

Liturgy at
Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

December 30, 2018 + 9am and 11am

First Sunday of Christmas



On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." It is Christmas, still.

Prelude

Noël X Grand jeu et
duo
Louis-Claude Daquin
(1694-1772)

Help Us Create **SACRED SPACE** by powering down

Please do not use cell phones and other electronic devices.

The ringing of the **meditation bowl** calls us to silence, centering and reflection as we prepare for worship.

As you pass the **baptismal font** upon entering or leaving the church, and/or on the way to communion, you may **dip your hand in the water** and **make the sign of the cross**. This is an ancient body prayer to remember you are a baptized child of God. Simply touch your forehead to chest, then your left to right shoulder.

GATHERING

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).*

Gathering Hymn

#269 Once in Royal David's City

Greeting

*During the greeting the presiding minister and assembly **bow toward one another**. We learn from Eastern cultures the deep significance of a bow as a sign of mutuality and the presence of Christ among us.*

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 became 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.

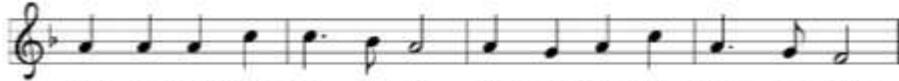
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Canticle of Praise

Angels We Have
Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing:



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains,
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Glo

ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o;

glo



ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H.F. Henry *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
Music: GLORIA, French carol

Let us pray... Amen.

~ be seated ~



Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20,
26

The narrative about Samuel is set parallel to that of Jesus in the temple because also Samuel, whose conception required divine intervention, is given to the service of God and speaks the word of God. Verse 26 parallels Luke 2:52. The boy is clothed in an alb-like robe that signifies his ministry in the temple.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

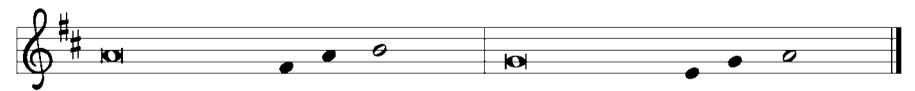
Setting Robert
Hobby

The cantor sings the refrain and the assembly repeats. The cantor and assembly chant alternating verses.

Refrain:



Tone:



¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.

²Praise the LORD, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.

³Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

⁴Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
who commanded, and they | were created,

⁶who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away. Refrain

⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

⁸fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;

⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;

¹⁰wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;

¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;

¹²young | men and maidens,
old and | young together. *Refrain*

¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and
heaven.

¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all |
faithful servants,
the children of Israel,
a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah! *Refrain*

We too are found in the Father's house; we too wear the white robe of baptism. Like Samuel, Mary, and the boy Jesus, we hold the word of God in our hearts. The peace of Christ rules. Our name, that is, the authority under which we present ourselves to the world, is the Lord Jesus. Our habit—that is, both our standard clothing and our practice of life—is thanksgiving.

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

Stand to welcome the gospel as Christ—the Word of God—as it is proclaimed among us in this place and time. Turn to face the book as the gospel is read in the midst of the assembly, a sign of Christ among us.



Verse: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. (Col. 3:15, 16)

Alleluia...



CHRISTMAS

Second Reading

| Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel Acclamation

| Setting: John
Ferguson

The choir/cantor sings the Alleluia and the assembly repeats. The choir/cantor sings the verse.

Gospel

| Luke 2:41-52

As the gospel is announced, you may trace a small cross on your forehead, lips and breast, a prayer that the Word may dwell in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts.

Today we join Mary and Joseph to find Jesus in his Father's house. He both participates in and moves beyond familial expectations and Jewish religious practice. Like Mary, we treasure these truths in our hearts.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia... (sung as above)

~be seated~

Sermon

Silence

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.

~stand~

#718 In a Lowly Manger Born

Stanza 1 - cantor alone; then stanzas 1-3 - All

Hymn of the Day

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.

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After each petition:
Hear us, O God,
your mercy is great.

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

~ be seated ~

MEAL

A special welcome to newcomers! We invite you to fill out the yellow slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate when you come up for communion or as you depart.

We thank you for your generous support of Holy Trinity. We seek to *do church differently* as we address racial justice, climate change, and take stands for the rights and dignity of all people created in the image of God. Most of our congregation gives online and you can set up one-time or recurring donations at giving.htchicago.org.

Today's loose offering will support *The Night Ministry*. Checks and envelope offerings support Holy Trinity's overall ministry unless designated otherwise. Offerings may be put in the basket *on the way to communion*.

~stand~

#290 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

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

Setting the Table

Offertory Hymn

Great Thanksgiving

The thanksgiving includes the following:
| Dialogue

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

*This ancient song is the musical climax of the liturgy and uses texts from Isaiah and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. At the words "blessed is he who comes," some make the **sign of the cross** as a connection to our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection.*



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

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The spoken responses during the Thanksgiving at the Table echo the presiding minister.

With Blessed Mary and Joseph, with all your holy ones, with the angels and the shepherds, with sun, moon, and stars, we praise you, Blessed and Holy Trinity, one God, now and forever.



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

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 - dav 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.

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
 pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
 Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
 he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav' n - ly food.

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.

Breaking of the Bread
 Please remain standing.

Tune: Jacques Berthier, © with text, 1984, Les Presses de Talzé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. Text: John G.; adapt. by Robert J. Batastini

~ be seated ~



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. Gluten-free wafers are available from the presiding minister. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing, keeping your hands folded over your chest. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone.

Holy Trinity's radical welcome is also an **invitation to baptism** and a deeper connection to community. If you are not baptized, please speak to one of the pastors to learn more about the process of adult baptism.

Communion Anthem

*In the Bleak
Midwinter*

Gustav Holst, 1906,
arr. Charles Callahan

Text may be found in Hymn 294.

Silence

~ stand~

Prayer

Let us pray. *brief silence*
...Amen.

Blessing

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.

Sending Hymn

#288 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Sending

Go in peace. Let your light shine.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

In Thee is Gladness
J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

*Following the liturgy, several things happen simultaneously: some folks **greet one another** and converse; others listen to the **organ postlude**; and others move to the front of the sanctuary for **refreshments and social time**.*

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

PRESIDING MINISTER-----	(9am) Pr. Craig Mueller; (11am) Pr. Michelle Sevig
PREACHING MINISTER-----	Vicar Noah Herren
ORGANIST-----	John Weit
CANTOR-----	Lauren Haines Walerow
ASSISTING MINISTER-----	(9am) Ken Duckmann; (11am) Scott Kuhagen
INCENSE-----	(9am) Megan White; (11am) Joel Cruz
CRUCIFER-----	(9am) Micah Cisneros; (11am) Peder Sevig
SACRISTAN-----	(9am) Patty Erickson; (11am) Ernest Vasseur
COMMUNION ASSISTANT-----	(9am) Kristin Ruckdeschel, Carol LaHurd (11am) Phyllis Geistlinger, Christian Cisneros
MEDITATION BELL-----	(9am) Phyllis Geistlinger; (11am) Julie Sevig
READERS-----	(9am) Jim and Kristene Hiepler-Hartwig; (11am) Alison Strickler, Erik Friend
INTERCESSIONS-----	(9am) Christian Cisneros; (11am) Aana Vigen
ACOLYTE TORCHBEARERS-----	(9am) Kyla Cisneros; (11am) Parker Spalla, Ben Strickler
ALTAR PREPARATION-----	(9am) Patty Erickson (11am) Ernest Vasseur
WELCOME HOSPITALITY-----	(9am) Erica Moriarty, Michael Moriarty, Peter Wong (11am) Martin Collerd, Laura Spalla, Tom Spalla
BREAD-----	Ken Duckmann

DECEMBER: A MONTH FOR GENEROSITY

Consider a special year-end gift to Holy Trinity.

It has been a wonderful year and we are **grateful for vibrant ministries** of worship, music, service, children's programs, spiritual formation, and outreach.

Holy Trinity depends on strong December offerings.
Your gift will help assure a strong start to 2019.

Most people **give online (giving.htchicago.org)** but we still have an offering basket available! **Either way, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



We invite everyone to attend at 9:00am 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. After many in our community are away for the holidays this is our chance to all be together to celebrate Christmas.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer in the New Year

- + Help cook and serve a meal for **The Crib Shelter on January 12**. Contact Ken Duckmann (justducky514@yahoo.com, 773-551-2573) with questions.

Coffee Hospitality Hosts and 2019 Flower Sponsorship Signups

Signup sheets for coffee hospitality hosts and flower sponsorships are on the back table.
More information about each opportunity is available on the signup sheet.

Save the Date in 2019!

- + Sunday, January 27, Noon - Annual Meeting and Potluck
- + Sunday, March 3, Capital Campaign Kick-Off Dinner

Mission Endowment Fund Grants + Applications Due January 31

Holy Trinity's Mission Endowment Committee is pleased to announce for the fourth year in a row the availability of a small number of grants that will extend our commitment to and support of mission beyond our congregation. Registered charities qualified under IRS §501(c)(3) are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$1,500 with the endorsement and signature of a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The grant deadline for 2019 annual grants is January 31, 2019. For more information and to download an application for, visit htchicago.org/endowment. Any questions which are not answered by reading the form may be directed to Thomas Spalla, Mission Endowment Fund Committee Chair, at spallat@hotmail.com.

Book Group January 21

Eat, Drink, Read. Make a New Year's resolution to join the book group! We'll be meeting on Monday, January 21 at 7:30 PM to discuss *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders. Please contact Becky Sims (rsims@1702.org) for more information and where to meet. Please join us, even if you don't have time to read the book!

Commemorations for the Week

January 1 + Name of Jesus

By Jewish law, every baby boy was circumcised and named on the eighth day of life, so on the eighth day of Christmas the church celebrates this event in Jesus' life. The keeping of the covenant as well as Jesus' name are signs of God's salvation given to us through him.

January 2 + Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, renewer of the church, died 1872

A nineteenth-century German Lutheran pastor, Loehe worked to enliven the church with the eucharist at its center, from which would flow evangelism and social ministry. He sent pastors to North America, Australia, New Guinea, Brazil, and the Ukraine.

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



NEWCOMER OR FIRST TIME? WELCOME!

- + **Whoever you are**, wherever you're from, whatever the color of your skin, whomever you love or marry, or whatever your feelings about religion or spirituality, you are welcome here.
- + **If the rituals and practices** of our liturgy are new to you, please participate as you feel comfortable and are able.
- + Please fill out a **yellow slip in the pew rack** and place it in the offering basket.
- + **More information** on Holy Trinity, Lutheranism, worship practices, marriage and baptisms at the welcome table.
 - Upcoming baptism dates: January 13, 2019
- + **To families with small children**: We are glad you are here! If your child needs a break from the service, feel free to walk to the narthex/back of the church. **Nursery**: open 8:45am – 12:15pm Use the garden entrance on Addison; nursery is inside the door. **Special children's materials** are on a rack at the back of the church.
- + **Sunday School for children ages 4-12**: Children age 4- 12 are invited to join us for Sunday school each week (*no Sunday School December 23 and 30; January 6*). We begin promptly at 10am. Children age 4 through grade 2 meet upstairs in Passavant Hall. Children grades 3-6 meet in the Spiritual Life Center. Contact Pastor Sevig (msevig@htchicago.org) if you have any questions.
- + **Offerings**: We rely on the generosity of members and friends to support the programs, staff, building, and ministries of Holy Trinity and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. A large number of the congregation gives their offerings online. You can also **donate online** at giving.htchicago.org. We still have an offering basket available during worship as well! We appreciate your contributions of time, talent, and financial support!
- + **Photos and Social Media**: As worship services and most Holy Trinity gatherings are public events, please know that your presence here means that you may be included in photos or videos that may be posted on HTLC social media. If you do not wish to be in photographs or videos, or if you do not want photos of your children used, please complete the form at media.htchicago.org. HTLC social media administrators will make every effort to not include them in HTLC social media.

DO YOU CONSIDER HOLY TRINITY YOUR CHURCH HOME?

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You will receive our e-newsletter.



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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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God's work. Our hands.

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