

# Peace Came to Earth





# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

**Chaplain Matthew Prince ~ *Vacancy Pastor***

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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.

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## LOOK UP! THE STAR OF PEACE DRAWS NEAR

The season of Advent is filled with the relentless seeking of things. Shopping is in full swing, and we hear the promise again and again: If we have all the right stuff, buy all the perfect gifts, attend all the posh parties, and decorate with all the trendy decorations, then we will feel complete and at peace. Counter this line of thinking with what God's Word teaches us about contentment. The apostle Paul writes, "Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content" (1 Timothy 6:6-8). As we pause during this first week of Advent and pray for the Lord to stir up our hearts for the arrival of His Son, we remember the story of the ancient Magi, who followed the star and found contentment in the King who had been born to save them. Jesus now invites us also to follow Him and receive from Him that same peace, that "godliness with contentment," which the Magi also received.



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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

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Mark Hayes

## Welcome and Announcements

## Moment of Preparation and Lighting of Advent Candles

*Stand*

## Opening Hymn

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

LSB 332



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
 God was there up - on His throne.  
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,  
 Back to God He ran His course.  
 Into hell His road went down,  
 Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son  
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
 All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light  
 Shines in glory through the night.  
 Darkness there no more resides;  
 In this light faith now abides.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,  
 Glory to the Son, our king,  
 Glory to the Spirit be  
 Now and through eternity.

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## Opening Sentences

*Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 4:7*

- P** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
**C** **and the government shall be upon His shoulder,**  
**P** and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,  
**C** **Mighty God,**  
**P** Everlasting Father,  
**C** **Prince of Peace.**
- P** The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 80:1–7*

- P** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!  
**C** **You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**  
**P** Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
**C** **stir up Your might and come to save us!**  
**P** Restore us, O God;  
**C** **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**  
**P** O LORD God of hosts,  
**C** **how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?**  
**P** You have fed them with the bread of tears  
**C** **and given them tears to drink in full measure.**  
**P** You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,  
**C** **and our enemies laugh among themselves.**  
**P** Restore us, O God of hosts;  
**C** **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

## Salutation

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

## Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray...  
**C** **Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by the light of Your Holy Word, we may be drawn to Jesus and lay our lives before Him in worship, receiving from Him the gift of perfect peace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Prince of Peace, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

# Hymn

## Peace Came to Earth



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho-sen night  
 2 And who could be the same for hav-ing held  
 3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,  
 4 How else could I have known You, O my God!



When an - gels clove the sky with song and light  
 The in - fant in their arms, and lat - er felt  
 In flesh and blood You bore our griefs and pain,  
 How else could I have loved You, O my God!



And God em - bod - ied love and sheathed His might—  
 The wound-ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled—  
 In bread and wine You vis - it us a - gain—  
 How else could I em - brace You, O my God!



Who could but gasp: Im - man - u - el!  
 Who could but sigh: Im - man - u - el!  
 Who could but see: Im - man - u - el!  
 Who could but pray: Im - man - u - el!



Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!  
 Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!  
 Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!  
 Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

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## First Reading

*1 Timothy 6:6–9*

**P** A reading from 1 Timothy, the sixth chapter.

<sup>6</sup>Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. <sup>9</sup>But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse

*Psalms 24:7*

**P** Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates!

**C** And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.

## Second Reading

*Matthew 2:1–2, 9–10*

**P** A reading from Matthew, the second chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, “Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.”

<sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Readings Response

**P** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,  
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,  
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;  
 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
 There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;  
 So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,  
 And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last  
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.  
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.  
 All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.  
 There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

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## Sermon

### Offering and Offertory

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Gregory Hamilton

*Please take this time to sign in the Welcome Book at the end of your pew.*

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*Stand*

## Magnificat

*Luke 1:46–55*

- [P]** Mary rejoiced that the Lord was coming to earth, drawing all people to Himself, the true star of Bethlehem, our Prince of Peace. Let us now use her song of praise to rejoice in our Advent Savior.
- [C]** **My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;**
- [P]** for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.
- [C]** **For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name; and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.**



- P** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- C** **He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.**
- P** He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.
- C** **He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.**

**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.**

**My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior!**

### **Lord's Prayer**

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to 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.**

### **Collect for Peace**

- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,
- C** **give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give,**
- P** that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,
- C** **may live in peace and quietness;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

### **Benediction**

*Matthew 2:10*

- P** When [the Magi] saw the star,
- C** **they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.**
- P** Go forth then, children of God, with the light of Christ leading your way, rejoicing in His presence and knowing His perfect peace. The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—be with you and remain with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

# Closing Hymn

## *Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go*

LSB 920



1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
 2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
 4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;  
 5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show



Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
 King - ship with Him His ser - vants gain;  
 This world of time to con - se - crate,  
 Proph - ets are we whose deeds pro - claim  
 That in His Church all na - tions find



Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
 With Christ the Ser - vant - Lord of all,  
 This world of sin by grace to heal,  
 Christ's truth in love that we may be  
 Their hearth and home where Christ re - stores



Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.  
 Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.  
 Christ's world in Christ to re - cre - ate.  
 Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.  
 True peace, true love to all man - kind.

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# Postlude

## *Light One Candle for Hope*

Natalie Sleeth

**Greening of the Church - On Sunday, December 10th, we will decorate the Church for Christmas.** Our tradition is to place handmade Chrismons on the two large Christmas trees that stand on either side of the altar. Please join us after the Worship Service to participate in this fellowship event.



**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. Poinsettias may be taken home either after the service on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

## **Please join us for our Advent/Christmas Worship Services and Activities –**

<b><i>Second Sunday in Advent</i></b>	Sunday, December 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am
Greening of the Church	Sunday, December 10 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 pm
Mid Week Advent Service	Wednesday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm
<b><i>Third Sunday in Advent</i></b>	Sunday, December 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am
Shut-In Christmas Caroling	Sunday, December 17 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 pm
Mid Week Advent Service	Wednesday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm
<b><i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i></b>	Sunday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am
<b><i>Christmas Eve Services</i></b>	Sunday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	
	Family Candlelight Worship Service	7:00 pm
<b><i>Christmas Day Service</i></b>	Monday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	
	Service of Lessons and Carols	10:00 am

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