

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.

Guests and Visitors: A special **welcome** to you from Trinity's pastor and congregation members. We pray that this worship will bring you comfort, joy, and renewal. All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. If you have any questions about the worship service or about Trinity, our Hospitality Team members (at the Welcome Desk or identified by name tag) are happy to help.

Your offering is your presence with us in community. We encourage you to fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate. Please join us again!

Parents and Caregivers: Please know that God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. Younger kids are invited to bring one of our specially-prepared "busy bags" into the worship service along with crayons. Both are available in the narthex as you enter the sanctuary. If you wish to step out with your child at any time, there is a special room just outside the worship space where you will be able to view and hear the service. If you prefer, we also offer a staffed Nursery, located to the east of the fellowship hall. Children cared for in the Nursery are brought into worship for the Youth Message.

Special needs: Hearing-assistance devices, as well as gluten-free wafers and grape juice for Communion, are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those with mobility trouble. Our Hospitality Team members can help with any of these special needs.

IN MINISTRY TODAY

Hospitality Team	Wally Jacobson,
Assisting Minister	Erik Elliott
Lector	Nadine Hunt
Organist	Jill Rose

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS: THE MEMBERS OF TRINITY

Rick Reiten, **Senior Pastor**
Katie Kline, **Education & Family Minister**
Paul Falk, **Director of Choirs**
Alice Crawford, **Church Musician**
Brenda Harju, **TLC Preschool Director**
Debbie Schwartz, **Financial Manager**
Deana Andrist, **Office Administrator**
Amanda Backsen, **Director of Communications**
Liz Johnson, **Volunteer Coordinator**
Joshua Moore, **AV Technician**
Tiffany Klijewski, **Nursery Coordinator**

Please stand as you are able

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

All are invited to share in these sacred words of promise, as Jesus gives this gift to the people.

- P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying...
- C: Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in Remembrance of me.**
- P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying...
- C: This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you, and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in Remembrance of me.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We come to the table by Jesus' invitation. All are welcome! As you come forward, receive the bread and the red wine or white juice. Let us know if you need a gluten free wafer. If you are not ready to receive communion, but would like a blessing, please come forward with your hands folded.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

First Sunday of Christmas

OFFERING PRAYER

C: Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:25 am)

PRELUDE "How Great Our Joy" James Mansfield
(The Echo Carol)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.
P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Love from the beginning, Word made flesh, Breath of heaven.
C: **Amen.**
P: Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,
C: **we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen.**
P: Dear people of God, hear the good news: Christ the Savior is born! You are loved and forgiven in the name of † Jesus, who has come among us. You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God's love is given to you as the most precious gift of all. Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.
C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" **ELW #288**

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

OFFERING HYMN

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

ELW #294

3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?

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If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to
 judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of
 saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A: Let us pray.
C: Have mercy, O God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING

"The Coventry Carol"

Traditional, Arr. by
Sharon Aaronson

*Children are invited to bring their offering forward for the mission jug,
supporting ELCA World Hunger.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

ELW #275

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Heavenly God, when Jesus was baptized by John in the wilderness,
you claimed him as your son. Claim us as your children, inheritors of
your glorious kingdom.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOD'S STORY

MARK 1:1-20

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news." ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

ELW #276



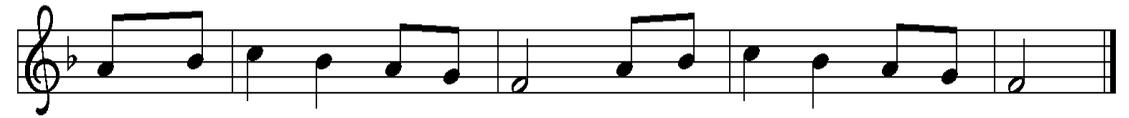
1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

MESSAGE

Education & Family Minister, Katie Kline

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Love Has Come"

ELW #292