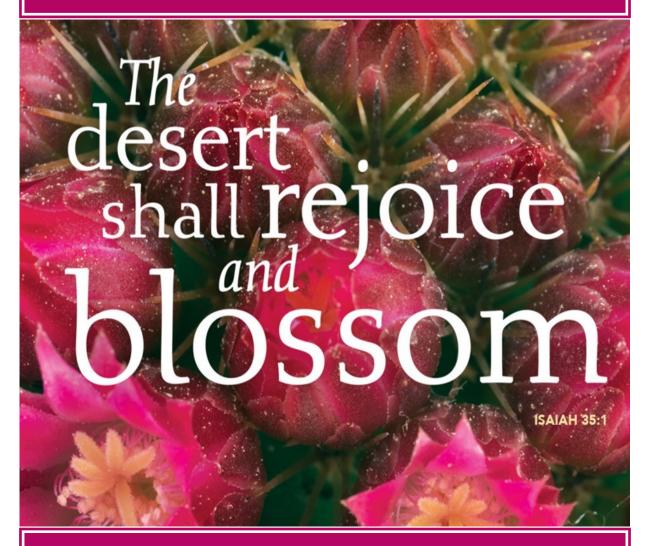
# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

# Sunday, December 11, 2016 Service of Holy Eucharist & Children's Program—Setting 3 "Just a Little Christmas"

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

- We invite all believers in Christ to receive the Sacrament with us. White grape juice is available in the glass chalice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would like us to bring the bread and wine to you, please notify one of the ushers.
- 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.
- Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.

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

#### **Third Sunday of Advent:**

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom. Jesus points to signs of God's reign: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

# **PRELUDE**

# WELCOME

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins. In the name of the Father.

and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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. *The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.* 

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

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

Amen.

The assembly stands.

GATHERING HYMN: "Hark, the Glad Sound!" (ELW 239)

# **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.** 

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day. Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

#### "Just A Little Christmas"

The assembly sings with the program as instructed by the narrators.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (ELW 279) - Verses 1 & 2

"Away in a Manger" (ELW 277) - Children Verse 1, Congregation All Other

"The First Noel" (ELW 300) - Verses 1 & 2

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" (ELW 282) - Verses 1, 2, & 4

"The First Noel" (ELW 300) - Verses 3, 4, & 5

"Silent Night" (ELW 281) - All Verses

#### 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.

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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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need.

# A brief silence.

For the church and all messengers of the gospel, for all who call upon the name of the Lord, and for congregations throughout the world; that God work through us to bring harmony and reconciliation, let us pray.

#### Have mercy, O God.

For rain forests and deserts, for wilderness and developed land, and for plants blossoming and dormant; that the splendor and diversity of creation proclaim the glory of the Lord, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.** 

For our government, for the military and international relief workers, and for those who care for the stranger, widow, and orphan; that God raise up leaders who work for the protection of all, let us pray.

## Have mercy, O God.

For the hungry and homeless, for those in captivity, for the fearful and sorrowful, for those living with HIV/AIDS, and for the sick, especially for Bobbie Schimek; Pastor Rachel Larson; Ed Hiller; Rylie Heggie; Shirley Heggie; Linda Anderson; Lindsey Meyer; Eleanore Barrett; and the family of Norma Deibert, that those who help others serve with patience and grace, let us pray.

## Have mercy, O God.

For all who call this community home, for those visiting from near and far, and for those preparing for the holiday season, that the advent of Christ make our hearts and minds rejoice, let us pray.

# Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for the departed who were faithful to God's word; that their words and actions direct us to the one who prepares a way for us, let us pray.

## Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to you, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior.

Amen.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

#### **OFFERING**

# OFFERTORY HYMN: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" (ELW 182)

The assembly stands and sings the offertory hymn as the gifts are brought forward.

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the prayer.

Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new

and our lives reveal your light. **Amen.** 

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

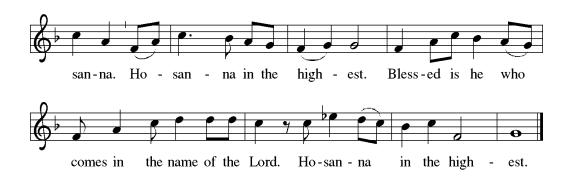
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PREFACE**

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.



### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast of salvation.

## **COMMUNION**

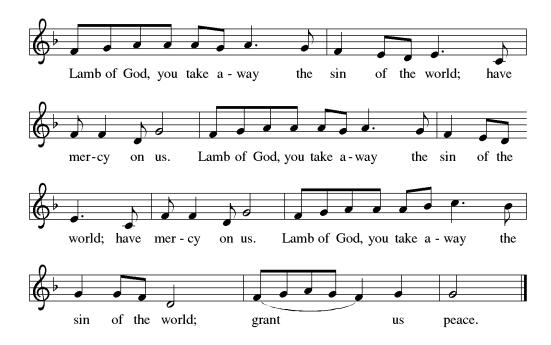
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

#### LAMB OF GOD



## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN:**

"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness" (ELW 251)

"'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" (ELW 284)

# 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.** 

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads the prayer.

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

Amen.

## PARISH SHARING TIME

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.

# SENDING HYMN: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (ELW 290)

The assembly stands.

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**



# Trinity This Week

Sunday, Dec. 11	9:00AM 10:15AM 4:00PM	Worship Service & Children's Program Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School Girl Scouts Meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 13	7:00PM	Church Council Meeting (All are welcome!)
Wednesday, Dec. 14	10:00AM 6:00PM 6:30PM 7:00PM 7:00PM	Women's Bible Study WEE! Dinner WEE! Education Confirmation Class Trinity Choir Rehearsal

<u>BIRTHDAYS!</u> David Reif (12/14), Jamie Rhodine (12/14), MaryGrace Buckner (12/15), Keith Ensley (12/16), and Rebecca Lyford (12/17).

<u>PLEASE REACH OUT TO OUR SHUT-INS</u> Our shut-in members would love to hear from you, so please feel free to send them a letter or stop in for a visit. They are: Ed Dolan, Joan Dana, Bob Thymian, Jane Kidwell, Addie Hopper, and Daniel Travsky.

**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.

<u>OUR SECRETARY WILL BE ON VACATION</u> Secretary James would like everyone to know that he will be on vacation this holiday season. He will be leaving for Ohio to join his family for Christmas on December 19th and will be returning to the office on January 3rd. Please have all special music anthems, announcements, and Christmas/New Years information to him by December 12th, if at all possible! Also, the January Newsletter will be released on January 5th due to James' vacation.

STAR OF THE MAGI The book of Matthew describes a "star that rose in the East" as leading "magi" to the birthplace of Jesus. Could this star, depicted in artwork for nearly two thousand years, have been an astronomical event? A supernova? A comet? A planetary conjunction with great significance? Come speculate and learn about the heavens and wonder as astronomer Chip Kobulnicky presents some celestial possibilities that may underlie this storied event. Join us at The University of Wyoming Harry C. Vaughn Planetarium Saturday, December 17th, at 4pm and 7pm. For advance tickets (highly recommended), call the Physics & Astronomy Office, 766-6150, or buy online at <a href="http://www.uwyo.edu/physics">http://www.uwyo.edu/physics</a>. Tickets are \$4.00 per person with children under 5 free.

#### **Texts for Next Week:**

First Reading—Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm—Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Second Reading—Romans 1:1-7 Gospel Reading—Matthew 1:18-25

# MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM TRINITY LUTHERAN!

We invite you to join us this holiday season as we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Saturday, December 24th, 5:00PM Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols with Communion

> Saturday, December 24th, 9:00PM Christmas Eve Worship Service

> Sunday, December 25th, 9:00AM Christmas Day Celebration Service

# THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED TODAY!

Trinity would like to thank everyone that participated in today's amazing Children's Program, "Just a Little Christmas", by Susan Howell & Sharon Kay Chatwell!

Narrators: ...... Caroline Bredehoft, Trey Muhsman, & Paysen Witte

Reader:.....Lauren Frick

Mary:..... Ashtyn Witte

Joseph: ..... Ben Bredehoft

Angel Gabriel:.... MacKenzie Muhsman

Emp. Caesar: .... Madie Jablin

Soldiers: ..... MaryGrace Buckner & Lauren Frick

Shepherds:..... Carl Buckner & Eli Jablin

Angels:.....Lily Conyers, Taitem Zenor, & Tenleigh Zenor

Wise Men:.....Stephen Boss, Mark Lyford, & Mark Stayton

King Herod: ..... Katherine Jablin

Special thanks goes to Becky Dill and Jennifer Zenor for directing the program, Kris Oolman for the yummy cookies, and Judy Moline for her leadership!

# **Serving the Church**

THIS WEEK—December 11, 2016 NEXT WEEK—December 18, 2016

**Preacher:** Ms. Andrea Toven/Children's Prog. **Preacher:** Ms. Andrea Toven

**Lector:** 9:00AM Thom Edgar **Lector:** 9:00AM Maia Anderson

Acolyte: 9:00AM Kent Henry Acolyte: 9:00AM Carl Buckner

**Ushers:** 9:00AM The Conyers **Ushers:** 9:00AM Jason & Trey

Family Sherwood

**Greeters:** 9:00AM Iris Brunett **Greeters:** 9:00AM The Anderson

Barb Rouse Family

Nursery: 9:00AM Derk Lyford Nursery: 9:00AM Kate Jablin

**Stewards:** Judy Moline & Diahann Jablin

Altar Guild: Debbe & Lindsay Conyers

**Coffee Fellowship:** The Oolman Family

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