



*Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025*  
4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Livestream Worship Service (4:00 p.m.)

*In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.*

### **Welcome to Trinity this Christmas Eve**

We are glad you are here and pray you experience God's hope and healing this day.

**If you are new to Trinity** please complete the Welcome Card located in the pews so we can follow-up with you.

**Large print bulletins and listening devices** are available from the ushers.

**Seating for People with Limited Mobility** is reserved in the pew located in front of the Technical booth.

### ***We love having small children in worship!***

- 1) **Christmas Activity Stations** are located in the Gathering Space and Narthex. Families are welcome to pick up activities to do during Worship or at home during Christmas Break.
- 2) **Activity Bags** are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.
- 3) Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. Nursery space is available but won't be staffed. The nursery is located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window).

## COLOR BULLETINS

given by

Ethan and Becky Miller (4:00pm Service)

Harlan and Marge Baack (5:30pm Service)  
*in honor of Trinity Staff and the Trinity Congregation*

## GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

\*Hymn

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

ELW 283

1      **O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him,  
born the king of angels:**

*Refrain*

*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!*

2      **The highest, most holy,  
light of light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father  
now in flesh appearing!** *Refrain*

3      **Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
in the highest:** *Refrain*

\*Prayer of the Day

P    Eternal God,  
you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus  
to be a sign of our salvation.  
Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world,  
That we might be servants of this extraordinary gift.  
In your holy name we pray,

C    Amen.

Children's Sermon 4:00pm

5:30pm

Dani Vogel

Pastor Beverly Butler

## WORD

### Christmas Gospel

P We gather to hear again the good news the angels proclaimed:  
God has come for all people through the birth of the one named Jesus.  
Through Bethlehem's manger God comes into the chaos, messiness, and vulnerability  
of the world. In all things and at all times, we rejoice that God comes to save us and  
reigns in love. We come to adore Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord.

Hymn

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ELW 279 Vs. 1

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.

### Luke 2:1-7

L 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.

Hymn

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ELW 279 Vs. 3

How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
but, in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him,  
still the dear Christ enters in.

## Luke 2:8-14

L 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!"

Hymn

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

ELW 270

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

*Refrain* Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"

## Luke 2:15-19

L 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., and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

Hymn

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

ELW 283

Vs. 4

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born on earth to save us;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him  
Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

**Christmas Message** (4pm)

(5:30pm)

**Pastor Daniel Hanson**

**Pastor Beverly Butler**

**Hymn**

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

ELW 282

1. 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.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heav’ly 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.
3. And you, beneath life’s crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow:  
look now, for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing;  
oh, rest beside the weary road  
and hear the angels sing!
4. For lo! The days are hast’ning on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and all the world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.

## Offering

*All designated Christmas offerings at Trinity this year will be shared evenly with Trinity Welfare Fund, Community Kitchen, ELCA World Hunger*  
*Designated offerings include those dollars that are received through member's Christmas offering envelope, the Christmas online giving tab, and any other gift marked "Christmas." Thank you for your generosity to these partner ministries!*

Text to Give is available at Trinity!

Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.

Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.



## \*Offertory

### *What Child is This*

ELW 296 vs. 1, 3

1      What child is this, who laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

3      So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
the virgin sings her lullaby;  
joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

## **\*Offering Prayer**

P 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.

**C Amen.**

## **\*Great Thanksgiving (5:30 p.m.)**

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 God thanks and praise.**

## **\*Words of Institution (5:30pm)**

### **\*Lord's Prayer**

P Gathered around the manger, we look for the coming kingdom and pray:  
**C 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.

## **Communion Distribution** (5:30pm)

*All who desire the presence and forgiveness of Christ that come in the sharing of this bread and wine are welcome to commune with us today.*

*You will receive a wafer and then proceed to dip the wafer into the wine. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available. Check with your server.*

*Ushers will direct you from the outside aisles to one of the stations in the front. You will return to your seat by the center aisle.*

*If for any reason you are not comfortable participating in communion today, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing.*

## **Communion Songs** (5:30pm)

***Away in a Manger***

ELW 277

***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice***

ELW 288

## **Prayer after Communion** (5:30 pm)

P 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.

C **Amen.**

## **Lighting of the Christmas Candle** (*Lights are Dimmed*)

4:00pm: Ethan and Rebecca Miller, Gretta and Margo      5:30pm: Jake and Nancy Rockman

L Our wait is over. The Christ-child is here! God is not satisfied to remain apart from us.  
God must be one among us. As we light the Christ candle, celebrating the end of  
Advent and the arrival of Christ and Christmas, let us remember how our Savior came  
once as a lowly baby, that the world through might be saved, and how he will return  
one day in glory.

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

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

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

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

L For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

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

1 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.

2 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!

3 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.

## SENDING

### \*Blessing

P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,  
the obedience of Joseph,  
the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
and the everlasting peace of Jesus  
who is Savior, Christ, and Lord.  
Almighty God, Father,  $\ddagger$  Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and keep you now and forever.

C Amen.

**\*Hymn**

*Joy to the World*

ELW 267

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry 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.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sin and sorrow grow  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

**\*Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**



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