

Christmas Eve Service

4:00pm

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Chapel Hill, NC

**+The Nativity of Our Lord+**  
**Christmas Eve Family Service**  
**December 24, 2016**  
**4:00 pm**

**+ GATHERING +**

Pre-Service Music

*Away in a Manger*

Annika Narbut, flute

*Please join in singing the following hymns:*

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Hymn #289

“O little town of Bethlehem”

Hymn #279

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Hymn #290

Welcome

Gathering Dialogue

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness,  
on them light has shined.

**We have beheld Christ’s glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**In the Word was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.**

Hymn

“Once in Royal David’s City”

Hymn #269

*Verse 1: Solo*

*Verses 2-4: All*

Greeting

Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia!  
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

**+ WORD +**

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7  
*A child is born for us*

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

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

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

*The grace of God has appeared*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

Hymn

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hymn #270

*Before the reading of the gospel: Verse 1*

*After the reading of the gospel: Verses 2-3*

Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

*God with us*

*Before the reading:* The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When 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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds



**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

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**+ MEAL +**

Offering

*He Shall Feed His Flock*  
Annika Narbut, flute

George Frideric Handel

Setting the Table

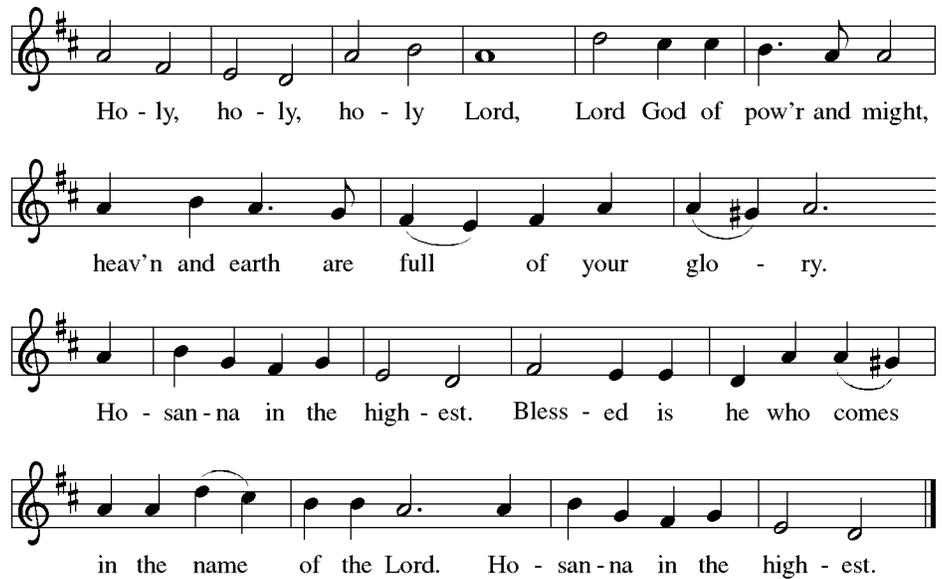
“What child is this”

Hymn #296

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.**

*The presiding minister continues in thanksgiving; the assembly responds:*



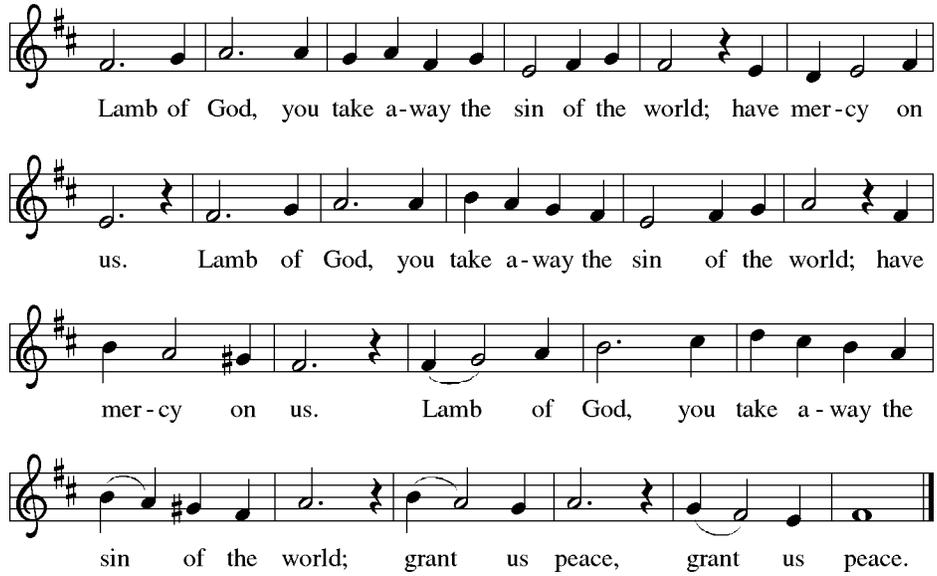
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The presiding minister continues with the Words of Institution, and the great thanksgiving concludes:*

**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 communion will include the following as time allows:*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Hymn #276

“Away in a manger”

Hymn #277

“Lo, how a rose e’er blooming”

Hymn #272

Prayer after Communion

**+ SENDING +**

Blessing

The Maker of all, the Word made flesh, the giver of life,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*As the hymn is introduced, the people stand and the light of Christ is passed among the assembly.  
Please take care that the burning candle remain upright and the unlit candle be tilted.*

*Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,*  
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

*ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.*  
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

*Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher*  
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

*Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.*  
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sending Hymn

“Joy to the World”

Hymn #267

Postlude

*In dulci jubilo, BWV 608*

J.S. Bach

## The Birth of Jesus

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 (KJV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 2:1-20



J B E T H L E H E M N G I H K  
 S A F P V T E N C D N Z B H H  
 F H A T Y F S O N B B D Q B J  
 A V E R E P D R K C A M G Z O  
 S S A P N P V U R I B G Q D S  
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 A J H E S Q M E Z I Z L G K P  
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SAVIOR	CENSUS	MARY	MANGER	BORN
CAESAR	SON	JOSEPH	MESSIAH	ROOM
CHILD	SHEPHERDS	ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	BABY

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*The staff wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. We would like to thank you for your love gifts and express our appreciation for your support in our ministry together.*



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