

BALDWIN FAMILY

**In Honor** of Friends and Family.

TRACY, ROB & GARRISON BENNETT

**In Memory** of our Travis Bennett, father of Rob.

MARGOT BIRKHOLZ

**In Memory** of Paul & Dan Birkholz.

DEBBE, J.T. & HEATHER AND LINDSAY CONYERS

**In Honor** of Lily and Mason Conyers.

PETE & JOAN DANA.

**In Memory** of Leonard Nelson (brother).

TOM & BEV GOSSETT.

**In Memory** of Ellie Gossett & Bob Lohmann.

KLAUS & JAN HANSON

**In Honor** of our children & grandchildren: Carrie, Micha, Steffi, Jared, Sonja, Lukas, Livvie & Jon.

SHIRLEY HEGGIE & FAMILY

**In Memory** of Butch Heggie.

CARLOS & MARION KLINGER

**In Honor** of Max, Suzanne and David Klinger.

LYNN LOEHR

**In Memory** of Nicole Huebner—gone to heaven but forever in our hearts.

ERIC NYE & CAROL FROST

**In Memory** of Mary Ney, mother & grandmother.

WARREN, PHYLLIS & LAURA RICKLEFS

**In Memory** of Charles Ricklefs, Norman & Mary Frances Ricklefs, and Raymond and Betty Eason.

RALPH & JUDY ROHR

**In Honor** of our children and grandchildren: Amy, Lee, Declan, Wyatt & Garland Castello; Eric, Lara Azar, Jonas & Isabelle Rohr.

ALAN & BOBBIE SCHIMEK

**In Memory** of Laverne Schimek and Ann & Vince Sachse and our grandparents.

**In Honor** Al's dad, Robert Schimek and our children: Tory, Jennifer, Gavin Avery, Eric & Tanya.

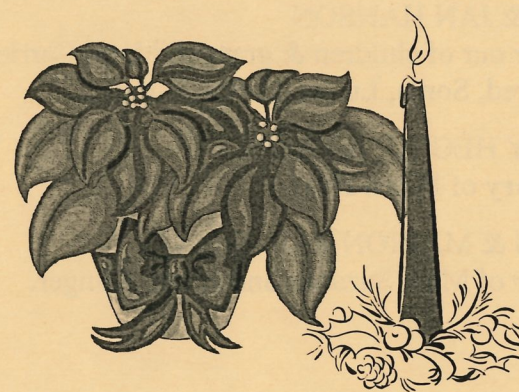
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**In Memory** of Gil & Ialene Engen.



OUR CHRISTMAS MEMORY  
GARDEN

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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**\*NICENE CREED:**

We believe in one 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

**OFFERING:**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER:**

OFFERTORY: “See in Yonder Manger Low” J. Goss, arr. W. L. Pelz  
“The First Nowell” English Traditional, arr. H. Gehrke

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*(Silence for reflection)*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**  
**We confess that we have turned from you**  
**and given ourselves into the power of sin.**  
**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**  
**In your compassion forgive us our sins,**  
**known and unknown,**  
**things we have done**  
**and things we have failed to do.**  
**Turn us again to you,**  
**and uphold us by your Spirit,**  
**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**


God, who is rich in mercy,  
loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.  
By grace we have been saved.  
In the name of + Jesus Christ,  
our sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.  
**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.**



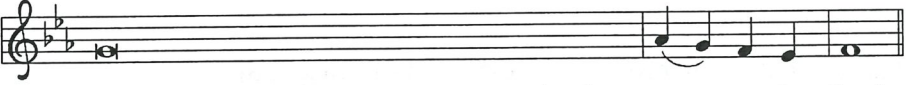
\*Kyrie




In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



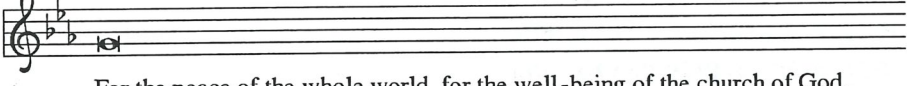
Lord, have mer - cy.




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




Lord, have mer - cy.



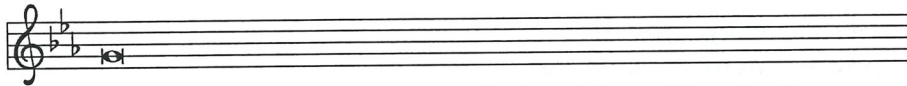
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.




For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,




let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men, a - men.

\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:1–20

Glory to you, O Lord.

*God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" <sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN: “Angels We Have Heard on High”

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SERMON: “You Gotta Take Our Angels Seriously”

Luke 2:1-20

Pastor Rohr

HYMN: “I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve”

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The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved  
will judge the peo-<sup>1</sup>ples with equity."

<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the<sup>1</sup> earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;  
let the field be joyful and all that<sup>1</sup> is therein.

<sup>12</sup>Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com-<sup>1</sup>ing, O LORD,  
for you come to<sup>1</sup> judge the earth.

<sup>13</sup>You will judge the<sup>1</sup> world with righteousness  
and the peoples<sup>1</sup> with your truth.

Glory be to the Father and<sup>1</sup> to the Son:  
and to the<sup>1</sup> Holy Spirit;

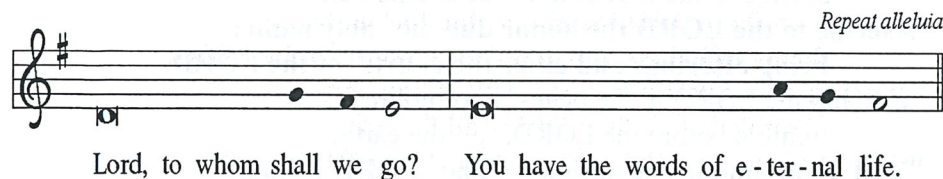
As it was in the beginning, is now and e-<sup>1</sup>ver shall be:  
world without end.<sup>1</sup> Amen.

## SECOND LESSON: Titus 2:11-14

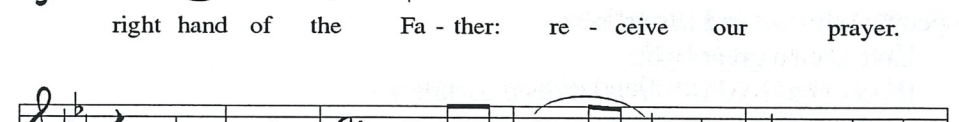
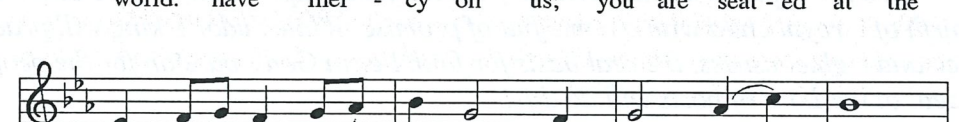
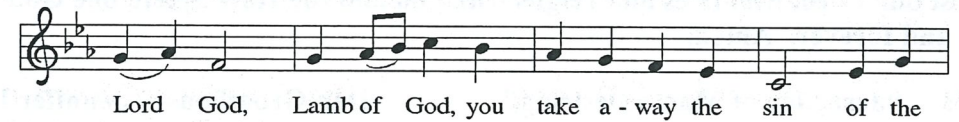
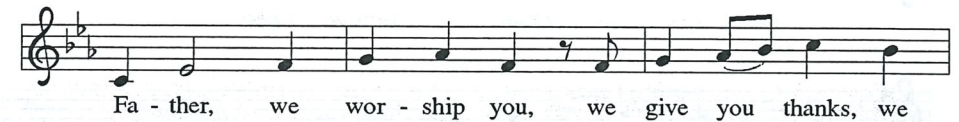
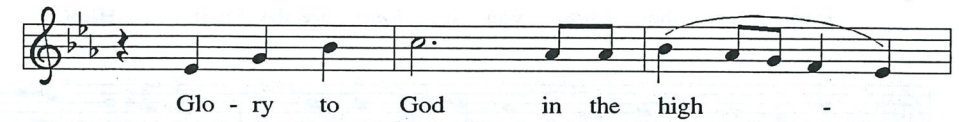
*The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.*

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

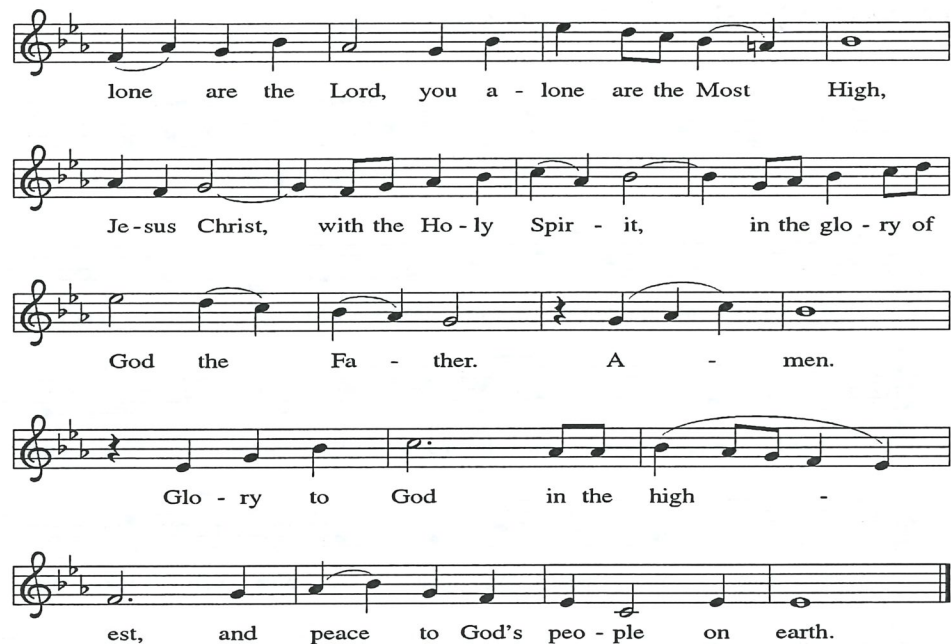
## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



## \*HYMN OF PRAISE: *Glory to God..*







**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:** (In unison)

Let us pray.

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.

**ANTHEM:** "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

Dan Groathouse / Jennifer Lyford  
J. S. Bach, arr. A. Campbell

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 9:2–7

*This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!*

- <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —  
on them light has shined.
- <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**PSALM:** 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.
- <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.
- <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!"

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.....**Judy Rohr**  
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Monday, December 24, 2012—Christmas Eve  
9:00 p.m.

\*Standing

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*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.*

**PRELUDE:** “Christmas Eve Medley” (See Insert)  
**Danial Groathouse, piano/organ; Jennifer Lyford, violin**

## WELCOME AND SERVICE OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

**\*HYMN:** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #283

## \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## \*CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY: “Create in Me . . .”

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your  
pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re -  
store un-to me the joy of your sal-va-tion,

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Filled with expectation and longing, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*\*A brief silence.*

You are full of tender compassion. Strengthen your church that we might endure the day of your coming and stand when you appear at the end of time. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your dawn from on high breaks upon us. Prepare the earth itself for your coming, that the valleys, the mountains, and the wilderness might sing your praise. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**



You guide our feet into the way of peace. Give wisdom to presidents, prime ministers, legislatures, and judges in all nations, especially nations at war. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give light to those who sit in darkness. We lift up those without homes or jobs, those dying of malaria or cancer, those who long for forgiveness, and the sick and suffering. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You come to your people and set us free. As we are strengthened and sent out from this assembly, help us prepare your way in our daily lives. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*\*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We thank you for the witnesses who have gone before us. Help our love to overflow more and more until the day all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and in your mercy grant us all we need, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

<b>Our Father, who art in heaven,</b>	<b>as we forgive those</b>
<b>hallowed be thy name,</b>	<b>who trespass against us;</b>
<b>thy kingdom come,</b>	<b>and lead us not into temptation,</b>
<b>thy will be done,</b>	<b>but deliver us from evil.</b>
<b>on earth as it is in heaven.</b>	<b>For thine is the kingdom,</b>
<b>Give us this day our daily bread;</b>	<b>and the power, and the glory,</b>
<b>and forgive us our trespasses,</b>	<b>forever and ever. Amen.</b>

**\*BLESSING:**

**PARISH SHARING TIME:**

**SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING: “Silent Night” #281**

**\*HYMN: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” #288**

**\*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES . . . HYMN CHIME:**

**\*POSTLUDE: “In dulci jubilo” (BWV 720) J. S. Bach**  
**“Personent Hodie” Piaa Contones, 1582 arr. by G. Holst & K. Sadowski**

