



**First Sunday
of Christmas**

**Contemporary Worship
8:30 am and 11:00 am
December 29, 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 are available at the Gathering Space desk.

about today's service

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod; hence our "Pain FULL" theme. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the "holy innocents" of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

P: Pastor

L: Lector

C: Congregation

✝ Gathering ✝

We gather together to praise God and receive God's love.

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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Song: "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 1

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Chorus

Verse 2

The Shepherds feared and trembled when lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our savior's birth.

Chorus

Verse 3

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

Chorus (2X)

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Welcome

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

Music by John F. Wade, arr. Don Chapman. CCLI #1283514

(Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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. O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 God's people.

Reading

Hebrews 2:10-18

Through Jesus' suffering and death, the trail to eternal salvation has been blazed for us. We do not fear death, because he has conquered the power of death. Thus Christ, our merciful and faithful high priest, has the final say over the destiny of our lives.

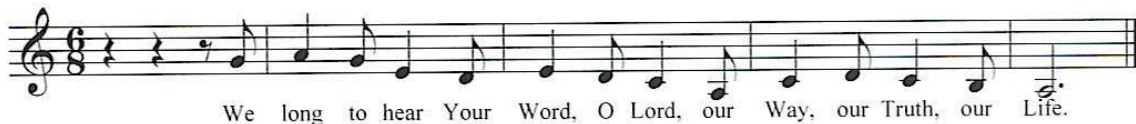
¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." ¹³And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." ¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

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



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Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

In a dream, Joseph is warned to flee to Egypt to protect the infant Jesus from the jealousy of Herod.

¹³Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." ¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." ¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰"Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Sit)

Sermon: "Pain FULL"

Pastor John Brock

Children's Story

Pastor Liz Frey

(Stand)

Song: "Angels We Have Heard On High"

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Chorus

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Verse 2

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be; which inspire your heav'nly song?

Chorus

Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Chorus

Tag

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest. (Repeat 4x)

Gloria in excelsis Deo,

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Text and music: French carol

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 God's 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: "Born in Bethlehem"

Verse 1

Baby Jesus born in a stable humble Savior's birth,
You left Your throne in Heaven above to live here on the earth.

Verse 2

Baby Jesus lying in a manger crying for the world.
The angels told the shepherds of the good news for us all.

Chorus

Hallelujah, the King is here, given for all men,
For today the Holy Son of God is born in Bethlehem.

Verse 3

Come now sinners and you Saints all peasants and all kings,
And bow before the Earth's Redeemer let all voices sing:

Chorus (2X)

Instrumental

Verse 4

Baby Jesus do You know You'll die for all our sins?

Don't be afraid for in three days

You will rise again, You will rise again!

Chorus (2X)

Tag: Born in Bethlehem.

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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.

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 mercy, the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world...

C: Amen.

P: Great is the mystery of faith.

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

P: God of all consolation, pierce the heart of your church with the same cries that pierce your heart... Until that day when we gather around the throne of the Lamb in endless praise to you, living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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.
Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

C: Thanks be to God.

(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 by the middle aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the wine, and return by the side aisles. Communion may be received in bread only, if desired. Non-communicating 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 available upon request--please ask the pastor at the time of communion.

(Stand)

Post Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

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.

✝ 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: "Joy to the World"

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns! Let us our songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 3

No more let sin and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Tag: And wonders, wonders of his love.

Dismissal

P: Christ is born!

Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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worship notes

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Join us next week

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Pastor Jack Horner

“Joy FULL”

FaithX

leaders

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Elizabeth E. Frey

Preacher: The Rev. John H. Brock

Lector: (8:30) Melvin Eichelberger; (11:00) Bruce Bigelow

Greeters: (8:30) Anne Stafford (head greeter) Bonnie Brezina, Sandy Nagy, Dottie, Linda Eshleman; (11:00) Keith Huntzinger (head greeter), Bruce and Nancy Bigelow, Eric and Marla Peters

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Vicki Wilken, Melvin Eichelberger, Jon Andrews; (11:00) Michael Good, Tom Drye, Becky Enney

Ushers: (8:30) Daryl Ackerman, Jon Andrews; (11:00) Tom and Linda Hoffert, Reed MacConnell

Altar Care: (8:30) Suzanne Fickes; (11:00) Donna Campbell

Flower Delivery: Bob and Barbara Park

Sound Technician: (8:30) Royce Hoffman; (11:00) Devon Bertram

Video Technician: (8:30) Barb Martin; (11:00) Dona Norris

Slide Show Production: Barb Martin

Visual Announcements: Jane Killian

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