

Trinity Lutheran Church

Christmas Eve Worship

Bold: All Respond

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 - 5:30pm

* Please stand as you are able



Gathering

+ The Holy Spirit Gathers us to Worship +

THEME The baby Jesus is our promise of God's topsy-turvy justice.

PRESERVICE MUSIC Medley of Carols

WELCOME

*** LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Emmanuel is here among us! **We light this candle of hope fulfilled.**

We light this candle for love incarnate. **We light this candle with joy at your coming.**

We light this candle for peace on earth. **We light the Christ candle in a proclamation of God with us!**

Thanks be to God.

TRINITY HANDBELL CHOIR

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Dan Miller

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the heavens be glad! **Let the earth rejoice!**

Let the sea roar! **Let the fields exult!**

Let the trees of the forest sing for Joy! **For our God comes to us this night!**

* GATHERING CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ELW No. 283

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together. Almighty God, **as we hear the story of our Savior’s birth, we are filled with wonder and awe. Thank you for the gift of your Son, born in a manger. In our daily lives, help us remember the profound joy of this story. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Word

+ God speaks to us in scripture: read, sung, and preached +

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-7

¹But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

TRINITY CHOIR ANTHEM

“A Cradle for a Lamb”

Penny Rodriguez

Just a poor humble shepherd boy, no great wealth did I enjoy; but the angels came to me saying: “Go to Bethlehem. There you’ll find the one you’ve waited for your Messiah, Christ the Lord. You will find him in a manger bed, in a cradle for a Lamb.” Now I’ve seen the newborn King; light and peace to all He’ll bring; but what could be more humbling than a cradle for a Lamb? God, in love, has found a way: a perfect, holy Lamb will pay for my sins; He’ll sacrifice His precious, only Son.

PSALM

Psalm 96

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

² **Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

⁴ **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**

⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

⁶ **Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

⁹ Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰ **Say among the nations, 'The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity.'**

¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

¹² **let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy**

¹³ before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

* GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-20

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 2nd Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In 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.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Pam Challis

SERMON Pastor Pam Challis

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus What a Wonderful Child"

ELW No. 297

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING



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OFFERING SONG

“’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”

ELW No. 284

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. God, you have given us treasure upon treasure, even to the gift of your own Son. With joy we bring before you our gifts in return, and offer them to you for the continuation of the work you began in Jesus Christ, for the flourishing of all creation. **Amen.**

Meal

+ God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ +

*** GREAT THANKSGIVING**

tune: Adeste Fideles

The Lord be with you.

And with you, his servant.

Oh, come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

With hearts uplifted thanks to him we render;

With joy we come before him, in gratefulness implore him,

With thankful hearts adore him evermore!

*** PREFACE**

Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life, at the birth of time your word brought light into the world. In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to the 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.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!

tune: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

Heav’n and earth cannot contain All the glory of your name!

Hail, hosanna, God most high! Blest is he who now draws nigh

In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing;

Hail, hosanna! Praises due Be forever, Lord to you!

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

God with us, Emmanuel, Jesus who is called Christ, now welcomes you to the table of life, to the celebratory feast of all creation. Come with joy with your siblings in Christ and share in this precious and holy meal. Here at Trinity we practice the understanding that this is Jesus's table. He is the host of this meal, and Jesus turns no one away! Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine and with them the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Bring your whole self to this place and know that Jesus meets you as you are – beloved, accepted, and welcomed. Please be seated as we continue our preparations.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

ELW No. 282 (st. 1 & 2)

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav’n’s all gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav’nly music floats o’er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov’ring wing,
And ever o’er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing.**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

ELW No. 289 (st.1 & 3)

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

“On Christmas Night”

ELW No. 274 (st. 1 & 4)

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring. On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring: news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful king's birth

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night. All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God in highest heav'n; peace on earth, and goodwill. Amen."

“Once in Royal David’s City”

ELW No. 269 (st. 1 & 2)

Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

ELW No. 290 (st.1 & 3)

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

(Refrain) Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

ELW No. 288

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now,
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore,
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray. God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

+ God blesses us and sends us as mission into the world +

* BLESSING

God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

* SHARING OF THE LIGHT

While the organ prepares us for singing Silent Night the congregation will light their candles for the hymn. PLEASE, tilt the unlit candle to receive the flame from the lit candle. Adults, please supervise children closely.

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

ELW No. 281

**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.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

* DISMISSAL

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news. **Thanks be to God.**

* SENDING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

ELW No. 267 (st. 1)

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.**

POSTLUDE

“In Dulci Jublio”

Gilbert M. Martin

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Livestream Operator: Tom Dieter **Sound:** Greg Dieter **Reader:** Neve Lovenduski

Offering: Dan Breed **Communion Coordinator:** Lonnie Hilkemeier

Trinity Choir & Handbell Choir Director: Michael Bizzaro **Organist:** Marilyn Van Roekel

Assisting Minister: Gwen Resick-Rennich **Pastor:** Pastor Pam Challis

Trinity Choir

Soprano

Peggy Brooks
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Sarah Gould
Julie Horan
Nikki Lovenduski
Jeanine Marsh
Sarah Hamann
Julie Walker
Jade Lovenduski
Ray Leigh

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Kyna Glover
Angela Ruehle
Jacque Gregg
Terry Hilkemeier
Sylvia Jensen
Ann Sprague

Tenor

Dick Bowman
Dave Challis
Tom Marsh
Randall Rutsch
Cameron Graves

Bass

Jeff Barton
Ron Mathisen
Duane Isakson
Jim Lundgren
Jim Topping
Dan Breed
Greg Dieter

Handbell Choir

Mary Hamann, Ann Sprague, Pastor Pam Challis, Jacque Gregg
Susan Zimmer, Karen Louis, Nikki Lovenduski, Cindy Marvell

Thanks to all who purchased Poinsettias to decorate Trinity!

Dan & Diana Breed

John & Sue Patti

Jim Crowder

The Challis Family

Kathy Koshi ~ in honor of family

The Dieter Family ~ in memory of Kristine Dieter

Duane Isakson ~ in memory of Stephanie Isakson

Jim McRitchie ~ in memory of Dave and Marian McRitchie

Gail Gray ~ to the glory of God and for a peaceful holiday and prayers for peace in the new year

Trinity Staff ~ in memory of Nancy Challis, Dave Challis's mom

Peggy Brooks ~ in memory of Kristil Krug

John & Lois Greer ~ to the glory of God and for Abby & Laura

Terry and Lonnie Hilkemeier ~ to the glory of God and for family and friends

Dan and Susan Twetten ~ to the glory of God and for Jane and Elsa

Steve and Cathy Thompson ~ in memory of Phyllis Thompson

Marilyn Van Roekel and Jeff Barton ~ in honor of their children and grandchildren

John, Courtney, Rachel, & Meg Reynolds ~ in honor of Andrew, Elizabeth, Angela, and Pastor Pam for their commitment to the Confirmation experience.

Dick & Nancy Pautsch ~ in memory of Betty & Arvid Norman, and Arlene & Lester Pautsch

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