PreSchool Raylin Choate Maelee Conard James Dockstader Pate Flummerfelt Madeline Kennell Leightyn Moennig Jolee Rakoski Logan Seaton **Emma Sletten** Oliver Smith Jovie Stangl **Evie Stockton Autumn Wormington**

PreKindergarten

Leighton Wright

Max Beckman Kaden Bracht **Anson Choate Bowen Fleshman Lawston Graves Braylee Hartman** Lincoln Henderson **Pennie Mayab Emmett Medel Ortiz** Mila Moriondo

Tenley Rhea Nicholas Robertson **Casten Smith** Alex Strahan Parker Trokey Grason Worm

<u>Kindergarten</u> Isabella Diaz **Tatum Elbert Hudson Green Bia Ingle** Elaina Kennell JD Lathem **Braxton Rinker**

Madison Seaton Lillie Wormington Joah Wright

First Grade Sophie Beckman **Abel Carr Kenley Graves** Parker Hartman **Finley Henderson** Vanessa Moennig **Bradley Sletten**

Conner Spencer Piper Stangl Harrison Trokey **Dara Wormington**

Huxley Smith

Second Grade Mason Conard Kailee Diaz **Beckett Elbert Kylie Hartman** Mia Heseman Penelope Ingle Cobie Kleiboeker

Brendan Lawmaster Hudson Cadence McCullough

Weatherly Rakoski

Eli Spears Cohen Stockton **Hudson Wood** Lillian Wright

Third Grade Logan Hanson William Kennell Anden Moennig Alice Moore **Ryder Presley**

Fourth Grade **Ross Bailey Jackson Broderick** Seth Carr Brynlee Graham Pistol McCullough **Delaney Scharbach**

MJ Sletten

Fifth Grade Connor Bailey

Jackson Heseman Eli Hunt **Audrey Jones** Eva Kennell **Bentlie Moennig**

Hadlie Post Reagan Voskamp Olivia Wood

Sixth Grade **Grace Broderick** Karsyn Heseman **Chance Jones** Leah Knight Karlea McBlair Charlie Moore Brady Rhea

Harper Rhea

Seventh Grade **Cole Choate** Katelynn Hanson Caiden Haworth

Eighth Grade **Noah Carr** Noah Creed Joshua Heseman **Emma Hunt** Colton Kleiboeker **Kordel McBlair Elizabeth Sharp** Caiden Wormington

Students in **BOLD** are participating *in the service tonight.*

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Christmas Eve December 24, 2021

Jesse Tree: Jesus' Family Tree

The Mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is the preaching, teaching, baptizing and sharing the love of Christ in our church, our community and our world.



Welcome to Trinity!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this evening. We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ who seek to love God with all of our heart, with all of our mind, and with all of our soul. We have a deep desire that all would come to the saving knowledge of the truth of Jesus as Lord! We cordially invite you to worship with us every Sunday at 10 a.m. and join us for Bible Class and Sunday School at 8:45 a.m.

So that we may honor the sanctity of the worship service, please silence all cell phones.

The Opening Hymn

Joy to the World

LSB 387

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 heav'n and nature sing,

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
 Let men 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 sins and sorrows 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.

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Responsive Reading

Noah Carr: The Jesse Tree, Christ's family tree,

People: Points us the way to Jesus.

Noah Creed: From Eden down to Calvary,

People: Our loving Savior frees us.

Joshua Heseman: The promise is for you and me

People: And points the way to Jesus.

Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel LSB 357: 1, 4–5, 7

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, Free them from Satan's tyranny That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

Those assisting in the worship service and preparation:

Pastor: Rev. Jacob Sletten
Organist: Courtney Sletten
Pianist: Amanda Moennig
Trumpet Player: Hope Kassel

Pre-Service Music: 7th - 8th Grade Chimes

5th - 6th Grade Choir

Jesse Tree Symbol Artist: Katelynn Hanson Sound System: Darron Schoen

Mrs. Celia Ingle: Pre-School Teacher

Mrs. Connie Christen: Pre-Kindergarten Teacher

Ms. Genine Rodgers: Early Childhood Aid
Mrs. Sydney Rakoski: Early Childhood Aid
Mrs. LeaAnn Broderick: Early Childhood Aid
Mrs. Kendra Flattem: Kindergarten Teacher
Mrs. Lauren Choate: 1st Grade Teacher
Mrs. Holly Knight: 2nd Grade Teacher
Mrs. Dana Wormington: 3rd Grade Teacher
Ms. Shanna Jelinek: 4th Grade Teacher
Mrs. Kim Hood: 5th/6th Grade Teacher
Ms. Mary Heseman: 7th/8th Grade Teacher
Mrs. Emily Kennell: Elementary Aid

Mrs. Mallory Smith: Middle School Aid Mrs. Audrey Wormington: Middle School Aid Mrs. Courtney Sletten: Choir and Chimes Director Mrs. Lacy Creed: School Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Amanda Moennig: Principal

Mrs. Jennifer Meier: Church Administrative Assistant

At the close of the service, the Early Childhood, Kindergarten, and First Grade students will go to the chapel on the south side of the church building. These students should be picked up from this location. All Second-Eighth Grade students will remain seated at the front of the church and may be picked up from this location. All children in attendance will be given a treat bag from our Church Christmas Committee.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS EVENING!

For more than 140 years, Trinity has been blessed to offer a Christian education for students ages 3 through 8th grade. While some of our school operating budget is supported by tuition, a large part is donated by our home congregation. Words cannot express our gratitude for your investment into the growth of our youngest disciples in the community. FROM OUR THANKFUL HEARTS TO YOURS: MAY GOD CONTINUE TO RICHLY BLESS YOUR FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!

Want to know how to support Trinity Lutheran School?

PRAY FOR US! Pray for our students, families, staff, and school board. Pray that God's light will continue to shine into our community.

Give to the Scholarship Fund:

If you would like your giving to go directly to the scholarship fund, be sure to mark "scholarship" in the memo of your check. Unmarked checks go into the church general fund.

Scholarship donations are welcome throughout the year.

The Giving Tree:

Money donated to the Giving Tree helps us to complete small projects that pop up from time to time. We are also always in need of food items for the lunch program. Extra large canned fruits and veggies are welcome along with pantry items.

Visit our website at www.trinity1874.com:

From our website, you can donate to any of these programs. You can also listen to archived worship services and chapel services. Add our website to the home screen of your device for easy access.

Lighting of the Congregational Candles

Hymn Silent Night, Holy Night

Note: Begin by singing the German verse found at the bottom of the right hand page, then sing the three English verses.

- Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht Nur das heilige Elternpaar, Das im Stalle zu Bethlehem war, Bei dem himmlischen Kind, Bei dem himmlischen Kind.
- 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!
- 3 Silent night, holy night!
 Son of God, love's pure light
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face
 With the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
 Text: Public domain

The service will conclude by candlelight. The Elders will start the light at the end of each pew. When lighting your candle, please keep the lit candle vertical and the unlit candle can be tilted to catch the light. This will keep the wax from dripping on the carpet. The candles can be returned to the box in the foyer at the conclusion of the service.

Benediction

Pastor: Our promised Savior is born, and we are made children of God! May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

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! O Come, All Ye Faithful

2 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*
- 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. *Refrain*

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of all mankind;
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
 And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

Christmas Homily

Offering

LSB 363

LSB 379

The Message Presented by the Children

Reading: Isaiah 11:1-4, 10 and 9:6-7

Hymn What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

LSB 342:1-2

LSB 342:3-4

1 What hope! An Eden prophesied Where tame live with the wild; The lamb and lion side by side, Led by a little child!

A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem,
 A branch from David's line,
 A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem:
 The fruit of God's design.

Reading: Genesis 3:1–6, 14–15 Early Childhood (Adam and Eve) Jesse Tree Symbol: Apple

Reading: Genesis 9:8–13 Early Childhood (Noah) Jesse Tree Symbol: Rainbow

Hymn What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

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3 As banner of God's love unfurled, Christ came to suffer loss, That by His death a dying world Would rally to the cross.

4 Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord, Lost Paradise restore; Lead past the angel's flaming sword— Come, open heaven's door.

Reading: Genesis 12:1—3
Kindergarten (Abraham and Sarah)
Jesse Tree Symbol: Tent

Reading: Genesis 22:6—8 First Grade (Isaac) Jesse Tree Symbol: Ram Hymn What Child Is This LSB 370:1

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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!

Reading: Genesis 28:10–14 Second Grade (Jacob) Jesse Tree Symbol: Ladder

Reading: Ruth 1:15–16 Third and Fourth Grade (Ruth) Jesse Tree Symbol: Redeemer

Hymn

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.

2 For Christ is born of Mary,
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king
And peace to all the earth!

Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 10–13 Fifth and Sixth Grade (David) Jesse Tree Symbol: Crown

Reading: 1 Kings 5:2-5
Fifth and Sixth Grade (Solomon)
Jesse Tree Symbol: Temple

Hymn

1 Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth; Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

4 Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear, Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear. *Refrain*

Angels from the Realms of Glory LSB 367:1, 4

LSB 361:1-2

Reading: Luke 1:11–16

Seventh and Eighth Grade (Zechariah)

Jesse Tree Symbol: John

Reading: Matthew 3:1-6

Seventh and Eighth Grade (John the Baptist)

Jesse Tree Symbol: Baptismal Shell

Hymn: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child LSB 374:1, 3

1 Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger; There He lay, the Undefiled, To the world a stranger. Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior? Ask the saved of all the race

Who have found His favor.

3 Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger; He is still the Undefiled But no more a stranger. Son of God of humble birth, Beautiful the story; Praise His name in all the earth;

Hail the King of glory!

Reading: Luke 1:26-33

Kindergarten and First Grade (Mary, Joseph, and Jesus)

Jesse Tree Symbols: Mary, Joseph's Hammer and Jesus' Manger

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Responsive Reading

Colton Kleiboeker: The Jesse Tree—Christ's family tree—

People: Points us the way to Jesus.

Kordel McBlair: From Eden down to Calvary,

People: Our loving Savior frees us.

Elizabeth Sharp: The promise is for you and me

People: And points the way to Jesus.

Prayer

Pastor: We pray:

All: Father in heaven, You sent Your Son—the Son of Adam, of Jesse, of David. You promised a Messiah through a special family tree. Thank You for making us all sons and daughters in Your family through our Savior, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

Special Music - All School Choir

Love Is in the Manger

by Camilla Pruitt

While the students are singing, the manger scene is set by the Preschool students and we turn our hearts towards the birth of Our Savior.