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**God of all creation who gives us this beautiful day
and life itself,
who hung the stars in the sky,
and who also generously provides our daily bread,
we welcome you into our presence.
Dear Lord, what can I do for you today?**

December 24, 2017



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2017

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10

God keeps the promise made to David, to give him an everlasting throne. The angel tells Mary that God will give David's throne to her son Jesus. She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting and by the news of her coming pregnancy, but she is able still to say, "Count me in." We who know that Jesus is called king only as he is executed still find it a mystery hard to fathom, but with Mary today we hear the news of what God is up to and say, "Count us in."

PRELUDE

GATHERING

PRAYER

See Bulletin Cover

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

BOB HORTON

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High, † one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,

C in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

P I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. Your sins are forgiven in † Jesus' name.

C Amen.

A Today we light all of the candles of Advent. First we light the candle for HOPE because Jesus is our hope. Second, we light the candle for PEACE because Jesus is our hope and peace. Third, we light the candle for JOY because Jesus brings joy. Fourth, we light the candle for LOVE because Jesus is love. Finally, we light the center candle. This is the CHRIST candle. Jesus is born. Jesus has

come. Jesus is our salvation. Here is a reading from Galatians: *But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law—*
Galatians 4.4

GATHERING HYMN

Joy to the World

ELW HYMN 267
VERSES 1 & 2

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN

Joy to the World

ELW HYMN 267
VERSES 3 & 4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW HYMN 264
verses 1 & 4

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the first chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:26-38

A ²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now,

P ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW HYMN 270

Please stand as you are able.

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at
the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and
the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

A Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people.

A brief silence.

A We bring to the manger our longing for the visible unity of the church of Jesus Christ, that undivided it proclaim the one whose birth brings good news of glad tidings to all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We bring to the manger hope for the well-being of creation, that every valley be exalted and every rough place be made plain so that every living thing may flourish. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We bring to the manger a vision of the reign of the Prince of Peace, that the nations, tribes, and peoples of this world will see and cherish in each other the very image of Christ, whose scepter is mercy and whose judgment is love. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We bring to the manger concern for those who have no place to lay their heads this night and for those who dwell in the shadow of loneliness, despair, illness, or death, especially Naomi Walker, Gay Marker, Howard Kunard, Don Longren, Lucille Brill, Kathryn Axelton, Jane Velen, Evelyn Johnson, and Russell Winsor. We come begging that the child for whom there was no room will open the doors of our hearts to the needs of our neighbors and ourselves. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We bring to the manger all people who, like the holy family, gather with children in the splendor of this most holy night, that the gift of faith be lavished on another generation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We bring to the manger those who celebrate the life you have given. We pray for Don Field, Cindy McGinnis, Karen Arney, Brett Henry and Adeline Klamm as they celebrate their birthdays, and for Andrew Carpenter, Dustin Carpenter, Debbie Pomeroy, Janice Greenlee and Kai Field as they remember their bap-

tisms, and for Carl & Betty Quarnstrom as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We bring to the manger the family of Livia Perlaky as they celebrate her life and her entry into the Church Triumphant. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We bring to the manger and pray for Prince of Peace Lutheran in Springfield and Gethsemane Lutheran in St. Louis, Missouri and Zion Lutheran in Hollenberg and Parroquia El Divino Niño in Dodge City, Kansas. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We bring to the manger the hopes and dreams of all the years, that with Mary and Joseph, angels and archangels, saints and martyrs, loved ones of every time and every place, our prayers and praises join in a common song uniting heaven and earth in a single peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your outstretched arms, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the light and life of the world.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and



rule in eq - ui - ty.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God with us: You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name.

C Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let every heart receive your Savior.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Everyone is invited forward to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.

Note: we now have gluten-free communion wafers available. If gluten-free is your preference, please let the pastor know when you are at the communion rail.

COMMUNION HYMNS *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* **ELW HYMN 242**
What Child Is This **ELW HYMN 296**

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The pastor will light a candle from the Christ Candle in the Advent wreath, and pass the light to the ushers. The ushers will bring their lit candles down the aisle, allowing the people seated at the end to light their candles and pass the light down each pew. The person with the lighted candle should always hold it upright, and the person lighting their candle from it should tip theirs toward the lighted candle.

Do not tip a lighted candle!

Music will be played by the organist during lighting of the candles.

Lights will be dimmed prior to "Silent Night".

HYMN

Silent Night

ELW 281

1st verse will be sung in German

PR. ALAN SAATKAMP

All Verses

CONGREGATION

Lights will be turned back on.

Please carefully extinguish your candle.

SENDING

BLESSING

P May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

ELW HYMN 288

DISMISSAL

A Glory to God in the highest!

C Peace to God's people on earth!

A Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Alan Saatkamp, 605-214-1469.

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments after worship.



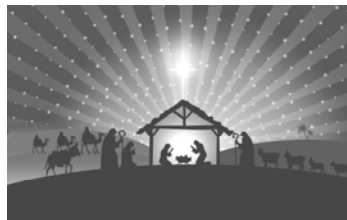
UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve	
 Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
Mon., Dec. 25	Christmas Day	
 Women's AA	5:00 PM
Wed., Dec. 26	Women's AA	5:30 PM
Thurs., Dec. 27	Men's AA.....	7:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 31.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM

- Pr. Alan will be in Topeka on Tuesday, Dec. 26th.
- Pr. Alan will be on vacation Jan. 2 thru 6th. Pr. Walt will be available for pastoral care emergencies during this time.
- Adult and children's Sunday school classes will not meet on Dec. 24 or Dec. 31.
- The quilters are taking a Christmas break and will resume gathering on January 9, 2018

Epiphany Sunday, January 7, 2018

You are invited to bring your nativity scene to church on January 7 and share it with us. We would love to hear the story of how you came to have it or why it is significant to you.



Pastor Gary Teske will be with us on Sunday, January 7 as he fills in for Pr. Alan. Adult Sunday School class will learn about the Lutheran Church in Russia when Pastor Gary Teske leads the class. Pr. Teske was part of a delegation from the Central States Synod who visited Russia last fall.

Then beginning on January 14, a seven week series, Animate Bible will begin.

Please call the office, 233-0767, promptly about hospitalizations in our church family.



To share a prayer request please contact Barbara Apps at 249-7244 She will get the prayer chain started.

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Host(s)	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
Dec. 24, 2017 Christmas Eve	Martha Nemeth	Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Mary Heald	Parker Jackson	Team 2 Share	Diane Bottorff & Martha Nemeth	Mary Heald	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp
Dec. 31, 2017	Junior & Liz Utech	Diane Bottorff	Laurie Jackson	Marcy Carlson	Laurie Jackson	Team 2 Share	Don & Charlotte O'Brien	Walt Laughlin	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS

Date	General	Building Fund	Other	Flowers	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/Communion
Nov. 26	\$1,826.00	\$20.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$2,146.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$497.92	39/33
Dec. 3	\$11,441.00	\$340.00	\$156.00	\$0.00	\$11,937.00	-\$2,643.92	\$9,293.08	35/30
Dec. 10	\$4,689.70	\$20,120.00	\$462.50	\$0.00	\$25,272.20	-\$2,643.92	\$22,628.28	47/44
Dec. 17	\$2,175.00	\$130.00	\$174.97	\$0.00	\$2,479.97	-\$2,643.92	-\$163.95	44/37
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.								
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead			
		November 2017	\$9,440.73	\$12,282.41	-\$2,841.68			
		Jan. thru Nov.	\$104,570.25	\$122,481.47	-\$17,911.22			

Please Notice This



Members & visitors, please take note of the pew record books in your pew, fill out the information for yourself and pass it along to the other persons in your pew. This will help us keep up with prayer needs in your family and maintain our records of membership and attendance. Thanks!

Remember our shut-ins!

Kathryn Axelton
 Lucille Brill
 Peggy Buchholz
 Marlene Hassan
 Marie Henriksen
 Howard Kunard
 Don Longren

Shawn Nowak
 Roy O'Neil
 Ron Owensby
 Keith Springer
 Naomi Walker
 Evelyn Johnson





The mission of
**Trinity Evangelical
 Lutheran Church**
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Together in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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