



Sunday, December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

A Savior is Born to Dwell Among Us

Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text

350 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Tune: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847 Text and tune: Public domain

Please stand.

Invocation

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

C:Amen.

Confession

P: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Declaration of Grace

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P: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

362 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, abr. Tune: German, 14th cent. Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 714016 Tune: P

The Word

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

The prophet foretold that the Lord would dwell among us, laying bare his arm, rolling up his sleeves and doing what was necessary to bring the good news of salvation to the ends of the earth.

⁷How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

⁸Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. ⁹Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

"Joy"

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-9

In the past God sent angels and prophets as messengers to his people. In these latter days, God speaks to us through his Son who came to dwell among us.

¹In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? ⁶And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." ⁷In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire." ⁸But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness, therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Galatians 4:4, 5

Alleluia.

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 1:1-14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

358 Of the Father's Love Begotten

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Sermon Text: Isaiah 52:7-10

Theme: Burst into Songs of Joy at Christmas Day and Every Day!

Please 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 in unity with the Father and the Son

is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Prayer of the Church

Please be seated.

Offering

FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

The Sacrament

Please stand.

Preface

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whose wonderful and mysterious birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you. As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

Tune: PUER NOBIS



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled



cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will



took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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Please be seated.

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Please stand

Thanksgiving

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

Proclamation of Christ

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Post Communion Prayer

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

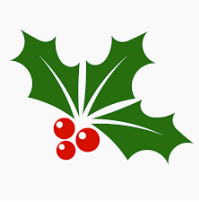
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

C:Amen.

361 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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Announcements:



SPECIAL MUSIC today is courtesy of Summer Yuan. Summer is a freshman at MLS, and is staying in the home of Tom and Becky Smith for Christmas vacation. Welcome, Summer and thank you for sharing your amazing God-given talent with us today!

THERE WILL BE *one* service next Sunday, New Year's Day, at 9:30 a.m. Communion will be served. There will be no Bible classes or Sunday school.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the south entrance area. Please do not begin using the new envelopes until January 1. If you have any questions, please contact Clark Inniger at 419.306.0127 or email cdinniger@roadrunner.com

OPEN GYM: Looking for a volunteer or volunteers to supervise open gym at the school on Sunday afternoons. Hours would be according to the Volunteer's availability. Please contact the school office at tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org if you are interested in helping out.

THE MONTHLY FLOWER sign-up sheet for the 2023 year is on the bulletin board in the basement. If you want to share your creative side and help to beautify the church, please choose a month. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Burkholder.

THE TLS COOKBOOK committee is beginning to collect recipes, historical facts & stories, photos, and memories from anyone who has them to share. You can submit recipes and other items to the box in the narthex, or email them to Megan Nowak at mrsnowak1@gmail.com. If you have multiple items to submit, please collect them in an envelope with your name on it before submitting. Thank you!

CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir will practice this morning, December 25th at 9:00a.m. There will be NO Choir Practice December 28th OR during the month of January. Practice will resume February 1st at 7:00pm. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

SHARPEN YOUR GAMING SKILLS! For Family Game Night on January 15th in the school gym from 3-7:00pm. Supper will be served at 5:00. Please bring your favorite games.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT is happening again this year at Trinity on January 21st, 6:30pm. We'll have the home court advantage as we win the championship . All card players are encouraged to sign up on the sheet at the back of church. Go Team!

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE!

~We will once again be opening the gym up for warm winter walking. Also, still looking for a volunteer to oversee open gym on Sunday afternoons.

~There will be a free Valentine Family Paint event hosted by the Outreach committee on February 11th. There will be at least 2 sessions- one at 1:00 and a second at 3:00. The event is limited to 40 people per session. A third session will be added if necessary.

~A cornhole tournament is planned for Sunday, March 19th at 2:30.

~Easter Egg Hunt and Easter for Kids in April.

Watch for more information on these events!

STILL AVAILABLE FOR SALE: We still have Trinity t-shirts available for sale for \$10 each. The proceeds from these sales go toward the 7th and 8th grade class trip in the spring. Get yours today! Contact the school office if you are interested.

WINTER DAYS: SNOWFLAKES, HATS, AND MITTENS: Mornings with Mommy meets Monday, January 2 and Tuesday January 3. Join us in the church basement with your children for all kinds of fun winter activities! Shovel snow, match mittens, make a snowfall painting, throw snowballs, and pull sleds. Find out more information and register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994. Please do sign up for the "waiting list" if a session is listed as full. We usually have several cancellations!

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORIES: In the event of bad weather, please check for the county's road condition levels. A **Level 1** alert- there will be no changes to the church schedule. A **Level 2** advisory- 1st service will be cancelled; Bible classes and Sunday school will be held as normal, beginning at 9:20. **Level 3**- all services will be cancelled- stay home where it's safe!

THE ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING will be held on January 25th at 7:30pm. Voters – now is your opportunity to have your voices heard! All voters are encouraged to attend. Voters consist of male communicant members who have reached the age of 18. The Lord has called men to be the leaders for the congregational team. More than likely your grandfather and father have served on the Lord's team over the past years. Now is the time for the next generation to show their love for Him by becoming part of the team. God wants you to serve Him. Your service as a voter is wanted and needed by your Lord and your church. If you have anything that needs to be added to the agenda, please get it to the office by Wednesday, January 18th.

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of December 18, 2022)

Total Worship Attendance: 203; Early: 101; Late: 102; Adult Bible Study: 37; Sunday School: 26. Mornings with Mommy: 69. On-line worship service views for December 11 were 42.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through December 31 are the members of Warren Pratt's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, January 1, will be the members of Jonathon Beach's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS

today are:

John & Janet Weihrach

Next Sunday:

Tyler & Kathy Smith

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (December 18 through December 25)

TODAY Worship 9:30 only; WELS Connection; No Bible class or Sunday School.

SAT New Year's Eve Communion Service

SUN **Worship 9:30AM only:** New Year's Day Communion; No Bible class or Sunday School.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mon No School through January 3rd.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to glorify our Triune God as we train, strengthen and nurture ourselves and others through His Word and Sacraments, so that we are enabled by His love to live lives of faith and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

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