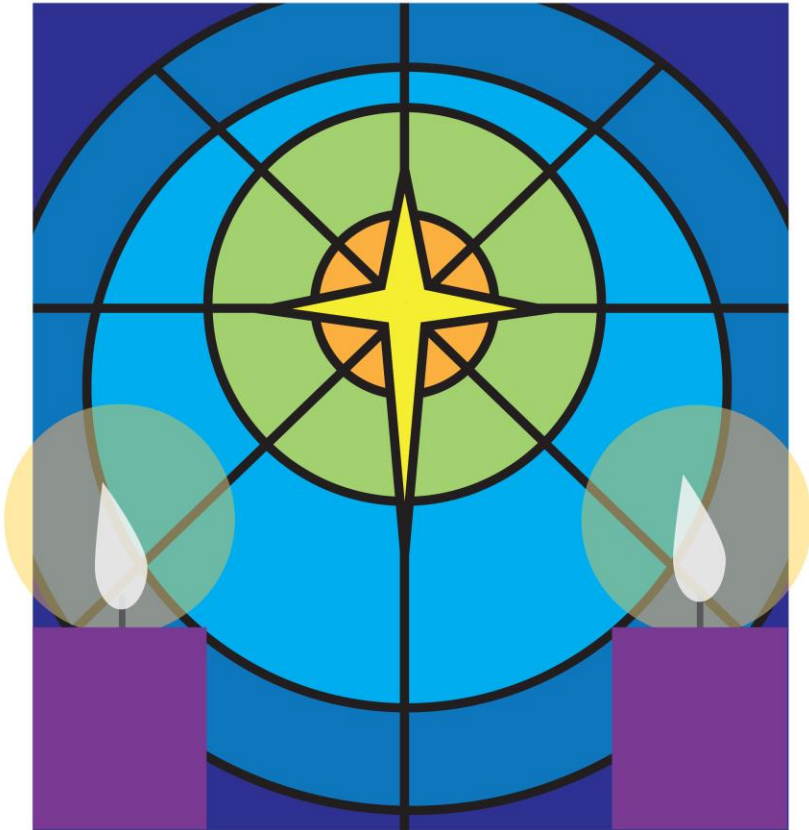


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

"A family where Christ is Head and the entire congregation are ministers."

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A Special Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this evening. Trinity is a liturgical Lutheran church using the Divine Service as written in the Lutheran Service Book. Today's Divine Service is printed for you in this bulletin. Today's service is being live streamed to YouTube and will be available later in the day on Trinity's Facebook page and Website. By entering the service, you consent to the video recording to be used for live streaming, inclusion on our web site and Facebook, and/or any other purpose by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. We hope that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting.

ALL LOOSE COINS placed in the offering plate directly assist our future pastors with their education through Concordia Seminary's "*COINS FOR CHRIST*" program.



The Poinsettia sign-up sheet is on the LWML Flower bulletin board in the hallway. Please indicate whether they are in honor or memory of someone and whether you want to take them home or gift to a shut-in. Poinsettias will be \$10.00 this year and must be paid for in advance. Please make checks payable to LWML. Thirty poinsettias have been ordered but you **MUST SIGN UP BY Sunday, December 11th**. Poinsettias may be taken home either after the service on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

We invite you to join us in Worship during this special portion of the Church Year. Please come and bring a friend!

Worship Services

<i>Third Sunday in Advent</i> -	Sunday, December 11 th	10:00am
Midweek 3 of Advent -	Wednesday, December 14 th	7:00 pm
<i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i> -	Sunday, December 18 th	10:00am
Caroling to the Homebound		11:30 am
<i>Christmas Eve Services</i> -	Saturday, December 24 th	
Family Candlelight Communion Service		7:00 pm
<i>Christmas Day</i> -	Sunday, December 25 th	
A Service of Readings and Carols		10:00 am
<i>Name of Jesus/New Year's Day</i> -	Sunday, January 1 st	
Communion Worship Service		10:00 am

NOTE: There will be NO Adult Bible Study on Sunday Dec. 25th or Sunday January 1st. The Bible Study will start up again on Sunday January 8th.

In this Solemn Season of Advent you are encouraged to
talk to God before the Service, let God talk to you in the Service,
then talk to one another *after* the Service.

Prelude

Of The Father's Love Begotten

Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Preparation and Lighting of Advent Candles

Stand

Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357, vs. 1-3



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy

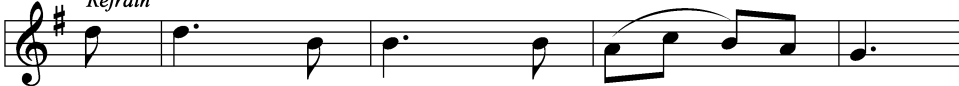


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.

Tune: French, 15th cent.

Text and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C the light no darkness can overcome.

P Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
C and the day is almost over.

P Let Your light scatter the darkness
C and illumine Your Church.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P God's Son is born a child so that He reconciles us to the Father. Confident in the reconciliation that Christ has won for us, let us confess our sins to God and receive His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

P Gracious heavenly Father,
C we have alienated ourselves from You and from one another. In our sin, we have neglected You and our neighbor. By the merit of Your Son, draw near to us and forgive us. Through Him, reconcile us to Yourself and to one another.

P The angels came to announce great joy and glad tidings to the shepherds. Their message is for the whole world and for you. God's own Son is born a child; God the Father is reconciled. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Micah 5:2–5a

L A reading from the fifth chapter of Micah.

L But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

C Therefore He shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of His brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

L And He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3–9

L A reading from the first chapter of First Peter.

L Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

C **In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

L Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:8–20

P A reading from the second chapter of Luke.

P And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them,

C **“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”**

P And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

C **“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”**

P When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

C **“Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”**

P And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

LSB 366



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,
 3 All you, be-neath your heav-y load, By care and guilt bent low,
 4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold;
 And still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world.
 Who toil a-long a drea-ry way With pain-ful steps and slow:
 When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.



"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all-gra-cious king."
 A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-'ring wing,
 Look up, for gold-en is the hour, Come swift-ly on the wing,
 His word of peace shall to the earth God's an-cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.
 And ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.
 The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an-gels sing.
 And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810–76, alt., Tune: Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900
 Text and tune: Public domain

Message

Offering and Offertory

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Bud Hubert, harmonica

(Loose coins directly support LCMS families studying for the ministry through Coins for Christ)

Magnificat

- P** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant.
- C** For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.
- P** And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation.
- C** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.
- P** He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord Jesus, whom shepherds once came praising,
- C** grant us mouths that join the shepherds in praising You by word and deed that all might know You.
- P** Lord Jesus, whose angels awed the shepherds,
- C** grant us awe not only in the breadth and depth of Your provision for our needs, but all the more in Your forgiveness of our sin.
- P** Lord Jesus, whose angel news cheered the shepherds,
- C** grant us great joy in this season and always by virtue of Your work on our behalf.
- P** Lord Jesus, King of Glory,
- C** grant us faith to trust in You amid all the troubles of this life in full confidence that You reign forever.
- P** Lord Jesus, whose birth brings great joy for all the world,
- C** grant Your blessing to all missionaries that they proclaim You and Your salvation to all.
- P** Lord Jesus, born so that the Father is reconciled,
- C** grant us peace not only with the Father but with all people as well.
- P** Hear us as we pray in Your name and as You have taught us:

Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9–13)

- 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.

Benediction

P God the Father, to whom we are reconciled, the Son, whose birth was praised by the shepherds, and the Holy Spirit, who today proclaims the glad tidings of Christ, grant you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-51
Tune: Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820
Text and tune: Public domain

Postlude

Light Two Candles To Watch for Messiah

Wayne Wold

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