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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 30, 2018 — 1st Sunday of Christmas***



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***Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 2***

*On the first Sunday of Christmas, we remember and celebrate the wonder and joy of Christ's birth through scripture and song.*

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER**

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**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P God, wonderful counselor,

**C we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way. We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world. We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire gifts that will not endure. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the peace of Jesus dwelling in and among us. Amen.**

P God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior. We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus, who is Love born for you, now and always.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**ELW 283**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according

to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

**ELW 272**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Isaiah 9:2–7:* <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**HYMN**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

**ELW 288, VERSE 1**

*Luke 2:1–5:* In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

**HYMN**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**ELW 279, VERSES 1 & 4**

*Luke 2: 6-7:* <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**HYMN**

*Away in a Manger*

**ELW 277**

*Luke 2: 8-14:* <sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the

Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

**HYMN** *Angels We have Heard on High* **ELW 289, VERSES 1 & 2**

*Luke 2:15-20:* <sup>15</sup>When 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." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**HYMN** *Angels We have Heard on High* **ELW 289, VERSE 3**

**CHILDREN'S TIME & SERMON** **PASTOR DINAH DUTTA**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* **ELW 270**

*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 Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A God of wisdom, open our ears to hear your grace through the words and deeds of children. Inspire the youngest and oldest in our midst to learn from one another with humility and patience. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of creation, praise to you for hills and mountains, fruit trees and forests, animals wild and tame, sea monsters, birds, and reptiles. Spark delight in our hearts for all that you have made. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of hope, call us to peace and bind us in unity. Make wars cease. Guide the leaders of nations in wisdom, compassion, and tolerance. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of healing, mend the broken hearts of those who suffer this day. Treasure everyone who struggles with addiction, loneliness, hunger, unemployment, mental illness, or sickness, especially Linda Longren, Russell Winsor, Susan Fitz, Jane Velen, & Debbie Pomeroy. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of life, draw us into the body of Christ and make us grow in faith and hope. Fill us with hearts of thanksgiving made visible in our words and actions for the sake of the whole world. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of joy, bless Karen Arney, Brett Henry, Adeline Klamm, Mary Heald, and Jane Velen as they celebrate birthdays this week, and Janice Greenlee as she remembers her baptism, and Carl & Betty Quarnstrom and Mike & Laurie Jackson as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of love, hold the congregations of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Springfield, Gethsemane Lutheran in St. Louis, Zion Lutheran in Hollenberg and Parroquia El Divino Niño in Dodge City in your arms. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P God of delight, fill us with songs of praise and hope even in the midst of despair and death. Comfort the grieving. Strengthen our faith until the day we will be gathered around your throne singing in eternal praise. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior.

**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.*

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**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

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**OFFERING & OFFERTORY**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERING SONG**      *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

**ELW 275, VERSE 4**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

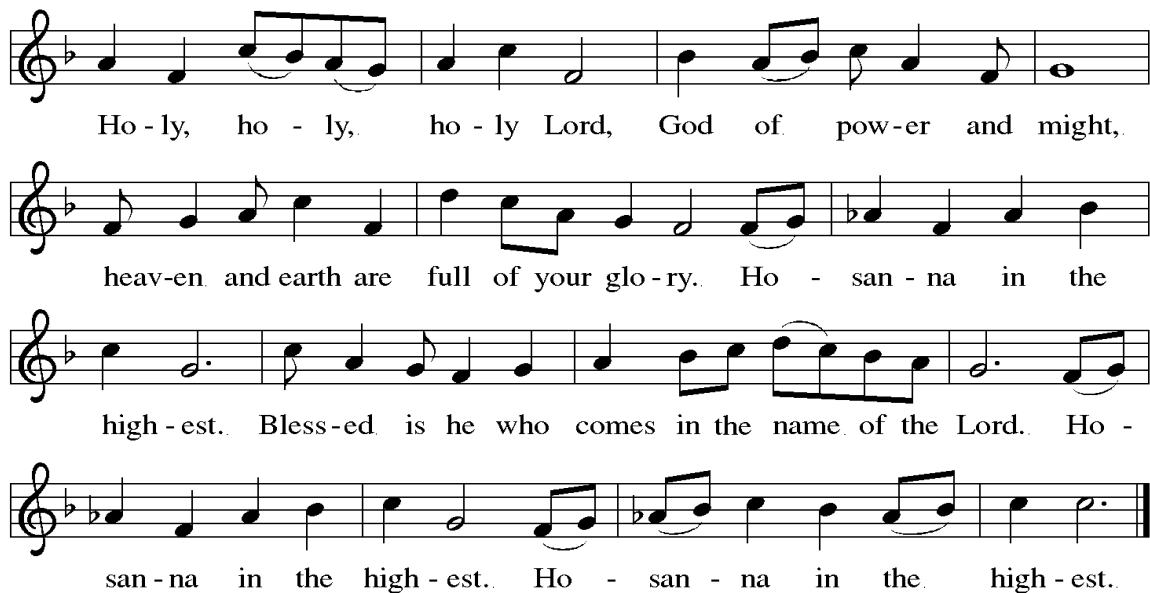
P Lift up your hearts.

**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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



#### **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.**

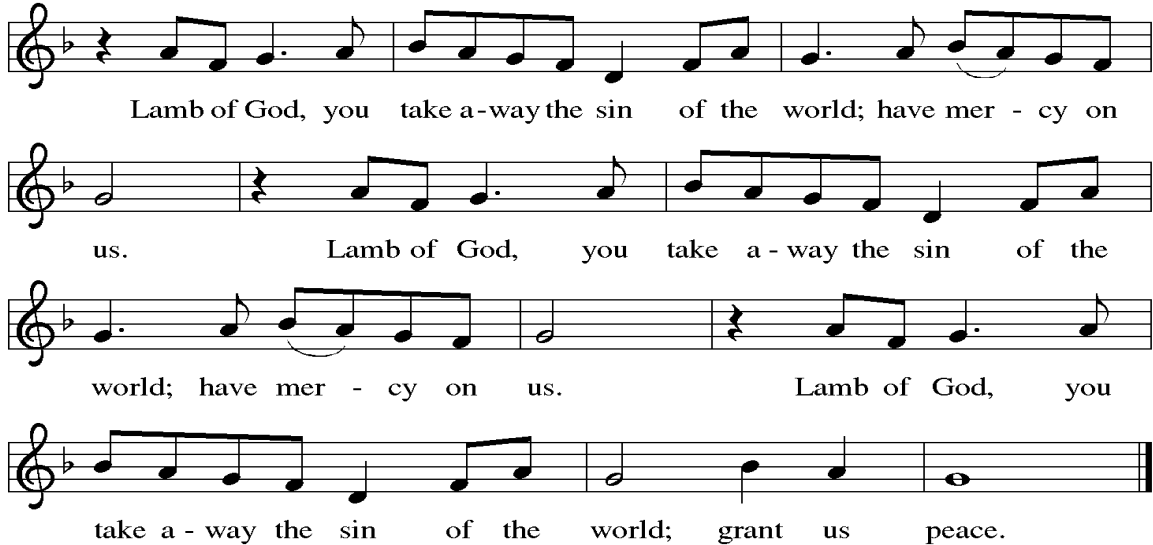
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table where Christ meets you. Eat, rejoice, and be glad!  
*Please be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*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 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*  
*Light Shone in Darkness*

**ELW HYMN 300**

**ELW HYMN 307**

*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 God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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### SENDING

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### BLESSING

P God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the life-giving Spirit who shines on you, ☩ bless you and keep you in hope and peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

*Joy to the World*

ELW 267, VERSES 1 & 4

### DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

***We welcome Pastor Dinah Dutta as she leads us in worship today.***

***Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you, members and visitors, 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 contact the church office at 785.233.0767***

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Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
December 30, 2018	<b>Chuck Sodergren</b>	<b>Ted Murphy</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Marcy Carlson</b>	<b>LaVell Winsor</b>	<b>Pam Kobbeman &amp; Team 3</b>	<b>Curt &amp; Jane Lewis</b>	<b>Jeff Longren</b>	<b>Pr. Dinah Dutta</b>
January 6, 2019	<b>Marilyn Hypse</b>	<b>Walt Laughlin</b>	<b>Mitchell Bean</b>	<b>Duane Pomeroy</b>	<b>Ted Murphy</b>	<b>Cindy McGinnis &amp; Team 1</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Janeen Horton</b>	<b>Rosie Nichols</b>	<b>Pr. Gary Teske</b>
January 13, 2019	<b>Dorothy Strom</b>	<b>Curt Lewis</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>LaVell Winsor</b>	<b>Duane Pomeroy</b>	<b>Cindy McGinnis &amp; Team 1</b>	<b>Mike &amp; Shelley Andrews</b>	<b>Ted Murphy</b>	

**Committee reports are due to the office no later than Monday, December 31st!**



OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/Communion
Dec. 9	\$3,091.00	\$108.00	\$3,199.00	-\$2,643.92	\$555.08	51/46
Dec. 16	\$1,822.00	\$0.00	\$1,822.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$821.92	53/44
Dec. 23 & 24	\$4,142.00	\$45.00	\$4,187.00	-\$2,643.92	\$1,543.08	44/41
Dec. 24						107/80
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Nov. 2018	\$5,652.34	-\$6,096.12	-\$443.78	
		Jan. - Nov.	\$116,067.31	-\$104,396.42	\$11,670.89	

*Remember our shut-ins!*

Kathryn Axelton	Don Longren	Keith Springer
Lucille Brill	Shawn Nowak	Naomi Walker
Peggy Buchholz	Roy O'Neil	
Marlene Hassan	Ron Owensby	



### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Dec. 30 .....	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	5th Sunday Special for Lutheran Campus Ministry.....	
.....	<b>Special Congregational Meeting .....</b>	<b>after worship</b>
Mon., Dec. 31 .....	Last day to turn in annual committee reports.....	
.....	Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
Tues., Jan. 1, 2019.....	New Year's Day .....	
Wed., Jan. 2, 2019 .....	Women's AA.....	5:30 PM
Thurs., Jan. 3, 2019.....	Men's AA .....	7:00 PM
Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019.....	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM

The next planning meeting for the 150th Anniversary Celebration will be January 15, 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

Our 5th Sunday Special today is for the benefit of Lutheran Campus Ministry. Please use the special envelope provided in this bulletin for your contribution.

Pastor Michael Haar has graciously agreed to provide pastoral care to our members until a more permanent arrangement is in place. Anyone desiring a pastoral visit (hospitalization, illness, communion, etc.) should contact the office (Cindy) during office hours or a Council member (see the back of the bulletin for names & phone numbers) outside of office hours. Cindy, Bob Horton or Mary Heald will contact Pastor Haar about the need.



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!

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

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