



Trinity Lutheran Church

Epiphany of Our Lord
January 5th, 2025

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304 E. Ferris Street

Galesburg, IL 61401

“the welcome place”

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+++GATHERING+++

Prelude

“We Three Kings”Janet Linkler

Welcome & Announcements - Please Sign Friendship Registry

The red ELW hymnal and the purple ACS hymnal are in the pew racks

Gathering Hymn, ELW (red) #300..... “The First Noel”

Dialogue

God of the weary traveler,
our feet are dusty from the roads we’ve traveled
this past week,
this past year,
every day of our lives.

We’ve followed your star here, looking for a glimmer of hope.
And now, after a long journey, we set our baggage down.
We have arrived.
We’re here, and we’re on holy ground.

You may not show up where we expect you,
but we trust that you are here nevertheless.

Be known to us
in the hope of the star,
the peace of a baby snuggled in the manger,
the joy of arrival,
and Love that could not stay away.

We are here. You are here.
And we are so very grateful.
Amen.

(Stand)

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

(Sit)

+++WORD+++

Lesson John 1: 1-14.....Lynn Armstrong

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life,* and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.*

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own,* and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son,* full of grace and truth.

Hymn

ELW (red) #295 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Lesson John 1: 18-25.....Carol Brown

No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son,* who is close to the Father's heart,* who has made him known.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.*' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah,* nor Elijah, nor the prophet?'

Hymn

ELW(red) #293 "That Boy-Child of Mary"

Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6.....Jennifer Robinson

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Hymn

ELW (red) #314..... “Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

Lesson Matthew 2:1-12.....Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

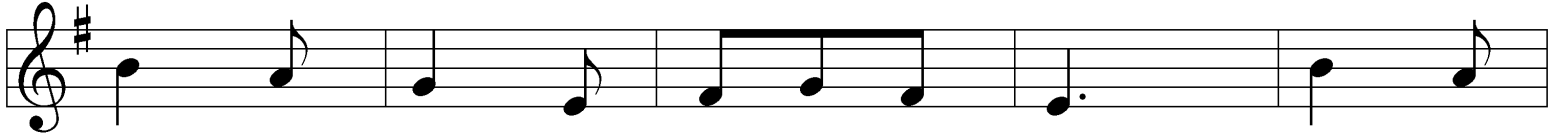
“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

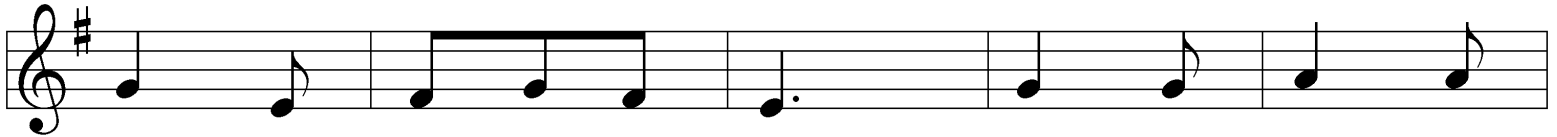
Hymn

WOV #646..... "We Three Kings"

We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
 owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Lesson Matthew 2:13-18.....Lynn Armstrong

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I have called my son.’

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

‘A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.’

Hymn

“Coventry Carol” vocals, Sarah Brakenbury

Lesson Matthew 2:19-23.....Carol Brown

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, ‘He will be called a Nazorean.’

Hymn

ELW (red) #275..... “Angels, From the Realms of Glory”

(Stand)

Prayers of Intercession

God of heaven and earth,
God who twinkles among the stars
yet was born in a manger,
you are here among us.
You are God with us, Emmanuel.
You know the intricacies of human life,
the weariness and the joy,
the laughter and the heartbreak,
tired bodies and little wins and anxiety for what is to come.
You knew the grief of losing a loved one.
You knew the feeling of not having a bed to call your own.
You knew the pain of betrayal and sore feet and being
misunderstood.
And so with confidence that nothing is too big, too small, too
complicated for you to hold,
we ask for your hand on those in our community who are hurting,
especially W.T., Debbie, and Duane, the friends and family of
Annabelle, and the friends and family of Don.
Yet within the weariness of human life, you also knew joy.
You knew the companionship of close friends
and the joy of dancing at a wedding while the wine was flowing.
You knew laughter and deep love and how a field of flowers can
take your breath away.
We know that you are present in all the joys of our lives,
and you are celebrating with us this morning.
You hold it all, God, so we lay it at your feet.
We lay it before you so we can return home lighter,
rejoicing at the wonders we have encountered in this place.
With gratitude and joy we pray, amen.

Peace

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

(Sit)

+++MEAL+++

Offering Music“Fum Fum Fum” William M. Schoenfeld
Sr. Choir

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

Holy God,
we bring these gifts of bread and wine,
signs of your abundance and our trust in your promises.
As you bless and transform them,
root us in your joy,
strengthen us to follow your lead,
and remind us that we belong to you.
In Christ's name, we pray. **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 our thanks and praise

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, holy and gracious God.

From the beginning, you have called us beloved.
You spoke light into the darkness
and led your people through wilderness and water.
You gave us rituals to mark your presence
and prophets to speak your truth.
When we strayed, you did not abandon us,
but came to us in Jesus—
a child named and claimed,
revealed to the nations,
and baptized into the fullness of your love.

With Mary and Joseph, Simeon and Anna,
the Magi, and all who long for your joy,
we join our voices with the heavenly hosts
and with the church on earth, singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ACS (purple), Setting 12, pg. 36

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and slurs.

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In this holy season, we remember Jesus—
how on the night he was betrayed, he
took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:
“This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

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 in remembrance of me.”

In this meal, you meet us in our joy and our weariness,
binding us to your love and to one another.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon this bread and cup,
that through this meal, we may be strengthened
in our sacred rituals, guided by your light,
and rooted in the joy of being your beloved.
Bind us together as one body,
sent forth to share your love with all creation.
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

The joy of Christmastide is here:
a joy that roots us in sacred rituals,
guides us to follow God's lead,
and reminds us of our belovedness in God.
This table is a place of joy, grace, and belonging.

So come to this Table.
Come with your faith and your doubt.
Come with your questions and your hopes.
Come with your grief and your love.
Just come, because there is room for you here.
This is Christ's table. All are welcome.

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 come to the altar rail and kneel or stand. Receive the bread. 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 wafers are also available. Place empty cups in the bowls carried by the acolyte. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest at the altar rail. Return to your pew by the side aisles.

(Sit)

Distribution of Communion

Lamb of God

ACS (purple), Setting 12, pg. 40

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

Communion Music "Once in Royal David's City" Wayne Wold

Post Communion Hymn ELW (red) #279..... "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

(Stand)

Prayer After Communion

God of open horizons and open roads,
like the Magi so many years ago,
we are here, seeking you.

Step by step, we have wandered into this hour
with the hope of feeling you in our midst.

Step by step, you have seen us, claimed us, and called us
beloved.

Today we have drawn star words.

For some, these words are full of meaning, challenge, and
invitation already.

For others, these words are a blank canvas—inviting you into our
lives.

So as a new year dawns, we pray that just as you have spoken to
the generations before us, you would speak to us again.

Allow us to use these star words as a tool that might help us hear
you more clearly.

May they guide us, as the star guided the Magi.

And in a year, may we find ourselves here, together again, with

mouths full of praise for the ways in which you have been present with us.

Together we pray, with joy in our hearts.

Amen.

+++SENDING+++

Blessing

Family of faith,
as you leave this place,
you go into a weary world—
so speak tenderly.

Do the good that is yours to do. Choose connection.

Hold onto hope.

And remember

that Christ took on flesh for you. You are God's beloved.

So go rejoicing.

The world needs it.

Amen

Sending Hymn ELW (red) #288“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude“We Three Kings”Paul Manz

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

Worship Participants

Audio: Norm Tippey

Video: Bill Sime

Ushers: John Armstrong, Danny & Mary Lou Lindberg

Communion Setup: Janet Page

Assisting Minister: Jennifer Robinson

Reader: Lynn Armstrong

Wine Servers: Janet Page, Nick Elders, Heather Hellenga

Acolyte: Emma Helvey, Carol Brown

Closing Duties: Bill Sime

Coffee Fellowship: Keith & Roberta Majors

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

Organist: Bette Mohr

Announcements

Coffee Fellowship is immediately after service

2025 Annual Meeting is on January 22nd, immediately after service. There will be no Coffee Fellowship or Sunday School.

Prayer List: If you or loved ones need prayers, please fill out the salmon-colored form located on the bulletin table in the Narthex, and return it to the Office mailbox or drop it in the offering plate.

Name

W.T. Meyers

Friends & Family of Annabelle

Burgland

Debbie

Duane Anderson

Friends & Family of Don

Swedlund

Prayer

Prayers for Healing

Prayers for Peace

Prayers for Comfort & Peace

Prayers for Healing

Prayers for Peace

This Week at Trinity

Sun, Jan. 5th

10:30 am Coffee Fellowship

Mon. Jan 6th

10:00 am Brews & Views

Tue., Jan 7th

6:00 pm Exec. Meeting

Sat, Jan 11th

5:00 pm GRACE evening
worship

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday
Cell phone: 618-803-8778
Church Office: Phone 309-343-4191
Hours 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Monday-Friday
1st & 3rd Saturdays; Worship 5:00 pm; Holy Communion
Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion
Sunday Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM, Facebook

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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
At Trinity Lutheran Church, we believe God's grace is extended to everyone. Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness. We welcome people of 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.