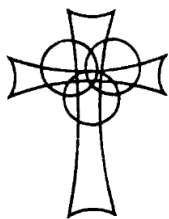




*The
Word
became
flesh and made
his dwelling among us.*

John 1:14



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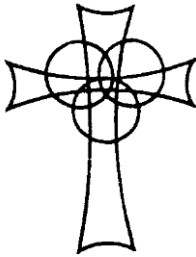
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The Nativity of our Lord

✻ ✻ ✻ *The Christmas Day Festival Eucharist* ✻ ✻ ✻

December 25, 2022 ✻ 9:30 AM

*Whether you are joining us in person or online today—
To our Members, Friends and Guests: In the Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome!*



Since the beginning of time, the coming of light has been a sign of life and hope. The sun transforms the darkness into an inhabitable space. On the Festival Day of our Lord's Nativity, the Church gathers to celebrate the light of God's grace present in Christ. In the Holy Bath of Baptism, He enlightens and claims us as brothers and sisters. In the Holy Word of Scripture, He speaks to us of God's love for each human being. In the Holy Meal of the Eucharist, He gives to us the Bread of eternal life. From this festive liturgy we go forth to be lightbearers in the ordinary rhythms of daily life. May our Newborn Savior, King, and Lord richly bless our worship this

day as we adore Him at His Altar! As He comes to us today in His Gifts of Word and Sacrament, this place is Bethlehem; this is the stable; this is where He lies now in the manger of Word and Bread and Wine. Come, Let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Concerning Holy Communion at Trinity

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.





**THE DIVINE SERVICE
OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
ON THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

✘ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✘

✘ **The Preparation** ✘

The Christmas Music for Meditation

The Flute & Piano Prelude

“A Host of Carols”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 379

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come___ ye to Beth - le - hem;
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee___ be___ glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God___ In___ the___ high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,
O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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The Invocation:

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

P On this most holy feast of Christmas, the celebration of the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us approach His manger-throne in humility, confessing our need for this Savior that we may receive Him and the forgiveness He came to deliver for the life of the world.

P Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

C He is to be feared above all gods.

Psalm 96:4

P He will judge the world in righteousness,

C and the peoples in His faithfulness.

Psalm 96:13b

Silence is kept for a time of self-examination and personal confession.

PEACE PEACE PEACE

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✠ **The Service of the Word** ✠

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6

P For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

C **and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

C **The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

C **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

C **and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

The Hymn of Praise

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 368

“Angels We Have Heard on High”



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - -



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The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Congregation is seated.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
 are the feet of him who brings good news,
 who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
 who publishes salvation,
 who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
 together they sing for joy;
 for eye to eye they see
 the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing,
 you waste places of Jerusalem,
 for the LORD has comforted his people;
 he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm
 before the eyes of all the nations,
 and all the ends of the earth shall see
 the salvation of our God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle

Hebrews 1:1-12

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,
 “You are my Son,
 today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,
 and he shall be to me a son”?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

⁷Of the angels he says,
“He makes his angels winds,
and his ministers a flame of fire.”

⁸But of the Son he says,
“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

¹⁰And,
“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

¹¹they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment,

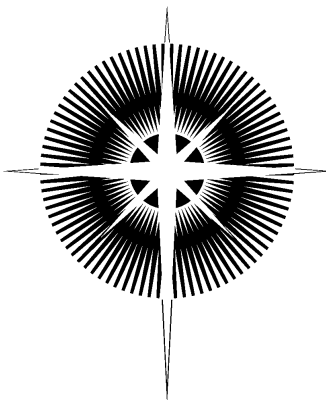
¹²like a robe you will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.

But you are the same,
and your years will have no end.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation rises.



The Alleluia Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 381

“Let Our Gladness Have No End”



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



For to earth did Christ de - scend, al - le - lu - ia!
 God has sent Him as fore - told, al - le - lu - ia!
 From the branch of Jes - se grows, al - le - lu - ia!
 He, our ref - uge and our Lord, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain



On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save



us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

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The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

*Christ
IS Born!*

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 373

“See Amid the Winter’s Snow”



1 See a - mid the win - ter's snow, Born for us on earth be - low,
 2 Lo, with - in a sta - ble lies He who built the star - ry skies,
 3 Sa - cred In - fant, all di - vine, What a ten - der love was Thine,
 4 Teach, O teach us, ho - ly Child, By Thy face so meek and mild,



See, the gen - tle Lamb ap - pears, Prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.
 He who, throned in height sub - lime, Sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
 Thus to come from high - est bliss Down to such a world as this!
 Teach us to re - sem - ble Thee In Thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.



Hail, O ev - er - bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!



Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem: “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”

Text: Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.

Tune: John Goss, 1800–80

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The Sermon

Wonder of All Wonders

Text: John 1:1-18

The Congregation rises.



The Nicene Creed:

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
- And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
- And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come.
- Amen.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** Rejoicing in Jesus, begotten of the Father from eternity and born of the Virgin Mary, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who yearn for the beauty and light of Christ.
- P** For the Holy Christian Church throughout the world, especially for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, for Matthew, our Synodical President, and William, our District President, that Christ, the true Light which enlightens everyone, may shine brightly in all that the Church says and does, we pray,
- C** hear us, Prince of Peace.
- P** For pastors, teachers, church workers, and for all the people of God, that through our joyful sharing of the Good News of Jesus in word and deed, all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God, we pray,
- C** hear us, Prince of Peace.
- P** For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for confessing the Name of Christ, that the Lord, who upholds the universe by the word of His power, will sustain and protect them, we pray,
- C** hear us, Prince of Peace.

- P** For the leaders of nations and for all in positions of authority, that they may rule wisely and find ways to protect and bless the most vulnerable people among us, we pray,
C **hear us, Prince of Peace.**
- P** For all who serve in our armed forces and are far away from home during this festive season, for all victims of violence and war, especially remembering the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for our enemies, that their lives may be touched by the Prince of Peace, we pray,
C **hear us, Prince of Peace.**
- P** For those who are lonely and depressed during this season, that we may notice them and shine the light of Christ into the midst of their darkness, we pray,
C **hear us, Prince of Peace.**
- P** For the poor, the hungry, the unemployed, and the under-employed, that they may experience the blessing of all who take refuge in the Lord of Glory, we pray,
C **hear us, Prince of Peace.**
- P** For all who travel, that they may arrive safely at their destinations and enjoy the company of family and friends, we pray,
C **hear us, Prince of Peace.**
- P** For ourselves, that with great zeal and joy we may bring to our neighbors and to the whole world the Good News of peace and salvation in the Word-Made-Flesh, we pray,
C **hear us, Prince of Peace.**
- P** For those who are sick, hospitalized, suffering, or mourning, especially _____, that in the midst of their pain they may remember that the Lord has comforted and redeemed His people, we pray,
C **hear us, Prince of Peace.**
- P** For _____ and all those who rejoice in the blessings of God to them that we may always be reminded of the goodness of the Lord and give thanks for all things we receive from His loving hand, especially the inexpressible Gift of His Son, we pray,
C **hear us, Prince of Peace.**
- P** For all that we have been asked to remember at this Altar, especially _____ and all the people and concerns that we lift before the Lord from the silence of our hearts... That the Lord will indeed remember us and receive our prayers, granting us that which we ask according to His good and gracious will, we pray,
C **hear us, Prince of Peace.**

P For all those who will receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar this day, that receiving the One Born to be the Bread of Life will strengthen them in faith and encourage them to live in loving service to God and their neighbor, we pray,

C **hear us, Prince of Peace.**

P With thankfulness we remember the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Stephen, St. John, the Holy Innocents, David the King, and all of God's saints who rest in His eternal peace. That we may we follow their example of faith and love in this life, and break forth together in singing eternally in the joy of the Lord, we pray,

C **hear us, Prince of Peace.**

P Rejoicing in the grace and truth of our salvation, we commend all for whom we pray to You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, trusting in Your redemption, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

P Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and His Name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

C **And also with you.**

The Congregation is seated.

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✻ The Service of the Sacrament ✻

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 386

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”



1 Now sing we, now re - joice,	Now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me;	I can - not rise to Thee.
3 Now through His Son doth shine	The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found?	Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth	Poor in a man - ger lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it,	O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death was reign - ing o'er us	Through sin and van - i - ty
Where the an - gels sing - ing	With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth	The sun in yon - der skies.
Through Thy grace and mer - it,	Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
Till He o - pened for us	A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing	In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art!	Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to Thee!	Draw me un - to Thee!
May we praise Him there!	May we praise Him there!
Oh, that we were there!	Oh, that we were there!

Text: Latin and German, 14th cent.; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, alt.

Tune: German, 14th cent.

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The Preface Dialogue and *Sanctus*:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C *sung*

Tune: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of hosts, all praise be giv'n!
All Your glory fills the earth,
All Your power fills the heav'ns!
*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

**Blessed is the King who came,
Bringing love and light divine!
Blessed is the King who comes
In the Bread and in the Wine!
*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Words of Our Lord:

P Thanks be to You, O Lord, because in these last days You did send to us Your beloved Servant, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior and our Redeemer and the Messenger of Your will; Who is Your Word inseparable from You; through Whom You made all things and with Whom You were well pleased; Whom You did send from heaven into the womb of the Virgin, and Who, having been conceived within her, became flesh, and was manifested as Your Son, being born of the Holy Spirit and a virgin;

- P** Who, when He was betrayed to His voluntary suffering, in order that He might abolish death, break the bonds of the adversary, tread hell underfoot, give light to the righteous, establish a memorial, and manifest the resurrection, took bread, gave thanks to You and said: “Take, eat; this is My † Body, which is broken for you.” Likewise also the cup, saying: “This is My † Blood which is poured out for you. As often as you do this, you shall do it in remembrance of Me.”

Therefore, having in remembrance His death and resurrection, we give thanks to You, because You have counted us worthy to stand before You and to serve You. Gather into one, we pray You, all Your holy people who partake hereof; fill them with Your Holy Spirit for the confirmation of their faith in the truth; and grant that we may praise and glorify You through Your Servant, Jesus Christ, through Whom all honor and glory belongs to You, the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer:

- P** Commanded by Christ’s saving precepts and informed by His divine instruction, we are bold to say:
- 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.**

The *Pax Domini*:

- P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

The *Agnus Dei* Hymn:

Tune: *Once in Royal David’s City*

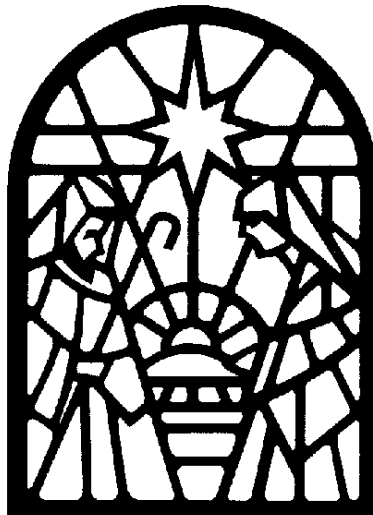
- C** **Lamb of God, the world’s Redeemer,
Mercy to Your people give.
Lamb of God, the world’s Redeemer,
May we in Your mercy live.
Lamb of God, we all implore:
Grant us peace forevermore.**

The Congregation is seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation in a continuous manner in front of the altar. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. The Sacrament is distributed in the following way...Please extend your hand to the Pastor to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood is then received from individual cups from the assistant (wine and white grape juice are available). After receiving, please place your empty cup into the tray at the end of the communion rail and return to your seat by way of the side aisle. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor.



Music During the Distribution:

The Congregational Carol

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 370

“What Child Is This”



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
 2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98

Tune: English, 16th cent.

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After all have communed, the Pastor continues:

The Eucharistic Blessing:

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
C **Amen.**

The Congregation rises.

The *Nunc Dimittis* Hymn

Tune: *Away in a Manger* (Cradle Song)

- C** **Lord, now in Your mercy Your servants release
As Your Word has promised. Oh, grant us Your peace.
Our eyes Your salvation and mercy behold,
Prepared for the nations, as prophets foretold,**

**A Light to the Gentiles, by whom they now see
The glory of Israel, the Promised One He
Who lives now and ever, the heaven's bright Sun,
With Father and Spirit eternally One.**

The Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Prayer:

- P** Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
C **And His mercy endures forever.**
- P** Let us pray.
We give You thanks, almighty and merciful God, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Sacrament, and we beseech You to make us partakers of Your divine life through the Incarnation of Your beloved Son, with whose Body and Blood You have now nourished us; for the sake of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

The *Benedicamus* and Blessing:

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

P May Christ, who by His Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with His joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

C **Amen.**

The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 380

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King!”

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postludes

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

The Celebrant & Preacher

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel

The Lector

The Communion Assistant

Paul Ritter

The Worship Assistant

Paul Ritter


The Flutist

Susan Kennedy


The Parish Musician

Skip Hall





CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE



The Feast of the Circumcision and Holy Name of Jesus

New Year's Day – January 1, 2023

No Adult Bible Class

Festival Worship Service with Christmas Carol Sing and Holy Communion at 9:30 AM

Celebration of The Epiphany and The Baptism of our Lord:

The First Sunday after the Epiphany – January 8, 2023

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class at 8:30 AM

Festival Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:30 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Christmas Flower Donations 2022

*We thank the following for helping to adorn our Lord's Altar
this Christmas with the gift of poinsettias:*

Annabelle Glasgow in Memory of Jean Elias

Rachel & Skip Hall in Honor of Our Family

The Juhasz Family in Memory of Loved Ones

The Peele Family in Memory of Our Loved Ones

Alana Sandiford in Memory of Evangela Elias & Jean Elias

Joy Sandiford in Memory of Jean Elias

Pastor & Kim Schiebel in Memory of Departed Loved Ones

Judy Welch to the Glory of God

*The Altar Arrangement is a gift from the members of the
Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland*

*The other floral arrangements are from:
Skip Hall, in honor of his wife, Rachel
Cullen Elias, in remembrance of his birthday*

*The Christmons adorning our church Christmas Tree have been given
to the Glory of God by Carole Dingess*



NOTES AND NEWS

COVID UPDATE ... The wearing of masks while in the church building remains optional, and you are free to wear or not wear them as you choose, or as your personal needs determine. We ask, in love for one another, that everyone continue to observe our “Stay Safe Rules” as printed in the bulletin and posted at the church entrances. Thank you all for your continued patience and loving concern for our Trinity Family during this time.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ... Thanks to a loving and generous gift by Carole Dingess, Trinity now has available four copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* in Large Print for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

PORTALS OF PRAYER...The January – March 2023 Portals of Prayer are available to pick up on the literature table in the rear of the nave for your devotional use at home.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES ... have arrived! This annual aid to stewardship is available for you to pick up on the literature table in the rear of the nave. If you do not see a set prepared for you and would like to have one for your use, please speak with Pastor and he will be sure that a set is ready to be given to you. The envelope in the front of the box marked Initial Offering is to be used to help offset the cost of the envelopes for the church. A suggested offering is \$12.00.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY ... Over these holiday weekends, we will not hold our Bible Study time together for the next two Sundays. Our Bible Studies will resume on Sunday, January 8th.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ... During the Christmas Holiday week, December 25-January 2, the church office will be closed to allow our staff to have time at home with their families. The staff will be checking the office answering machine daily for any messages. Should any pastoral emergencies arise during this time, you may also contact Pastor directly on his cell phone: 202-288-0652. The office will return to full staffing on January 3rd.

UPCOMING DATES AS WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS:

Sunday, January 1 at 9:30 AM	Divine Service with Christmas Carol Sing <i>No Bible Class</i>
Sunday, January 8 at 9:30 AM	Epiphany Celebration Festival Divine Service
Saturday, January 14 at 10 AM	Church Undecorating

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... "Out of Egypt I called my son." With these words the Gospel of Matthew reveals the rich and interconnected history of the young nation, Israel, and the young Savior, Jesus. Follow them on their journeys to discover the true Israel and what He means to your life today. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, January 1, 2023, for this message from Guest Speaker, The Rev. Dr. Tony Cook, "Out of Egypt", on WFAX 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen on line to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at lhm.org, under "Media" and "The Lutheran Hour".

OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for **2023** is now available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is **\$35.00** (this is an increase from previous years). If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

OUR CHRISTMON TREE ... This year, we are happy to bring back the tradition of decorating the Christmas Tree in our sanctuary with Christmons.

Christmons, or Christ Monograms, are symbols and images which tell us of Christ, His story, and about our lives of faith lived in Him. These decorations draw on the long history of Christian art and symbolism and are filled with rich meaning.

Thanks to the generosity of Carole Dingess, Trinity was able to purchase this set of 100 Christmons from *Ad Crucem*. By visiting their website, www.adcrucem.com, you can view each of these symbols on their Christmon page and learn more about the stories and meanings behind them

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

THIS WEEK'S FEASTS AND COMMEMORATION...

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| December 26 | Saint Stephen , <i>Deacon and First Martyr</i> (see Acts 6-7) |
| December 27 | Saint John , <i>Apostle and Evangelist of the Fourth Gospel</i> |
| December 28 | The Holy Innocents , <i>Martyrs of Bethlehem</i>
(see Matthew 2:16-18) |
| December 29 | David , <i>Old Testament King and Prophet</i> |

Visit <http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.



Announcements Regarding Worship at Trinity

Since the onset of the Covid Pandemic, required and necessary changes were made to some of our worship practices for the health and safety of our members. As the world has begun to move from the pandemic into the endemic phase of this continuing health situation, some of our members have asked if we might be able to return to some of our pre-pandemic practices. In response to those requests, the following decisions were approved at our Annual Voters Meeting to begin on **Sunday, January 15th**.

Worship Materials: We will return to using the hymnals as our principal worship aid, and on most Sundays the bulletin will contain only the order of service in outline and the portions of the service which change weekly (Introit, Collect, Scripture Readings, etc.). We will continue to publish the order of service in full on the church website for the benefit of those who are worshiping with us online.

Communion Distribution: We will once again receive the Sacrament at the Communion Rail. Owing to our livestreaming setup, we will use only the rail on the lectern side. Also, both the common and individual cups will be offered for communicants to receive the Lord's Blood. Please know that you are welcome to receive the Sacrament in the manner which you feel most comfortable.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please speak with Pastor or with any member of the Ministry Planning Group. We thank our Trinity Family for their patience and understanding as we have gone through this time together and as we move further forward into the "new normal" that we and the world find ourselves in.

CHRIST 
THE SAVIOR
is BORN!

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is once again serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. Please see the full page announcement in the bulletin for more information. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this time of great need in our community we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;
Canned Fruit; Soup.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

PREPARING FOR THE COMING SUNDAY ...

The Feast of the Circumcision and Holy Name of Jesus

New Year's Day: January 1, 2023

Scripture Readings: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 2:21





Hyattsville Compassion Center

*A shared ministry of
Redeemer & Trinity Congregations
and the Lutheran Mission Society*

Ms. Elma Pervaiz, Center Coordinator
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

*Located on the campus of Redeemer Lutheran Church
3799 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland*

We are happy to announce that our Compassion Center has reopened!

Our operating hours are:
Monday: 10 AM – 4 PM
Tuesday: 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesday: 10 AM – 2 PM

Food and Clothing Ministry is available by appointment
during the center's open hours.
Please call Elma to make arrangements for us to assist you.

The thrift center will be open during our operating hours
with the following safety guidelines:

- Masks must be worn at all times
- Please observe social distancing
- Number of persons in the center at a time will be limited

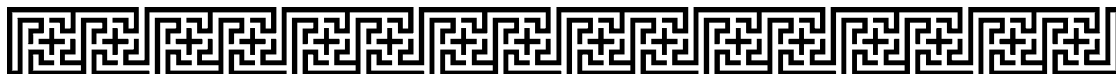
In-Kind Donations for the thrift center are limited at this time
owing to reduced staffing at the center.

If you have donations, please contact Elma at the center
before bringing your items during center hours.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25 – JANUARY 1

May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day</i> <i>No Adult Bible Study</i>
	9:30 AM Christmas Day Festival Eucharist (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
This Week	Church Office Closed
Monday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Wednesday	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Saturday	<i>New Year's Eve</i> 6:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
Next Sunday	<i>The Circumcision and Holy Name of Jesus: New Year's Day</i> <i>No Adult Bible Study</i>
	9:30 AM Divine Service with Christmas Carol Sing and Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)



CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, December 18, 2022 Worship Attendance: 20; Communed: 20.

Attendance Statistics for Holiday Services will be published in the January 8th Bulletin



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of December 25, 2022

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Joseph, Diane, John Tyler, Elizabeth, Waymond, Alan, August, Clara, David, Ernie, Paul, and Angela

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;
Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda;
Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty;
Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers; Jari, former Concordia Teacher;
Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie; Ray, relative of Kim;
Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy; Bernie, friend of Trinity;
Randy, friend of Pepper; Jim, friend of Judy; Jennifer, friend of Matt;
Andrew & Family, student at HES; Joan, friend of Tracy; Joseph, friend of Rona;
Sally, SED Staff; Bud, son of Carole; Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;
George, friend of Dave & Joyce; Danny, friend of Dave & Joyce;
Hudson, son of Brendan

All those affected by or who are in fear of the Coronavirus Outbreak.
For our Medical Community, First Responders, and other Workers who aid us in this time.

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Cullen Elias, Beatrice Kelly, Noel Pratico, Alana Sandiford, and Cashlan Kelly,
who celebrate their birthdays this week.
For Wyatt James, infant son of Kristina and Brandon Pfeifer, grandson of
Rona & Paul Juhasz, who was born on December 20th.

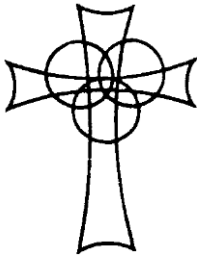
Those Who Mourn

The family of Theresa Mutchler, mother of Sabrina Hines and mother-in-law of
Adam Hines, who passed away on December 19th.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- ✘ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✘ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland.
- ✘ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.
- ✘ For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.
- ✘ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✘ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- ✘ For an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- ✘ For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- ✘ For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- ✘ For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.





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Sunday Mornings:
Adult Bible Study – 8:30 AM
Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

*Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live
For more information, please visit the church website.*

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Church Web Site: www.tlcmr.org
The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor



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