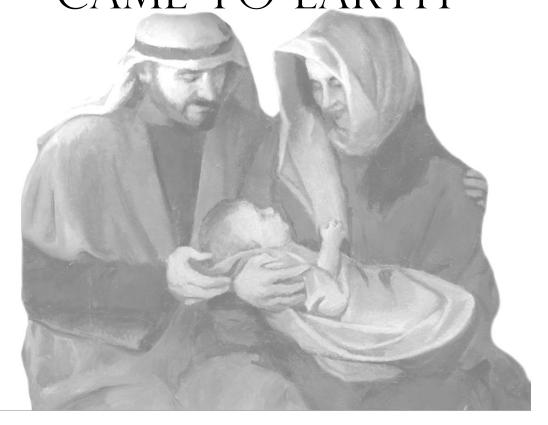
First Sunday after Christmas

PEACE CAME TO EARTH





Saturday Worship 6:00 p.m. • Sunday Worship 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR RISEN LORD

Welcome to Trinity! Today in the Divine Service God proclaims to us through Word and Sacrament the forgiveness, love, and salvation that He has won for us through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. If you are new to Trinity or looking for a church home, we invite you to join our family. Please introduce yourself to our Pastors following the service. After the 8:00 a.m. worship service,



please join us for coffee, fellowship, and Christian Education. At various points in the service you will be invited to refer to our hymnal, the *Lutheran Service Book* or LSB (image to the right), located on the back of the seat in front of you.

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ARLEN MEYER BANNER DESCRIPTION

The banner hanging towards the left of the chancel was and designed especially for Trinity's Sanctuary by Arlen Meyer, a teacher and artist from Seward, Nebraska. It is designed to be used for the whole season of Christmas and will change slightly week by week.

The Light of Heaven becomes the Light of Earth and centers in a bed of straw....in humble circumstances. In God's time and place God provides for everyone everything that is needed. Love comes down at Christmas.

THOSE SERVING IN WORD & SACRAMENT MINISTRY

Preacher: Pastor Mark J. Nelson Liturgist: Jon Reick

Organist: Ken Erdman

Saturday 6:00 Service – Comm. Asst.: Dick LeCrone, Lee Slee; Altar Guild: Mark Morrow; Sound:

Will Fleming

Sunday 8:00 Service – Comm. Asst.: John Volovitz, Bill Wagner, Gene Tondre, Jason Marks; Altar Guild: Peggy Livengood; Acolytes: Samantha Brown, Ben Hipple; Sound: Todd and Benjamin

Coulter; Ushers: Randy Neff, Mark Morrow

Sunday 10:45 Service – Comm. Asst.: Mike Schallhorn; Altar Guild: Lisa Jacobson; Acolytes: Kaden

Marion, Mariah Ford; Ushers: Mark King, Kim Merkle

Divine Service - Setting Four

+ We Come Into God's Presence +

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell



Invocation: The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

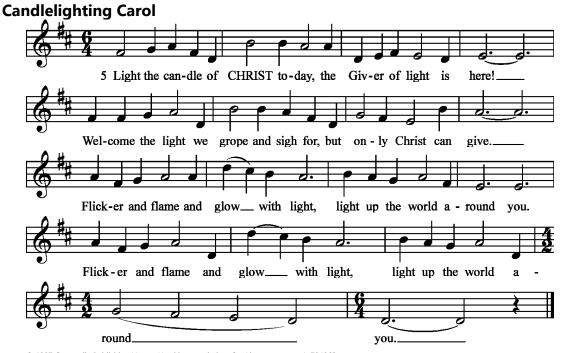
- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

John 8:12; Luke 2:32

- P Christ our Savior is here. Today we light the Christ Candle to remind us that Jesus said,
- (I am the Light of the world; whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
- We also remember that Simeon called the Christ Child "a light to lighten the Gentiles."
- With candles burning to symbolize the Lord's presence, we worship Him, who is our newborn King.
- P Jesus is born!
- **C** Let us rejoice!



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Confession of Sins

P 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

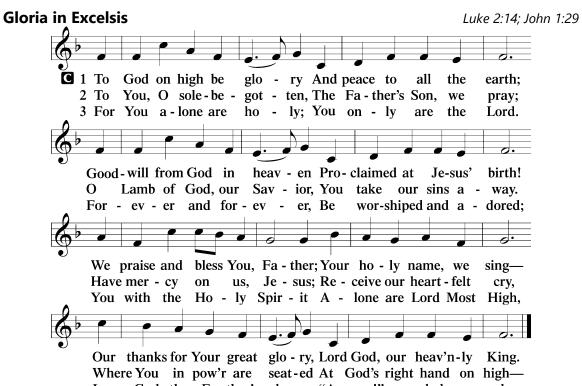
Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen. **Absolution** [John 20:19-23]

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise 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 +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cv.



God the Fa-ther's glo-rv. "A-men!" our glad In

Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

Collect of the Day

- **P** Let us pray.
- O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please he seated

+ God Speaks to Us +

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GoD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

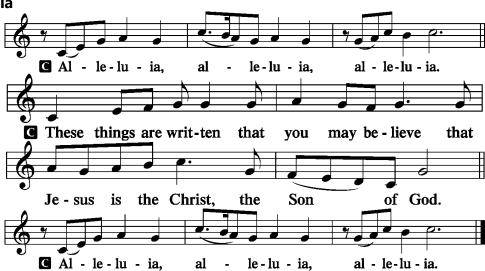
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- Thanks be to God.

Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar – Question 3

- **A** What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?
- These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Please stand





- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

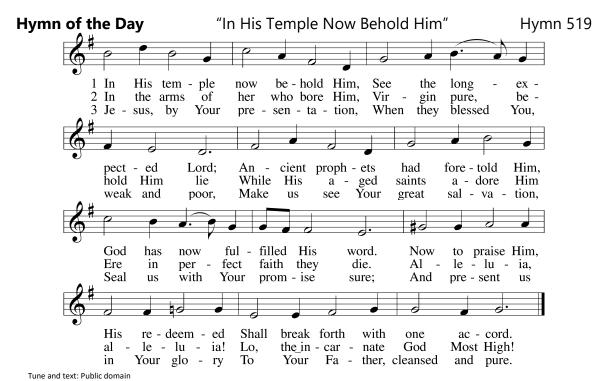
³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated



Sermon

Please stand

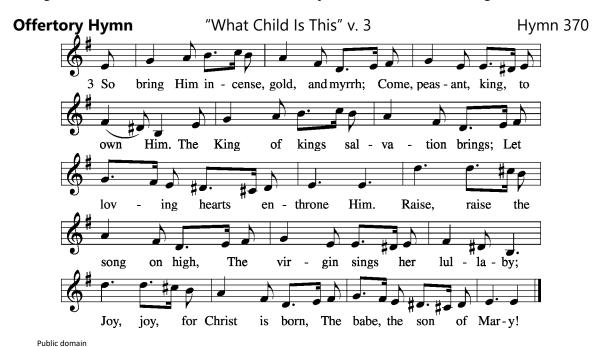
+ We Respond to God's Word +

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.



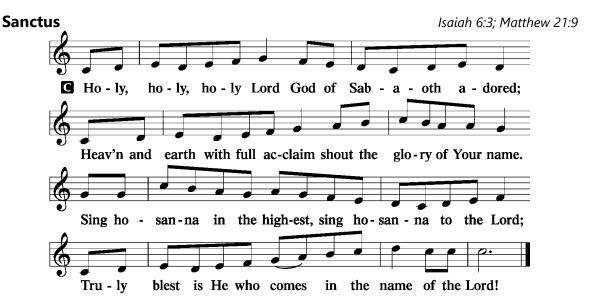
Prayers of the Church P. ... let us pray to the Lord: C Lord, have mercy.

+ God Serves Us His Holy Feast +

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

- P The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came in the flesh, comes now to us in His body and blood, and will come again in glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we glorify Your name and praise You singing:



Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24 Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:25–25

Pax Domini John 20:19

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Please be seated

Distribution

Communion Statement

As a Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) church, we believe and confess that through the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. As we commune with faith and repentance, we receive the forgiveness of sins and power to amend our sinful lives. If you would like to commune with us but are not a member of a church in fellowship with the LCMS, we ask that you schedule a visit with our pastor before communing. Our communion practice is not intended to exclude anyone, but rather to make certain that we, in love, faithfully administer the sacrament according to Christ's institution.

If you are not communing, but wish to come forward to receive a blessing, please fold both arms across your heart. Children are also encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Sunday: Music During the Distribution

"A Great and Mighty Wonder"	LSB 383
"Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"	LSB 375
"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"	LSB 366

Saturday: Post-Communion Blessing

Please stand

Nunc Dimittis



Post-Communion Prayer

- Father in heaven, filled with the real presence of Your Son Jesus Christ we wait in faith for when He comes again in glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

+ God Sends Us Out +

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- 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

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

Please be seated



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Silent Prayer

Dismissal

- P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God!

Announcements and Welcome

Additional announcements and other Trinity information are available in the weekly newsletter entitled "Trinity News" that can be found on trinitypeoria.com

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Postlude

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