

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



**TO US, A SAVIOR IS BORN!**

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

**5:00 PM**

## **Prelude**

### **Proclamation of the Birth of Christ**

**\*Processional Carol:** *Once in Royal David's City* #269

#### **\*Opening Dialog:**

Leader: The light shines in the darkness,

**Congregation: and the darkness has not overcome it.**

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**C: and we have beheld Christ's glory.**

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

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

**\*Hymn:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #283

Pastor: Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! 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.**

#### **Prayer of the Day:**

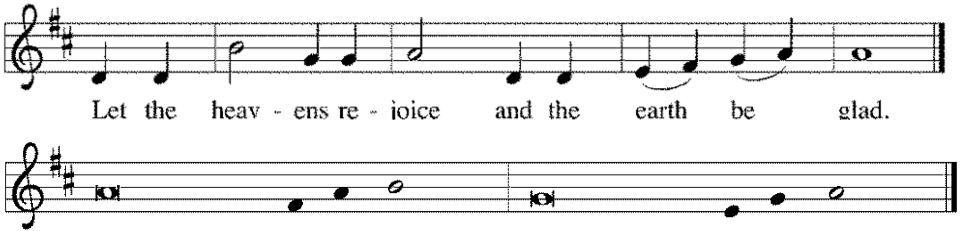
**Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Special Music:** *The First Noel* Alleluia Choir

**First Reading:** Isaiah 9.2-7 555 in the black pew Bible

**Hymn:** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #279

## Psalm 96



<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD | a new song;

sing to the LORD, | all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;  
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

<sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations  
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

<sup>4</sup>**For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,  
more to be feared | than all gods. R**

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;  
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;  
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.

<sup>8</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;  
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD. R**

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;  
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.

<sup>10</sup>**Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!  
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be  
moved will judge the peo- | ples with equity."**

<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful  
and all that | is therein.

<sup>12</sup>**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your  
com- | ing, O LORD,  
for you come to | judge the earth.**

<sup>13</sup>You will judge the | world with righteousness  
and the peoples | with your truth. **R**

**Second Reading: Titus 2.11-14 969 in the black pew Bible**

**Hymn: *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* #282**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 2.1-20 832 in the black pew Bible**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the second chapter;

**Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The good news proclaimed to all the earth!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn: *Away in a Manger* #277**

**Sermon**

**Hymn: *Love Has Come* #292**

**\*The Nicene Creed:**

**We believe in on God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*The Prayers**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy;

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Let us bring our prayers for the church, all creation, and the needs of the world before God.

*A brief silence.*

**From the Assembly:** Let us pray for the church, that congregations everywhere will be heralds of good tidings, proclaiming the good news of Jesus' birth to all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** Let us pray for creation, that people throughout the world will be good stewards, so that the seas roar, the fields exult, and the trees sing their praises to God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** Let us pray for the nations of the world, that all those in power will seek to establish justice and righteousness throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** Let us pray for all in any difficulty or trouble: for those without family or companionship; for those living without hope; for those suffering from abuse; for the sick (*especially*); that the light of Christ will shine on them and break the yoke of their oppression. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** Let us pray for this congregation, that through our liturgies and songs all who participate in worship will encounter more deeply the gift of God's love shown in Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** Let us give thanks for the saints throughout the ages, who gave glory and praise to God in their lives on earth, who with the angels offer full and perfect praise in heaven. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Rejoicing in your glory revealed to the world, we offer these and all our prayers to you, O God of our salvation, through Christ our light. **Amen.**

## Meal

### **\*The Peace:**

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord, be with all of you;

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**Offering: *He Came Down***

**#253**

### **\*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.**

### **\*Great Thanksgiving:**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join the unending hymn.

**Congregation:** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* #270

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*The Lord's Prayer:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

**Communion:** *This holy meal is God's good and gracious gift for all! Please come forward at the direction of the ushers, receiving first the bread and then the wine, and then proceeding back to your seats. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.*

**Hymns sung during distribution:** 274, 276, 295, 298

**Prayer after Communion:**

Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **Service of Light**

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who led your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may his Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

**\*Candles are lit.** *Ushers will light the candles next to the aisles. Pass the flame along the pews by holding lighted candles upright and tipping unlighted candles into the flame next to you. Please hold all lighted candles upright.*

**Special Music: *One Candle Lights the Way* Alleluia Choir**

**\*Hymn (when all candles are lit): *Silent Night* #281**

## **Sending**

### **\*Blessing:**

God most high, God with us, God poured out on us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Hymn: *Angels We Have Heard on High* #289**

### **\*Sending:**

Go in peace, Christ is with you! **Thanks be to God!**