: Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

(Sit)

Sharing our Lord's Supper

All 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: 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.

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

✝ 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.

Song: **"Unto Us"**

Chorus 2X

Unto us a Son is given. Unto us a Savior born.

Unto us a King delivered. Unto us this Christmas morn.

Verse 1

Let the Earth lift high His praise.

The Holy One, Ancient of Days.

The Son of God in flesh is born.

The King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Chorus 2X

Verse 2

Worship now the newborn King.

Within His hand salvation brings.

Come exalt the sacrifice,

born of God to give us life!

Instrumental

Give us Your life!

Verse 1

Chorus

Tag: Unto us this Christmas morn. Unto us this Christmas morn.

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Dismissal

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

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.

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 2019 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.
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