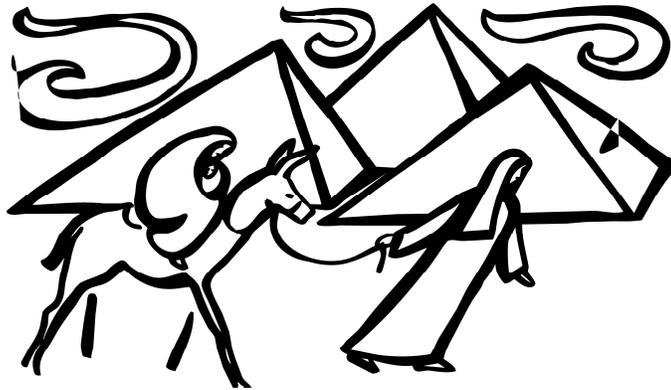


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*Holy Communion Setting Four  
First Sunday of Christmas  
January 1, 2017—10:30am*

Materials for worship are found in this bulletin or in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Page numbers, such as “p. 172,” refer to the small page numbers in the front of the book. Hymn numbers, marked with a # sign, refer to the large numbers in the back of the book.

At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Believing in the real presence of Christ, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church practices eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to commune here. Receive the bread first, then the common cup or individual glasses containing (red) wine or (white) grape juice. Gluten, yeast, dairy, egg, soy, nut, corn free communion wafers are available in covered glass dishes on stands near the front of each communion station. Place one in the palm of your hand, cover with the other hand (palm down) and your hand will be blessed during distribution of communion. Those desiring not to commune may fold their hands to receive a blessing.

**+GATHERING+**

Welcome

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

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Gathering Hymn

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Hymn #275

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”

Hymn #289

Prayer of the Day

*Please be seated.*

**+WORD+**

Children’s Message

First Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,  
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,  
because of all that the LORD has done for us,  
and the great favor to the house of Israel  
that he has shown them according to his mercy,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

For he said, “Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely”;  
and he became their savior  
in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel  
but his presence that saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

*The assembly may respond* **Thanks be to God.**

*Sung responsively.*

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;  
 praise God | in the heights.

**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;  
 sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;  
 sing praise, all you | shining stars.

**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,  
 and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
 who commanded, and they | were created,  
**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,  
 giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**

Praise the LORD | from the earth,  
 you sea monsters | and all deeps;

**fire and hail, | snow and fog,  
 tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**

mountains | and all hills,  
 fruit trees | and all cedars;

**wild beasts | and all cattle,  
 creeping things and | flying birds;**

sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,  
 princes and all rulers | of the world;

**young | men and maidens,  
 old and | young together.**

Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
 whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful servants,  
 the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah!**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 2:10-18

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through

death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*The assembly may respond* **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

*Announcement:* The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now after the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

*Conclusion:* The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Mark Coulter

Hymn of the Day

"Let Our Gladness Have No End"

Hymn #291

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.

Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition, the assembly responds, Hear our prayer.*

Peace

**+MEAL+**

Offering

*There'll Be Something in Heaven*

arr. Karl Erik Svedlund

*Many of our members give online, but we continue to pass the offering plate to reflect on the ways in which we can return thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us.*

Setting the Table

"What Child Is This"

Hymn #296

Prayer after Offering

Great Thanksgiving

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Words of Institution

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.**

Communion

*Music during distribution, as time allows:*

"Lamb of God"

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"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Hymn #295

*Verses 1-2: Solo*

*Verses 3-5: All*

"Away in a Manger"

Hymn #278

Prayer after Communion

**+SENDING+**

Blessing

Hymn

"The First Noel"

Hymn #300

Announcements

Dismissal

Postlude



Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;  
he is Christ the Lord.  
Luke 2:11

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