



Trinity Lutheran Church

Lessons and Carols
December 31, 2023

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

304 E. Ferris St.
Galesburg, IL 61401
"the welcome place"

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+++ GATHERING +++

Prelude Once in Royal David's City Wayne Wold, Robert Hobby

Welcome, Announcements & **Friendship Registries-Please Sign In.**

(Stand)

Gathering Song ELW# 269 Once in Royal David's City

Introduction

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.

**We have beheld Christ's glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**In the Word was life,
and the life was the light of all people.**

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Sit)

+++ LESSONS AND CAROLS +++

Isaiah 9:2-7

ELW #282 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

V. 1, 3, 4

Micah 5:2-5a

ELW #277 Away in a Manger

Luke 1:26-35, 38

ELW #672 Signs and Wonders

Luke 2:1-7

ELW #276 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Luke 2:8-16

ELW # 289 Angels, We Have Heard on High

Luke 2:21-40

ELW #293 That Boy-Child of Mary

V. 1-2, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-11

ELW 300 v1-3&5 The First Noel

V.1, 3-5

Matthew 2:13-18

ELW #271 I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve

V. 1-3

John 1:1-14

ELW #253 He came down

(Stand)

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Nicene Creed

Let us join together in the confession of our faith.

**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.**

Peace

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

(Sit)

+ + + **MEAL** + + +

Offering Song Let Our Gladness Have No End Johnathan R. Mueller

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

God of abundance,
receive and bless these gifts we have offered.
Join our hearts with the song of the angels,
and gather us at your table of celebration.
Strengthen us to share with all the world
the abundance of your grace upon grace,
poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
Amen.

(Sit)

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's good news of great joy for all people, we offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world God loves.

A brief silence.

You inspire faith in our hearts and call us to rejoice with our whole selves at the salvation you bring. Make our churches places of belonging for all people in the fullness of their being. Raise up the gifts and the witness of people who are neurodivergent, living with disability, or bearing invisible illness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your praise is sung throughout creation in all times and seasons. As the new year turns, ground us in your changeless and sustaining love. Keep us attentive to the rhythms of the cosmos

and inspire us to live in harmony with all the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give hope and stamina to leaders who work tirelessly for the sake of the most vulnerable. We pray especially for organizations working on behalf of children to provide basic needs, to protect from abuse and neglect, to address trauma, and to rescue from trafficking. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sustain all people who, like Simeon and Anna, have been waiting for salvation and wholeness. We pray especially for anyone living with cancer or chronic illness, all people who are in physical rehabilitation or addiction recovery, especially Dena, Bev, Annie, Donna, and Sherry as well as those experiencing complications from long COVID. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let this community of faith be a joyful and welcome place for all ages and generations. Teach us to honor the wisdom of children, the inquisitiveness of youth, the thoughtfulness of adults, and the knowledge of elders. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for all the beloved who lived with expectation and departed this life in peace. Sustain us in joy until we join them around your throne. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer to you these prayers as well as those we now name to you either aloud or in our hearts. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Abide with us, O God of mercy, and receive our prayers according to your abundant grace.

Amen.

(Stand)

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.**

+ + + SENDING + + +

Blessing

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph,
the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the determination of the magi,
and the peace of the Christ child.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song ELW #290

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

As you leave, please take a moment and greet one another.

Worship Participants

Audio: Norm Tippey

Video: Bill Sime

Usher: John & Lynn Armstrong

Assisting Minister: Nick Elders & Hillary Hoffman

Reader: Carol Brown, Sarah Brakenbury, Laura Saey

Closing Duties: Hillary Hoffman

Organist: Bette Mohr

Director of Choirs: James Hutchings

Announcements

******All annual reports of committees and organizations must be submitted to the church office NO later than January 8th.******

AED Training is on January 4th from 4 pm-8 pm, please contact Pastor if you'd like to join

Choir Practice - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, **resuming January 10th**

Bell Choir Practice will re-start at 11 am on **Sunday, January 14th**

Funeral Information- Jean Musolf at Trinity Lutheran Church

Tuesday, January 2, 2024, the Visitation will be from 10 am to 11 am, Services start at 11 am, and there is a luncheon to follow in Fellowship Hall

Saturday Service is January 6th at 5:00 pm

Prayers: If you need prayer for yourself or a loved one, please fill out the salmon-colored slips in the Narthex and drop them into the collection plate.

Current Prayer List:

Dena Garrison <i>(daughter of Hilma McDorman)</i>	Prayers for peace & comfort
Sherry Glas	Prayers for comfort & health
Bev Powell	Prayers for healing & recovery
Annie Maier	Prayers for healing (surgery)
Donna	Prayers for comfort & peace (cancer)

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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 sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, 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 racial equity, 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.