



FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2021
4:30PM

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
Faribault, MN

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS / TITHES AND OFFERING

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

INVOCATION & OPENING VERSICLES

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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

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

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

C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

P: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time

came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

(continued...)

¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people.

¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to

one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

INTERGENERATIONAL LIVING NATIVITY

PART #1: MARY & JOSEPH

HYMN: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" *LSB* 361, v. 1

Narrator:

Mary and Joseph, a pitiful sight.

So tired and dirty, they gave me a fright.

Sickly or dying? What was the matter?

"A room in the inn?" Impossible chatter!

"My rooms are all taken; not one empty bed.

There'll not be a room in all Bethlehem," I said.

But their eyes told a story of hunger and need.

I couldn't avoid them, so I tried a good deed.

I cleaned up the stable: Rachel cooked up a meal.

We helped all we could, at least, that's how I feel.

For we noticed that Mary was expecting - and soon!

So we prepared for delivery right under the moon.

The child came so quickly. His face seemed a light.

As if God had shone God's presence so gloriously bright.

Joseph said softly. "It's Jesus, my friend."

God sent him among us to bring to an end

Fear and hatred, darkness and sin.

Instead God gave light, to let God's love in."

PART #2: THE ANIMALS**HYMN: “Away in a Manger”** *LSB 364*, verse 1-all, verse 2-women only, verse 3-all)

Narrator:

My animals were calm, quieter than normal.
They often were noisy, and never too formal.
They always were eating, or else they were sleeping.
The stable required continuous sweeping.
But on Christmas night, they were strangely in awe
At the sight of the babe and all that they saw.
It's as if they were aware that God had just hushed them,
Had fed and watered and carefully brushed them.
They knew, I believe, that God had been able
To work a miracle there in that stable.

PART #3: THE STAR & THE ANGELS**HYMN: “Angels We Have Heard on High”** *LSB 368*, v. 1

Narrator:

We don't often see angels in flight.
But on the first Christmas, they lit up the night.
They appeared to the shepherds and, boy, were they scared!
“Angels!” cried one. “Will any lives be spared?”
“Are they here to destroy us? Is our time on earth up?
Have we seen our last day? Have we drunk our last cup?”
But “Peace on earth; goodwill to all.”
Was the angels' sweet song; that was their call.
With a light show that dazzled all who did see,
The angels hallelujahed and sang out with glee.
“To Bethlehem, shepherds!” the angels directed.
“To see Jesus the Christ, whom God has perfected.”
“Go worship the Lord and follow his ways.
And you'll find Christmas joy for all of your days.”

PART #4: THE SHEPHERDS
TRINITY CHOIR “The Shepherds’ Nowell”

Narrator:

The shepherds, I told you, were scared and stunned.
“Too much hard work or too much hot sun!”
That’s what they thought; that’s how they explained.
Perplexed and afraid, they loudly complained.
But the angels’ song calmed them, and then they believed.
They rejoiced when they knew and they were quite relieved.
They went to the stable and worshiped the Lord.
Then they left and began to spread the good Word.

PART #5: THE STAR & THE MAGI

HYMN: “We Three Kings” WOV 646, v. 1

We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

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Narrator:

The star that shone brightly led Wise Persons at night
To Bethlehem’s stable, to the manger’s strange light.
They came bearing gifts, in worship and love,
Praising God for God’s wonders from heaven above.
The Wise Men were kings and they knelt on my straw.
It was the oddest of things that ever I saw.
If kings bring him treasure,
Then maybe you, too, can worship with pleasure
The person of Jesus, who came to us all.
So worthy of praise, for he brings us God’s call.
“I am the way, the truth, and the life,
Come to God for healing from strife.
Come unto me, all you who labor,
And I’ll give you perfect rest, forever to savor.”

PART #6: CONCLUSION

Narrator:

T'was the very first Christmas and there in the manger,
The Christ-child was born; it couldn't have been stranger.
Shepherds saw angels; Wise Men, a star.
They came to see Jesus; they came from afar.
They knew he was special - God's very own Son,
He came down to earth to love everyone.
He grew up in time, the Savior, the Lord,
To be worshiped each day, to be loved and adored.
So now at each Christmas we all take delight,
In the gift that God gave us that first Christmas night.
In the gifts we receive and the ones that we give,
Let us never forget, it's in Christ that we live.

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

CHRISTMAS HOMILY - *Pastor Tyler Werner*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(Two Ushers light the eight candles among the poinsettias.)

CANDLE LIGHTING

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C: the light no darkness can overcome.

P: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

C: and the day is almost over.

P: Let your light scatter the darkness

C: and illumine Your Church.

HYMN: "Silent Night, Holy Night" LSB 363 *(please watch the director)*

BENEDICTION

P: On this Christmas Eve, may you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

P: And may almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Joy to the World” LSB 387

DISMISSAL

P: Filled with the joy of our Savior’s birth, go in peace, for Christ is with you!

C: Thanks be to God!

* * * **To GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

LEADING WORSHIP

Presiding The Rev. Paul Rieger

Preaching The Rev. Tyler Werner

Music Nancy Simonson, Organist; Trinity Choir;
Cole Hill, Trumpeter

Karen Fuchs-Archambault, Director

Worship Assistant Larry Schreck, Steve Zimmerman

Elder Curt Becher

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Saturday, Christmas Day, December 25

9:00 AM - Christmas Day Service [with Holy Communion]

No In-Person Worship Services on Sunday, December 26

8:00 - Pre-recorded Worship (Online only)

Regular Worship Services on January 1 & 2, 2022

5:30 PM Service on Saturday

8:00 & 10:30 AM Services on Sunday

Adult Bible Study and Sunday School at 9:15 AM