





New Year's Eve  
December 31, 2021

**OPENING HYMN**

65 – “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*Please Stand.*

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**C: the light no darkness can overcome.**

P: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening.

**C: and the day is almost over.**

P: Be our light and scatter the darkness,

**C: and hear our evening hymn of praise.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins, By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

**PRAYER**

P: Lord God, grant us your Holy Spirit that we may hear and believe your Word. Cleanse our minds and renew our hearts that we may live for you here and hereafter; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**LESSON**      2 Samuel 12:1- 7, 13-14

*King David repents for his sin and receives God's Forgiveness. The son born to David and Bathsheba reminds us how another baby, Jesus, would be the punishment for the world's sins.*

The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup> "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him."

<sup>5</sup> David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! <sup>6</sup> He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity." <sup>7</sup> Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. <sup>13</sup> Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan replied, "The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. <sup>14</sup> But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the Lord show utter contempt, the son born to you will die."

**GOSPEL**      Luke 2:15-24

*The shepherds and Mary rejoice in their own way about Jesus. Immediately, Jesus fulfills God's law perfectly for us.*

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." <sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. <sup>21</sup> On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived. <sup>22</sup> When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

<sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

## **HYMN**

77 – “In His Temple Now Behold Him”

## **SERMON**

Psalm 95

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. <sup>2</sup> Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. <sup>6</sup> Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; <sup>7</sup> for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Today, if you hear his voice, <sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the desert, <sup>9</sup> where your fathers tested and tried me, though they had seen what I did. <sup>10</sup> For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways.” <sup>11</sup> So I declared on oath in my anger, “They shall never enter my rest.”

### **Sermon Theme: Sing to the Rock of Our Salvation**

*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 fully 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **OFFERING**

### **Friendship Registration**

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

**Members:** Please fill out name and any new information.

Check the third box if you intend to commune.

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

### **Offering Hymn**

485 – “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

*Please Stand.*

## **PRAYER**

**P:** In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray O Lord:

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

**P:** For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: For favorable weather and bountiful harvest, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

**C: Lord, hear out prayer.**

P: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in you heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.

**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.**

### **The Sacrament**

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: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

When the time had fully come, he sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is in common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho-san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line and a circled number 8, indicating a repeat.

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
ry. 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. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## 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 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 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

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in common time (indicated by a 'C' time signature). The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men. A - men." The score ends with a double bar line.

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God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

*Please be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION

*Please stand.*

P: Eternal God, you are always the same and your years have no end. In your mercy we close another calendar year. It has been filled with your goodness to us. For this we humbly thank you. It has known our sins, disobedience, and failures. For these we ask forgiveness and pardon in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior.

C: **Amen** (spoken)

### **BENDECTION**

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

C: **Amen**

**Closing Hymn**

69 – “Across the Sky the Shades of Night”

*For the LORD is the great God, the great  
King above all gods. In his hand are the  
depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks  
belong to him.*

## *Announcements:*

**HOLY COMMUNION:** The Bible teaches us that Holy Communion is a public demonstration of participants' united confession of the Bible's teachings (1 Cor. 10:17). Since we strive to follow all that the Bible teaches, we believe that members of this congregation or the WELS or ELS synod are united in the true teaching and may commune together. All guests should speak with a pastor before Communion, to first determine if unity of faith exists. We're eager to establish a unity of faith and to declare this oneness at Communion with you. Members of the congregation are to indicate their intention to commune in the friendship registration booklet. Prayers for before and after Communion and worship are on pages 10-11 in the hymnal.

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING THE WORD:** Thank you to Pastor Krueger from Immanuel in Findlay for sharing God's Word with us this evening. God's richest blessings on your New Year.

**THERE WILL BE** one worship service today, January 2, at 9:30 a.m. There will not be Sunday school or Bible. Take the time to enjoy time with your family and friends.

**CALL MEETING:** There will be a call meeting on January 9, immediately following second service, to call a 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. All voting members are encouraged to attend; non-voters and the women of the church are also welcome.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKEDOWN** will be on Sunday, January 9, at 12:30 pm. Please come & lend a hand.

**MOON, STARS, AND NIGHT-TIME:** Bring your infants, toddlers, and preschoolers to Mornings with Mommy on January 3 or Tuesday, January 4 to learn about the moon, stars, and night-time. Meet in the church basement at 9:30 to explore moon sand, paint a night-time sky, cut play-dough stars, and build a rocket. Register online at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org) or call 262-391-7994. You can see pictures from our previous sessions at [facebook.com/trinitymwm](http://facebook.com/trinitymwm).

**WARM WINTER WALKING:** Everyone is invited to walk in the school's gym on weeknights beginning Monday, January 18. The doors will be unlocked from 7:00-8:00 PM. but you may walk longer if you wish. Please use the doors by the office and bring non-marking shoes to wear on the gym floor.

**OPEN GYM:** The school's gym continues to be available for those wanting to play basketball indoors on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please change into dry, non-marking athletic shoes before entering the gym to help keep our gym floor in good condition.

**WHO LIKES GAMES??** The Outreach committee is planning a game night on January 16, 2022 from 3-7:00pm in the school. There will be a supper at 5:00. Sign up on the sheet in the back of church. You better join us! Sounds like a great time. Thank you, Outreach Committee- you're all doing a fabulous job!



**MORE GAMES:** The annual Euchre Tournament is back. This year, Immanuel is hosting on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more details and time in the bulletin. Let's support our church. Go team! Beat Immanuel!!

**WOMEN:** Mark your calendars! Trinity Women's Ministry will be having a Bible study on abortion on Monday, January 24 at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

**PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME:** Do your kids need a warm place to get some energy out? Join us for a FREE open gym for all preschool aged children at Trinity Lutheran School on Monday, January 10 from 10:00-11:00 AM. We will have balls to play with, ride-on toys, mats to crawl/roll around on, mini-trampolines, slides, infant toys, and lots of space to run around and play.

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*In*  
*Loving*  
*Memory*

*We remember those Trinity members whom God in His  
grace called to their heavenly home in 2021.*

*Marvin Ritter*  
*David Boehm*  
*Doris Webb*

*Marjorie Shilling*  
*Bob Rausch*  
*Mary Lee von Stein*

