



**1st Sunday
of Christmas**

**Traditional Worship
8:30 & 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 and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

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

✝ Gathering ✝

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

Prelude: (8:30) Noel on the Flutes
(11:00) "A Medley of Christmas Carols"
Family Bells

L. C. D'Aquin
Martha Lynn Thompson

Welcome and announcements

[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.

Gathering Hymn No. 269: Once in Royal David's City

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Greeting

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

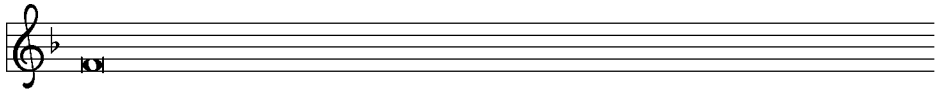
C: And also with you.

Kyrie

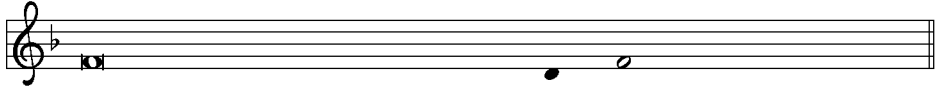
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

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

Lord, have mer - cy.



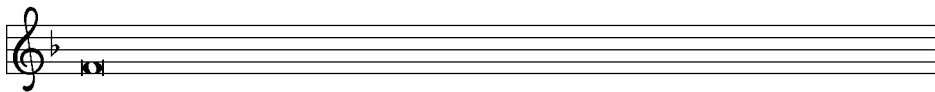
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



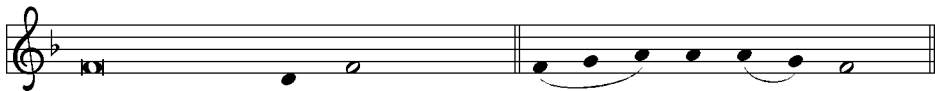
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



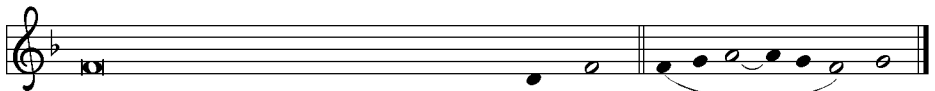
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



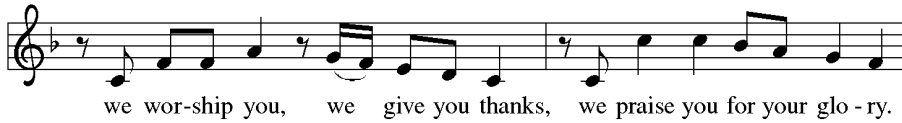
Assisting minister

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: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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.

First Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

God does not delegate divine intervention to a messenger or angel. God's own presence brings salvation. The prophet and all who read these words join in celebrating God's gracious deeds. God trusts that God's people will not act falsely.

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior ⁹in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second 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.

Solo: "This Is Christmas"

Alfred Burt

*Bright, bright the holly berries in the wreath upon the door.
Bright, bright the happy faces with the thoughts of joys in store.
White, white the snowy meadow wrapped in slumber deep and sweet.
White, white the angel hosts, their songs of joy repeat.
This is Christmas, this is Christmas, this is Christmas time.*

*Gay, gay the children's voices filled with laughter, filled with glee.
Gay, gay the tinsled things upon the dark and spicy tree.
Day, day when all mankind may hear the angel's song again.
Day, day when Christ was born to bless us now as then.*

*Sing, sing ye heav'nly host to tell the blessed Saviour's birth.
Sing, sing in holy joy, ye dwellers all upon the earth.
King, king yet tiny babe come down to us from God above.
King, king of ev'ry heart which opens wide in love.*

Christyan Seay, soloist

Children's Message

Pastor Jack Horner

[Stand]

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 petition ends:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Prayer Response (sung by all)

**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.**

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....**

Gospel Acclamation

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

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.

Sing as the procession returns.

**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]

[Stand]

✝ 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.

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.)*

[Stand]

Offertory

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
 brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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.

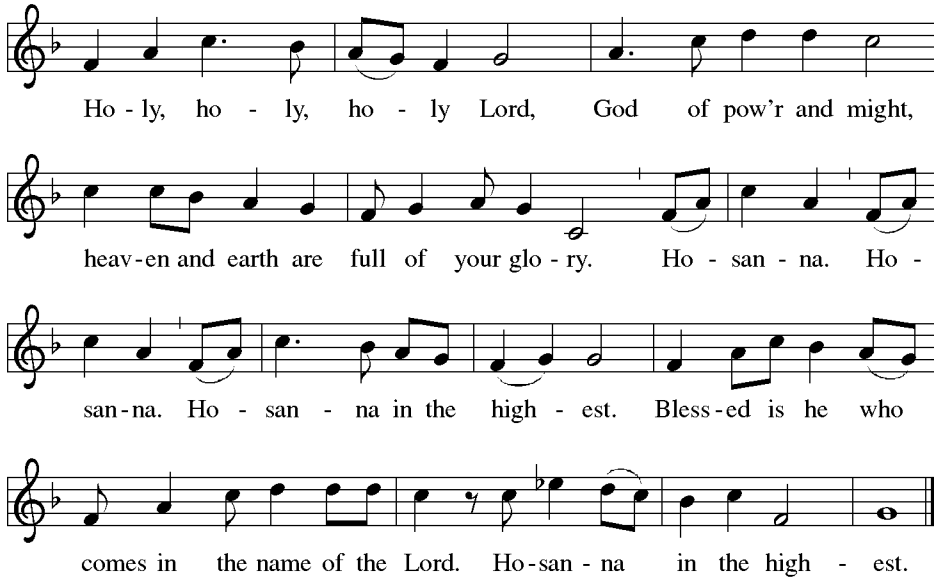
Great Thanksgiving

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: Steadfast God, you alone are worthy of praise and thanksgiving... And so we give you thanks, praising you with angels and archangels, as we join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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 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.

The 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.

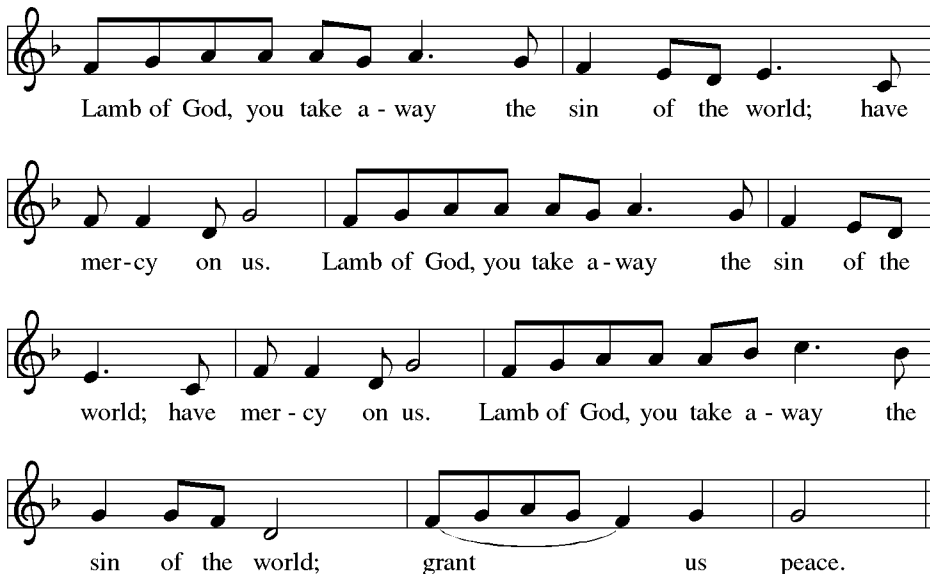
Invitation to Communion

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

[Sit]

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 is by intinction. You will receive a wafer. Dip it in the chalice of wine before consuming. You may then return to your seat or come to the altar rail for prayer. 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.

Anthem: "Some Children See Him"

Alfred Burt

Some children see him lily white, the baby Jesus born this night;

Some children see him lily white with tresses soft and fair.

Some children see him bronzed and brown, the Lord of heaven to earth come down;

Some children see him bronzed and brown with dark and heavy hair.

Some children see him almond-eyed, this Savior whom we kneel beside;

Some children see him almond-eyed with skin of yellow hue.

*Some children see him dark as they, sweet Mary's Son to whom we pray;
Some children see him dark as they, and, ah, they love him, too.*

*The children in each different place will see the baby Jesus' face
Like theirs, but bright with heavenly grace and filled with holy light.*

*O lay aside each earthly thing, and with thy heart as offering,
Come worship now the infant King, 'tis love that's born tonight.*

Christyan Seay, soloist

Communion Hymns: 277

[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.

✝ 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.

Sending Hymn No. 292: Love Has Come

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Dismissal

P: Christ is born!

Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Diane Bish

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Join us next week

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Pastor Jack Horner

“Joy FULL”

(8:30 and 11:00) Nancy Moore, soloist;

(11:00) Chancel Choir

worship leaders

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

Preacher: The Rev. John H. Brock

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Jeff Weaver; (11:00) Christine Ream

Lector: (8:30) Michele Addams; (11:00) Virginia Ely

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Michele Addams, Kathy Smeal; (11:00) Barbara Kriebel, Marianne Brock, Nancy Martin, Virginia Ely

Acolytes:(11:00) Ella Falck

Soundboard: (8:30) Kolby Ritter, (11:00) Jim Kincaid

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

Ushers: Timothy Sheaffer (head usher), Rick and Ardelle Barry, Terri Denison, John Greenleaf, Rob and Grace Hoyt, Joseph Hunter, Chris Jacobs, Richard Jacobs, H. Jay Killian, John Powell, Teresa Sheaffer, Scott and Karen Smith, Bruce Stauffer, Bill Tauriello, Don Lazarchik

Altar Care: Linda Penny, Michele Addams, Barbara Kriebel,

Carillonneur: Don Lazarchik

Flower Delivery: Bob and Barbara Park

Garden of Eatin': (GOE I) Mary Ellen Hettinger, Margaret Parker; (GOE II) Carol Peiffer

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worship notes

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