

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2016  
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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## Service of Lessons & Carols

To all who join in worship, we are happy that you are here!

- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform the pastor.

**WELCOME... We pray your worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.**

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### The Nativity of Our Lord:

*On a long winter evening we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ's body and blood—so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.*

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

*The assembly stands.*

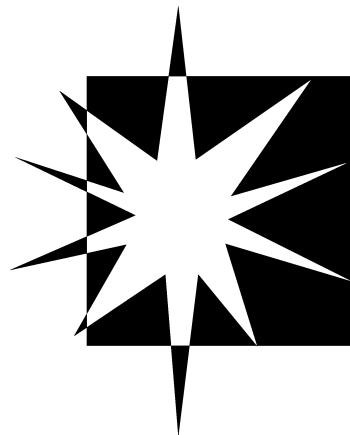
### GATHERING HYMN:

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (ELW 283)*

### 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.**



## **CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness,  
on them light has shined.

**We have beheld Christ's glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**In the Word was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.**

## **PRAYER**

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10**

**CAROL: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (ELW 272)**

**SECOND LESSON: Micah 5: 2-5a**

**CAROL: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (ELW 279)**

**THIRD LESSON: Luke 1:26-38**

**CAROL: "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness" (ELW 251)**

**FOURTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

*All children are welcome to come forward to hear a special message for them.*

**CAROL: "Away in a Manger" (ELW 277)**

## **FIFTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11**

**CAROL: “Angels We Have Heard on High” (ELW 289)**

### **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY HYMN: “What Child Is This” (ELW 296)**

*The assembly stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Good and loving God,  
we rejoice in the birth of Jesus,  
who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace.  
As you have blessed us with your gifts,  
let them be blessing for others.  
With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven,  
we shout for joy at the coming of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE 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.**

### **PREFACE**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### **LORD’S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.  
Let every heart receive your Savior.

## **COMMUNION**

*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 HYMNS:**

*“I Am So Glad” (ELW 271)*

*“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (ELW 282)*

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

*The assembly stands to receive the blessing.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

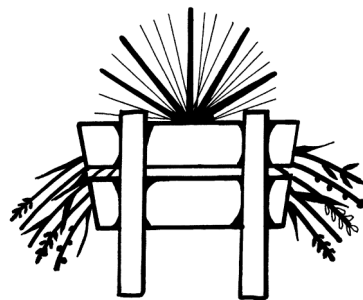
## **RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

Glory to God in the highest,  
**and peace to God’s people on earth.**

Blessed are you, Prince of peace.

You rule the earth with truth and justice.

**Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**



Blessed are you, Son of Mary.

You share our humanity.

**Have mercy on the sick, the dying,  
and all who suffer this day.**

Blessed are you, Son of God.

You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

**Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament  
that we may bear your light to all the world.**

## **BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,  
the obedience of Joseph,  
the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the determination of the magi,  
and the peace of the Christ child.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son,  
and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN:**

***“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (ELW 270)***

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the newborn Savior.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**



# Trinity This Week

**Sunday, Dec. 25**      9:00AM      Worship Service  
                                 10:15AM      Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School

**Monday, Dec. 26-30**      Church Office Closed—Secretary James back on Vacation

**Wednesday, Dec. 28**      No activities due to Christmas/New Years



**OUR SECRETARY IS ON VACATION** Secretary James would like everyone to know that he will be on vacation this holiday season. He left for Ohio to join his family for Christmas on December 19th and will be returning to the office on January 3rd. Also, the January Newsletter will be released on January 5th due to James' vacation.

**YOUTH GROUP STARTING** Becky Dill and Laura Buckner are starting a Youth Group here at Trinity. If you are interested in participating or helping out, please let Becky or Laura know.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE** 2017 Offering envelopes are now available on the table in the North Lobby of the Church! If you did not use envelopes in 2016 or you gave online, envelopes were not provided to you; however, if you need some, just let Parish Secretary James know and he will get you some right away! We thank all of you for your kindness, generosity, and for being a member in the Trinity family!

**2017 ANNUAL MEETING** The Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, January 29th, 2017, right after 9:00am worship service. Breakfast will be provided, and we have a lot of great things to cover, like Constitutional Revisions, the 2017 Budget, and determining what Trinity's core values are! We can't do this without you, so please plan on joining us if at all possible!

# Serving the Church

*TODAY—December 24, 2016*

- Preacher:** Ms. Andrea Toven
- Lector:** 5:00PM Lindsay Conyers  
9:00PM Judi Weatherwax
- Acolyte:** 5:00PM Rylie Heggie  
9:00PM Rebecca Lyford
- Ushers:** 5:00PM The Buckner Family  
9:00PM Diane Fiedler & Mike Smith
- Greeters:** 5:00PM OPEN  
9:00PM The Sherwoods & The Muhsmans
- Nursery:** 5:00PM OPEN  
9:00PM Kelcey Anderson
- Stewards:** Jody Moline & Diahann Jablin
- Altar Guild:** Debbe & Lindsay Conyers

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*This is Christ's church...*

*There is a place for you here.*