



**Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Eve
Contemporary Service**
Order of Worship
for streaming service
December 24, 2020



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 C: Congregation Lector

+ Gathering +

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

Song: "Hallelujah (Light Has Come)"

Welcome Pastor Liz Frey

Song: "Hope Was Born This Night"

Announcements Pastor Liz Frey

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ video

Song: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Greeting Pastor Liz Frey

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 Pastor Liz Frey

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.

+ Word +

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of God's people.

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 Martha Hawk-Nagle

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.

Gospel

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.

Sermon: "Tidings of Comfort and Joy: Silent Night"

Pastor Jack Horner

Song: "Somewhere In Your Silent Night"

Nicene Creed

Pastor Liz Frey

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Liz Frey

Lord's Prayer

Pastor Liz Frey

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.

✠ 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

Pastor Liz Frey

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor Liz Frey

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

Pastor Liz Frey

P: Abiding God, you are our dwelling place in every generation. You sent your spirit of wisdom to rest upon Joshua and blessed him through the hands of Moses to continue the story of your mighty works. You sent Jesus as the new Joshua, our savior, and the pioneer of our hope. As we remembered our Lord's saving mercies, you sent down your Holy Spirit to continue in and through us your story of salvation, and sanctified this bread and cup to be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ we remembered;

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Blessing of Communion to the Homebound

Pastor Liz Frey

P: Compassionate God, Bless those who receive your word and sacrament at home. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Pastor Liz Frey

P: Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day ✠ through the Word made flesh.

C: Amen.

You may light a candle at home and sing along

Silent Night Video

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.

Dismissal

Pastor Liz Frey

P: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

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A CHRISTMAS EVE MESSAGE

from Trinity pastors and staff

We wish you a blessed Christmas.

We hope you are working through the challenges that 2020 has brought, and that you are staying safe. But if you or someone you know is struggling, TELL US.

We will reach out with word and prayer.

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or leave a confidential message directly
for one of the pastors at 717-737-9921.

Dial ext. 225 for Pastor Horner

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You are not alone.
We are here for you.

Join us for additional worship opportunities this week

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Christmas Day
Sermon Theme:
"Tidings of Comfort and Joy:
Good Christian Friends Rejoice"
Preaching: Pastor Liz Frey



First Sunday of Christmas
Sermon Theme:
"Tidings of Comfort and Joy:
Go Tell It on the Mountain"
Preaching: Pastor John Brock

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