

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future."

Agnes M. Pahro

"There are better things ahead than any we leave behind."

C.S. Lewis, Author

"The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul."

Gilbert K. Chesterton

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

One: God is the shining star in every dark sky,

All: The kindness in every embrace,

One: the love in every gift given,

All The joy in every new birth.

One: God is the hope in every deep sigh,

All: The sparkle in the angels' song,

One: The peace in every night's rest

All: The delight in every carol sung.

One: Let us praise him!

All: Let us praise him indeed!

PRAISE SONG

“Bring in Your New World” vs 1,3,4

1. Bring in your new world, child of the sun,
3. Bring in your new world, child of all time,
4. Bring in your new world, child of our earth,

God's shin - ing pres - ence, bright in your es - sence,
peace with - out bor - der, peace in the new or - der,
hold - ing cre - a - tion in your com - pas - sion,

Christ - mas be - gun; bring to our sad world
li - on with lamb; come in the heal - ing,
wait - ing your birth; come lit - tle hu - man,

light and de - light, sing - ing and laugh - ter,
shar - ing of bread, jus - tice and free - dom,
cry your first breath, cry out God's kind - ness,

hope as our shel - ter, stars to our night.
signs of the king - dom, ev - 'ry - one fed.
light out of blind - ness, life out of death.

OUR CONFESSION

All: Divine Companion, from the beginning of life to its ending, we rest in your loving embrace, though we do not always recognize your presence. Our eyes are blind, and our calendars are too full to notice your presence. We narrowly define how you work in our lives and often miss your surprises.

Remind us, loving God, that you are more than our past experiences and future hopes. You are always working for good in every moment of life and often in surprising, unexpected ways. Keep our eyes open to see. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE

“We Have Seen the Messiah”

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the staff. The lyrics are: "We have seen the Mes - si - ah, here for all the world. We have seen the Mes - si - ah, here for all the world. Shep - herds came to see the sight, a Ma - ry you came with tears of grief, but the Have you seen the ach - ing hearts, the ba - by born life to be - yond the light. she found hu - man hurts, lives - yond torn be a - lief. hu - man hurts, lives - yond torn be a - lief. part? Then they went and where spread the word 'cause they She found we joy see the least of had hurt these, when the When we see the least of had hurt these, do we had ris - en to tell Lord all ap - peared they had heard. real - ly know who we have her. seen?" The score ends with a double bar line.

We have seen the Mes - si - ah, here for all the world.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

Pastor Robb Kosky

THE LESSONS

Isaiah 63:7-9

I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD,
the deeds for which he is to be praised,
according to all the LORD has done for us—
yes, the many good things
he has done for Israel,
according to his compassion and many kindnesses.
8 He said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will be true to me”;
and so he became their Savior.
9 In all their distress he too was distressed,
and the angel of his presence saved them.^[a]
In his love and mercy he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them
all the days of old.

Psalm 148

Praise the LORD.^[a]

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for at his command they were created,

⁶ and he established them for ever and ever—
he issued a decree that will never pass away.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

⁸ lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding,

⁹ you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,

¹⁰ wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,

¹¹ kings of the earth and all nations,
you princes and all rulers on earth,

¹² young men and women,
old men and children.

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

¹⁴ And he has raised up for his people a horn,^[b]
the praise of all his faithful servants,
of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the LORD.

THE GOSPEL (Please stand)

Matthew 2:13-23

The Escape to Egypt

¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”^[a]

¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ “A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.”^[b]

The Return to Nazareth

¹⁹ After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰ and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

²¹ So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³ and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Robb Kosky

MESSAGE RESPONSE

"Forever Emmanuel"

1. We are not a - lone, we are not a - lone; with
2. Fill us with your love, fill us with your love; with
3. Lead us to your peace, lead us to your peace; where

ev - 'ry breath, through ev - 'ry storm, we are not a - lone. Sing
hearts of grace for ev - 'ry - one, fill us with your love. Sing
hun - ger and op - pres - sion cease, lead us to your peace. Sing

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, for - ev - er Em - man - u -
el. Sing Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, for -
ev - er Em - man - u - el.



THE OFFERING

Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to "share the love and promise of God" through its ministries

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the church, the human family and all of creation.

(Petitions end: "God of mercy"; "Hear our prayer.")

P: All these things and whatever you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ, who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

All: As we come to the table on the threshold of a new year, O Lord, help us remember that our times are in your hand. We come with thanks, for years we have had and for the opportunity of entering this New Year with your Spirit as our guide and help. We receive the bread and wine with gratitude and love for you are the Source of all heavenly grace and blessings. In this meal grant us strength to enter this New Year.

Leader: On the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took unleavened bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, *"Take this and eat it, this is my body."*
In a similar manner Jesus took a cup and after blessing it and giving thanks he said, *"Drink this because this is the new covenant I am establishing to bind us together now and throughout eternity. Do this to remember me."*

All: This is the new relationship we share together.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FAMILY MEAL. (Sit)

*All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
are invited to commune today.*

*When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer
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.

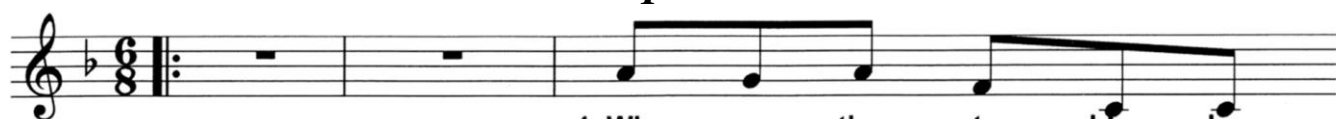
(We also have celiac friendly individually packaged wafer/wine in the first pew.)

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

"On the Edge of Tomorrow" vs 1,3,4

Stand-ing on the edge of to - mor - row, stand-ing on the edge of ad - ven
 - ture, stand-ing in the place of dis - cov - 'ry,
 learn-ing ev - 'ry step of the way. Thank - ful for the path-ways be - hind
 us, look-ing to the fu - ture be - fore us,
 guid-ed by the Spir- it a - mong us, stand-ing at the dawn of the day.
 (Stand-ing at the dawn of the day.) *Last phrase sung 3X at end.*
 1.Ho- ly Spir- it, guide us; wor - ship - ping we come.
 3.Ho- ly Spir- it, teach us how to live as friends,
 4.Ho- ly Spir- it send us out be - yond these walls,
 Draw us ev - er clos - er to our God, our home.
 found and freed by God's love, love that nev - er ends.
 bless-ing, shar-ing, giv - ing, an - swer-ing God's call.
 Fill us with God's pres - ence, mold and shape and turn,
 Liv - ing out our u - nion, learn - ing loy - al - ty;
 Burst-ing with God's pres - ence so God's grace we prove,
 till with ho - ly fire, hearts like torch - es burn.
 pa - tient - ly dis - cov - 'ring ho - ly fam - i - ly.
 shar - ing God's re - sour - ces, shin - ing with God's love. *Repeat Chorus*

“Who Sweeps the Stable”



1. Who sweeps the sta - ble when
 2. Who takes the load for the
 3. Who is the first to bring
 4. God, give us eyes for the



Christ - mas is o - ver,
 help - less and hurt - ing,
 calm in - to cha - os,
 needs of our neigh - bor.

who clears the ta - ble, the
 who drives the road when the
 who tends the worst and re -
 God, make us wise to the



crumbs of the meal?
 cri - sis is there?
 stores what is best?
 ac - tions that bless,

Prac - ti - cal peo - ple, com -
 Peo - ple of spi - rit, com -
 Heart - and - soul peo - ple, com -
 be - ing your ser - vants and



pas - sion - ate peo - ple,
 pas - sion - ate peo - ple,
 pas - sion - ate peo - ple,
 tak - ing di - rec - tions,

peo - ple not proud, who take
 peo - ple with hand at the
 sav - iors and ser - vants, hu -
 glad - ly and in - stant - ly



ba - sin and kneel.
 read - y to care.
 man - i - ty's test.

an - swer - ing, "Yes!" _____

"Always There's a Carol"

1. Al - ways there's a car - ol wait - ing for a voice;
2. Al - ways when we seek it, shine the Christ - mas star;
3. Al - way out of dark - ness, coun - ter - ing the strife;

al - ways there's a can - dle wait - ing for a flame.
al - ways God is pre - sent coule we on - ly see.
al - ways comes the Christ child, lead - ing us to peace;

Al - ways there's an an - gel, tell - ing us, "Re - joice!" So,
Al - ways God en - folds us, holds us where we are. So,
al - ways there's a ba - by, cry - ing for a life. So,

sing the car - ol, light the can - dle,

join the an - gel praise: Christ - mas is the day of all days!

THE BLESSING (stand)

THE SENDING OUT

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

ALL: Amen!

THE SENDING SONG

"At the Door of the New Year"

1. At the door of the year when the past meets the
2. In the sun, in the snow, in each sea - son of
3. In the smile that we smile, in the hands held in

fu - ture, let the mo - ment be light for the
liv - ing, let the fac - es of peace show the
wel - come, in the catch - ing of joy like a

roads we will tread; when the clock seems too
world how it's done; when the li - on and
child's bright bal - loon; let the col - ors of

fast or goes slow - ly with - in us, let our
lamb both can lie down to geth - er, think of
peace spread as far as the rain - bow arch - ing

faith tell the time - there are good things a - head.
vi - o - lence gone, think a gift, not a gun:
o - ver an earth where we all sing in tune.

Wel - come in, this new year, wel - come in, hope - ful

peo - ple! (Make a vow that some - how

we will all cre - ate peace! Sing tag last time.

THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Following worship, please join us for a coffee hour in the Heritage Room.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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Coffee Hour: Sue Walker

Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Ho-Chunk and Potawatomi people. As such, we wish to give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home. It is our sincere desire that this acknowledgement initiates an ongoing instructive, and constructive journey toward respect, truth and healing regarding colonialism, the church community, and inclusivity for all children of the Great Spirit. We commit ourselves as God's children to pray for our indigenous siblings, to pray for God's blessings on them and for strength for them and for us as we work together for justice, dignity, respect and peace for all the diverse people of the land.

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