

The flight into Egypt

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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.

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

A Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

P God for whom we wait,

C **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

P God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ☩ your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Holy Child within the Manger

WOV 638

1 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, long a -
 2 Once a - gain we tell the sto - ry— how your
 3 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, lead us

go yet ev - er near; come as friend to ev - 'ry
 love for us was shown, when the im - age of your
 ev - er in your way, so we see in ev - 'ry

stran - ger, come as hope for ev - 'ry fear.
 glo - ry wore an im - age like our own.
 stran - ger how you come to us to - day.

As you lived to heal the bro - ken, greet the
 Come, en - light - en with your wis - dom, come and
 In our lives and in our liv - ing give us

out - cast, free the bound, as you taught us love un -
 fill us with your grace. May the fire of your com -
 strength to live as you, that our hearts might be for -

spo - ken, teach us now where you are found.
 pas - sion kin - dle ev - 'ry land and race.
 giv - ing and our spir - its strong and true.

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.

KYRIE

Hail to the Lord's A - nointed, 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

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

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

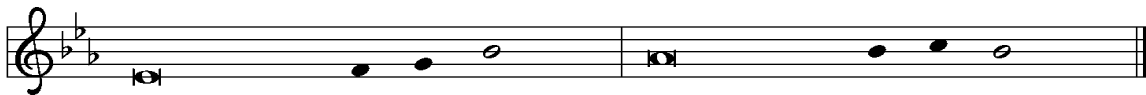
“I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely”; and he became their savior ⁹in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

Sung responsively



¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD¹ from the heavens;
praise God ¹ 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 ¹ of the LORD,
who commanded, and they ¹ were created,

**6who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD¹ from the earth,
you sea monsters ¹ 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.

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: HEBREWS 2:10-18

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

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

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:13-23

¹³Now after the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." ¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." ¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰"Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹Then Joseph got up, 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 there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

PR. MICHAEL HAAR

HYMN OF THE DAY

In the Bleak Midwinter

ELW 294

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

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 With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for
the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

A brief silence.

A Merciful God, broaden the church's hospitality and welcome. Open our hearts to
any in need of refuge and help, especially those who are persecuted. Prosper the
work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Life-giving God, restore the health of the soil, the seas, and the air. Increase the
joy and praise of all living things. In the coming year strengthen local, national,
and international efforts to prevent further harm to the environment. God of
grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Saving God, come to the aid of vulnerable people across the world, especially
those affected by the war in Ukraine. Provide safety and assistance for those in
need. Guide families as they lose their homes and loved ones. Particularly, let
us pray for the German Evangelical-Lutheran Church in the Ukraine and our
partner synod of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the
Far East as they face times of conflict. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Liberating God, deliver your people from cruel oppression. Increase justice in
every nation and keep the dream of freedom alive. In this new year bring the
blessing of peace and put an end to violent conflict throughout the world. God of
grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Uplifting God, raise all who are bowed down by trouble and need, especially
Walt Laughlin, Peggy Buchholz, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, and Martha

Nemeth. Protect and nurture all children. Sustain those who parent, teach, and care for the young. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Abiding God, accompany this community in the coming year. Increase our love for one another and the neighbors we serve. Enrich our worship and deepen our faith. Sustain our pastor and all who minister in your name. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Life-giving God, we pray for those who celebrate this week. We share joy with Mary Heald as she celebrates her birthday, and with Mike & Laurie Jackson as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Teaching God, we lift the people of St. John Lutheran in Ellis, Our Redeemer Lutheran in Ness City, Bethlehem Lutheran, Emanuel Lutheran and Zion Lutheran in WaKeeney, Kansas in our prayer today that they may be strengthened for your service in their communities. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Loving God, the holy innocents who perish in every generation are safe in your keeping. We give you thanks and praise for the all the faithful who have gone before us into everlasting life with you. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

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.

MEAL

OFFERTORY SONG

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

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:



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 Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, Take away our sins
A - men, A - cy on us. 2 times
men.

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 God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P God bless you and keep you, ☩ Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Cold December Flies Away

ELW 299



1 Cold De - cem - ber flies a - way at the rose - red splen - dor.
2 In the hope - less time of sin shad - ows deep had fall - en.
3 Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world a - wak - ens.



A - pril's crown-ing glo - ry breaks while the whole world won - ders
All the world lay un - der death. Eyes were closed in sleep - ing.
In the lil - y's pur - est flow'r dwells a won - drous fra - grance.



at the ho - ly un - seen pow'r of the tree which bears the
But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose gold - en
And it spreads to all the earth from the mo - ment of its



flow'r. On the bless - ed tree blooms the red - dest flow'r. On the tree blooms the
light brings un - end - ing joy, brings the end - less joy of our hope, high - est
birth; and its beau - ty lives. In the flow'r it lives, in the flow'r, and it



rose here in love's own gar - den, full and strong in glo - ry.
hope, of our hope's bright dawn - ing, Son be - lov'd of heav - en.
spreads in its heav'n - ly bright - ness sweet per - fume de - light - ful.

DISMISSAL

A Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim 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 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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Jan. 1 New Year's Day.....
..... Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM
..... Coffee Hourafter worship
Sun., Jan. 8..... Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM
..... Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM
..... Coffee Hourafter worship
..... Congregational Life committee mtg.after worship
..... PFLAG meeting 2:00 PM

| Worship Assistants | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Date | Ushers | Musician | Lector | Altar Guild | Asst. Minister | Presiding Minister | Coffee Hosts |
| Jan. 1 | Dean McGinnis, Diane Bottorff | Laurie Jackson | Loni Reece | Cindy McGinnis & Team 1 | Ted Murphy | Pr. Michael Haar | Howard & Loni Reece |
| Jan. 8 | Howard Reece, Curt Lewis | Mitchell Bean | Duane Pomeroy | Cindy McGinnis & Team 1 | Bob Horton | Pr. Andrew Patty | Marcy Carlson & Janelle Meredith |
| Jan. 15 | Marcy Carlson, Dean McGinnis | Laurie Jackson | Loni Reece | Cindy McGinnis & Team 1 | Ted Murphy | Pr. Andrew Patty | Dean McGinnis |

Many thanks to Pr. Michael Haar for presiding at worship today while Pr. Andrew is out of town.



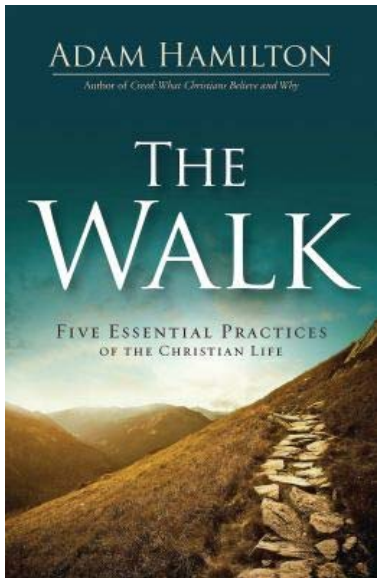
| OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS | | | | | | |
|--|------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Date | General | Other | Total Weekly Income | Average Weekly Expense | Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense | Attendance/ Communion |
| Dec. 4 | \$1,575.00 | \$71.00 | \$1,646.00 | -\$2,761.27 | -\$1,115.27 | 24/22 |
| Dec. 11 | \$2,715.00 | \$110.00 | \$2,825.00 | -\$2,761.27 | \$63.73 | 27/21 |
| Dec. 18 | \$1,565.10 | \$18.00 | \$1,583.10 | -\$2,761.27 | -\$1,178.17 | 28/27 |
| Dec. 24 | \$703.00 | \$0.00 | \$703.00 | -\$2,761.27 | -\$2,058.27 | 59/40 |
| | | | Income | Expense | Behind/Ahead | |
| | | Nov. 2022 | \$9,182.57 | -\$15,599.53 | -\$6,416.96 | |
| | | Jan. - Nov. | \$89,958.25 | -\$137,420.01 | -\$47,461.76 | |



If you have not yet turned in a report for the annual meeting, please do so very soon. Thanks.

Sunday School for the New Year

Education is an important part of the faith formation of not only children in the congregation but for members as well. Starting in 2023, we plan to have Sunday School at least once a month for both adults and children. **Sunday School will be 9:45-10:15am on the second Sunday of the month for**



adults and on the last Sunday of the month for children.

Adult Sunday School, will meet the first time on Jan. 8th in the Trinity Hall lounge. We will be read-

ing and discussing the book “**The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life**” by Adam Hamilton. **For this first Sunday, please read the Introduction and Chapter 1.** You can order the book on Amazon, the public library has it (physical copy and ebook), or contact Pastor Andrew if you are having trouble getting a copy.

For Children’s Sunday School, we will meet in the new Youth Room in Trinity Hall. We will do a lesson plan from Messy Church that is fun and interactive for the children. Parents are welcome to not only attend but to join in the fun! We will also have a children’s sermon that Sunday during the regular worship service.





TIME TO REGISTER!

The countdown to summer camp has begun, and so has our Early Bird registration! Luckily you don't have to wait until summer to join in on Tomah Shinga activities, so check out our calendar on the website for events coming up in the spring.

Invite a friend and join Camp Tomah Shinga for a fun-filled, Spirit-led camping experience!

Camperships are available, please contact jvalentine@camptomahshinga.com to inquire.

We are excited to welcome back campers for a full summer to Explore Creation, Build Community, and Grow in Faith.

Want to be part of the legacy of Camp Tomah Shinga? Here are a few options for you!

Amazon Wish list - We have started an Amazon Wish list to help us be better

prepared for our campers! Sports equipment, co-op items, kitchen gear, and so forth are included and will be added to throughout the month of May.

Rooted Monthly Giving Club - We are always looking to grow our Monthly Rooted Giving Club and without it, we wouldn't be able to do all that we have accomplished. As little as \$10 a month or as much as \$150, it will be pulled automatically from your account each month.

Make a Gift - Of course, we welcome one-time donations as well! This can look like a monetary donation, a needed-item donation or if you are a Thrivent member, using your Thrivent Action Grant to apply for a CTS need and further the ministry out at camp.

Contact Jordan at jvalentine@camptomahshinga.com.



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OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

Together in Community

Living with Christ's Love

Caring for Neighbors

Together in Community

We are a faith community brought together to worship God and to be of service to the needs of the world as the Great Commandment is our guide in our lives (*Matthew 22:36-39, Mark 12:29-31, and Luke 10:26-27*). We are a congregation that seeks to reach all those in our county with members spread throughout Topeka area, while being rooted in Historic Old Town. In our faith, we hope to be a symbol of Christ's love in the world (*John 15:12*), to be a community of support and care (*Galatians 6:2*), and to proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ came to be a Savior for all people (*Colossians 1:13-14*).

Congregation Council

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