

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH: January 5, 2025

Christmas 2



GATHERING HYMN:

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (Christmas)

- 1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around, and glory shone around.
- 2 “Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind;
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and humankind,
to you and humankind.
- 3 “To you in David’s town this day
is born of David’s line
the Savior, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:
- 4 “The heav’nly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid, and in a manger laid.”
- 5 Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song, addressed their joyful song:
- 6 “All glory be to God on high,
and on the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven shall
begin and never cease, begin and never cease.”

LITANY

The Word became flesh and lived among us

And we have seen his glory.

The true light that enlightens everyone
has come into the world.

Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ.

Glory to God forever.

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**

As children of the Holy One,
God forgives you and loves you eternally.
By the power of God's Spirit,
forgive yourself and forgive others
as God in ✝ Christ has forgiven you.
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.

cy. A - men.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain



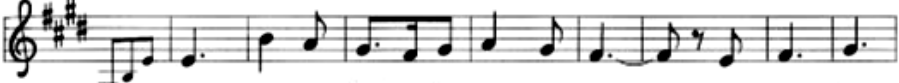
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion




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. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."
¹¹ For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴ I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20

¹² Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion,
¹³ **who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.**
¹⁴ God has established peace on your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
¹⁵ **God sends out a command to the earth,
a word that runs very swiftly.**
¹⁶ God gives snow like wool,
scattering frost like ashes.
¹⁷ **God scatters hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand against God's cold?**
¹⁸ The Lord sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.
¹⁹ **God declares the word to Jacob,
statutes and judgments to Israel.**
²⁰ The Lord has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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: John 1:1-18

The holy gospel according to St. John the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Of the Father's Love Begotten (ELW 295)



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have deem - been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
pect - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

A - men.

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,
God's light breaks through the darkness
to fill our lives with grace and truth.
This is the good news of Christmas;
that Christ came to show us
how to walk the path of wisdom enlightened by his love.
Let us pray for the church and the world.

As the reader closes each petition:

Light of the world,

The people respond:

shine in our lives.

O Great Mystery,
eternity entered time in your Word
and our lives are embraced within the compassion of your Word.
Open our hearts to the Wonder of your love.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.
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.

Lord Jesus Christ,

**your goodness to us is beyond the reaches of our imagination,
a fullness of love that embraces all of life.**

From you we have received grace upon grace.

Accept our offering for the sake of the world.

All that we have is yours,

and all we return to you is but a reflection of your love for us.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al-so with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

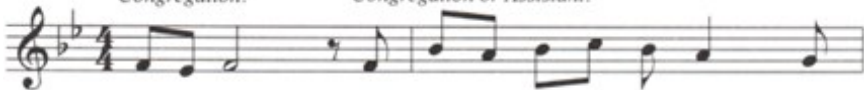
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
**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.

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

Now go forth in the grace of Christ,

the light of Christ,

and the love of Christ.

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:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (ELW 270)



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Jan 5, 2025

Altar: Lori Johnson

Reader: James Apronti

Communion Assistant:

James Apronti

Fellowship: Kris Oolman

NEXT SUNDAY — Jan 12, 2025

Altar: Lori Johnson

Reader: OPEN

Communion Assistant:

OPEN

Fellowship: OPEN

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Jan 5:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Jan 6:	9:00am 5:30pm	Becoming in Gruver Rm TheologyPUB @ Front Street Tavern
Wed, Jan 8:	10:00am	Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm
Thu, Jan 9:	11:45am	NO MUGG Campus Meeting
Sun, Jan 12:	9:00am 10:15am	Epiphany Sunday Worship Un-decorating in Sanctuary!

Epiphany Sunday Worship
January 12, 2025 + 9:00am

*We Too Have
a Star to Guide Us*



Mon, Jan 13:	9:00am	Becoming in Gruver Rm
Tue, Jan 14:	7:00pm	Church Council in Gruver Rm
Wed, Jan 15:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
Thu, Jan 16:	11:45am	NO MUGG Campus Meeting
Sun, Jan 19:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service Fellowship in Gruver Rm

Please bring your coffee and help us take
down the Christmas decorations!

Sunday January 12th,
after Worship



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