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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 31, 2017 — 1st Sunday of Christmas

MY EYES HAVE SEEN
YOUR SALVATION



1st Sunday in Christmas

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10

In the psalm all the natural world praises God, including all humanity, male and female, young and old. The voices of Simeon and 84-year-old Anna join the chorus today, recognizing what God is doing in Jesus. Simeon's song is often sung after communion, for we have seen God's salvation in the assembled community and have held Jesus in our hands in the bread. Then, like the prophet Anna, we speak of Jesus to all who look for the healing of the world.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

PRAYER

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

GATHERING HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW HYMN 279

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 61:10—62:3

To the people who returned to Jerusalem after the exile, the prophet proclaims that the Lord's salvation will fully come to pass. Jerusalem will become a shining light to the nations and righteousness and praise will spring up as surely as the earth puts forth vegetation.

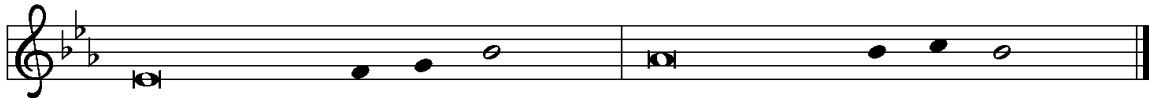
¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. ^{62:1}For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148

Sung responsively



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

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

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

⁴**Praise 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,

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

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

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

⁹mountains | and all hills,
 fruit trees | and all cedars;
¹⁰**wild beasts | and all cattle,**
creeping things and | flying birds;
¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers | of the world;
¹²**young | men and maidens,**
old and | young together.
¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
 whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.
¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faith-
 ful servants,**
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: GALATIANS 4:4-7

Paul seeks to show the Galatians that the purpose of Christ's birth was to liberate us from the law's condemnation so that we would be fully adopted into God's family as sons and daughters.

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

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.
 Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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

C Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-40

Luke's narrative continues with stories that emphasize Jesus' connection to Judaism. His family is devout in its observance of the law, and Jesus himself is recognized as one who will bring glory to Israel.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated 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; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” ³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S TIME & SERMON

INTERIM PASTOR ALAN SAATKAMP

Please stand for the final stanza of the hymn.

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 Drawn near to God as children and heirs of Christ's promise, we pray for all people of God, for our nation and our world, and for those in need.

A brief silence.

A For the faith communities of this city and for faith communities throughout the world. Help us to see ourselves in our neighbors, especially those who differ from us, and draw us together in common service to those who are hungry, poor, and oppressed. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For the well-being of the earth as we begin another year entrusted with its care. Give us lively imaginations to see ways to conserve its limited resources, harness its renewable energies, and conform ourselves to its natural goodness. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For peace among nations, for peace in our homes, and for peace in our hearts. Urge us to cry out at injustice and inequality among your people until vindication comes and righteousness prevails. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For those who wait in the shadow of death, for those who are ill, for those who struggle to see the future, and for all who lack even their basic needs. We pray for all in need, especially Naomi Walker, Gay Marker, Howard Kunard, Don Longren, Lucille Brill, Kathryn Axelton, Jane Velen, Evelyn Johnson, and Russell Winsor. Transform our love toward them with the vision of eyes that have seen the salvation of God. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For those who cannot see, for those who cannot hear, for those who have varied use of their limbs, and for those able to exercise all the senses. Help us to appreciate the fullness of God's gift of life in our varied abilities, and to celebrate the diversity that reveals a more complete image of the one who makes us all family. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For those who celebrate life in your name, we pray for Mary Heald, Jane Velen, and Kay Van Dorn as they celebrate their birthdays, and for Michael & Laurie Jackson as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We give thanks for those who have gone before us in this year and now rest in you. Led by Mary and Joseph, Anna and Simeon, let us live in your praise until the day we depart in your 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

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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.

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

The First Noel
It Came upon the Midnight Clear

ELW HYMN 300

ELW HYMN 282

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.

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

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW HYMN 290

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.

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.



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!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Sunday, Dec. 31	.....Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
Mon., Jan. 1	.....New Year's Day.....	
	..... Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
Tues., Jan. 2	.....Worship & Music Meeting.....	4:00 PM
Wed., Jan. 3	..... Women's AA.....	5:30 PM
Thurs., Jan. 4	.....Men's AA.....	7:00 PM
Fri., Jan. 5	.....Committee Reports are due for Annual Report.....	
Sunday, Jan. 7	.....Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
	.....Children's Sunday School.....	9:00 AM
	.....Adult Sunday School with Pr. Teske.....	9:15 AM
	.....Confirmation Class.....	9:15 AM
	.....Blood Pressure Checks.....	after worship
	.....Old Town NIA meeting.....	3:00 PM
	.....Youth Group meeting.....	5:30 PM

- 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. 31. Classes will resume on Jan. 7, 2018. Pr. Gary Teske will lead the adult class beginning at 9:15.
- The quilters are taking a Christmas break and will resume gathering on January 9, 2018

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
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
Jan. 7, 2018	Dean McGinnis	David McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Linda Longren		Charlotte Blenden & Team Three	Shelley Andrews	Mary Heald	Pr. Gary Teske
Jan. 14, 2018	Vickie Jacobs	Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Ted Murphy		Charlotte Blenden & Team Three	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Ted Murphy	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
Jan. 21, 2018	Martha Nemeth	Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Loni Reece		Charlotte Blenden & Team Three	Howard & Loni Reece		Pr. Alan Saatkamp



Today, the last 5th Sunday of 2017, our special offering will go to the ELCA World Hunger appeal. As it reads on the back of the special offering envelope found inside your bulletin, *your gift will help this church respond to the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries around the world*

Please note the back of the envelope also offers a place for you to include a disaster response offering, to be used either here in the United States or beyond our borders — your choice!

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
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
Dec. 24	\$1,844.00	\$40.00	\$68.00	\$0.00	\$1,952.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$691.92	59/49
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 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.

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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