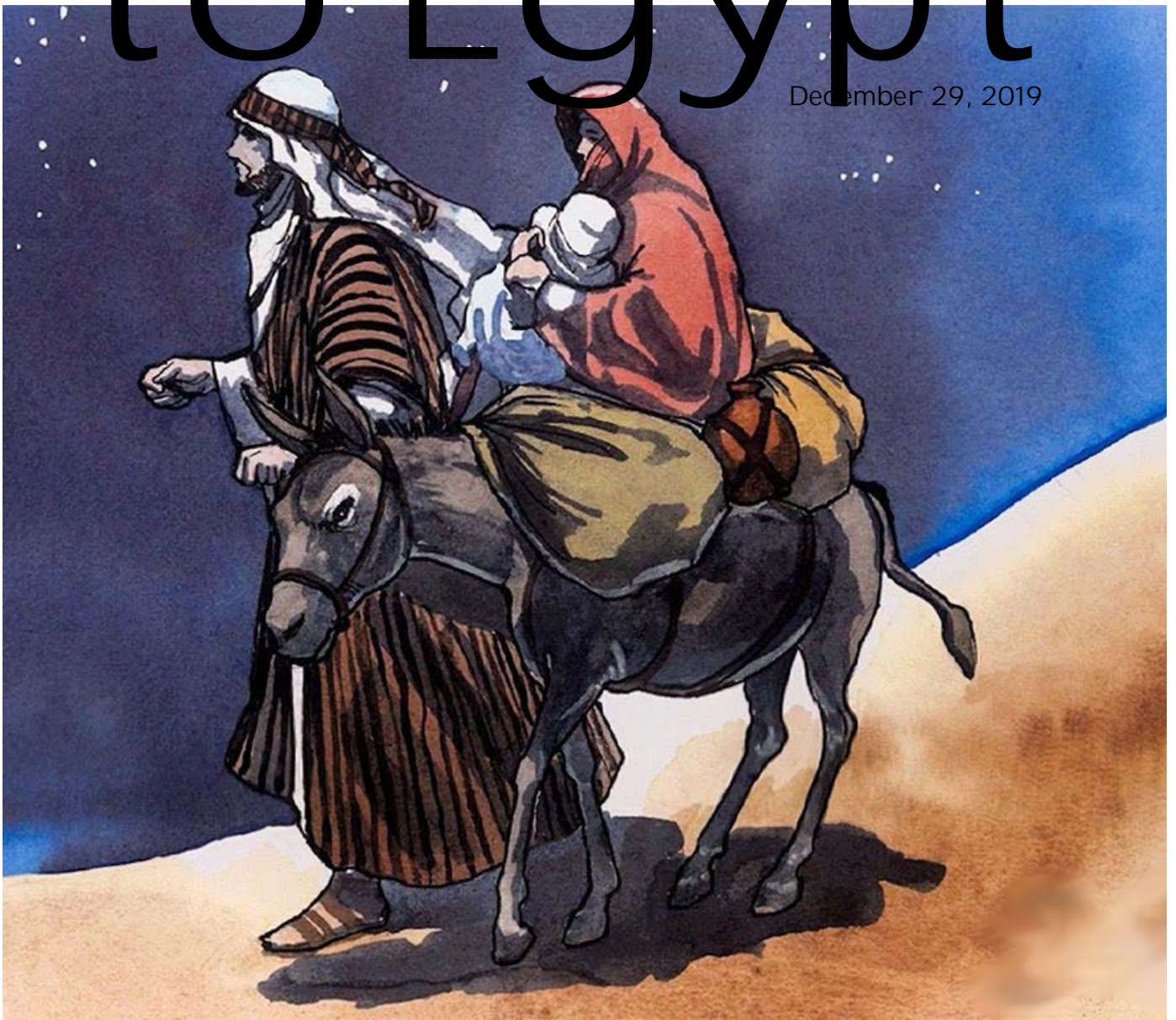


Escape to Egypt

December 29, 2019



1st Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2019

Advent Setting

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the "holy innocents" of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

C God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder our love of you, that when Christ comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Shout for joy, all of the heavens and earth rejoice for this news! The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it. For as it was promised by our forefathers.

C Rejoice! Shout for joy! See our king is coming. He is righteous and brings salvation to the whole of the earth.

P The voice of the messenger echoes from the desert, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make a path on which he may come into our lives. Let us confess our sins, so that our crooked paths may lead us straight to your humble resting place with Christ.

P Gracious Lord Jesus,

C you come to us with the good news of salvation, but too often we fail to notice. You come to us day by day, yet we close the doors of our hearts when it seems convenient to do things our own way. We ignore your presence in our lives and the ways you lead us in moments of need. We have failed to act justly, to love with mercy, and to walk humbly just as you did. Forgive us, merciful Lord. May we live so that the world will know that you have come. Amen.

P In the example of John the Baptist, we hear the promise of the Lord that is to come and his warning: "Change your hearts and lives today! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!" (*Matthew 3:2*) I therefore declare yours sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW 290

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.

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

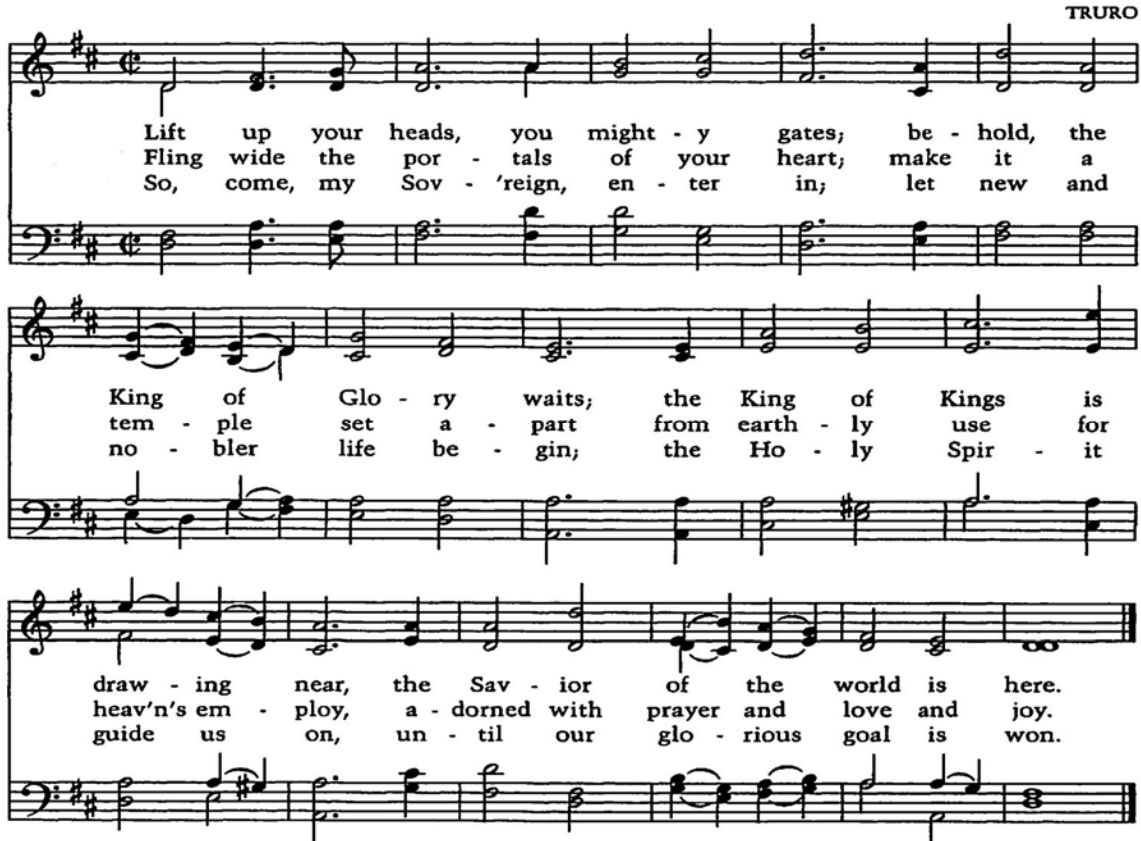
Hail in the time ap - point - ed his reign on earth be - gun!

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.

HYMN OF PRAISE

TRURO



Lift up your heads, you might - y gates; be - hold, the
Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
So, come, my Sov - 'reign, en - ter in; let new and

King of Glo - ry waits; the King of Kings is
tem - ple set a - part from earth - ly use for
no - bler life be - gin; the Ho - ly Spir - it

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.
heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
guide us on, un - til our glo - rious goal is won.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

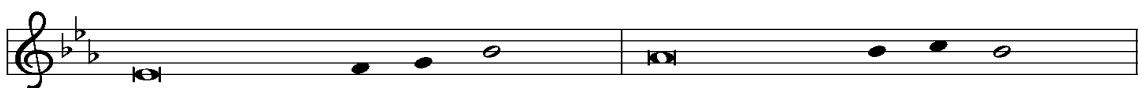
WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 63:7-9

God does not delegate divine intervention to a messenger or angel. God's own presence brings salvation. The prophet and all who read these words join in celebrating God's gracious deeds. God trusts that God's people will not act falsely.

C Thanks be to God

Sung responsively



the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 2:10-18

Through Jesus' suffering and death, the trail to eternal salvation has been blazed for us. We do not fear death, because he has conquered the power of death. Thus Christ, our merciful and faithful high priest, has the final say over the destiny of our lives.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." ¹³And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." ¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The musical score for the Gospel Acclamation consists of two systems, each with a vocal melody and a basso continuo line. The melody is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The basso continuo is written in a bass clef with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The melody features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with a final phrase that is held over from the previous system. The basso continuo provides a harmonic foundation with chords and single notes.

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:13-23

In a dream, Joseph is warned to flee to Egypt to protect the infant Jesus from the jealousy of Herod.

¹³When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." ¹⁴Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. ¹⁵He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁹When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. ²³He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazorean."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Child Is This

ELW HYMN 296

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

Magnificat

P In the words of Mary, let us proclaim our joy in the coming of Christ.

C My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy. The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Praise is on our lips and in our hearts, Holy One, for the gracious deeds and acts that you have bestowed upon your church, especially 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. Give to your whole church open hearts that we might work together to share your good news in Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Praise to you, Creator of all, for you have created a rich diversity of nature and creatures: sun, moon, stars, mountains and all hills, oceans and rivers. Sustain all that you made and keep us faithful in our care for creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We bless you, Ruler of all, for the communities and nations of which we are a part. Gather into your arms the many peoples of the world and grant humility to all leaders, so that all may find blessing and peace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A O Holy One, you overcame death and freed us from all fear. Give courage to all who are afraid and comfort to all who suffer in any way. Give patience and compassion to those who provide care. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Nurturing God, you care for your children in any danger. Grant courage to our congregation, that we are present with children who need our love and protection, with parents who grieve the loss of children, and with those who seek safety from hurtful situations. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

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

C Your mercy is great.

P Light of life, you claim us as your children forever. We praise you for those who have gone before us in the faith, serving as witnesses to your presence. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

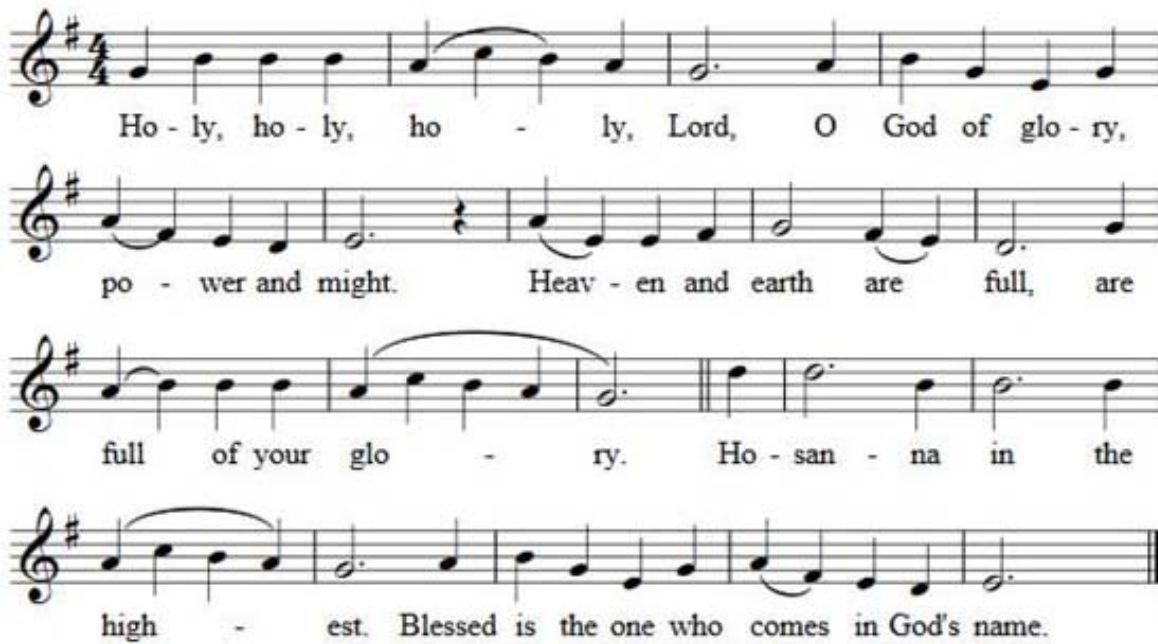
P Lift up your hearts.

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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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 Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
 Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
 Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
 Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
 Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
 Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
 Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
 the Word made flesh.

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.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

C Come among us.

P Bless this meal.

C May your Word take flesh in us.

P Awaken your people.

C Fill us with your light.

P Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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 Love has come: God's love for all people. Come and eat, for Christ invites you.
Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God Take away our sins
A - - men, A - - way our sins

Have mer - - - - - cy on us. 2 times
A - - - - - men.

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 to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate a desire to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing. 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	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	ELW HYMN 276
	<i>Love Has Come</i>	ELW HYMN 292

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all.

C Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

P Grace from God's own heart, peace from the ☩ Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN	<i>Angels, from the Realms of Glory</i>	ELW 275
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SENDING

A Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere. Tell of this good news!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to worship at Trinity!
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*

Please remember to take your poinsettia home with you today if you did not do so Christmas Eve.



Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
December 29, 2019	Chuck Sodergren	Diane Bottorff	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson	Cindy McGinnis	Team 2	Don & Charlotte O'Brien	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Andrew Patty
January 5, 2020	Donna Allen	Walt Laughlin	Laurie Jackson	Mary Heald	Curt Lewis	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Curt & Jane Lewis	Mary Heald	Pr. Gary Teske
January 12, 2020	Don & Charlotte O'Brien	Curt Lewis	Mitchell Bean	Bob Horton	Laurie Jackson	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Mike & Laurie Jackson	Rosie Nichols	Pr. Andrew Patty
January 19, 2020	Marilyn Heckman	Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Walt Laughlin	LaVell Winsor	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Rick & Janice Greenlee	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Andrew Patty
January 26, 2020	Jerry Chelson	Bob Horton	Mitchell Bean	Linda Longren	Marcy Carlson	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Marcy Carlson & Janelle Meredith	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty



PLEASE NOTE: the date of our annual meeting is January 26, 2020, immediately after worship. Work on the annual report booklet will begin in early January. **The deadline to submit reports to be included in the booklet is January 6th.** You may review the index of previous reports to see what reports are needed, or call the office, 233-0767.

Remember our shut-ins!

Kathryn Axelton Peggy Buchholz Marlene Hassan
Lucille Brill Don Longren Roy O'Neil



As a reminder...Due to HIPPA and Privacy Laws, hospitals and care facilities are not allowed to notify us when patients are admitted. Therefore, we ask that you or a friend or family member contact the church office if you will be entering a hospital or care facility, if you are unable to attend worship due to illness or mobility, or if you would like your name or that of a friend or family member included in the

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Dec. 29Adult Sunday School.....9:15 AM
Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM
5th Sunday Special for Central States Synod.....

Mon., Dec. 30 Women's AA..... 5:00 PM

Tues., Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Wed., Jan. 1, 2010New Year's Day office closed
 Women's AA..... 5:30 PM

Thurs., Jan. 2 Men's AA 7:00 PM

Sunday, Jan. 5.....Adult Sunday School.....9:15 AM
 Hymn Sing Along 10:15 AM
Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM

Today we will take up a 5th Sunday Special collection for the benefit of the Central States Synod. The Synod has experienced a shortfall in income so we have designated this 5th Sunday Special for their benefit.

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/Communion
Dec. 8	\$5,869.00	\$112.00	\$5,981.00	-\$2,648.00	\$3,333.00	50/48
Dec. 15	\$7,155.00	\$16.00	\$7,171.00	-\$2,648.00	\$4,523.00	24/24
Dec. 22	\$2,425.00	\$28.00	\$2,453.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$195.00	44/39
Dec. 24	\$243.00	\$33.00	\$276.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$2,372.00	62/48
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Oct 2019	\$10,081.95	-\$20,727.61	-\$10,645.66	
		Jan. - Oct	\$100,689.86	-\$116,755.04	-\$16,065.18	



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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