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**Christmas Day
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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.

For unto us
 a child
is born,
To us
a son is given
Isaiah 9:6

Welcome to Trinity!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning. 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 9:30 a.m. and join us for Bible Class and Sunday School after the church service.

Christmas Day Order of Service: Home at Last

Text: Isaiah 9:6–7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Opening Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379

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

ref O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

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

Text: tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–80, alt.; John F. Wade, c. 1711–1786 Text: Public domain

Call to Worship *(Based on Isaiah 9:6–7)*

Leader: For to us a child is born.

Congregation: To us a son is given.

Leader: His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Congregation: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end.

Leader: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Congregation: Come, let us worship Christ our King!

Opening Prayer

Leader: Almighty God, you have given us the gift that will never fade: your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. As we rejoice in his birth, grant that we may find in him wisdom, strength, everlasting love, and peace that has no end. Through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God our Father.

Congregation: We confess that as all good things in this life fade, We cling to moments that cannot last. We labor in a world broken by sin, where joy gives way to sorrow, and life to death. Forgive us, Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Silence for reflection

Absolution

Pastor: Hear the good news. To us a child is born, to us a son is given. His Kingdom is good, growing, and unending. In Christ, your sins are forgiven and your future is secure. You are citizens of his everlasting Home. 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.

Congregation: Amen.

Responsory *(Adapted from Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Luke 2:1)*

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

Congregation: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

Congregation: His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end.

Congregation: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

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

All: 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.

Hymn of the Day

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LSB 380

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the_angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Refrain

ref Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

2 Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the_incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel! Refrain

3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth. Refrain

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Christmas Homily

Apostles’ Creed

Hymnal Back Cover

Offering

Prayer of the Day

Leader: Let us pray: Eternal God, on this holy day you have given us your Son as the child born for us and the King who reigns forever. Grant that we may live each day as citizens of his kingdom, renewed by his forgiveness, upheld by his righteousness, and filled with his peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer

Congregation: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. **Amen.**

Benediction

Leader: The Child born for you is your Wonderful Counselor.

The Son given for you is your Mighty God.

The King who reigns forever is your Prince of Peace.

Congregation: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Go Tell It on The Mountain

LSB 388

ref Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. Refrain

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain

3 Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. Refrain

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Assisting in the Service

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