

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024 | 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM

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(The ringing of the bell signals the beginning of worship. Please direct your attention to the Prelude offered for your personal worship preparation. Please also silence all electronic devices.)

PRELUDE

O Holy Night: Carols for Christmas Eve

(4:00) Emily Gibson, vocalist; Katharine Ahlrichs, flute

WELCOME and GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

LSB 379

Jacob Sprengeler, trumpet; Matt Sprengeler, trombone

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 2:1-2, 4-6; antiphon: Liturgical Text

Pastor: When all was still, and it was midnight,

People: your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

Pastor: Why do the nations rage

People: and the peoples plot in vain?

Pastor: the kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,

People: against the LORD and against his anointed.

Pastor: He who sits in the heavens laughs;

People: the Lord holds them in derision.

Pastor: Then he will speak to them in his wrath,

People: and terrify them in his fury, saying,

Pastor: “As for me, I have set my King

People: on Zion, my holy hill.”

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

- ² The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
 on them has light shone.
- ³ You have multiplied the nation;
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
- ⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
 and the staff for his shoulder,
 the rod of his oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
 and every garment rolled in blood
 will be burned as fuel for the fire.
- ⁶ For to us a child is born,
 to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
 and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
 there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
 to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
 from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

Pastor: To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

People: and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

Pastor: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

People: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song,

People: for he has done marvelous things!

EPISTLE

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE (*Stand*)

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

² In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (*Sit*)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing LSB 380

See amid the Winter's Snow LSB 373

Away in a Manger LSB 365

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CANDLE HYMN **Silent Night, Holy Night** LSB 363

Please light your candle when the music begins.

Stanzas 1–3 sung by all

(Stanza 3 for voices alone followed by period of silence.)



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright Round you

2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries

3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant



vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
stream from heav - en a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
beams from Thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.

Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!

Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.



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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joy to the World

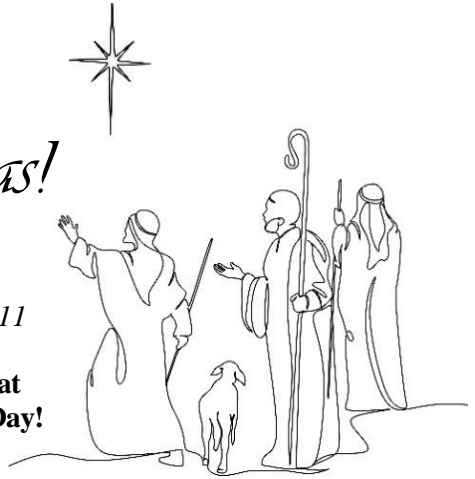
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POSTLUDE

Merry Christmas!

*For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the LORD. – Luke 2:11*

**Please join us tomorrow morning at
9:00 am for worship on Christmas Day!**



Thank you to those who voted in our Favorite Christmas Hymn Poll.
Here are Trinity's top five favorite Christmas hymns:

1. Silent Night
2. Joy to the World
3. O Come, All Ye Faithful
4. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
5. What Child Is This?



PRAY

without ✦ ceasing

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THESE GENERAL & SPECIFIC NEEDS AT TRINITY

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS AT TRINITY

- For grateful hearts as we recall God's mercies to Trinity during 140 years, & for bold faith that confidently relies on God's promised mercies as we embrace the future
- *For the Lord of the Church, Jesus Christ, to raise up and send out laborers into His harvest*
- Guidance and support for Trinity's School Board—and that God would in due time bless us with a new principal
- For relatives & friends of Trinity on active military duty

GENERAL CHURCH & WORLD CONCERNS

- For the people of Liberia and the school project there
- Thanks for God's care for us through Word & Sacrament
- For opportunities to share Jesus with others
- For the Spirit-empowered readiness to love, confess, forgive, and be reconciled
- For persecuted Christians throughout the world
- For the well-being of pregnant mothers and their preborn children, in both body and soul
- For an end to racism, terrorism, and every evil
- For our national, state, and local government leaders
- For all those who are chronically ill and suffering

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

- *Darrell Axtell*
- *Heidi Baumert's uncle, Jim*
- *Steve Blockhus*
- *Chuck & Pat Campbell*
- *Laura Drzycimski's dad, John*
- *Karen Flint*
- *Mike Humphrey*
- *Don Maeder*
- *Ervene Nothwehr*
- *Del Runquist's son, Randy*
- *Carol Stellwagen*
- *Eloise Weiss*
- *Doran Welch*
- *LeAnna Williams*
- *Pamela Wilson*
- *Ed & Judy Wiseman*