



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Moorhead, Minnesota*



## CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2017

3:00, 4:15 & 5:30 P.M.

# NEWS & NOTES

## Can you help?

As you are able, please consider making a special gift to help us meet our financial commitments for 2017. As of December 15, we still have a deficit of almost \$90,000 to make up before year's end. Thank you for your consideration and support.

## Year-End Financial Gifts

Please remember that in order to be included on your year-end statement for 2017, financial gifts need to be postmarked or brought to the church by noon on **December 31**.

## Do you need a last minute gift?

Check out the **ELCA Good Gifts tree** in the Narthex. You can choose an ornament and purchase a gift using the special envelopes provided on the tables next to the trees. Place your envelope in the offering plate, and take home the ornament as a reminder of your giving! Gift cards are also available to acknowledge your gift. We hope you will participate in this ministry supporting our global church.

## New Life Center Donations

Donations of winter gear for the New Life Center are being accepted throughout December. There is a donation box located in the Narthex.

## Did you miss a service?

If you missed the children's Christmas worship service or our Lessons & Carols service, you can view them both online at [bit.ly/watchtlc](http://bit.ly/watchtlc). Share with your family & friends!

## Baptism Orientation

Are you planning a baptism soon? Join us for Baptism Orientation on **Tuesday, January 9**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge.

## Rutter's *Requiem* at Trinity Lutheran Church

The F-M Choral Artists will be performing John Rutter's exquisite *Requiem* with a professional orchestra on **Saturday, January 13**, at 7:30 p.m. and on **Sunday, January 14**, at 2:00 p.m. The concert will be held in the Sanctuary, and tickets are available for purchase at the door or online at [www.fmchoralartists.org](http://www.fmchoralartists.org). This concert is part of the Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation Concert Series.

## New Member Orientation

If you or someone you know is interested in joining Trinity, please join us for a New Member Orientation on **Tuesday, January 30**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge. Contact the office for more information or fill out a pink slip and place it in the offering plate.

## 2018 Commitment Cards

If you have not yet filled out a commitment card for 2018, please do so as soon as possible. Your commitment to our mission and ministry is used to help in the preparation and planning for next year's Mission Plan. Extra commitment cards are available from the Church Office or downloaded from our website.

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## Monday, December 25

Christmas Day Communion Worship  
10 a.m. | Sanctuary

## Wednesday, December 27

Carol Sing  
6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary  
*No meal or regular activities.*

## Sunday, December 31

First Sunday of Christmas  
8:30 a.m. | Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. | CLC

## Wednesday, January 3

First Week of Christmas  
6:30 p.m. | CLC  
*Meal and regular activities resume.*

# Poinsettias

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## Purchased by:

Brandon & Stephanie Sculthorp-Skrei  
Kathryn Benson  
Craig Hagen  
The Stuber Family  
Jim & Rita Mauritsen  
Bob & Joslyn Larson  
Gene & Betty Christensen  
Dr. David & Sharon Tranby  
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## In memory of:

Susan Sculthorp & LuAnn Skrei  
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Ken & Cora Osmundson, Gary & Jason Anderson  
Loved Ones  
Helen & Connie  
Sonny Gulsvig  
Al Radi  
Don & Arlean Lipetzky  
Misha Hanstine  
Elsa & Helmer Steen  
Lester Larson  
Lorraine Moen & Alys Oberg  
Archie, Anita & Amy Salvevold, Ronda Johnson, Bob Hawkinson  
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Dick Kasper, John & Ruth Klug  
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Their Parents & Sister  
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David M. Pederson



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Audra Freeman

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**In honor of:**

Benita Peterson  
Their 45th Wedding Anniversary on 12/16  
Trinity Pastors & Staff  
Their Grandsons  
Brandon Grund  
Amy Young, His Parents  
Family  
Their 7 Grandchildren  
Erik, Kristen & Aaron, Olivia & Micah  
Beck & Edda Ulven  
Trinity's Friendly Visitors  
Their Children  
Becky & Jesse Tollefson, Timothy & Mollie Stavenger  
Their Grandchildren  
Caitlin & Josh Young  
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Reinhold Utke  
Noah, Elise, Christian, Avery & Tucker  
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**Joe Lindquist**, Violinist

**Jason Aylward**, Trumpeter

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For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.  
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#283, vs. 1-3

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O come, let us adore him . . . Christ the Lord!**

**The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing:  
O come, let us adore him . . . Christ the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest;  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray together,  
**Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the one true light. Grant that we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and on the last day may 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.**

## ANTHEM

(3:00 & 5:30) "What Child Is This"

(4:15) "In a Little Stable" & "Happy Christmas Bells"

Trumpet Solo  
Minims

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#270, vs. 1

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In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around

them, and they were terrified. 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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

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## SERMON

CAROL “Angels We Have Heard on High”

#289

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And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the new born King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

## APOSTLES’ CREED

**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.**

## EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*In this season of colds and flu, please feel free to share the peace,  
but not the germs, by “rubbing elbows” instead of shaking hands.*

## OFFERING CAROLS

(3:00 & 5:30) “The First Nowell” Trumpet Solo  
(4:15) “Unto Us a Child Is Born” - Laura Farnell Celebration Singers & Joyful Noise

“The First Noel” #300, vs. 1

**The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.**

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” #288, vs. 1 & 3

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave, Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

“Go Tell it on the Mountain” #290, vs. 3

**Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.**

**Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
 Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
 Late in time behold him come,  
 Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
 Hail, incarnate deity!  
 Pleas'd as man with us to dwell,  
 Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
 "Glory to the newborn king!"**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

For the increase of peace among nations, let us pray;

**Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.**

For the spread of the joyful news that the Savior has come, let us pray;

**Christ the Lord, bring joy to the world.**

For the renewal of the whole church in unity, let us pray;

**Christ the Lord, bring renewal to your church.**

For the poor and those who find no room, let us pray;

**Christ the Lord, bring help to those in need.**

For those without hope, for the sick and suffering, for those who grieve, and for those to whom death draws near, let us pray;

**Christ the Lord, bring hope and healing.**

For the light of Christmas to shine on us all, let us pray;

**Christ the Lord, bring us the light of your truth.**

Rejoicing in your birth, O Lord, and trusting in your mercy, we commend all for whom we pray in and through your holy name.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

*Please tip your unlit candle to receive the flame to prevent wax from dripping.*

In the beginning was the Word,

*When God began to create the heavens and the earth,*

and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

*the earth was without shape or form and shadows covered the face of the deep while a spirit from God swept over the face of the waters.*

The Word was with God in the beginning. Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being.

*God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.*

What came into being through him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines through the shadows, and the shadows do not overcome it.

*And God saw that the light was good.*

The true light, which shines on all people, was coming into the world. The light came to his own people, and his own people didn't welcome him. But those who did welcome him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become God's children, born not from blood or from human desire or passion, but born from God.

*Then God said, 'Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth.' So God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them; male and female God created them.*

The Word became flesh and made his home among us. We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*God saw everything he had made, and indeed it was supremely good.*

From the fullness of the Word made flesh we have all received grace upon grace.

## CANDLELIGHT CAROL "Silent Night"

#281

**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 heav'n afar,**

**Heav'nly 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 thy holy face,**

**With the dawn of redeeming grace,**

**Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.**

## BENEDICTION

Now may the Lord Incarnate bless you and keep you.

May the Lord Incarnate make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord Incarnate look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

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## RECESSIONAL CAROL “Joy to the World”

#267

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King.  
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room, and heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n, and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ.  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Incarnate Lord!

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## POSTLUDE Toccata on “Joy to the World” - Phillips



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## LESSON Isaiah 9:6-7

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. 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.

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## OFFERING CAROLS

“The First Noel”

#300, vs. 1

**The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.**

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

#288, vs. 1 & 3

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave, Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

#290, vs. 3

**Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.**

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## OFFERTORY

#270, vs. 2

**Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right . . . join the unending hymn.

## SANCTUS

**Hail the heav'n born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!**

**Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.**

**Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,**

**Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.**

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed...

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

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## COMMUNION MUSIC

"Away in a Manger"

#277

"I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve"

#271

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

#294

## BLESSING

*Please tip your unlit candle to receive the flame to prevent wax from dripping.*

In the beginning was the Word,

*When God began to create the heavens and the earth,*

and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

*the earth was without shape or form and shadows covered the face of the deep while a spirit from God swept over the face of the waters.*

The Word was with God in the beginning. Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being.

*God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.*

What came into being through him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines through the shadows, and the shadows do not overcome it.

*And God saw that the light was good.*

The true light, which shines on all people, was coming into the world. The light came to his own people, and his own people didn't welcome him. But those who did welcome him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become God's children, born not from blood or from human desire or passion, but born from God.

*Then God said, 'Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth.' So God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them; male and female God created them.*

The Word became flesh and made his home among us. We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*God saw everything he had made, and indeed it was supremely good.*

From the fullness of the Word made flesh we have all received grace upon grace.

## CANDLELIGHT CAROL "Silent Night"

#281

**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 heav'n afar,  
Heav'nly 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 thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.**

## BENEDICTION

Now may the Lord Incarnate bless you and keep you.

May the Lord Incarnate make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord Incarnate look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

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## RECESSIONAL CAROL “Joy to the World”

#267

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King.  
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room, and heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n, and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ.  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

## DISMISSAL

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## POSTLUDE Toccata on “Joy to the World” - Phillips



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*Moorhead, Minnesota*



## CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25, 2017

10:00 A.M.

# WORSHIP NOTES

**W**elcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church. We are delighted that you have joined us this morning and invite you to fill out the pink slip on the front of this Order of Service and take a moment to introduce yourself to us. Please place completed slips in the offering baskets or hand them to an usher. Again, welcome to worship!

Please check to assure your **electronic devices** are turned off or set to vibrate. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.

**Children of all ages** are encouraged to attend worship. Worship activity bags for young children are available in the Narthex.

**Hearing aids** are available upon request. Please ask an usher.

**Offerings** - Trinity Lutheran Church supports many mission partners throughout our community. We also dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NW MN Synod of the ELCA. Thank you for making a difference through your gifts!

**Radio Broadcast** - The broadcast is being sponsored in memory of Lyle and Grace Clark by their daughters, Terril Pederson and Jeanne Larson. Listen to 9 a.m. Sanctuary Worship live on 740 AM & 107.3 FM. These dates are available for sponsorship: January 14, 21, 28. Please help us continue this important outreach ministry. Call Char at 218-236-1333 to sign up.

**Prayer List** - Steve Smith, Ed Roesler, Jim Olson, Marcia Anderson, Sonia Wateland, Chuck Sorenson, Margaret Stene, Clarice Leadbetter, Audra Luetjens, Jim Stenerson, Ellis Weiss, Sarah Nissen, Dana Willard, Gwen Johanson, Jennifer Peterson, Lynne Kovash

Death: Brother of Robert Hanson

Funeral: Bernadine Ursin

**If you have a prayer request**, contact the office or use the back side of the pink slip. The request will appear in the bulletin and on the prayer chain unless otherwise requested. We must have permission before printing names. Requests will be shared for three weeks unless otherwise directed.

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

**Rev. Kristina Waters**, Preaching

**Andrew Steinberg**, Organist & Sanctuary Worship Director

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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*The congregation is invited to participate at the places marked with bold type.*

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PRELUDE

“Still, Still, Still” - Manz

Andrew Steinberg, Organist

PROCLAMATION

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it.**

Those who have dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined.

**In Him was life, and the life was the Light of all people.**

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**We have beheld Christ’s glory, full of grace and truth.**

GATHERING CAROL “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

#283

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!**

**O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;**

**Come and behold him, born the king of angels.**

**O come, let us adore him . . . Christ the Lord!**

**The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,**

**Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;**

**Son of the Father now in flesh appearing:**

**O come, let us adore him . . . Christ the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,**

**Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!**

**Glory to God in the highest;**

**O come, let us adore him . . . Christ the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;**

**Jesus, to thee be glory giv’n!**

**Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;**

**O come, let us adore him . . . Christ the Lord!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray together,  
**Almighty God, you have filled the whole earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON      Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON      Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**

## GOSPEL John 1:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Kristina Waters

## CAROL "Angels We Have Heard on High"

#289

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

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## OFFERING CAROL

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

#290

*Refrain* **Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.** *Refrain*

**The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth.** *Refrain*

**Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.** *Refrain*

## OFFERTORY

**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!**

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## SANCTUS

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”  
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With the angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
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**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heavn’s door, and we are blest forevermore.  
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“Away in a Manger”

#277

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

“Once in Royal David’s City”

#269

**Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav’n above;  
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven, set at God’s right hand on high;  
There his children gather round, bright like stars, with glory crowned.**

## BLESSING

## BENEDICTION

Now may the Lord Incarnate bless you and keep you.

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**Amen.**

## SENDING CAROL “Joy to the World”

#267

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## POSTLUDE “In Dulci Jubilo” - Karg-Elert

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