

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

The Holy Innocents

Saturday, December 27, 6 PM | Sunday, December 28, 9 AM

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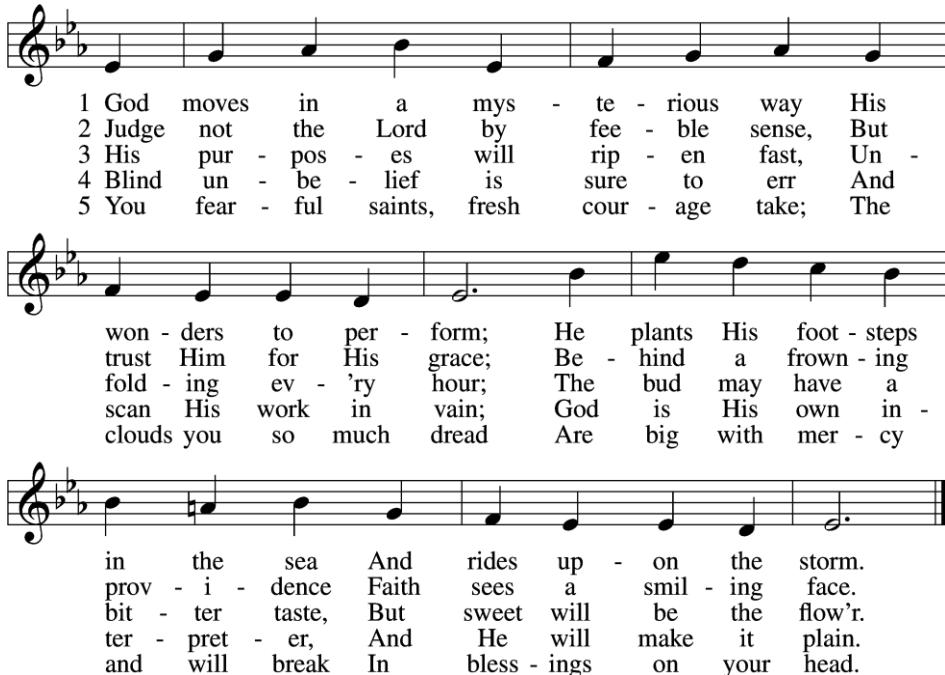
(The ringing of the bell signals the beginning of worship. Please direct your attention to the Prelude offered for your personal worship preparation and silence all electronic devices.)

PRELUDE

(6:00).....“The First Nowell” -arr. Lasky
Marilyn Mark, Associate Organist
(9:00).....Robin Wagner, Guest Organist

WELCOME and GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

HYMN: “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”.....LSB 765



1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His
2 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But
3 His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, Un -
4 Blind un - be - lief is sure to err And
5 You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The

won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps
trust Him for His grace; Be hind a frown - ing
fold - ing ev - 'ry hour; The bud may have a
scan His work in vain; God is His own in -
clouds you so much dread Are big with mer - cy

in the sea And rides up - on the storm.
prov - i - dence Faith sees a smil - ing face.
bit - ter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.
ter - pret - er, And He will make it plain.
and will break In bless - ings on your head.

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CONFESSiON and ABSOLUTION.....Page 203

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

¶ SERVICE OF THE WORD ¶

INTROIT.....Ps. 31:1, 3, 5; *antiphon: Rev. 7:14b*

Pastor: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

People: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb.

Pastor: In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

People: in your righteousness deliver me.

Pastor: For you are my rock and my fortress;

People: and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

Pastor: Into your hand I commit my spirit;

People: you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
People: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb.

(♪) KYRIE.....Page 204

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

(♪) GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....Page 204

People:

- 1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**
- 2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**
- 3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

(♪) SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY.....Page 205

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, the martyred innocents of Bethlehem showed forth Your praise not by speaking but by dying. Put to death in us all that is in conflict with Your will that our lives may bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING.....Jeremiah 31:15-17

15 Thus says the LORD:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.

Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more.”

16 Thus says the LORD:

“Keep your voice from weeping,
and your eyes from tears,
for there is a reward for your work,
declares the LORD,

and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

17 There is hope for your future,

declares the LORD,
and your children shall come back to their own country.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL.....Ps. 71:4a, 5a, 6a, b, 8

Pastor: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked.

People: For you, O Lord, are my hope.

Pastor: Upon you have I leaned from before my birth;

People: you are he who took me from my mother's womb.

Pastor: My mouth is filled with your praise,

People: and with your glory all the day.

SECOND READING.....Revelation 14:1-5

14 Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, ³ and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. ⁴ It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from

mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb,⁵ and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(♪) ALLELUIA and VERSE (*Stand*).....Page 205

People: **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL.....Matthew 2:13-18

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, 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.” ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”



¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN: "Sweet Flowerets of the Martyr Band" LSB 969

1 Sweet flow - 'rets of the mar - tyr band, Plucked by the
 2 First vic - tims for the in - car - nate Lord, A ten - der
 3 Ah, what a - vailed King Her - od's wrath? He could not
 △ 4 O Lord, the vir - gin - born, we sing E - ter - nal

ty - rant's ruth - less hand Up - on the thresh - old
 flock to feel the sword; Be - side the al - tar's
 stop the Sav - ior's path. A - lone, while oth - ers
 praise to You, our King, Whom with the Fa - ther

of the morn, Like rose - buds by a tem - pest torn;
 rud - dy ray, With palm and crown, you seemed to play.
 mur - dered lay, In safe - ty Christ is borne a - way.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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SERMON: "Why did Rachel Weep?" Matthew 2:13-18

1. Rachel's weeping is not merely an _____ Theme.
2. Christmas is as _____ - _____ as it gets!

What disappointments did you face this Christmas, what fears?

How does the birth of Christ give you real-world help today?

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People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of

the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

(6:00).....“In the Bleak Midwinter” -arr. Rowland-Raybold
(9:00).....*Robin Wagner, Guest Organist*

❖ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ❖

Out of love for our members and guests, and with sincere concern for the spiritual welfare of all, and in the desire to honor Christ our Lord and to be faithful to His Word, Trinity Lutheran Church abides by the ancient and biblical practice of closed Communion. All who are communicant members in good standing of Trinity Lutheran Church or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to come in true repentance to receive Christ’s body and blood in the fellowship of this altar. All others are welcome to gather at the altar rail with arms folded across your chest, indicating your desire to receive a word of blessing from the pastor.

PREFACE..... Page 208

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

(♪) SANCTUS..... Page 208

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

Heav’n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAAYER OF THANKSGIVING.....Page 209

LORD'S PRAYER.....Page 209

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

People: 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD.....Page 209

PAX DOMINI.....Page 209

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

(♪) AGNUS DEI.....Page 210

**People: O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (*Sit*)

“When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love”.....LSB 764

“Away in a Manger”.....LSB 365

(♪) NUNC DIMITTIS (*Stand*).....Page 211

**People: O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECTPage 212

Pastor: Let us pray...

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

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Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and \ddagger give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN: "Children of the Heavenly Father"LSB 725

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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POSTLUDE (6:00) "What Child Is This?" -arr. Rowland-Raybold



PRAY

without ✕ ceasing

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THESE GENERAL & SPECIFIC NEEDS AT TRINITY

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS AT TRINITY

- For our children: protection from harm, evil, and negative influences and guidance toward righteousness and a strong faith in Jesus.
- Thanks for God's gift of salvation, peace, and hope through His Son, Jesus.
- For relatives and friends of Trinity on active military duty

GENERAL CHURCH & WORLD CONCERNS

- Thanks for God's care through Word & Sacrament
- For opportunities to share Jesus with others
- For the Spirit-empowered readiness to love, confess, forgive, and be reconciled
- For persecuted Christians throughout the world, and for the conversion of their persecutors
- For the well-being of pregnant mothers and their preborn children, in both body and soul
- For an end to racism, terrorism, and every evil
- For our national, state, and local government leaders
- For all those who are chronically ill and suffering

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