

CHRISTMAS EVE

24 December 2021, 7:45 pm

Pastor Scottie Burkhalter, Presiding Dr. Susan Waters, Musician Martha Egan, Flutist

The Wintertime Has Come Again	HTLC choir	Andrew Birling
When Mary Bore the Sweet Baby Jesus	HTLC choir	Robert Lau
Child of Peace and Love	HTLC choir	Stan Pethel
Christmas Lullaby	HTLC choir	John Rutter

Voluntary He Is Born, the Holy Child McCaskill & Gilliam

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL BE FED BOTH SPIRITUALLY AND SACRAMENTALLY THROUGH THIS WORSHIP SERVICE. IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE COMMUNITY OR WITHOUT A CHURCH HOME, PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER OF HOLY TRINITY. THE PASTOR WILL BE GLAD TO SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT THIS.

(We stand)

- 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 is kept for reflection.

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 loving kindness 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.

DIALOGUE

- P My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
- C For the Lord God has visited and redeemed His people.
- P God has raised up a mighty Savior for us in the house of His servant David.
- C You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.
- P He will be great and will be called holy, the Son of God.
- C He will reign forever, and His kingdom will never end.

AT THE PROCESSION:

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

- P Let us pray.
- C Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gloria in excelsis:

- Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.
 Refrain
- 3. Come to Bethlehem and see
 Him whose birth the angels sing;
 Come, adore on bended knee
 Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

 Refrain

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song? Refrain

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

³You 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.

⁴For 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.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For 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.

⁷His 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.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (read responsively)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. (Ps. 96:11)

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.

PSALM 96

- ⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
- ¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
 The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."
- ¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- ¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.
- ¹³You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

THE EPISTLE Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

- A The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

(We stand to welcome the Gospel.)

SEQUENCE:

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered.⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁴And 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.

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: 11 to 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; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But 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.]

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

(We sit)

THE HOMILY Pastor Scottie

(We stand.)

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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Nicene Creed

A God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the

Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand

of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Note: Sit or kneel as able. A brief silence, as each petition concludes, "Merciful God" the congregation may respond, "Receive our prayer")

- A Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
- A Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

(We stand.)

THE PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

(We sit.)

At the Offertory Were You There on That Christmas Night? Natalie Sleeth

(We stand.)

AT THE OFFERTORY WHAT CHILD IS THIS? (VERSE 3)

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy, for Christ is born the babe, the son of Mary!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who believe that Christ comes in and through the Sacrament, offering forgiveness and new life are encouraged to receive communion.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P Let us pray.
- C 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. Amen.

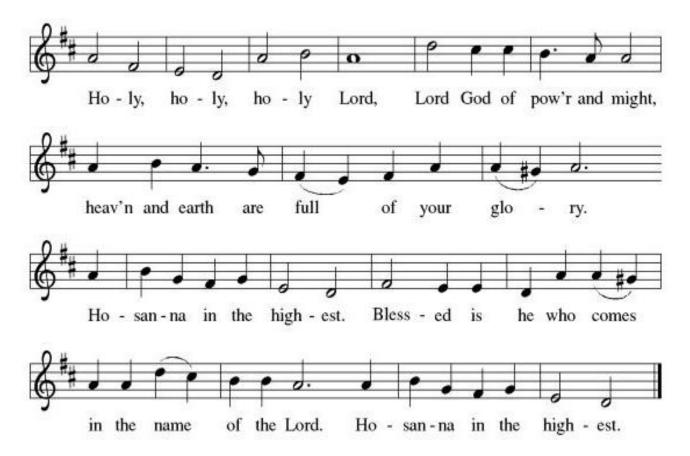
DIALOGUE

- 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.

PREFACE

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- 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.

- C Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.

 May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.

 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.
- C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

"... Until He comes again, we pray as He taught us: ..."

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 THE LORD'S TABLE

(We sit.)

COMMUNION SONG

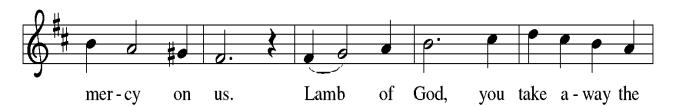
Lamb of God

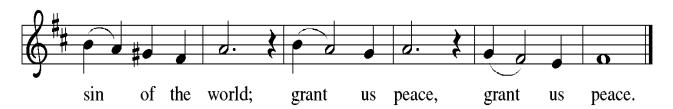


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have





HYMNS AT THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

OF THE EUCHARIST	
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(Brenda Hrivnak)	
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(Bob and Leigh Bergemann)	
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(We stand)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P Let us pray.
- C Great and saving God,

You have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ.

As we like shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE 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 the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE INCARNATION

John 1

- P In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- C He was in the beginning with God and all things came into being through Him
- P What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.
- C The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
- P And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory.
- C The glory of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.
- P From his fullness, we have received grace upon grace.
 To us a child is born, to us a Savior is given, Christ the Lord.
- C May our light shine with his brightness

(Please "light" your candle by tightening the bulb as the nave lights are dimmed)

AT THE RECESSION:

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from your holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at your birth
Jesus Lord, at your birth

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, Alles schläft; einsam wacht Nur das traute hochheilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar, Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh! Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

THE DISMISSAL

- P Glory to God in the highest!
- C Peace to God's people on earth!
- P Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.
- C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

God Rest You Merry

Wilber Held

Many Thanks to our guest Flutist, Martha Egan, for her beautiful accompaniment.

Worship Assistants

Acolyte: Riley Hollowell
Assisting Minister: Dick Orr

Communion Assistant: Sarah Wright (outside)

Greeters: Bill & Carolyn Cooper

Ushers: Jim Mooneyhan & Jon Peters

Altar Guild: Sarah Wright & Laura Reames

Crucifer: Rebecca Firth

O Come, All Ye Faithful



Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

Go Tell It on the Mountain



Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt. Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

O Little Town of Bethlehem



Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893 Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

It Came upon the Midnight Clear



Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876 Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

Away in a Manger



Text: North American, 19th cent. Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841–1905

The poinsettias decorating our church during this glorious season are given...

In Memory Of:	Given By:	
Walter & Jane Rubin	Greg & Sue Rasmussen	
Victor & Ethel Rasmussen	Greg & Sue Rasmussen	
Patricia, Kenneth & Ernest	Paul & Belinda Castille	
(Beloved Parents & Grandparents)	3.4. 3	
Michael Frazier, Abigail Fox, Merry Fox-Fuller & Betty Whitlock	The Castille Family	
Cecil & Katherine Churn; Ron Pamperl	Pam & Cal Churn	
Dorothy & Bill Bergemann	Bob & Leigh Bergemann	
Linda Ann Tilton	Laura Mitchell	
Max E. Mitchell	Laura Mitchell	
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Buchholz, Mr. & Mrs. P.A. Wrigh	t Sarah & Jerry Wright	
Christine Lunsford & Michael Frazier	Anonymous	
Erna Chapman	Gene & Rachel Childress	
George & Frances Uyeda	Sharon Uyeda	
Willard & Pauline Weierbach	Flo Weierbach	
Joseph Eric Iannuzzi	Evelyn & Richard Iannuzzi	
(Evelyn's son and Richard's brother)	·	
Mr. & Mrs. Ollie Wood, Mr. & Mrs. John McGee	Mike &Joy Wood	
Ray S. Spencer	Trudy Spencer	
·	hitney & Jarred Nussman / Laura & David Reames	
Helen & Ray Bennett	Dorothy Newsome	
Bob Bedford, Joan Bedford, Bernard Aderholdt,	Barbara & Jeff Bedford	
Bernice Aderholdt and Caren Aderholdt Rowland		
Jack Watson	Joyce Watson Skinner	
Richard Nelson	Curt, Detra, Blake & Annika Cleven	
Lib Alvey	Brenda & Jim Mooneyhan	
Our Dear Friend, John Talton	Jeanette & Terry Huret	
Christina Perry	Ken Perry	
Marty King	Ken Perry	
Howard R. Griffith (Army) & Rupert L. Cooper Sr. (A	•	
PawPaw & MamMaw Griffith, Poppy & Granny Cooper	•	
(grandparents) & Eugin Griffith	· = · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	

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In Honor Of:	<u>Given By:</u>
Our Children & Grandchildren	Loretta & Charles Nitschke
Our Family	Gene & Rachel Childress
Sue Morgan	Anonymous
Faye & Maurice Stirewalt	Bob & Leigh Bergemann
Dorthy Pamperl	Pam & Cal Churn
Pastor Scottie, Janet Thomas & Susan Waters	The Castille Family
Elizabeth Cross (Beloved Mother, Grandmother & Great Grandmother)	Paul & Belinda Castille
Aunts & Uncles and Nana Susie Hyden	Farrah Cooper
James H. Griffith (Army), R. Lee Cooper (Air Force) & Joseph Cooper (Air Force)	The Coopers
Emma Zarfoss	Joyce Watson Skinner
Cyndie & Dave, Will, Sam & Brittany	Barbara & Jeff Bedford
In Thanksgiving For:	Given By:
Our Family	Jim & Betty Dickert
Our Family	Paul & Belinda Castille
Our Church Family, the singers, musicians & many volunteers who contribute to our worshipping lives	The Castille Family
Ashley, Warren, Logan & Landry English, Curt Churn & Jennifer Jung	Pam & Cal Churn
Katie & Markus Wrightmeyer, Benjamin, Emily & Olivia Wright	Sarah & Jerry Wright
Susan Waters & the Choir	Anonymous
My Parents: George & Mildred Erickson	Evelyn & Richard Iannuzzi
Avery & Maggie Nussman Whitney & Jarred	Nussman / Laura & David Reames
Family	urt, Detra, Blake & Annika Cleven
Our Family	Gerald & Joanne Kleven
Eli, Deacon, Lila and Miller	Barbara & Jeff Bedford
Pastor Scottie & Myra	Barbara & Jeff Bedford
Wendell Skinner	Joyce Watson Skinner
William Cooper (Marine Corp)	The Coopers
Bill & Carolyn Cooper (parents), David Cooper (brother) Friends & Family), Farah Cooper
All those who kept the church going through COVID	Brenda & Jim Mooneyhan

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The Wintertime Has Come Again

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