

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH: December 29, 2024

## *Christmas 1*



### GATHERING HYMN:

#### *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.

### LITANY

Praise the Lord! Praise God in the heavens.

**Praise the Lord from the earth!**

Young and old alike,

**all together. Praise the Lord!**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Because we have passed through the waters of baptism,  
we dare to bare our souls before God  
and reveal the bitterness that dwells in our hearts.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together.

**God of wonder,  
you surround us with signs of your glory  
and surprise us with your presence,  
yet we often miss the marvels you place before us.  
Forgive our dullness and make us alert  
to the ways you make yourself known,  
that we might be witnesses to your good news  
and proclaim your extravagant love;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

In Jesus Christ God saved us,  
not because of any good works that we have done,  
but according to God's mercy,  
through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.  
People of God, rejoice! In Jesus ✝ Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

## GREETING

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

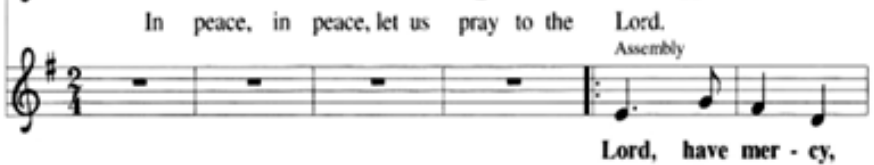
## KYRIE

Leader



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly



Lord, have mer - cy,

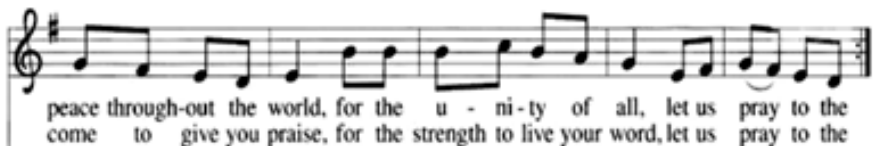
3rd time to Coda ☩



For the reign of God, and for  
For your peo-ple here who have



Christ, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer - cy.



peace through-out the world, for the u - ni-ty of all, let us pray to the  
come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Coda



Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

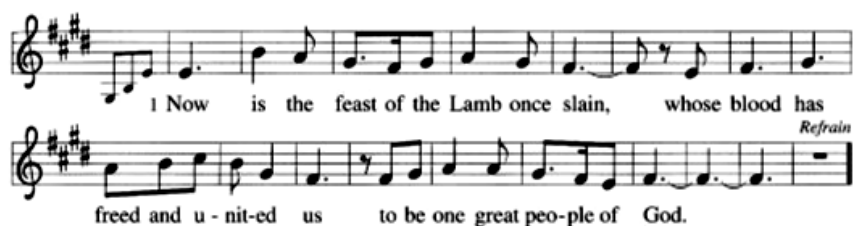
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## NOW THE FEAST

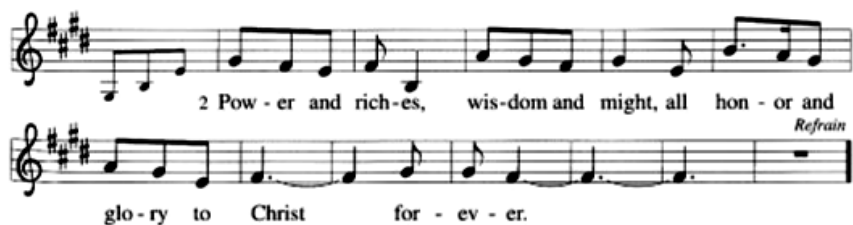
*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has  
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of  
God; to make all things new.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Presider: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

**O God, into a realm of clerics and kings  
you sent your child  
to teach the wise and show the world what power there is in love.  
Keep us vigilant to hear the voices of those who speak your truth.  
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

### FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

<sup>18</sup> Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup> His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup> Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord”; and then they would return to their home.

<sup>26</sup> Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

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

### PSALM: Psalm 148

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise the Lord, all you angels;  
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise the Lord, sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
who commanded, and they were created,

<sup>6</sup> **who made them stand fast forever and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing God’s will;**

<sup>9</sup> mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;

- <sup>10</sup> **wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds;**  
<sup>11</sup> **sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;**  
<sup>12</sup> **young men and maidens,  
old and young together.**  
<sup>13</sup> **Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.**  
<sup>14</sup> **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for  
all faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

## GOSPEL VERSE

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
 go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
 life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Repeat optional*

## **GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the second chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>41</sup> Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup> He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## HYMN OF THE DAY: *In a Lowly Manger Born* (ELW 718)



1 In a low - ly man - ger born, hum - ble life be - gun in scorn;  
2 Vis - it - ing the lone and lost, stead - y - ing the tem - pest-tossed,  
3 Then, to res - cue you and me, Je - sus died up - on the tree.



un - der Jo - seph's watch - ful eye, Je - sus grew as you and I;  
giv - ing of him - self in love, call - ing minds to things a - bove.  
See in him God's love re - vealed; by his pas - sion we are healed.



knew the suf - f'rings of the weak, knew the pa - tience of the meek,  
Sin - ners glad - ly hear his call; pub - li - cans be - fore him fall,  
Now he lives in glo - ry bright, lives a - gain in pow'r and might;



hun - gered as but poor folk can; this is he. Be - hold the man!  
for in him new life be - gan; this is he. Be - hold the man!  
come and take the path he trod, son of Mar - y, Son of God.

## APOSTLE'S 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 INTERCESSION

Sisters and brothers,  
in Jesus, God's Word became flesh  
to birth love in our hearts and peace in our world.  
As we celebrate this gift of life in Christ,  
let us pray for the church and the world.

*As the reader closes each petition:*

O God of Love,

*The people respond:*

**draw us together in peace.**

O God, receive our prayers through Christ, who is our glorious light. May we, like him, shine forth like the sun in bodies, breath, and beating hearts, to sing your praise forevermore, and as holy partners in a heavenly calling, dwell with you eternally.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING

*Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.*

## OFFERTORY: Jesus, We Are Gathered (ELW 529)



Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, Je - su, ta - wa pa - no,  
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, Je - sus, we are gath-ered,



Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, ta - wa pa - no mu zi - ta re - nyu.  
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, we are gath-ered, Lord Je-sus, for you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Loving God:**

**We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.**

**Receive the gifts we offer in union with Christ's gift for us. Clothe us**

**with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, that we may be Christ for others.**

**In his name we pray. Amen.**





# LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God,                      you take a - way the sin of                      the  
you break the chains of ha - tred                      and  
you are the way of jus - tice                      and  
you are the way of mer - cy                      and

*Congregation:*



world:                      have mer - cy on us,                      mer - cy on us,  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

**Final Stanza**

*Congregation or Assistant:*



mer - cy                      on                      us.                      Lamb of God,                      you

*Congregation:*



take a - way the sins of                      the world:                      grant us peace,



grant us peace,                      grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

*White grape juice is available, and all altar bread is gluten-free.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION:

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear (ELW 282)*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**Merciful God,**

**we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.**

**Strengthened by this goodness,**

**send us forth to announce your peace,**

**comfort the afflicted,**

**and share the good news of great joy. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Whatever you do, in word or deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God through him.

And may the God of love, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy,  
today and always. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN:

### *Angels We Have Heard on High (ELW 289)*



- 1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
- 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
- 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

# Serving in Worship

**TODAY — Dec 29, 2024**

**Altar:** Conyers Family

**Reader:** Martha Leonard

**Communion Assistant:**

OPEN

**Fellowship:** Denise Greller

**NEXT SUNDAY — Jan 5, 2025**

**Altar:** Lori Johnson

**Reader:** OPEN

**Communion Assistant:**

OPEN

**Fellowship:** OPEN

## Trinity Happenings:

<b>Sun, Dec 29:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Fellowship in Gruver Rm</b>
Mon, Dec 30:	9:00am	Becoming in Gruver Rm
<b>Wed, Jan 1:</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>NO Women's Bible Study</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>NO Office Hours</b>
Thu, Jan 2:	11:45am	NO MUGG Campus Meeting
<b>Sun, Jan 5:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Fellowship in Gruver Rm</b>
Mon, Jan 6:	9:00am	Becoming in Gruver Rm
	5:30pm	TheologyPUB @ Front Street Tavern
<b>Wed, Jan 8:</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm</b>
Thu, Jan 9:	11:45am	NO MUGG Campus Meeting
<b>Sun, Jan 12:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Epiphany Sunday Worship</b>
	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Fellowship in Gruver Rm</b>

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