

*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
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*A Service of Lessons and Carols
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2016—8:30 and 11:00am*

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 and Announcements (11:00)

Prelude

Awake, Awake; Love Has Come
HTLC Handbells

arr. Lars Bishop

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

In your Son, Emmanuel,

you have shown us your light

and saved us from the power of sin.

Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

Increase our longing for your presence,

that at the celebration of your Son's birth

his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst,

for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

Amen.

Wreath-Lighting Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Verses 7-8

Hymn #257

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,

who comes to wake us from sleep,

who leads us into the light of grace.

Amen.

Let us prepare the way of the Lord

by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God of all time,

we confess that we have not prepared

for your merciful reign among us.

We ignore our neighbors in need

and fail in the labor of justice and peace.

In your mercy forgive us.

Grant us wisdom to welcome your light

and to seek the things that will endure

until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven
and all things are made new.
Rejoice in this good news!
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

Hymn #242

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

Please be seated.

+WORD+

Reflection

Pastor Will Rose

Dialogue

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.
Go through the gates, build up the highway,
clear it of stones, remove any obstacles.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Come, let us journey to the Bethlehem manger.
Hear of God’s promises, witness God’s faithfulness,
sing with Mary, rejoice with Elizabeth.
Prepare our hearts for Christ’s coming.

First Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-16

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

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

Carol

“People, Look East”

Hymn #248



Second Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

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

Carol

Holy Child within the Manger
8:30 Musicians

Marty Haugen

*Holy Child within the manger,
long ago yet ever near;
come as friend to every stranger,
come as hope for every fear.
As you lived to heal the broken,
greet the outcast, free the bound,
as you taught us love unspoken,
teach us now where you are found.*

*Once again we tell the story--
how your love for us was shown,
when the image of your glory
wore an image like our own.
Come, enlighten with your wisdom,
come and fill us with your grace.
May the fire of your compassion
kindle every land and race.*

*Holy Child within the manger,
lead us ever in your way,
so we see in every stranger
how you come to us today.
In our lives and in our living
give us strength to live as you,
that our hearts might be forgiving
and our spirits strong and true.*



Third Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
The sun shall no longer be
your light by day,
nor for brightness shall the moon
give light to you by night;
but the LORD will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.
Your sun shall no more go down,
or your moon withdraw itself;
for the LORD will be your everlasting light,
and your days of mourning shall be ended.

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

Carol

“Lost in the Night”

Hymn #243

Verse 1: Solo

Verse 2: Choir

Verses 3-4: All



Fourth Lesson

Luke 1: 26-45

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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

Carol

Medieval Gloria (8:30)
Youth Choir

Vijay Singh

*Gloria in excelsis Deo
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te,
Benedicimus te,
Adoramus te,
Glorificamus te,
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus.*

*Glory to God in the highest
And on earth peace, goodwill to all people.
We praise you,
We bless you,
We worship you,
We glorify you,
We give thanks to you for your great glory,
Lord God.*

How Far Is It to Bethlehem? (11:00)
Joyful Noise

David W. Music

*How far is it to Bethlehem?
Not very far.
Can we find the stable room
Lit by a star?
Can we see the little child?
Is he within?
If we lift the wooden latch
May we go in?*

*May we stroke the creatures there?
Oxen or sheep?
May we peek like them
And see Jesus asleep?
If we touch his tiny hand
Will he awake?
Will he know we've come so far
Just for his sake?*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask thee 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 thee there.
-Frances Chesterton*



Fifth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a, 6-9

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
But with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

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

Carol

O Magnum Mysterium
Chancel Choir

Tomas Luis de Victoria

*O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,
jacentem in praesepe!
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera
meruerunt portare
Dominum Christum.
Alleluia.*

O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord,
lying in a manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear
Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!



Sixth Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

Carol

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Hymn #272

Rite of Holy Baptism (8:30)

Logan and Tristan Wherry

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Creed (11:00)

**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

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

Peace

+MEAL+

Offering

Late One Night Mary Had a Baby
Chancel Choir
Garry Somers, soloist

Charles Garner

*Late one night Mary had a baby.
They called him, they called him Jesus.*

*He had to be born in a stable.
They called him, they called him Jesus.*

*There was no room for the little baby.
They called him, they called him Jesus.*

*A star shone bright for the little baby.
They called him, they called him Jesus.*

*Oh won't you sing praise to the newborn babe?
Alleluia, alleluia, shout with joy,
A king is born today!*

*Three wise men came just to see the little baby.
They brought gifts just for the little baby.
They called him holy one.*

Setting the Table "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" Hymn #247

Prayer after Offering

Great Thanksgiving p. 181

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" p. 182

Noel, Ye Merry Gentlemen arr. Susan T. Nelson
HTLC Handbells

"In the Bleak Midwinter" Hymn #294

Prayer after Communion

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Blessing

Hymn "Love Has Come" Hymn #292

Dismissal

Postlude

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow
HTLC Handbells

arr. Cathy Moglebust

What's in a Name?

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 18:21

Based on Matthew 1:18-25



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HUSBAND	SON	IMMANUEL	MARY	NAME
CHRIST	CHILD	VIRGIN	BIRTH	ANGEL
JOSEPH	MARRY	AFRAID	DREAM	JESUS

