

Liturgy at **Holy Trinity** Lutheran Church



December 25, 2018 + 10am

Christmas Day

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GATHERING

Prelude – Two Variations on *In Dulci Jubilo* James Engel
Pastorale on *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Craig Phillips

Following the introduction to the hymn, please **stand** and face the rear of the nave. **Turn** to face the cross as it enters; you may bow as the cross passes, honoring the mystery of our salvation.

Our liturgy is multi-sensory and shows the significance of our bodies and all of God's creation. Used in many religions, the sweet smell of incense represents the rising of our prayers and the aroma of Christ spreading in procession throughout the world. We honor (cense) the primary symbols of the liturgy: the people, font, ambo (lectern), book of scriptures, cross, and table (altar).

Processional Hymn – #288 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Greeting

The presiding minister bows toward the assembly which is the body of Christ and the primary symbol of God's presence in the liturgy.

Alleluia! Christ is born for us.

Oh, come, let us adore him.

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.

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

The Word become flesh and lived among us.
and we have beheld Christ's glory.

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.

Canticle of Praise – *Glory to God*



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... Amen

Be seated

WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 52:7-10

This poem from Second Isaiah is situated in the sixth century bce when Babylon had conquered the Israelites and sent some of them into exile. The prophet preaches hope that in the future God will bring the people back to their beloved Jerusalem, where God will once again reign.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97

Setting: David L. Sanders

The choir sings the refrain first and the assembly repeats. The choir sings the verses.

Ps 97

I SAW THREE SHIPS
Traditional English carol
Arr. David L. Sanders

REFRAIN

A light will shine on us this day: the
Lord is born, the Lord is born, A light will shine on
us this day: the Lord is born for us.

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The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many isles be glad. The heavens proclaim his justice, and all peoples see his glory. *Refrain*

Light dawns for the just; and gladness for the upright of heart. Be glad in the Lord, you just, and give thanks to his holy name. *Refrain*

Second Reading – Hebrews 1:1-4

The letter to the Hebrews is an intellectually and symbolically complex sermon written in elegant Greek, probably around the time of the destruction of the temple in 70 ce. It encourages believers to remain faithful to the gospel despite any hardships they are encountering. The passage describes the Son's relationship to God and his priestly role on earth.

Word of God, word of Life
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation – #295 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

The choir sings stanzas 1-3 before the gospel. The assembly sings stanzas 4-5 after the gospel.

- 1 Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.
- 2 Oh, that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,
and the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.
- 3 This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord
evermore and evermore.

Gospel – John 1:1-14

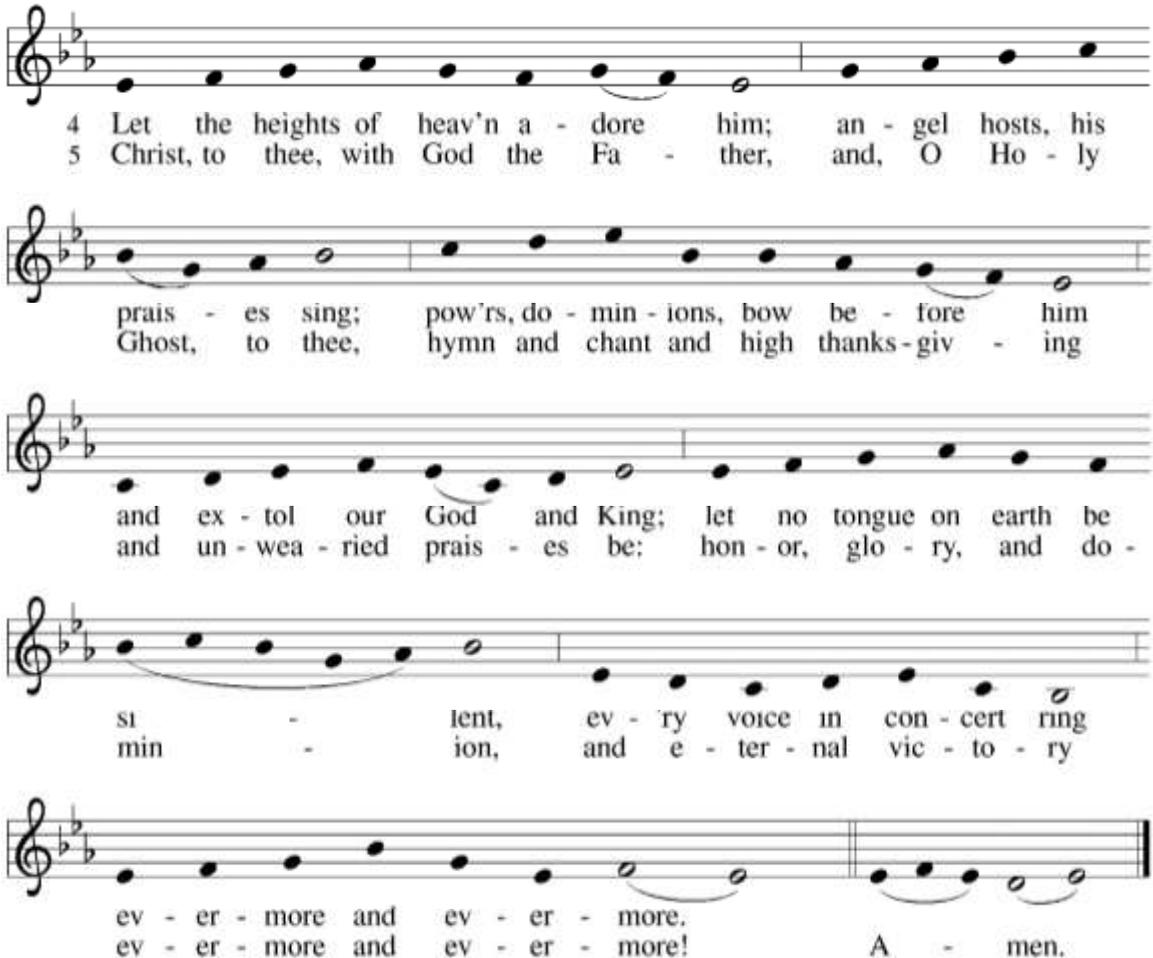
As was customary for a piece of Hellenistic literature, the Gospel of John, probably completed about 100 ce, begins with a prologue that indicates the direction of what follows. Perhaps a hymn sung by the Johannine community, this poetic introduction relies on the Greek philosophical category of Logos, Word, to describe the being of Christ. This Word of God is the very God whose arrival, as at creation, brings light into the world. The hymn claims that in the incarnation the world has been created anew.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry, and do -
si - lent, ev - ry voice in con - cert ring
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Following the sermon there is a time of silence for reflection and quiet meditation. Our liturgy is not only made up of words, gestures and music, but also moments of silence.

Silence

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day – #292 Love Has Come

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

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

Hear us, O God,
your mercy is great.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

MEAL

Gathering of Gifts and Setting of Table

If this is your first time, or if you have been attending awhile and would like to get to know us better, please fill out the welcome slip in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

Following the offertory hymn we will gather around the table for communion. Please bring your bulletin with you.

The plate at the front is for offerings and yellow worship slips (found in pew racks).

Please stand.

Offertory Hymn – #275 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so 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."

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Please repeat responses after the presiding minister.

The following is sung to conclude the thanksgiving:

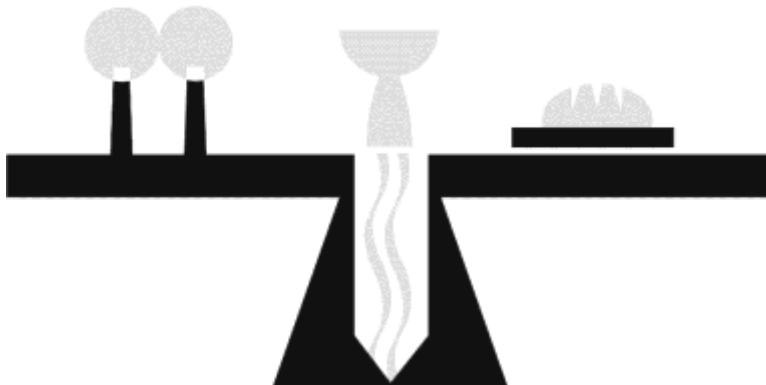
A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Lord's Prayer

As a sign of openness to the divine presence, you may join the presider in praying the Our Father with the ancient gesture of extended hands.

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the Lord's Prayer. It consists of six staves of music in a single system, all in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is simple and melodic, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are: "Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men."



Breaking of the Bread - from The St. James Christmas Service

Gently [In One]

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly
Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have
mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the
son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy
giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n.
Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the
son of Ma - ry.

Communion

All are welcome at Christ's table, including children. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received either by drinking from the (silver) common cup, or by saving the bread and dipping it in the second (glass) cup. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing, keeping your hands folded or extended over your chest. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone.

Silence

Please stand.

Prayer

SENDING

Having heard the word and shared the eucharist, we are sent to live our baptism through words and deeds, making known the love of Christ, and working for justice and peace in our families, communities, and world.

Turn to face the cross as it recesses, you may bow as it passes, honoring the mystery of our salvation.

Blessing

Sending Hymn – #283 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Sending

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude – *Love Has Come*

Setting: Keith Chapman

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PARISH NOTES

Church Office Closed December 25-January 1

The church office will be closed for the Christmas holidays from December 25-January 1. Voicemail and email will be monitored periodically.

Wednesday Eucharist and Bible Study on Holiday Hiatus

Our Wednesday 9:30am Eucharist and Bible Study will not meet on December 26 or January 2.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

Christmas Day + Monday, December 25

+ 10am - Christmas Day Eucharist at
HTLakeview

Saturday, December 29 (*HTLoop*)

+HTLoop (637 S. Dearborn) Eucharist at 5pm

Sunday, December 30 (*HTLakeview*)

+ Eucharist at 9am and 11am, *No Sunday School*
First Sunday of Christmas

Saturday, January 5 (*HTLoop*)

+HTLoop (637 S. Dearborn) Festive Epiphany
Eucharist at 5pm

Sunday, January 6 (*HTLakeview*)

+ 9am Epiphany Festival – We invite everyone to attend at 9am for the annual Epiphany Festival with beloved carols, two choirs, and the procession of the Magi. An HTFavorite liturgy you will not want to miss! Followed by light brunch (Three Kings Cake) in Passavant Hall. Many in our community are away on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day so this is our time to all be together for Christmas!



POINSETTIAS & GREENS SPONSORS

- ∴ George Ahlgrim, in memory of parents, relatives, and friends, and in thanksgiving for blessings received
- ∴ The Ashby family, in thanksgiving for Grant, Charlotte, and Margot
- ∴ Ed Beach and John Bumatay
- ∴ Molly Beran, in memory of Wayne Thell.
- ∴ Richard Bough and David Easterbrook, in memory of Anthony J. Reisman
- ∴ Richard Boyum, in honor of Joyce and Orville Hegseth
- ∴ Rich Campbell, in thanks for God's many blessings
- ∴ Sandra Cline, in honor of Carol & Ryan LaHurd, Kevin Strickland, and Robby Saner
- ∴ Scott Clodfelter, in honor of Donna Clodfelter
- ∴ The Donnell Family
- ∴ Carrie Egan
- ∴ The Feigon-Conti Family
- ∴ Kerry Fleming, in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fleming
- ∴ Phyllis Geistlinger, in memory of William, Catherine, Laurel Bearmore and in honor of Tim and Emmy's engagement
- ∴ Andy Halvorson, in memory of his mother, Marianne Halvorson
- ∴ Colleen and Chris Hanna, in memory of Colleen's sister, Cathy Fleming
- ∴ Anne Hulslander and Jason Moy, in thanksgiving for family and friends
- ∴ Randy and Linda Johnson, in memory of Clint Johnson and Jean Mayrens
- ∴ Tony and Geraldine Kruse, in thanksgiving for God's grace and the HTLC family
- ∴ The Licklider Family, in memory of Jerry Licklider and Charlie Fredenburg, and in thanksgiving for Lauren Haines Walerow and the Holy Trinity Children's Choir
- ∴ Amy and Jeremy Loch, in memory of their daughters, Lilly Ruth Loch and Lynn Loch, and in memory of Jeremy's father, James Loch
- ∴ Beth Mankowski, in memory of Joseph Mankowski and David Hoppenstand
- ∴ Martin and Lauren Modahl, in memory of Rose Mary Raffetto
- ∴ James Perez and Ken Duckmann, in memory of Alvaro and Marta Miranda (grandparents), Ken and Lillian Duckmann (grandparents), Charly Jakobsen (grandmother), and Ken Duckmann, Jr. (father)
- ∴ Dawn Roscoe, in memory of Wilma Roscoe
- ∴ Randy Wilson and Becky Sims, in honor of Hope's 11th birthday and Blake's 8th birthday
- ∴ Lisa and Andy Snyder, in memory of Janet Stevens
- ∴ Laura and Tom Spalla, in memory of Ivan Crnkovich, Morry Spalla, and Tom Moro
- ∴ Kent and Lora Swanson, in thanksgiving for Alana and Alex Swanson
- ∴ Ernest Vasseur and Craig Mueller, in thanksgiving for the talented staff of Holy Trinity
- ∴ Dinah Wayne, in loving memory of Mary-Ann Wayne
- ∴ Barbara Wahler, in memory of Margery Wahler and Dorothy Thrash
- ∴ Karol Weigelt, in memory of Claire Evans and in gratitude for her brothers, Keith and John, and the special Christmases they shared together on Artesian
- ∴ Karol Weigelt and David Stahl, in thanksgiving for Esley, Tom, and Felix in sharing their first Christmas together
- ∴ Peter Wong, in thanksgiving for God's blessing





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Purpose Statement

Open to the Mystery...
Connect, Strengthen, and Serve with Joy!

Guiding Principles

Act with courage
Be radically inclusive
Cultivate empowering relationships
Delight in God's beauty
Engage With Intention



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