

Christmas Day
December 25, 2020
Trinity Lutheran Church
Hoyleton, IL

Preservice Music
Ringing of the Bells
Prelude

Opening Hymn: #367, "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

1 Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain

Come and worship, come and worship:
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

2 Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the Infant Light. *Refrain*

3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star. *Refrain*

4 Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear. *Refrain*

Stand

5 All creation, join in praising,
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One. *Refrain*

Welcome

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

+Confession and Absolution+

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and
confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins
and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and
justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.
But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of
them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for
the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and
death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious
and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a
called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the
grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the
command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins
in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy
Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit

P: For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given;

C: **and the government shall be upon his shoulder,**

P: and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
C: **Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P: Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
for He has done marvelous things!

C: **His right hand and His holy arm
have worked salvation for Him.**

P: The Lord has made known his salvation;

C: **he has revealed his righteousness
in the sight of the nations.**

P: He has remembered His steadfast love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C: **All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

C: **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given;

C: **and the government shall be upon his shoulder,**

P: and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

C: **Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Kyrie (sung)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

P: Glory be to God on high:

C: **And on earth peace, good-will toward men.**

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee

For Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
Receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
Have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost

Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten
Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, and Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Men's Choir: "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

Epistle Reading:

Hebrews 1:1-6

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

John 1:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the
virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Sermon Hymn: #387, "Joy to the World"

- 1 Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Sermon: "Repeat the Sounding Joy" - Isaiah 52:7-10

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each petition, the response will be:

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Sit

Offertory Hymn: #392, "God Loves Me Dearly"

- 1 God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation.
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

Refrain

Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

- 2 I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working To make me free. *Refrain*
- 3 He sent forth Jesus, My dear redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus, And set me free *Refrain*
- 4 Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. *Refrain*
- 5 Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You, All my life long. *Refrain*

Stand

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

Benediction

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you

and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you
peace.

C Amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn: #368, "Angels We Have Heard on High"

- 1 Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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- 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be

Which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

- 3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee

Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

Silent Prayer

+The Service of the Sacrament+

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Preface (sung)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary...
...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he,
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
That takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
That takest away the sin of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
That takest away the sin of the world,
Grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution

#379, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

1 O Come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
O Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, Born the king of angels:

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

2 Highest most holy, Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

3 Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, In the Highest: *Refrain*

4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory given!
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

#364, "Away in a Manger"

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head,
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay,

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.

I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

#380, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

- 1 Hark! The Herald Angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

- 2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord.
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel! *Refrain*
- 3 Hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,

Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth. *Refrain*

#370, "What Child is This"

- 1 What child is this, who laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!
- 2 Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, Fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!
- 3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!

#358, "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

- 1 "From heav'n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev'ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:

- 2 “To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth.
- 3 “This is the Christ, our God Most High,
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.
- 4 “He will on you the gifts bestow
Prepared by God for all below,
That in His kingdom, bright and fair,
You may with us His glory share.
- 5 “These are the signs that you shall mark:
The swaddling clothes and manger dark.
There you will find the infant laid
By whom the heav’ns and earth were made.
- 6 How glad we’ll be to find it so!
Then with the shepherds let us go
To see what God for us has done
In sending us His own dear Son.
- 7 Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,
And see what in the manger lies.
Who is this child, so young and fair?
It is the Christ Child lying there.
- 8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
Through whom the sinful world is blest!
You came to share my misery
That You might share Your joy with me.
- 9 Ah, Lord, though You created all,
How weak You are, so poor and small,
That you should choose to lay Your head

Where lowly cattle lately fed!

- 10 Were earth a thousand times as fair
And set with gold and jewels rare,
It would be far too poor and small
A cradle for the Lord of all.
- 11 Instead of soft and silken stuff
You have but hay and straw so rough
On which as King, so rich and great,
To be enthroned in royal state.
- 12 And so it pleases You to see
This simple truth revealed to me:
That worldly honor, wealth and might
Are weak and worthless in Your sight.
- 13 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A quiet chamber set apart
For You to dwell within my heart.
- 14 My heart for very joy must leap,
My lips no more can silence keep.
I, too, must sing with joyful tongues
That sweetest ancient cradlesong:
- 15 Glory to God in the highest heav’n
Who unto us His Son has giv’n!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.
- Nunc Dimittis (sung)**
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
According to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
A light to lighten the Gentiles

**And the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

Post-Communion Collect

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C: **And His mercy endureth forever.**

P: Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon You
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace.

C: **Amen, amen, amen!**

Postlude

Prayers of the Church

+Health: Thretta Hassell, Ferris Kasten, Bill Leutner, Helena Quaid, Esther Schaeffer, Bessie Sprehe, Brian Suedmeyer, Betty Weihe, Don Schneewind (father of Pam Bierbaum), Cheryl Krueger, Sam Smith, Bob Thorson, Janell Small, Deb (Ron) Holle, Ronnie Jolliff, Beulah Holle, Amy Hafford, Janet Selle, Alma Muentner, LaVerne Thorson, Carlene Michael, Richard McGee, Teddy Meyer, Verdell Krueger, Leon Kuhl, Marvin Dannamann, Linda Renth (mother of MaryBeth Suedmeyer), Daryll Brammeier, Todd Twenhafel, Matthew Groh (cousin of Celeste Rueter), Jean Sergent (cousin to Rueter family), Reba Deeke (grandmother to Frankie Warren), and all cancer patients

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher & Liturgist: Rev. Nathan Wollenberg

Organist: Kathy Unverfehrt

Acolytes: Hannah McKinney and Addie Grote

Elders: Tony Guinzy and Bill Hafford

Trinity Lutheran Faculty and Staff would like to wish you all a Very Safe, Blessed, and Merry Christmas. Thank you for all of your continued support and dedication given to the school, students, and faculty through-out the year.

In this weeks Sunday school lesson, “A Nativity Night,” Mary and Joseph travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where a simple stable serves as the birthplace for the promised Christ Child. Angelic hosts announce the birth of the Savior to ordinary shepherds, who hasten to worship the child. Having seen the Savior in the flesh, the shepherds quickly spread the news of His birth. Ask one another, “How can we share the message of the birth of the Savior today?”

The Trinity Lutheran Children’s Virtual Christmas Service is available to stream live on facebook.

No School December 21 - January 3 / classes will resume on January 4 at 8:10am.

School Chapel on Wednesday mornings second quarter chapel offices went to help the Washington County Irvington Food Pantry. We collected a total of 2,367 points of cash and non-perishable items. Thank you for all the donations.

Please note that the New Year's Eve and New Year's Day will be identical services. New Year's Eve service will be Thursday, December 31 beginning at 7:00pm and New Year's Day Friday, January 1 beginning at 9:30am.

December is not only the end of the year but also the end of our fiscal church year. As we close this year we would like to remind you that our final money count for December and for the year will be on Monday the 28th. New Year's Eve offering can't be deposited until January so they will be recorded for 2021. If you are giving in December and want the amount to be reflected for the year 2020, please try and get it to church or the church office by December 28th. Our bookkeeping programs that are used make this a little more inconvenient for some of you and we thank you for your consideration. Thank you all for so faithfully giving during this difficult time. God's Blessings to you as this year ends and the New Year begins.

If you are wanting to receive communion during this time we ask that you please contact the church office or Pastor Wollenberg to set up an appointment.

Just a note about Sunday school gathering in the next few weeks: Sunday school will continue as long as "in person worship" gathers in the sanitary. Pastor will dismiss the students before announcements. Teachers and students gather in the Activity Center close to 10:30 and classes dismiss near 11:05. Looking forward to sharing this Advent Season with our Sunday school families. All Sunday school children will enter the Activity Center through the south entrance doors utilizing the ramp. The Little Lambs three year old class will be in the 2nd grade class room upstairs. The PreK - First Grade class will be in the 7&8 grade classroom. This is different from past weeks, and will be continued in the future. All children will gather in the Activity Center at 11:05 to be picked up.

Stream our services LIVE on Sundays beginning at 9:30am. You may go to [facebook.com/tlshoyleton](https://www.facebook.com/tlshoyleton). For those who don't have facebook the audio and video will be posted on our website trinityhoyleton.org around 11:30am.