

Trinity Lutheran Church

**Christmas Eve**  
December 24, 2021

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

304 E. Ferris St.  
Galesburg, IL 61401

*“the welcome place”*

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## + + + GATHERING + + +

### **Prelude**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Emma Lou Diemer

Away in a Manger

David Maxwell

Angels We Have Heard On High

Michael Burkhardt

Mary Did You Know

Mark Lowry, Buddy Greene

Carina and Isaac Triplett

*Vocal Duet*

Lynly Triplett, Piano

### **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

Rejoice! I bring good news for all people.

Unto us a child is born. Alleluia!

Tonight the angels sing on earth.

Glory to God in the highest!

Jesus, you are God's holy child, born of Mary:  
**Lord have mercy.**

Jesus in you all the fullness of God is pleased to dwell.  
**Christ have mercy.**

Jesus you are the Word made flesh, full of grace and truth.  
**Lord have mercy.**

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Stand facing the processional cross. Turn as the cross passes by.

**Gathering Song**

**Joy to the World**

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

## **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## ***Lighting of the Christmas Candle by James, Matthew, & Family***

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.

**Let earth receive her king!**

Let every heart prepare him room!

**And heaven and nature sing!**

This Christmas night, we light this white candle as a visible sign that Jesus Christ is at the center of our lives and at the heart of this church.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.

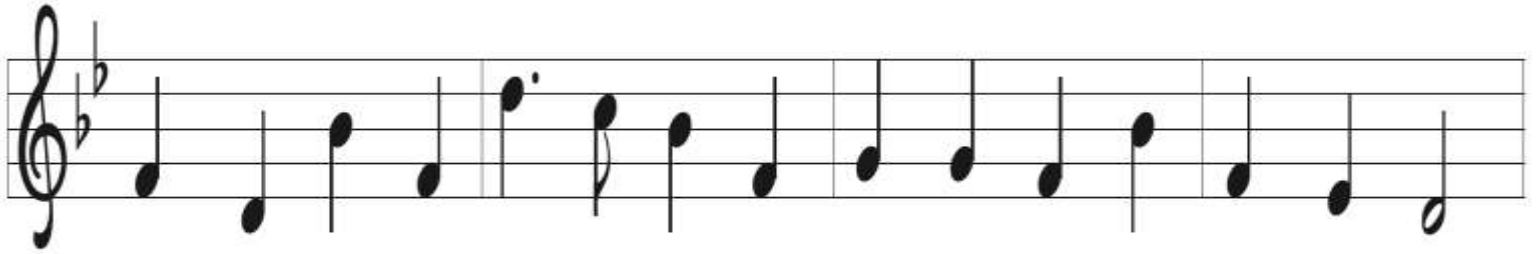
The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

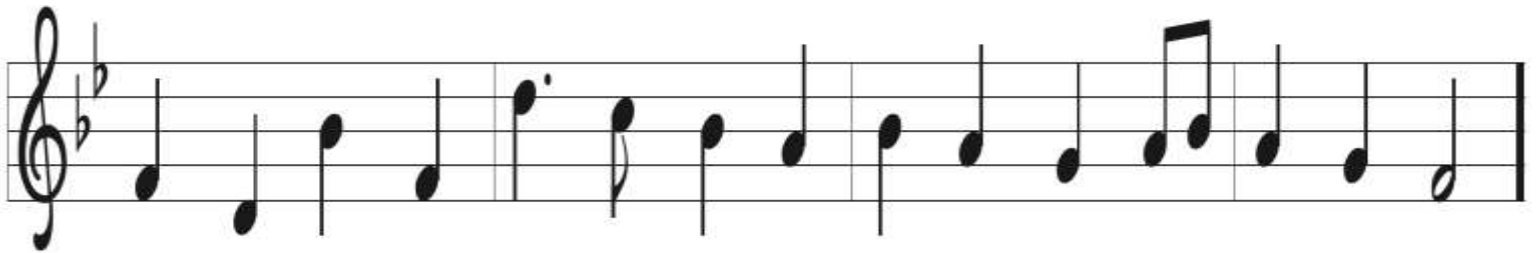
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Let us pray to our Lord who has come and is coming again:  
Our heavenly Father, what an indescribable gift is your Son Jesus.  
Through him you have given us eternal life. Today, with hearts full of gratitude and joy, we celebrate and give you thanks. Accept our offering of praise, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

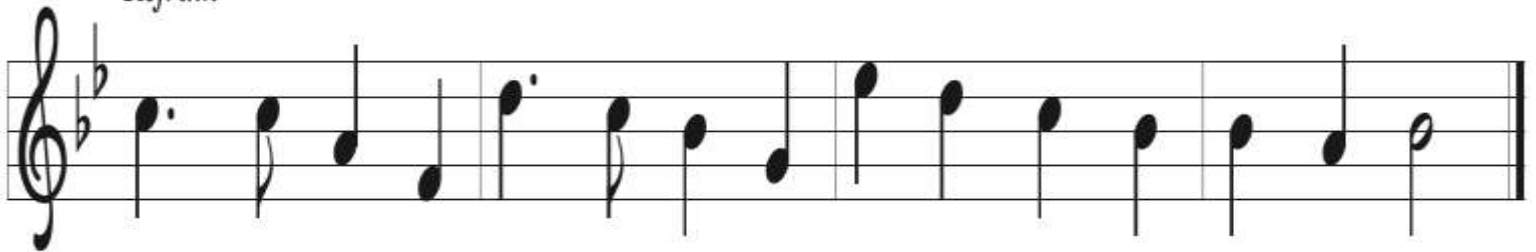


- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
- 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.  
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.  
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**+ + + WORD + + +**

*(Sit)*

### **First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7**

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
You 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.  
For 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.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For 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.  
His 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.**

Manger Carol  
*Hillary Hoffman, Nick Elders*

Arr. Leo Sowerby  
*Vocal Duet*

**Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14**

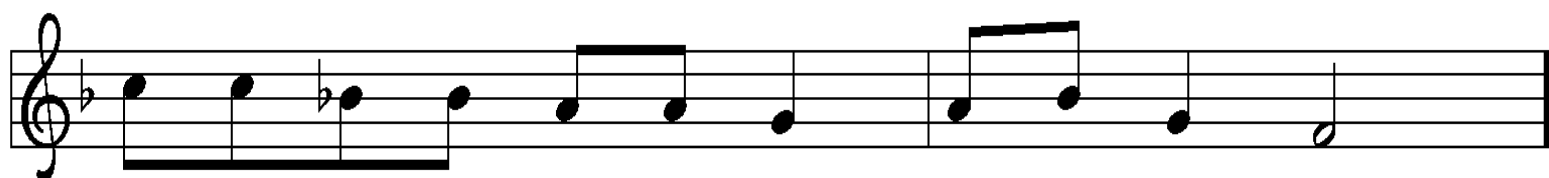
The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.  
Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**





1 Let our glad - ness have no end, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 2 Proph - e - sies in days of old, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 3 See the love - liest bloom - ing rose, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 4 In - to flesh is made the Word, Hal - le - lu - jah!

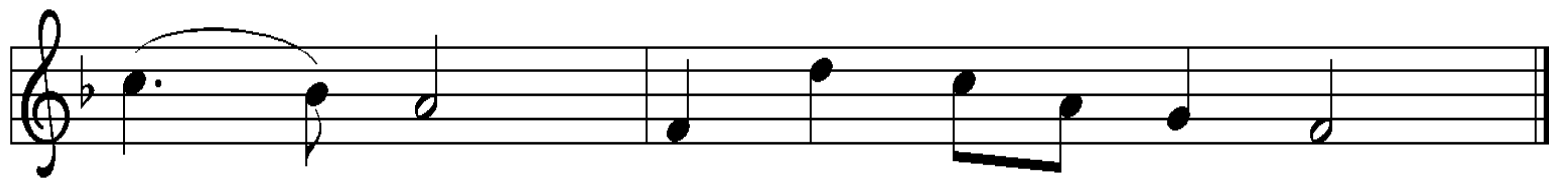


for to earth did Christ de - scend. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 God has sent the one fore - told. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 from the branch of Jes - se grows. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 our true ref - uge and our Lord. Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Refrain*



On this day God gave us Christ, the Son, to



save us; Christ, the Son, to save us.

Text: Bohemian carol, 15th cent.; tr. unknown

Music: NARODIL SE KRISTUS PÁN, Bohemian carol, 15th cent.

## **Gospel: Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]**

The holy gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph 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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And 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.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

[ When 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.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw

this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Sit)*

**Children's Message  
Sermon**

Rev. Carrie Carnes

(Stand)

Hymn of the Day

Love Has Come

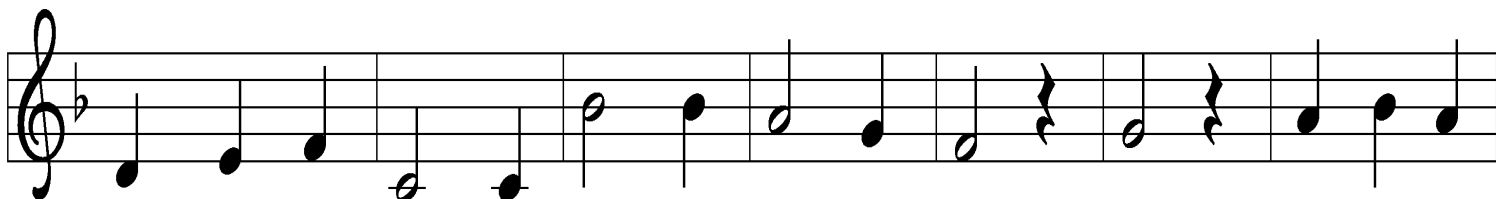
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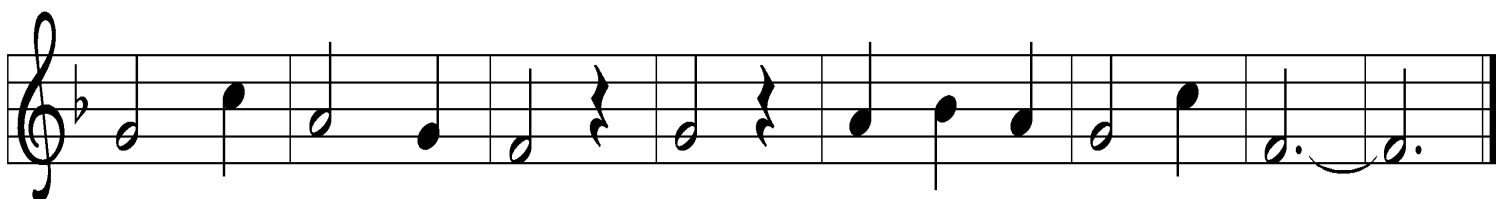
1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950  
Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de Noël's composés en langue provençale*, 1856  
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## **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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

*(Sit)*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Love proclaims that a Savior has been born to us! Inspire your church throughout the world to proclaim the good news of Jesus' birth to all who seek salvation, hope, and new life. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Love whispers to a weary world that the time for rest and restoration has come. Maintain healthy cycles of wake and sleep for all creatures. Where light pollution disrupts natural rhythms, encourage new practices. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Love cries to a warring world that the time for peace is at hand. Direct those in power who make decisions on behalf of others, that they nurture and sustain all that is healthy, good, and holy. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Love sings through the wails of a newborn baby. Respond to all who cry out in pain, despair, or need this night. Bring comfort to those for whom separation, grief, or loss makes the Christmas season especially difficult. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Love murmurs words of comfort to a newborn child and exhausted parents. Bless new and expectant parents or caregivers, especially those who are alone or afraid this night. Pour out your love upon families of every kind. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God's ever-present love is proclaimed through the faithful who came before us. We give you thanks for Mary, John the baptizer, Elizabeth his mother, Joseph the dreamer, and all who point toward your love. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**+ + + MEAL + + +**

## **Peace**

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

## **Offering Music**

Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head            Arr. Bradley Ellingboe  
*Senior Choir*

*(Stand)*

## **Offering Prayer**

Gracious God,  
your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.  
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,  
prepare us to receive the grace and truth  
you offer at this table  
and renew in us the song of your salvation,  
in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy  
Always and everywhere to say thank you  
because you, God made everything.  
When the universe was dark nothingness,  
you made light, and plants, and animals,  
and even people in your image.  
When people were sad and suffering,  
you sent to us prophets to give us  
the hope of a Messiah.

Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem  
and did not know where to stay.  
Giving birth to the King of Kings in a crowded stable,  
Mary and Joseph's hurt and fear  
turned into love and joy when they met the baby Jesus.

So too did Jesus travel from Galilee to Jerusalem,  
making friends with all different kinds of people,  
turning their hurt and fear into love and joy.

Jesus still does that for us today,  
and has promised to do that for us forever.  
And so we join with the angels, shepherds, animals, Mary, and Joseph.  
As well as all the church on earth as  
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night before he died, Jesus sat at supper with his friends.  
He took bread, gave you thanks for it,  
broke it, and gave it to them, saying,  
“Take and eat. This is for you.  
Do this and remember me.”

And after supper he took the cup,  
gave you thanks,  
and gave it to them, saying,  
“Take and drink from this, all of you.  
This is the new covenant for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this and remember me.”

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and cup  
that they may be for us  
the living presence of Christ.  
May we live in his presence  
until Christ returns to us  
and all creation will once again  
sing and dance for joy.  
Through your child Jesus Christ,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory is yours, Holy One,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **The 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Invitation to communion**

Come to Christ's banquet.  
Feast on God's gift of grace.

*All are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you wish to receive you may come forward as dismissed by the usher and will be given a wafer in the center aisle. Then you may take a small cup from the tray. Red wine is along the outside and white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten free bread is also available. Place empty cups in the bowls located at the side aisle as you return to your pew. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest as you come forward. If you have mobility concerns, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you in your pew.*

*(Sit)*

## **Distribution of Communion**

Listen to the Angels

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Brady Warner, Piano*

Let Our Gladness Have No End

Jonathon Mueller

*(Stand)*

### **Prayer After Communion**

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,  
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.  
As we have shared this feast of love,  
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
**Amen.**

**+ + + SENDING + + +**

### **Blessing**

The God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that we may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.  
**Amen.**

### **Sending Songs**

#### **O Little Town Of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

## The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

## Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

*During the hymns, acolytes will begin distributing light. The acolytes will come down the center aisle, lighting the candles of the first person in each pew. As you receive the light, please allow your neighbor to light their candle from yours. When lighting candles, **please hold the lit candle straight, and tip the unlit candle towards it.** Following Silent Night, you may lift your mask to blow out the candle. Baskets will be available as you leave to collect the candles.*

## **Silent Night, Holy Night**

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**

Go in peace. Christ is near.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## **We Three Kings**

## **Paul Manz**

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### **Announcements**

Please come back and join us on Sunday December 26<sup>th</sup> for Lessons and Carols. We will be singing and celebrating the birth of Jesus, Our King.

This is a great service for all ages, we welcome everyone, and encourage you to bring a friend!

### **Worship Participants**

Audio: Dale Grupe

Video: Bill Sime

Acolytes: Kalyn Warner & Kylie Tapper

Usher: Carol Brown

Closing Duties: Mike Gehring

Communion Set-Up: Marilyn Gehring

Assisting Minister: Isaac Triplett

Reader & Communion Assistant: Carol Simpson

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## **Vision Statement**

### **Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ**

## **Mission Statement**

**Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ's love, share God's forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.**

## **Welcome Statement**

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is frequently an unloving place. We extend welcome to ALL, including people of all gender identities and sexual orientations, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ's love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for justice, peace and love in all the earth.

## **Our Guiding Principles**

1. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
2. We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.
3. We invite and welcome everyone.
4. We engage all generations in education and ministry.
5. We serve local and global communities.