



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS THE NINTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 2, 2022 - 10:00 AM



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of her father, Carl Reetz, by Helen Reetz.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Dan Kirkpatrick
Assisting Minister	Ian Boden
Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Calvin Harmon
Cantor	Melanie Helling
Greeters	Cathy Baus Fred Baus Bonnie Farmer Anne Harmon Calvin Harmon Lani Ludian John Roberts Maria Roberts
Ushers	David Nichols Karen Nichols David Potts
Reception Hosts	Debbie Farstad Terry Morgan Peggy Schotsch
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

*Worship bags are available in the Narthex and outside the Sacristy
for children. Bags for pre-school are tied with a blue ribbon.
Bags for K-5 - Grade 5 have no ribbon.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples,
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

Amen.

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess our sin before you.

We replace compassion with competition.

We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.

We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.

We have not put on love in harmony with you.

Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.

Swaddle our hearts with your peace,

that all we do, in word or deed,

may reflect your love born among us.

Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all people:

God has come among us

in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.

† In Christ your sins are forgiven

and you are clothed in peace.

Amen.

**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!”**

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

**Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, off-spring of a virgin’s womb.**

Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, incarnate deity!

Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

THE 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels We Have Heard on High

#289

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

Refrain

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? *Refrain***

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

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¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The refrain is introduced by the cantor.

Psalm 147:12-20

Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction

Psalm Refrain



Wor - ship the LORD, O Je - ru - sa-lem; praise your God, O Zi - on.

Psalm Tone



¹²Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;
praise your | God, O Zion,

¹³**who has strengthened the bars | of your gates
and has blessed your chil- | dren within you.**

¹⁴God has established peace | on your borders
and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.

¹⁵**God sends out a command | to the earth,
a word that runs | very swiftly. R**

¹⁶God gives | snow like wool,
scattering | frost like ashes.

¹⁷**God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?**

¹⁸The LORD sends forth the | word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the | waters flow.

¹⁹**God declares the | word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- | ments to Israel.**

²⁰The LORD has not done so to any | other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah! **R**

A reading from Ephesians.

³ Praised be the Maker of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavens! ⁴ Before the world began, God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless and to be full of love; ⁵ God likewise predestined us through Christ Jesus to be adopted children—such was God’s pleasure and will—⁶ that everyone might praise the glory of God’s grace which was freely bestowed on us in God’s beloved, Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is in Christ and through the blood of Christ that we have been redeemed and our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous is God’s favor ⁸ given to us with perfect wisdom and understanding. ⁹ God has taken pleasure in revealing the mystery of the plan through Christ, ¹⁰ to be carried out in the fullness of time; namely, to bring all things—in heaven and on earth—together in Christ. ¹¹ In Christ we were willed an inheritance; for in the decree of God—and everything is administered according to the divine will and counsel—we were predestined ¹² to praise the glory of the Most High by being the first to hope in Christ. ¹³ In Christ you too were chosen. When you heard the Good News of salvation, the word of truth, and believed in it, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the pledge of our inheritance, the deposit paid against the full redemption of a people who are God’s own—to the praise of God’s glory.

The Word of God for the people of God.

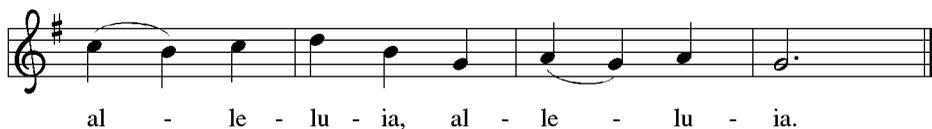
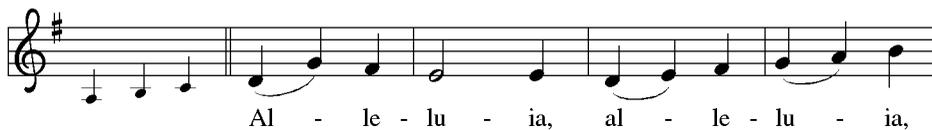
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

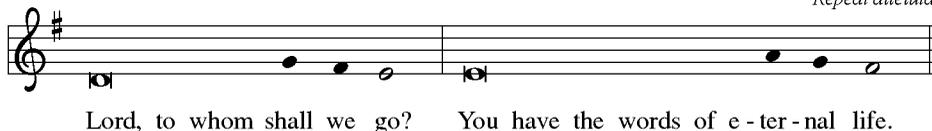
God’s Children

Stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ The Word was coming into the world— ¹⁰ was in the world—and though the world was made through the Word, the world didn't recognize it. ¹¹ Though the Word came to its own realm, the Word's own people didn't accept it. ¹² Yet any who did accept the Word, who believed in that Name, were empowered to become children of God—
¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor urge of flesh nor human will—but born of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and stayed for a little while among us; we saw the Word's glory—the favor and position a parent gives an only child—filled with grace, filled with truth. ¹⁵ John testified by proclaiming, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'The one who comes after me ranks ahead of me, for this One existed before I did.'"
¹⁶ Of this One's fullness we've all had a share—gift on top of gift. ¹⁷ For while the Law was given through Moses, the Gift—and the Truth—came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; it is the Only Begotten, ever at Abba's side, who has revealed God to us.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Kirkpatrick

Stand as able

**Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
there his children gather round, bright like stars, with glory crowned.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You make yourself known in the gift of language in diverse forms. Draw our attention to those who communicate through sign, braille, and technology. Make your church a place where all methods of communication are celebrated.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Creating God, the sun greets us anew each morning. Thank you for waking us up today to witness and share your abundance. Awaken us always to your wisdom and deepen our care for your natural world.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Emmanuel, in your name we are assured that you are with us. Train nations and peoples to honor and respect one another, especially those whose names and identities have been mistreated, neglected, or oppressed.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You adopt us as your beloved ones. Accompany parents and children navigating the adoption process, especially those in the foster system. Sustain those struggling with infertility or pregnancy loss. Tenderly embrace all in need.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You journey with us through change. Guide those assuming new roles in this congregation or making transitions in their families, workplaces, or communities. As the seasons and the calendar change, equip us for unexpected challenges.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We give you thanks for all who modeled lives of loving service. Lead us in your grace until, with all your saints, we enter the fullness of your glory.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

**Let all together praise our God
before the highest throne;
Today God opens heav'n again
and sends the only Son,
And sends the only Son.**

**From God's right hand the Son descends,
is born as infant small,
And lies in poverty,
his bed a manger in a stall,
a manger in a stall.**

**O tender child, you veil in flesh
the splendor of your might;
A servant's garb now wraps the one
who clothed the sky in light,
who clothed the sky in light.**

**A wonderful exchange you make:
you take our flesh and blood,
And in return give us to share
the shining realm of God,
The shining realm of God.**

Let us pray. Gracious God,
your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,
prepare us to receive the grace and truth
you offer at this table
and renew in us the song of your salvation,
in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

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.

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,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#283

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest; Refrain

Refrain

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

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

Please be seated

COMMUNION

Worshippers will come forward to receive the bread and wine and then return to their seats to consume the elements.

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's love and grace.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION



ANTHEM

Sing of Mary, Pure and Holy
text: Roland F. Palmer, Music: Skinner Chávez-Melo

HYMNS

Of the Father's Love Begotten

#295

**Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds
began to be, he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he, of the things that are,
that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.**

**Oh, that birth forever blessed, when the virgin,
full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race, and the babe, the world's
redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.**

**This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with
one accord, whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word; now he shines, the long
expected; let creation praise its Lord
evermore, evermore.**

**Let the heights of heav'n adore him; angel hosts, his
praises sing; pow'rs dominions, bow before him
and extol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring
evermore, evermore.**

**Christ to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be; honor glory, and
dominion, and eternal victory
evermore, evermore! Amen.**

**Let our gladness have no end, Hallelujah!
for to earth did Christ descend. Hallelujah!**

Refrain

***On this day God gave us Christ, the Son, to
save us; Christ, the Son, to save us.***

**Prophesied in days of old, Hallelujah!
God has sent the one foretold. Hallelujah! *Refrain***

**See the loveliest blooming rose, Hallelujah!
from the branch of Jesse grows. Hallelujah! *Refrain***

**Into flesh is made the Word, Hallelujah!
our true refuge and our Lord. Hallelujah! *Refrain***

Stand as able

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance,
we give you thanks that in this holy meal
you have invited us to feast with you and one another.
May the taste of your love remain with us,
and may our words and our work in your name
invite others into your bountiful grace.
Send us from your table to proclaim your presence,
even as we celebrate the birth of your son, Christ our Savior.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May God, who gathers us in love,
lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice.
May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves,
lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom.
May God, who fills us with good things,
lead you in pathways of equity and abundance.
The blessing of the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
be upon you and remain with you forever.
Amen.

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring. On Christmas night all Christians sing to her the news the angels bring: news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful king's birth.

Then why should we on earth be sad, since our redeemer made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since our redeemer made us glad, when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his face, then life and health come in its place. When sin departs before his face, then life and health come in its place. Angels rejoice with us and sing, all for to see the newborn king.

All our of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night. All our of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God in highest heav'n; peace on earth, and goodwill. Amen."

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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