

Gathering Music

Trinity Welcome and Announcements

Thought for the Day

“Each year some new heart finally hears, finally sees, finally knows love. And in heaven there is great rejoicing! The Child is born anew and one more knee is bowed”
-Ann Weems

Call to Worship

L: Silent night, holy night,
C: Behold the wonder, born in light.
L: Born a child, yet a king,
C: A promise fulfilled, the angels sing.
L: Sing of love, sing of life,
C: The Prince of Peace shall end all strife.

Opening Carol Medley

#283 “O Come All Ye Faithful” vs. 1 & 2

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:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

#270 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” vs 1 & 3

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”

Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

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 we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Christmas Prayer

L: Holy God, we bow in your presence celebrating the humility of our Savior Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, who became human to die as our Savior. He makes our bodies holy because he came in the flesh. He makes this life sacred because he fills us with his Spirit. He makes this life meaningful because he teaches us how to live. Thank you for the Word made flesh, and we pray in his name.

C: Amen.

Christmas Confession

L: O God, whose wondrous love took the form of a little boy;

C: We confess, honestly and sadly, how we have failed to understand the value of this gift.

L: We fail to think about the fact that in this child you give us your son, your only son,

C: We forget that we do not deserve such a priceless gift.

L: Help us this year to begin to understand the gift you are giving.

C: Offered to us again and again, freely and gladly, in the form of a little boy.

L: Let us cherish this gift always.

C: And help us to share the gift freely with the world through our love. Amen.

The Good News of Christmas

L: Rejoice with great joy, for, behold, God is with us. Jesus has come to set us free and to make us a holy people, sent to bring the message of hope and life to a troubled world. We are loved, forgiven, and freed! So again, we say...rejoice!

THE CHRISTMAS SCRIPTURE IN WORD AND MUSIC

The Coming of the King

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You 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. ⁴For 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. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For 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. ⁷His 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.

Hymn

#279 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv’n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav’n.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

Children’s Message

Pastor Robb Kosky

The Christmas Gospel

Luke 2:1-7

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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.

#296 "What Child is This" vs 1&2

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!

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!

Luke 2:8-20

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Hymn

#300 “The First Noel” vs 1 & 5

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wisemen three, full rev'rently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence their gold and myrrh, and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

Christmas Meditation

Pastor Robb Kosky

The Hymn of the Day

#292 “Love Has Come”

Love has come a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Love is born! Come, share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Christmas Prayer

P: Holy God, in a manger we see your love, and we will never be the same, never alone, never forgotten. We have your peace tonight, your joy forever, and your constant love. We have received your gift and now we offer ours- ourselves.

C: Amen.

The Offering

Special Music

5:00 “**Mary Did You Know?**” Rick Gilbertson, Pierce Griffin, Hazel Griffin
8:00 Helene Schrankler

The Celebration of Holy Communion

P: We are Christmas people. As Jesus was born in a stable, we are born again to everlasting life.

C: We come to worship and bow down, to kneel and give thanks. We have come to worship Jesus.

P: In this family meal we celebrate the gift God has given us.

C: In the sharing of the bread and wine, we find forgiveness of sin and Emmanuel, God's resurrection presence.

P: On the night Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: *"Take and eat. This is my body given for you."* Also, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his friends saying: *"This cup is the new promise carried in my blood, shed for you and for all people that you might know forgiveness. Do this to remember me."*

C: We come to eat and drink, to be forgiven, and to be changed.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Communion

All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today. All children who are not receiving communion yet, are invited to come for a blessing.

*When you receive the bread, you may either dip the bread
in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice
Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.
There are individually packaged gluten free wafer/wine in the front pews.*

The Distribution Hymns

#282 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all, from heav’n’s all gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov’ring wing;
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And you, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow:
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;
oh, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!

For lo! The days are hast’ning on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

#277 “Away in a Manger”

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

#289 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

#275 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
once you sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

The Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

The Ceremony of Candle Lighting

The central candle, a symbol of Christ, has been burning within the Advent wreath since sundown. All other candles in the sanctuary have been lit from it.

As the ceremony begins, the pastor will light his candle from the Christ Candle.

The ushers then light their Apostle Candles from the pastor's candle.

As they pass along the aisles, those on the end of the pews light their Disciple Candles from the usher's candles and pass the light from disciple to disciple, until all have the light from the Christ Candle.

Each lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another.

Holding the candle in one hand and this bulletin in the other, the following shall be spoken:

The Christmas Collect

P: I am the Light of the World

C: Let your light shine before all people.

P: Glory to God in the highest heaven.

C: And peace on earth to those with whom He is pleased.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, you made this night shine with the beauty of the true light. Grant that 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 only son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Let us sing together:

#281 "Silent Night"

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

The Blessing

The Prayer

P: Strong and tender God, one candle can pierce the deepest darkness, one flickering light can kindle a new vision, one voice on fire can set our heart ablaze. Passionate and gentle God, you are the source of light, and we are your many candles, each uniquely burning for you. Touch us. Light us. Warm us. Purify us. May a flame rise in us and burn bright in us this holy and fiery night. Let it be. In the name of Jesus the newborn king.

C: Amen!

The Benediction

P: We celebrate Jesus' birth. Because of this birth all life is touched by Holy love. Let us go into the world cherishing the gift of God's love, made new with wonder in our hearts, with praise on our lips and with hope and joy in our souls.

C: Amen! Alleluia!

Candles Extinguished

The Closing Hymn #267 "Joy to the World"

Joy to the World the Lord is come! Let earth receive it's 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.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow 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.

He rules the world with truth and grace and make the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love

The Postlude



WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:00 pm

Pastor: Pastor Robb Kosky

Worship Assistant: Cheryl Scaffidi

Reader: Vern Hasenstein

Communion servers: Sheila Sauer, Sandy Poenitsch,
Alyssa Brockman, Cindy Tikusis

Keyboard: Hazel Griffin

Singers: Darci Ketter, Rick Gilbertson

Saxophone: Pierce Griffin

Sound: Greg Griffin **AV:** Mike Tikusis

Ushers: Nate Kenworthy, Daniel Schmidt

8:00pm

Pastor: Pastor Robb Kosky

Worship Assistant: Anita Bayliff

Reader: Marcia Vrankin

Communion servers: Julia McClain, Pierce McClain

Organist: Helene Schrankler

Cantor: Lori Hassig

Ushers: The Butzler Family

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Christmas Day

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25
9:30AM | Christmas Carol Service



New Year Weekend Worship

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 | 4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 | 9:30 a.m.



Weekly Services

SATURDAY EVENING
4:00PM Liturgical Worship

SUNDAY MORNING
9:30AM Created to Praise Worship

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
SUNDAY MORNINGS
9:30 AM

Welcome Visitors!

If you are interested in learning more about Trinity, we invite you to take a "Welcome Packet" located by the Welcome/Directional signs inside each of the entrances.



Christmas Poinsettias

Thank you to all who donated flowers to adorn the sanctuary.

Plants may be taken home following Christmas Day,

Thursday December 25th worship services.

May your Christmas be filled with joy, peace, and love!

Ruth Abel and Family-In memory of John H. Abel

Anita Bayliff-In memory of Bob and Gerry Karvois

Cyndee Bruder-In memory of Bill and Eileen Kirchner

Ralph Crass-In Honor of God

Rosemary Fink -In memory of Ron and our daughter, Pamela Lynn

Pat Harter – In memory of Dan Harter, Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Harter,
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Behrends

Mike and Cheryl Hay-In memory of Bob and Lyla Boerger

Mary Immekus and Rudd Family -In Memory of Don & Joan Rudd and the
many Christmas memories we made

James Klatt-In memory of my brother, Tony Klatt

Bill Krach-In memory of Katie and Joe Baumann

Loretta Llyod-In memory of our father, Robert P Schmidt

Carol Peters-In memory of Robert Peters

Richard and Adeline Peters-In memory of John Peters and Jim Schneider

Carrie Pierce

Bev Ritger-In memory of Carlos and Ethel Crass

Helene Schrankler-In memory of Gerald Schrankler

Dee Washa-In memory of Geoff Washa

