



**CHRISTMAS DAY
FESTIVAL SERVICE**



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WELCOME!

● Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! Whether you are a valued member or an honored guest, we're glad to share God's Word with you today. Here at Trinity we are reminded of our sin—of how we have disobeyed God's holy will—but more importantly, we are reminded of God's grace—of how He sent Jesus to take our sins away through dying on the cross and rising again. Today He gives us believing hearts through His Word and Sacraments.

PARENT'S WITH SMALL CHILDREN

? Our Sanctuary includes a Gathering Room where parents can take small children when they become loud enough to disturb the worship of others. The room is designed to allow families to still participate in the worship service because the service is displayed live on a screen. Ask the Ushers for directions.

LUTHERAN "BRAND"

? This congregation is "Lutheran" in the classical sense, meaning we still hold to the Lutheran Confessions, or statements of faith, as the correct summary of God's Word. To strengthen this resolve, we are also a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota. We are brothers and sisters with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) because they teach the same as we do. Find out more about the ELS at www.els.org.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Call to Worship • *Christmas Day*

[Isaiah 9:6 (EHV)]

☞ASTOR: *Today we joyfully pray to the God who keeps His promises and fulfills His plan for our salvation. From the very beginning He, as our gracious heavenly Father, promised to send His own Son to be our Savior. Now, through Jesus' humble human birth, God assures us that we are His sons and daughters through faith. O come, let us adore Him!*

-Stand-

"For to us a child is born. To us a son is given. The authority to rule will rest on his shoulders.

☞ONGREGATION: **He will be named: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."**

First Hymn • *"O Come, All ye Faithful"*

[CW 55]

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:)
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!**
2. **God from true God, and Light from Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, to earth he comes,
Only begotten Son of God the Father. (Refrain)**
3. **Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee... be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; (Refrain)**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Forgiveness

☞ *On this holy day, dear Father, we rejoice to hear the good news of great joy that a Savior has been born for us. For fulfilling Your prophecies and in the fullness of time sending Your Son to be our Savior, we give You our heartfelt thanks and praise.*

☞ **Unto us a Child is born! Unto us a Son is given!**

- ☒ *What a great mystery of our faith this is: That God has become fully human for our salvation! Even though He is the all-powerful Lord of all, He is wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.*
- ☒ **Help us always believe that this precious Child was born as our substitute to be our Savior.**
- ☒ *In the midst of our joy, we grieve for our sins—the very reason You sent Your only-begotten Son into the world.*
- ☒ **Grant that our Savior’s birth may comfort us, and send us on our way rejoicing.**
- ☒ *The God of all grace has granted your request. Jesus Christ was born in a lowly cattle stall so that He could perfectly live under the Law in your place, and die the innocent death of the cross you deserve. Now through His resurrection, He declares you “Not Guilty!” of all your sins, and gives you all the treasures of heaven.*
- Therefore, by the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son “ and of the Holy Spirit.*
- ☒ **Glory to God in the highest! Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo ~ Glory in the Highest to God

*[text: ELH 116 and Rev. Arden Mead;
tune: ELH 116]*

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| <p>1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.</p> <p>(Refrain:)
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.</p> | <p>2. In the Word of God made flesh,
Great and wondrous mystery,
Now we see with vision fresh
God’s abundant majesty. (Refrain)</p> <p>3. Therefore with the Church on earth
And the hosts of heav’n above,
Let us praise His name, whose birth
Brings to us eternal love. (Refrain)</p> |
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Prayer of the Day • Christmas Day

- ☒ *Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks to You because You compassionately caused Your Son to become incarnate by taking on a human nature and being born at Bethlehem so He could earn forgiveness for us. We ask You to enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit so that we may always live appreciative lives motivated by Your grace, enduring all trials, and entering into eternal life at the end.*

☒ **We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our living Lord, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.**

-Be seated-

First Lesson • *Isaiah 9:2–7*

● God shines His rays of love on us through Jesus who alone brings us peace.
His glory cannot be contained in a single name. O come, let us adore Him!

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.
For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned.
³You have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy.
They rejoice before you like the joy at harvest time,
like the celebration when people divide the plunder.
⁴For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them.
You have broken the bar on their shoulders and
the rod of their oppressor,
as you did in the day of Midian.
⁵Every boot that marched in battle
and the garments rolled in blood will be burned.
They will be fuel for the fire.
⁶For to us a child is born.
To us a son is given.
The authority to rule will rest on his shoulders.
He will be named:
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.
⁷There will be no limit to his authority
and no end to the peace he brings.
He will rule on David's throne and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness
from now on, into eternity.
The zeal of the LORD of Armies will accomplish this. (EHV)

☒ *This is the Word of our Lord:*

☒ **O Come, let us adore Him!**

Hymn • “Let us All With Gladsome Voice”

[ELH 134]

1. Let us all with gladsome voice
Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,
His own Son hath given.
2. To this vale of tears He comes,
Here to serve in sadness,
That with Him in heav’n’s fair homes
We may reign in gladness.

Second Lesson • Galatians 4:4–5

- The God who promised our Salvation kept His promise by moving history forward. His promises never fail. O come, let us adore Him!

When the set time had fully come, God sent his Son to be born of a woman, so that he would be born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those under the law, so that we would be adopted as sons. (EHV)

☒ *This is the Word of our Lord:*

☒ **O Come, let us adore Him!**

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation • Psalm 95:1a, 6a

☒ *Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD. Come, let us bow down. Let us revere him. Alleluia!*



☒ Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Faith comes from hear - ing You, Al - le - lu - ia! Al -

His lowly birth in Bethlehem
 The angels from on high proclaim
 And sing redemption's story.
 My soul, Extol
 God's great favor; Bless Him ever
 For salvation. Give Him praise and adoration!

Sermon • *Galatians 4:4–5*

It's Christmas—Give Me My Present!

Creed Hymn

[text: DJH; tune: ELH 96]



1. I believe in God the Fa - ther, Mak - er of the earth and heav'n,
2. I believe in God's Son, Je - sus, True God and true man in one,
3. I believe in God the Spir - it, Com - for - ter of Light Di - vine.



Who pre-serves His whole cre - a - tion And to me my life has giv'n.
 Who did suf - fer to re-deem me And for me the vict - 'ry won.
 Through His Means of Grace He al - ways Shines up-on this heart of mine.

Offering ~ *Our members offer their treasures out of thankfulness for salvation.*

-Stand-

Prayer of the Church

- ☐ *On this holy day, dear Father, we rejoice to hear the good news of great joy that a Savior has been born for us. For fulfilling your prophecies and in the fullness of time sending your Son to be our Savior, we give you our heartfelt thanks and praise.*
- ☐ **Unto us a child is born! Unto us a Son is given!**
- ☐ *What a great mystery of our faith this is: that God has become fully human for our salvation! Even though he is the all-powerful Lord of all, he is wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.*
- ☐ **Help us always believe that this precious child was born as our substitute to be our Savior.**

☞ *In the midst of our joy, we grieve for the many people in our world who do not know that Jesus has come to bring them forgiveness and healing. As the shepherds spread abroad the good news of the birth of the Savior born for all the world, may we also make use of the unique opportunities this holiday presents to tell others of what we have seen and heard concerning the child.*

☞ **Grant that the true peace between God and fallen mankind may comfort all people.**

☞ *As the angels sang out their praise, move us also to sing out our praise to you, today and every day, as the joy of Christmas remains in our hearts.*

☞ **Glory to God in the highest! Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

[Mat 6:9–13; TUNE: "Away in a Manger"]

☞ *Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:*

☞ **Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!**

Your kingdom among us, your will done the same

By mortals and angels, Come, Lord, reign alone:

Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.

The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;

As we forgive others, our sins take away;

In times of temptation, to lead us be near;

From evil deliver your children most dear.

For yours is the kingdom; o'er all things you reign,

And yours is the power; all things you maintain.

To you be the glory, resounding again

From all of creation, forever! Amen.

-Be seated-

The Christmas Message • Readings from Luke 1 and 2

[tune: GOD REST YOU MERRY]

☞ *Let us now recall, once again, the wonderful works of our Lord:*

1. God bless you, Christians ev'ry one;

Let nothing you dismay.

Remember Christ our Savior

Was born on Christmas Day

To save us all from Satan's pow'r,

When we were gone astray.

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

☒ *“Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the town of Nazareth, into Judea, to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was from the house and family line of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, his wife, who was pledged to him in marriage and was expecting a child. ⁶And so it was that while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”*

☒ **“Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.”**

2. From God, our heav’nly Father,

A blessed angel came,

And unto certain shepherds

Brought tidings of the same,

How that in Bethlehem was born

The Son of God by name.

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

☒ *“Today in the town of David, a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”*

☒ **“Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.”**

3. Now to the Lord sing praises,

All you within this place,

And with true love and brotherhood

Each other now embrace.

This holy tide of Christmas

All others doth efface.

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

Benediction

[2 Thessalonians 3:16, (EHV)]

-Stand-

☒ *May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.
The Lord be with you all.*

☞ **In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

-Be seated-

Announcements

-Stand for Recessional Hymn-

Recessional Hymn • “Joy To The World”

[ELH 138]

1. 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 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 congregation may be seated as they wait to be ushered out-

**The faculty and staff of TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
 would like to wish you a very BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**

We invite you to worship with us again!

Sunday, December 27, Service of the Word • 8:30 am & 10:00 am
 Thursday, December 31, New Year’s Service with Communion • 6:30pm