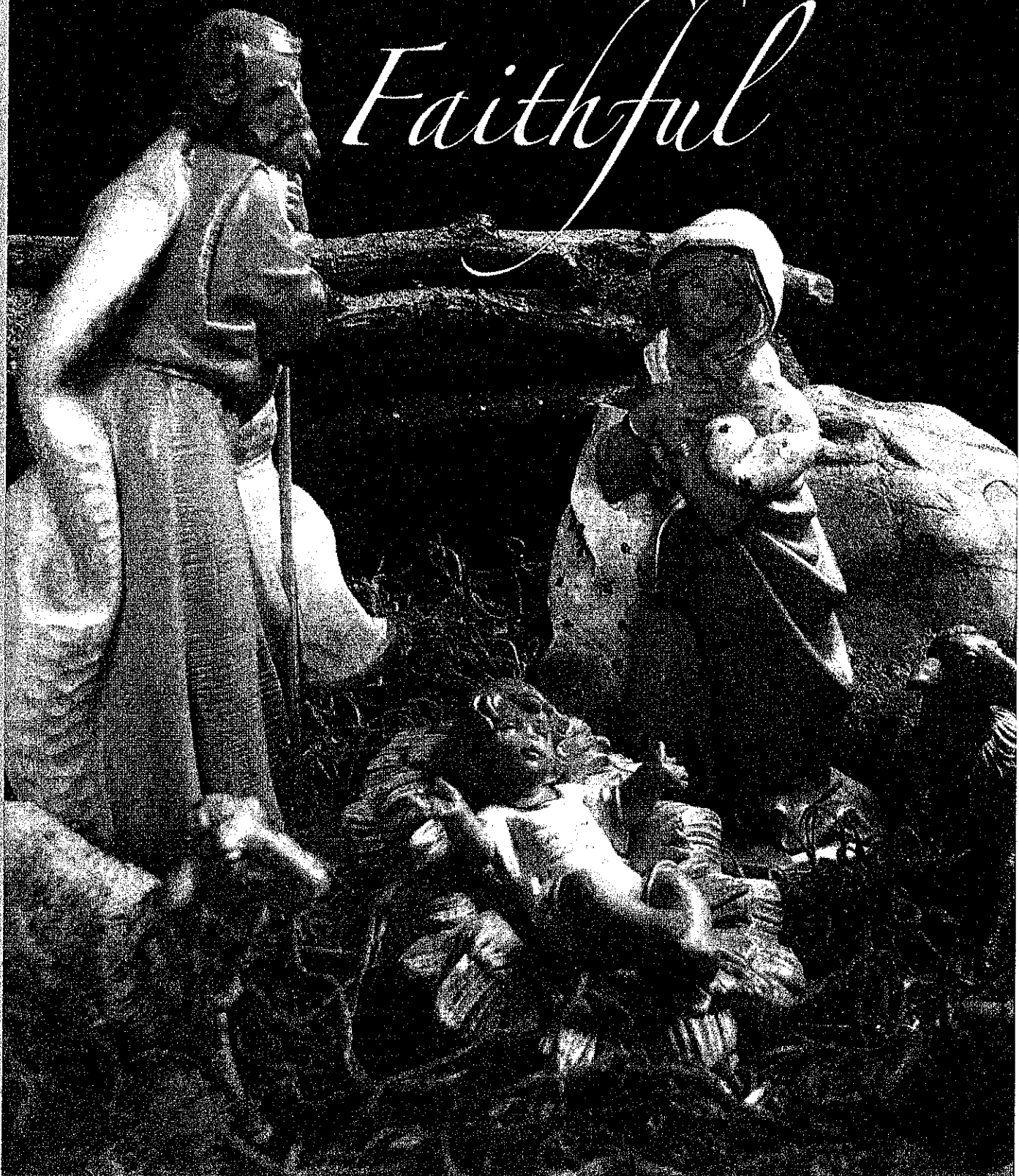


OH, COME,

*All Ye
Faithful*



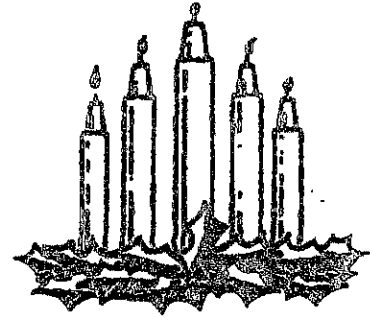
**Christmas Eve 2011
7:00 and 10:30 pm**

Prelude of Carols

Band Together

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome



Processional Hymn

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

**Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels;
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

**Highest, most Holy, Light of Light Eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, 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,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy evening;
Jesus, to Thee be glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: The time has come. The time we have prepared for has arrived. The Father sends His greatest blessing, His only Son, born by the power of the Spirit.

People: **The time has come.**

Pastor: In the beginning, God made the heavens and the earth.

People: **The time has come. We gather to worship our newborn King.**

Pastor: When the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman.

People: **We await His second coming in glory.**

Pastor: The time has come. We gather to worship our Savior who came and will come again.

People: **With the angels we sing His praise.**

Pastor: Lord keep us celebrating the happenings of this night.

People: **Keep us celebrating for the right reasons.**

Pastor: Help our celebration reach in adoration and praise of Your Holy Name.

People: **Help us to celebrate, not only our gifts and blessings, but our willingness to share them with the lonely, the hungry, and the frustrated.**

Pastor: Renew among us the light of faith, the warmth of love, and the freedom to live in hope.

People: **Remind us that we are to be your instruments of peace in a hostile world.**

Pastor: And now we thank You once again for this opportunity to celebrate Christmas.

People: **And pray that there may always be room for Jesus in our hearts and in our home. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. ³You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when

dividing the plunder. ⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

He is Born

Epistle Lesson

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

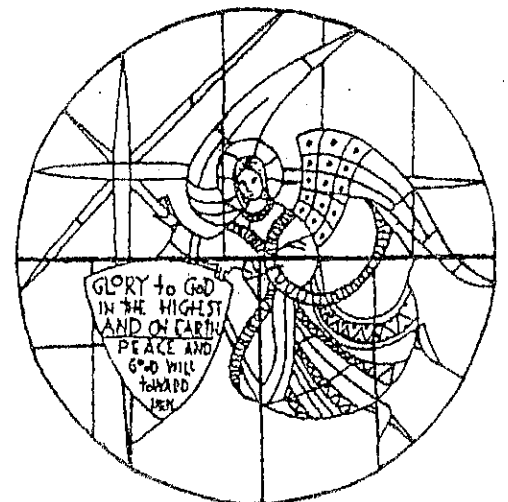
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Christmas Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
Who sent His Son as my Savior on Christmas Day;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,**



**Announced by the angels
Worshipped by the shepherds
Adored by the Wise Men
Who lived to suffer, die, and rise,
To free us from sin, death, and the power of the devil;**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
Who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas
And by whose continuous works in my heart
I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ
The treasures of my love;
And live under Him as my King, both now and forever. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Hark: The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark: The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!**

**Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the 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!**

**Hail the Heav'nborn 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!**

Sermon

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Into this world of sin You came, Lord Jesus, to redeem us from its curse. Tonight we confess before You our part in bringing this curse upon You, for we deserved its punishment.

People: We confess before You on this night of beauty the ugliness of our sin. Candles may light the sanctuary, but the light of our faith is often dim. Joy fills our songs, but our hearts remain troubled by guilt. Your love shines out, but the darkness of our unloving nature invades our minds. How we long for Your saving grace and forgiveness to remove our guilt. We repent of our sin. For the sake of Jesus, who was born for us, lived for us, and died for us, grant us forgiveness.

(a time for silence)

Pastor: The time has come for you to throw off your guilt and pain and to rejoice in God's forgiving love. For Jesus' sake, God has forgiven all your sins, and His Spirit empowers you to greater service. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, rejoice in Your forgiveness and sing for joy. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Almighty God, You sent Your Son to inhabit time with us, to become one with us, to be our Savior.

People: We thank You, Father, for the gift of Jesus.

Pastor: Our wishes, our hopes, our waiting all find fulfillment in this time.

People: We thank You, Father, for fulfilling Your promises.

Pastor: Be with us now in this special time. Fill us with Your grace and love.

People: We thank You, Father, for your presence.

Pastor: We lift our hearts and voices to you, O Heavenly Father.

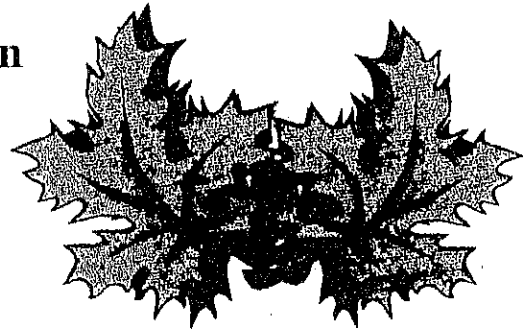
People: We praise You and sing with the angels, "Glory to God in the highest and Peace to God's people on earth!"

Pastor: In petitions of intercession, we name before You now...and we call on You for help.

People: We ask You, Father, answer our 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.

Words of Institution



Distribution

Choir Anthem

O Who's That Yonder

Distribution Hymns

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth;
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations, you have seen His natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

What Child Is This

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!

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!

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!



Prayer of Thanksgiving

A Litany

Pastor: At His special time, O Lord, we thank you for the gift of our lives.

People: Help us to be thankful also for the gift of each other.

Pastor: In this holy season, we especially remember the gift of Your Son.

People: We worship the Baby, born in a manger to be our Savior.

Pastor: We thank You, Father, for families and friends.

People: **Be with each of us so that we may give You glory in all we are and do.**

Pastor: We remember as well those who have not heard the good news of Your salvation.

People: **Help us to be messengers of that good news in our daily lives.**

Pastor: We lift our hearts and voices to You, O Heavenly Father.

People: **We praise you and sing with the angels, "Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth!"**

Pastor: Be with us in these happy days that we may prepare...

People: **Our hearts and our homes to welcome the King! Amen.**

Historic Panorama

Recessional Carol

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its' 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.

Benediction

2011 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE at Trinity & VintageTen



Christmas and New Year's Celebrations

Sunday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day,
10:00 AM only, in Soulard
10:30 AM at VintageTen

New Year's Eve Weekend
Saturday, Dec. 31, 7 PM in Soulard
Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012,
10:00 AM only, in Soulard
10:30 AM at VintageTen

Trinity, 1805 South 8th Street, 314/231-4092 - VintageTen, 1004 Locust (beneath the Bridge); 314/420-4546

Worship Leaders

Ministers: The People of Trinity Lutheran Church
Celebrants and Preachers: Rev. David B. Marth, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jason S. Rust, Associate Pastor
Director of Music: Wes Kassulke
Choir: Trinity Adult Choir
Brass: Band Together

Little did Albert H. Bertram or Martin Lauenstein realize in 1911, when they were both members of the Christmas decorating committee, that their contribution to the decorations would be used for 100 years!

Between October and December of that year, Mr. Bertram painted the background scenery for the Panorama and helped Mr. Lauenstein with the construction. Mr. Lauenstein was the electrical expert.

At the first presentation on Christmas Eve of 1911, the Trinity Octet sang "Stille Nacht." Mr. Bertram sang tenor in that octet. His intent with the construction of the Panorama was to have a visual effect for the presentation of A.F. Harker's beautiful Christmas cantata entitled "The Star of Bethlehem," which was to be presented on January 3, 1912 and on January 7, Epiphany Sunday, by the Trinity Octet. The Panorama became so beloved that the congregation asked every year for many years that it be put up as part of the Christmas decorations. After a while it just became accepted that it would be there for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. It was also performed at a 6:00 a.m. Christmas morning service, which was eventually dropped because of poor attendance. The first year the Panorama was put up between the columns under the organ loft, but it was decided that with the large tree and the Panorama on the one side, it might be better to put the Panorama where it is now, under the balcony on the north side of church.

Some interesting and little known facts about the Panorama should be related here. In 1911, rheostats were not available to dim or brighten the lights. Therefore, Mr. Lauenstein had a table set up behind the Panorama, where he sat in the dark, not being able to really see what he was doing or see the effect from the front. On the table were several large glass vials into which copper rods were inserted. The rods were attached to wires leading to the lights on the Panorama. Mr. Lauenstein had bags of salt and pitchers of water, and by raising or lowering the salinity of the water in the vials by adding salt or water, he could change the resistance and thus dim or brighten the lights in the sky. Also, for the large star, a carbon-arc bulb was ordered and shipped every year from Germany. By 1917, with the start of World War I, this became impossible and the present system was put into place. The star is presently done with a bulb from an old silent movie projector placed into a reflector from a Model-T Ford. In 1955, Mr. Bertram did some restoration work on the painting on the Panorama.

When Mr. Bertram died in December of 1966 at the age of 89, his funeral was held at Trinity with the Panorama on display, a fitting tribute to a man who had started a tradition now in its 100th year!

**The Festival of the Nativity of our Lord
Christmas Day 2011
10:00 a.m.**

Prelude

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome

Processional Hymn

Joy to the World

**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 men 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 sins and sorrows 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.**



Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

People: **the Light no darkness can overcome.**

Leader: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us;

People: **we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Confession

Leader: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, to call upon Him in prayer and praise, and to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness, and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62: 10-12

¹⁰ Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations. ¹¹ The LORD has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.' "

¹² They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the LORD ; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Good Christians All Rejoice

Epistle

Titus 3:4-7

⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth
Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art!
Thou my Savior art!

Come from on high to me;
I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit,
O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit,
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee!
Draw me unto Thee!



Gospel

John 1:1-18

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. ⁶There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" ¹⁶From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

**Now through His Son doth shine
The Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us
Through sin and vanity
Till He opened for us
A bright eternity.
May we praise Him there!
May we praise Him there!**

Oh, where shall joy be found?
Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing
With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing
In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there!
Oh, that we were there!



Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Statement of Faith

Soloist: Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.

Of the Father's Love Begotten

All: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity,
and also true man, born of the virgin Mary is my Lord.

Soloist: Oh, that birth forever blessed,
When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore.

All: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me
from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or
silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and His innocent suffering and
death.

Soloist: O, ye the heights of heav'n adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises, sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent;
Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

All: All this He has done that I might be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

Soloist: Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And the Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore!

All: Just as He is risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Words of Institution

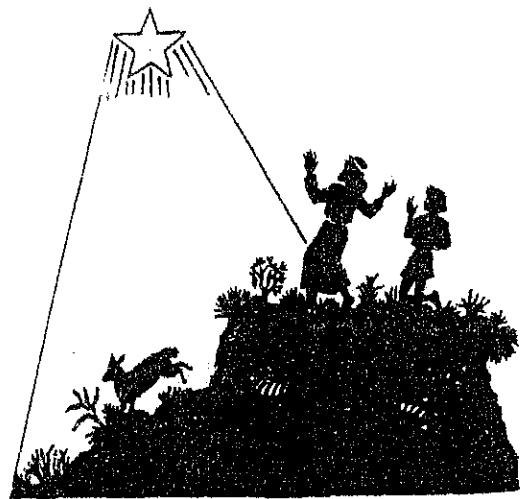
The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Christmas Peace

Pastor: The God who came to us as an infant in a manger, comes to us now in bread and wine.

May His peace be with you always.

People: And also with you.



Distribution

Choral Anthem

The Angel's Song

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels;
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Highest, most Holy, Light of Light Eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, 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,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Prayers

Leader: With thankful hearts, Lord, we bring to You our prayers this day. We remember Your many acts of kindness to Your people through all ages. We thank You for Your grace shown to all people through the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit bless us with His presence in this holy season. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for our world and for all the people who share it with us. Enable us to be witnesses to the Ruler of all people, Jesus Christ. Cause the truth of salvation to be known in every part of the earth. Bless the labors of the missionaries and Leaders of the Church as they proclaim the light of the Gospel around the globe. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: On this Christmas Day, we pray for this congregation. Bless its leaders and all of the people with a full measure of joy, that we may echo the songs of the angels in our communities and be shining lights in our time and place. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those with special needs, including the sick and the shut-in, those who grieve, those who feel alone and distanced in this season, and all others known to each of us who at this time are in need of our petitions. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Blessed Lord, we thank You for the faithful witness of those no longer with us on earth who now share in Your light eternal. May we find inspiration and strength in their faithful witness and seek to serve You constantly all of our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all from whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Benediction

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory given!**

**Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

Announcements

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Ministers: The People of Trinity Lutheran Church
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Liturgist: Seminarian Matt Peters
Organist: Wes Kassulke, Director of Music
Choir: Trinity Adult Choir
Soloist: Nicole Heerlein

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Allow a few days for mailing delivery.

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