

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Know Christ + Grow in Christ + Make Christ Known



THE NATIVITY
OF OUR LORD

Christmas Day

December 25, 2024 | 9:00 AM

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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 **Carols for Christmas**

WELCOME and GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Let All Together Praise Our God

LSB 389

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6

Pastor: For 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,

People: Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

People: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Pastor: The LORD has made known his salvation;

People: he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Pastor: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

People: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

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 52:7-10**

- ⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”
- ⁸ The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
- ⁹ Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
- ¹⁰ The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

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

Hebrews 1:1-12

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, **2**but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. **3**He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, **4**having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son”?

6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God's angels worship him.”

7 Of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels winds,
and his ministers a flame of fire.”

8 But of the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

10 And,

“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

11 thy will perish, but you remain;

they will all wear out like a garment,

¹² like a robe you will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.
But you are the same,
and your years will have no end.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE (*Stand*)

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*The Christmas Gospel is read from the center of the nave
to signify the presence of God among us in the flesh.*

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. **4** In him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. **8** He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. **11** He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. **12** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) **16** For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. **17** For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came

through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN **Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising** LSB 375

SERMON *Pastor Groth* John 1:1-18

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING **Angels We Have Heard on High –arr. Burkhardt**



✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Out of love for our members and guests, and with sincere concern for the spiritual welfare of all, and in the desire to honor Christ our Lord and to be faithful to His Word, Trinity Lutheran Church abides by the ancient and biblical practice of closed Communion. All who are communicant members in good standing of Trinity Lutheran Church or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to come in true repentance to receive Christ's body and blood in the fellowship of this altar. All others are welcome to come forward, at the direction of the usher, with arms folded across your chest to receive from the pastor a Christmas blessing.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (*Sit*)

God Loves Me Dearly

LSB 392

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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Music for Quiet Reflection

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RECESSIONAL HYMN **Go Tell It on the Mountain**

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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*



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*