

Second Sunday after Christmas
January 3, 2021
Trinity Lutheran Church
Hoyleton, IL

Preservice Music

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

Opening Hymn: #389, "Let All Together Praise Our God"

- 1 Let all together praise our God
Before His glorious throne;
Today He opens heav'n again
To give us His own Son,
To give us His own Son.
- 2 He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne,
Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone,
Lies in a humble stall,
Lies in a humble stall.
- 3 Within an earthborn form He hides
His all-creating light;
To serve us all He humbly cloaks
The splendor of His might,
The splendor of His might.
- 4 He undertakes a great exchange,
Puts on our human frame,
And in return gives us His realm,
His glory, and His name,
His glory, and His name.
- 5 He is a servant, I a lord:
How great a mystery!
How strong the tender Christ Child's love!
No truer friend than He,
No truer friend than He.

- 6 He is the key and He the door
To blessed paradise;
The angel bars the way no more.
To God our praises rise,
To God our praises rise.

Stand

- 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,
Lord Jesus, we adore
And praise to God the Father yield
And spirit evermore;
And spirit evermore.

Welcome

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

+Confession and Absolution+

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that**

we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory,

**C: Glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

P: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

C: For it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

P: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

C: His understanding is beyond measure.

P: But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

C: In those who hope in His steadfast love.

P: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

C: Praise your God, O Zion!

**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: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory,

**C: Glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

Kyrie (sung)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis:

P: Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to His people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father;
We worship You, we give You thanks,**

We praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;

Receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen

Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Sit

Old Testament Reading:

1 Kings 3:4-15

⁴ And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴ And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵ And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of

the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

P: To 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, Mighty God,

C: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P: Sing to the Lord a new song,

C: for he has done marvelous things!

Epistle 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 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed 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 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed

with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia

Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

Luke 2:40-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁰ And the child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹ And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them and came

to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Sit

Sermon Hymn: #850, "God of Grace and God of Glory"

1. God of grace and God of glory,
On thy people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us,
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

Sit

Sermon: "Wise Beyond His Years" - 1 Kings 3:4-15

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each petition, the response will be:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Sit

Offertory: #725, "Children of the Heavenly Father"

1 Children of the Heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;

Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given

2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

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: #738, "Lord of All Hopefulness"

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Silent Prayer

The Second Sunday after Christmas

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As We Gather: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.

Welcome to Trinity! May the Spirit of our God strengthen your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ through this service. We ask that everyone, especially our guests, would sign the attendance pad in the pew, and that guests would leave their address so that we may thank you for worshipping with us. We are happy that you have joined us, and we invite you to worship with us again and often! (Cards in the pew are for those receiving Holy Communion.)

Prayers of the Church

+care facilities: Thretta Hassell, Ferris Kasten, Bill Leutner, Helena Quaid, Esther Schaeffer, Bessie Sprehe, Brian Suedmeyer, Bob Thorson, LaVerne Thorson, Betty Weihe

+recovering from surgery: Don Schneewind (father of Pam Bierbaum)

+hospitalized: Linda Renth (mother of MaryBeth Suedmeyer)

+ongoing health: Norma Tucker, Cheryl Krueger, Amy Hafford, Sam Smith, Janell Small, Ronnie Jolliff, Beulah Holle, Janet Selle, Alma Muentner, Carlene Michael, Richard McGee, Teddy Meyer, Verdell Krueger, Leon Kuhl, Marvin Dannamann, 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

+birthdays: Brooke Bowman, Joseph Warren (January 3), Norman Huga (January 5), Cindy Kasten (January 6), James Kroeger (January 7)

+celebrating anniversaries: Norman and Sharon Kasten (January 7)

+mission in ministry: Rev. Hans Trinklein / South Korea and SID Circuit Congregation Trinity Lutheran Nashville

+those currently serving in our nation's Armed Forces: Michael Guinzy (Georgia), Daniel Huga (Texas), Brett Hanenberger (Nebraska), Jesse Muentner (Texas), Chase Bourgeois (California), Issac Quaid (Guam), Patty Heard-Mann (Utah), Robert Agan (South Dakota), Austin Alsept (Germany), Cody Rhine (Italy), Ward Agan (Hawaii), Caitlyn Aussieker (Japan), Colby Aussieker (Alaska), Erik Harkness (State of Washington), Daniel Finley Brink (Colorado),

Joyce Harkness (Germany), Tanya Alsept (Montana), Shaylin Quaid (Ukraine), Alex Klie (Alaska)

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher & Liturgist: Rev. Nathan Wollenberg

Organist: Kathy Unverfehrt

Acolytes: Annie Zalos and Timmy Meyer

Elder: Tony Guinzy

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

The family of Roy Bachmann wishes to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Thank you to my family, Pastor Nate, and all my Trinity family for the prayers, cards, messages, and calls regarding my surgery and recovery. Your acts of kindness are appreciated and brightened my days. To God be the glory for His healing powers. *Janell Small*

The Altar Guild ask that today, please pick up your Poinsettia following church. If you cannot make it at this time, the church will be open during the week of January 4 from 8:00am - 4:00pm.

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

There's still some frozen cooked sausage links (8 links / \$9.50) to purchase. Stop by the school / church office from 8:00am - 4:00pm Monday - Friday.

Classes will resume Monday, January 4 beginning at 8:10am with a 2:45pm Dismissal.

Ladies aid Meeting Tuesday, January 5 beginning at 7:00pm in the activity center so social distancing can be observed.

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. Trinity Lutheran's third quarter chapel offerings will go to help support the "Hearts For Jesus" Program.

Women's Bible Study Wednesday, January 6 beginning at 7:00pm on the stage area where social distancing will be observed.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study resumes on January 12 at 7PM in the sanctuary. Our first session will be a final recap and conclusion of the "Death, Heaven, Resurrection, and New Creation" study which was left unfinished in November. Then, beginning January 19, there will be a four-session study of St. John's epistles! Join us, either in-person or online as we grow in God's Word during the Epiphany season!

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. For those who don't have facebook the audio and video will be posted on our website trinityhoyleton.org around 11:30am.

Looking ahead for the annual voter's meeting, if reports could be turned into the church office by January 15 that would be greatly appreciated. I would like to print and mail the reports the week of January 18.

Please remember to continue to give your offerings. You may do so by dropping it off in the church office Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm or mailing it to Trinity Lutheran Church PO Box 176 Hoyleton, Il. 62803.

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions are due at the cost of \$18. Payments can be dropped off or mailed to the church office, or placed in the offering basket at church.

Gift cards are available! Stop by the school office and pick up a form to see what all is available. Cards are available to purchase for your last-minute shopping for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, or just every day shopping through-out the year.

Sunday Worship Services...As the Southern Illinois region proceeded to Phase 3, Pastor Wollenberg and the Board of Elders have decided to retain the church services to **75 people**. In order to adhere to the government's restrictions, we will be asking members to register ahead of time. The preferred registration option will be online. Please look for a link on our Facebook page (facebook.com/tlshoyleton) or on our website (trinityhoyleton.org). Alternatively, you may call the church office and sign up with our church and school secretary, Jane Michael. We will continue to take registrations from Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm. When you come to your scheduled service, please wear a mask or facial covering. If you do not have one, there will be some made available at church, along with hand sanitizer. If we decide to make any adjustments or changes, we will certainly let you know. Please contact the office with any questions.

The fourth stage of the LCMS Gift Planning counselor is call "implementation." This is where the counselor helps to make sure that all the pieces are in place, all documents are signed, and beneficiary designations are correct. The counselor will not quit until your plan really is in place and is your helper throughout the process. To get your Lifetime Plan for Giving started, contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information.

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Programs are archived at KFUE.org for 24/7 on-demand listening or AM850 on your radio. **This week on KFUE.org**, we celebrate our Savior's birth during the 12 Days of Christmas with music, prayer, and scripture, with regular programming resuming January 7. We are excited to welcome Rev. Brady Finner as the host for Thy Strong Word, airing weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT.

Life Quotes: God is not just our God or the God of just our people or just our nation or our congregation or our denomination or our demographic category of our tribe or our ethnicity or our language. There is no justice if it's just about just us. No, God is the God of all time and all space and all people. In Christ, all things hang together. Step into your new year with this fresh recognition that the Holy Spirit wants to fill every nook and cranny of your life until you overflow with God's everlasting love for everybody.

About the Bulletin Cover: Jesus increased in wisdom. In His divine nature, the Son of God has all knowledge and wisdom. He has no need for anyone to teach Him and yet in humility deigns to become a child, taking on our human nature. So, according to His humility, He grows in wisdom. Jesus has become like us, except without sin, in order to redeem the whole of who we are.