



# FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2020  
4:30PM

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD  
Faribault, MN

## WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “O Come, All Ye Faithful” *LSB* 379, vv. 1-3

## INVOCATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 96

P: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**C: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

P: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**C: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

P: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

**C: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

P: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

**C: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

P: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

**C: Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.”**

P: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

**C: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.**

**SERMON**                    **“THE MIRACLE OF THE MANGER”***Pastor Paul Rieger***OFFERING****✠ THE CHRISTMAS NARRATIVE ✠****PART ONE - Mary and Joseph**

P: And it came to pass that a proclamation was issued by Caesar Augustus that a census should be taken. And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem, the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

*(Light the Joseph candle.)*

P: He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. *(Light the Mary candle.)*

**HYMN “O Little Town of Bethlehem”** LSB 361, vv. 1-2

**PART TWO - The Christ Child**

P: While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to a son, whom they named Jesus. *(Light the Christ candle.)*

She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

**HYMN “Away in a Manger”** LSB 364, v. 1

**PART THREE - The Shepherds**

P: And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. *(Light the shepherd candles.)*

**TRINITY CHOIR “The Shepherd’s Nowell”**

**PART FOUR - The Angels**

P: Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared to them,

*(light the angel candle as Pastor continues)*

and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find the baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

P: And suddenly a great company of heavenly hosts appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

**HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" LSB 380, v. 1**

**PART FIVE - The Shepherds**

P: The shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told to them about this child.

**HYMN "Go Tell It on the Mountain" LSB 388**

**PART SIX - The Wise Men**

P: After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We have come to worship him."

***(Light the wise men candles.)***

P: The star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw Jesus with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh.

**TRINITY CHOIR "Carol for the King"**

**PART SEVEN**

P: Then, having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, the wise men returned to their country by another route.

***(Extinguish the wise men candles.)***

P: And the shepherds returned to their work, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen.

***(Extinguish the shepherd candles.)***

P: And the angels returned to heaven.

***(Extinguish the angel candle.)***

P: And many years later, Mary and Joseph, being flesh and bone, came to the end of their lives on earth.

***(Extinguish the Mary and Joseph candles.)***

**PRAYERS****THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

**PART EIGHT - The Christ**

P: But the Light that began in Bethlehem was life. And this life, Jesus Christ, was the Light of all humanity. The light still shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out. And it all began on a silent, holy night, long ago.

*Lights are dimmed in the sanctuary during the hymn, leaving only the Christ candle, the Christmas lights, and the light from the cross.*

**CANDLELIGHT HYMN "Silent Night, Holy Night" LSB 363****BENEDICTION**

P: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (*Isaiah 7:14*)  
And the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

*Lights are brought back to normal for the closing hymn.*

**CLOSING HYMN "Joy to the World" LSB 387**

\* \* \* **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** \* \* \*

**LEADING WORSHIP**

**Presiding** The Rev. Tyler Werner  
**Preaching** The Rev. Paul Rieger  
**Music** Nancy Simonson, Organist; Trinity Choir  
**Worship Assistant** Brent Peterson, Dave Simonson