



CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2022

9:00 P.M.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

WELCOME TO ALL

*The people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church wish to extend a special welcome to all visitors!
Please leave your name and phone number on the visitor card found in the pew.*

*We are committed to the inclusion of all people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice **open communion**, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

Children are full participants in this congregation's worship, educational, and community life! The Mary Martha Room is a quiet space for infants needing to nurse or to nap. For active toddlers, the Community Room has a Children's Corner with books and a table at which to play. Our ushers are ready to assist you in finding the place that best fits your family's needs.

***Accessible and all-gender restrooms** are located in the nursery on the 2nd floor and in the basement.
Single-use, all gender restrooms are located on the 1st floor.*

*For over forty years, this congregation has advocated for the **full welcome, inclusion, and equity** of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the church and the community. We invite all people into lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness.*

***Hearing assist devices and large-print bulletins** are available. Ask an usher if you are interested.*

*Our **services are livestreamed** on Vimeo and Facebook every week. The live shot includes the main floor of the sanctuary. Our members who watch from home love to see their friends at church! If for privacy reasons you prefer not to be on camera, the balcony is outside of the camera's range.*

*We continue to monitor case counts, vaccination rates, and updated research on **COVID-19** to inform our precautions and are especially aware of changing patterns with regards to new variants. We are deeply grateful for this community's care for and attentiveness to one another, especially for the vulnerable in our midst. The most important thing you can do to care for the community is **stay home if you feel any symptoms**, regardless of vaccination status. If you need help finding a vaccine, speak to a pastor today.*

*If you are seeking **pastoral care**, please speak to a pastor today.*

GATHER

+invites the congregation to stand

PRELUDE

*In Dulci Jubilo
À la Venue de Noël*

arr. P. Radtke
Claude Balbastre

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

Many ages after the world was created,
when God, in the beginning, formed the heavens and the earth;
long after the great Flood, when God made a rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant;
some two thousand years after the birth of Abraham and Sarah;
fifteen centuries after Miriam sang her song;
eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the judges;
a thousand years after the anointing of David as king;
in the sixty-fifth week as Daniel's prophecy takes note;
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;
in the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the founding of the city of Rome;
the forty-second year of Octavian Augustus' rule;
in the sixth age of the world, all the earth being at peace;
Jesus Christ, Eternal God, Child of the Most High,
willing to hallow the world by his coming in mercy,
was born to Mary in Bethlehem of Judea;

God made flesh.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.



The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with four staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment line with two staves (Right and Left Hand). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed;
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of rough hands and hardened feet, giving spirit to the people of earth: in agony of birth and gentleness of newborn skin, may we discover your ordinary beauty in the heart of our longing world; through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh—God’s divine embrace.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

WORD

READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

On Christmas Night

trad. English Carol

arr. Paul Manz, trans. David M. Cherwein

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring;
news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King’s birth.

Then why should we on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad;
when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night;
“Glory to God in highest heaven; peace on earth and good-will. Amen.”

READING

Titus 2:11-14

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Angels We Have Heard on High, st. 1-2

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo!

+GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-20

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

+GOSPEL RESPONSE

Angels We Have Heard on High, st. 3

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing:
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king!
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo!

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Please stand at the conclusion of the organ introduction to the hymn.



- 1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lynda Nordholm

Emmanuel, child of God, be with us this night. Emmanuel, child of Mary, come to us this night. Born out of beautiful darkness comes your beloved life – a life of expectant joy and hope and peace and love to our barren hearts, to our weary world. Make mangers from our earthly lives, we pray,

Come to us, abide in us.

Emmanuel, all nature sings this night. Winter frost sparkles, ice creaks and crackles, the moon shoots amber glow, evergreens and birch offer connective moan, fuzzy mammals chatter, a far-off birdsong trills. Help us to be mindful, to keep watch over your creative realm. Especially in the stillness and long nights of winter, help us to experience wonder, to sense awe, we pray,

Come to us, abide in us.

Emmanuel, you most holy, came to overturn systems of injustice and oppression. Your life brought down the mighty and raised up the least among us. We embrace your way of truth and justice that releases all held captive. Find the refugia in our lives from which new energy and life might emerge to strengthen our voices and work for equity. Guide us toward a time when all will know your mercy, we pray,

Come to us, abide in us.

Emmanuel, you know human pain and suffering. Come to all who are struggling with deep loss and are living in the shadow of grief. Be with all who are shrouded in fear. Be with all who are distressed and dejected from want of home or food. Be with all whose bodies or minds are barriers to fullness of health. Be with all who feel unloved or alone. Impart to our human hearts your healing and peace, we pray,

Come to us, abide in us.

Emmanuel, on this holiest of nights, we hear the ancient story – that you are born among us, that you are given for us. You come to us this night in the bread and wine. We remember. We yearn to make the story real. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. For such a wondrous gift, we pray,

Come to us, abide in us.

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING ANTHEM

Ah, Dearest Jesu, Holy Child

Robert Wetzler

Ah, dearest Jesu, Holy Child,
Make thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for thee.

To us this night is born a Child
Of Mary, chosen mother mild;
This little Child, of lowly birth,
Shall be the joy of all the earth.

+OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Electric candles can be lit by turning the flame. Worship leaders will come to the aisles to light your wax candles. When lighting wax candles, please tip only the unlit candle.

+HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first line of the hymn, the second system contains the second line, the third system contains the third line, and the fourth system contains the fourth line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal parts.

Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly hosts ... sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

peace,
born!
birth,
sleep in heav - en - ly peace,
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Please take care when extinguishing your candles.

MEAL

+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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, we raise our voices with saints and angels and all creation in joyful praise to your holy name:

+SANCTUS



+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together:

Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed 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.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. All are welcome at the table.

For those worshiping at home and those who prefer during Covid-time to commune with individual packets in your pews, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Communion is served by intinction.

*Upon receiving the bread, dip it into the divided chalice which contains
both red wine and white grape juice.*

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

All are welcome at the table.

If you wish to receive communion from a pastor in your pew, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

+BLESSING

The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

+HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O come, ye, O
The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal, born of a
Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, sing, all ye
Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je - sus, to

come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him,
vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; Son of the Fa - ther
cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove! Glo - ry to God ...
thee be ... glo - ry giv'n! Word of the Fa - ther,

born the king of an - gels:
now in flesh ap - pear - ing! O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
in ... the ... high - est:
now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

+BENEDICTION

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

P. Radtke

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

9:00 PM

Preacher	Deacon David Rojas Martinez
Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Ushers	Sally and David Kohlstedt, David Broberg
Assisting Minister	Richard Liedholm
Altar Guild	Doris Gala
Closer	John Sulzbach

STAFF

Ingrid Rasmussen, *Lead Pastor*

Angela Khabeb, *Senior Associate Pastor*

Doug Mork, *Part-time Associate Pastor*

Pam Wetterlund, *Communications &
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Nolan Gusdal, *Building Maintenance*

David Rojas Martinez, *Community*

Engagement & Education Coordinator

Phil Radtke, *Cantor*

Kaia Ellis, *Financial Administrator*

STAFF, CONTINUED

Sue Roberts, *Publications Coordinator*

Erik Gerhardt, *Accompanist*

Kathy Ekwall, *Custodian*

Dennis Nordholm, *Custodian*

Logan Olson, *Gloria Ringers Director*

LEADERSHIP

David Broberg, *Council President*

Gretchen Lund, *Council Vice President*

Connie Adams, *Council Secretary*

Scott Cole, *Treasurer*

"Once in Royal David's City" Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895. Music: IRBY, Henry Ja. Gauntlett, 1805-1876

*"Angels We Have Heard on High" Text: French carol; tr. H.F.Hemy, "The Crown of Jesus Music," 1864,
Music: French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958*

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866. Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German Carol, 14th cent.

"Silent Night, Holy Night!" Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885, Music: SILLE NACHT Franz Gruber, 1787-1863

"On Christmas Night" Text: Luke Wadding, d. 1686, alt. Music: SUSSEX CAROL, English Traditional

"In the Bleak Midwinter" Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830-1894, Music: CRANHAM, Gustavo Holst, 1874-1934

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" Text: Phillip Brooks, 1835-1893, Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful" Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts.1,3-4; tr. unknown, st. 2
Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade*

*Artwork: Wesley, Frank, 1923-2002. Nativity with Women Attending, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.
Original source: Estate of Frank Wesley.*

P A R I S H I N F O R M A T I O N

PASTOR ANGELA ON LEAVE

Pastor Angela is on leave. To honor this time of rest, we ask you to refrain from emails, phone calls, and text messages (even the most kind and loving ones!). Your prayers are, of course, welcome and appreciated.

YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

The Financial Stewardship Committee met on Tuesday evening. They would like to invite each household to consider a year-end gift. We are currently still behind in regular member giving. If you are able to complete your pledge or share a little extra before December 31, church leadership would greatly appreciate it. To donate online, go to www.htlcmpls.org/donate. *Contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2022, to be counted as a 2022 donation. Thank you!*

ADULT FORUM JANUARY 8 SPONSORED BY THE PALESTINE/ISRAEL WORKING GROUP

“Personal Journey and Perspective on Water Rights in Palestine” with speaker Ashraf Ashkar
Sunday, January 8, 10:00 a.m. in the Library and on [Zoom](#). Ashraf Ashkar was born and raised in Palestine in a village near Tulkarm. He did his undergraduate work in Palestine outside of the city of Jenin. He also worked there on water rights with OCHA, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and with Oxfam UK. Ashraf will bring his story of growing up in Palestine, highlighting some of the economic and political struggles related to water rights.

YOUTH RECITAL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 10:00 A.M.

We celebrate the musical gifts of several of Holy Trinity’s young people during our annual music recital in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. This will serve as our adult forum for the day.

SAVE THE DATE FOR WINTER FAMILY RETREAT, FEBRUARY 17-19, 2023

Join other families for a weekend of rest and renewal as well as family-friendly fun with church members of all ages at the YMCA Camp St. Croix in Hudson, Wisconsin, from Friday, February 17, to Sunday, February 19. Watch for more information, in January.

Poinsettias in the chancel area were given in loving memory of

Parents, by David & Carol Berg

Harry Heltsley, by Mary Heltsley

Loved ones, by Joyce Peterson

Pamela, by David Rediger

Husband Paul and brothers Nathan Schiotz and J. Paul Schiotz, by Lois Eid

Rose, Paul, and Viola Lundquist, by Pat Lundquist

Marion & Robert Anderson, by Vicki Bergman

Loved ones, by Carol Masters

Violet Wells, by the Wells Family

Parents Helen and Charles Cotton and Doug and Lola Cole, by Stephanie & Scott Cole

Tove Ann Kjeseth, by Karla Elmberg & Peder Kjeseth

George Lewis, by Pam Kildahl

John Kelly, by Carol Kelly

Nathalie Joy Johnson, by Tony Parsons

Hugh Parks, Ron Peterson, and Bud & Sylvia Dixen, by Sally Parks

Loved ones, by Margaret Peterson

David & Joann Goodlaxson and Robert & Adoria Brose, by Bob Brose & Donna Goodlaxson

Katie's brother Scott and Steve's dad Steve ("Boochie Bob"), by the Murray family

Parents Earl & Vivian Anderson and Chet & Peggy Englund, by Sharon & Rob Englund

Gene Petersen, by Mary Petersen

The 5 people killed at an LGBTQ nightclub in Colorado Springs,

by Michael and Marilyn Miller

Robert, Olaf, and Blanche Kelly, by Dorothy Kelly

Loved ones, by Carole Ann Schneiders

Ronald G. Peterson, by Jim & Marcia Sheldon

Jason SantaAna-White, by Ann White

Nancy Wiberg, by Joel Wiberg

and in honor of

Grandmother Lila Meyer, by Anna Brelje

With thanksgiving for the fellowship and all of you at Holy Trinity, by Linda and Dean Simpson

In appreciation and love for the Khabebe family: Angela, Benhi, Konami, Khenna, and Khonni,

by Dennis, Marika, and Lydia

With gratitude to the staff of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, by Bob Hulteen