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THE ANGELS' SONG

# GLORIA!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2017

Mission Campus | 9:30pm

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran

*One Church - Two Campuses*



**To Our Guests:** Please add your voice and heart to the worship: sing the music and pray the prayers. Everyone is welcome at God's House, and everyone's voice is needed to tell the Good News of God's love in Christ. Please help others find a place near you, and greet the person next to you as we prepare to worship together. Please be sure to fill out an attendance card located in the plastic folder.

**Nursery Available:** We love children at Trinity and are so pleased you and your children are worshipping with us today! We firmly believe the most important people influencing the faith formation of a child are found in the home – parents, grandparents, guardians. One of the key ways children learn about God is by watching their parents worship. We encourage you to keep your children with you in church to worship as a family. We also offer a staffed nursery for children 6 months to 3 years of age. We also offer a staffed nursery for children 6 months to 3 years of age during the 4pm and 6pm Christmas Eve services and available to parents at 9:30pm.

## Family Devotion for Christmas Day

*Light a candle, or if you have been using an Advent wreath, light all of the candles on it.*

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Read the Christmas story in Luke 2:1-20. Assign parts: Narrator, angel(s), shepherds.

Sing some of your favorite Christmas carols.

Prayer: Lord God, we thank you for fulfilling your promise to send a Savior. May Jesus always find a place in our hearts. To you be all glory and praise! Amen.

Read together: The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine on us and be gracious to us; the Lord look upon us with favor, and give us peace. Amen.

## THE GATHERING

*This traditional late evening service begins with a 20-minute prelude of vocal and organ music with congregational carols.*

### Organ Voluntary

### VOM HIMMEL HOCH

Hugo Distler

*Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her,  
ich bring' euch gute neue Mär,  
der guten Mär bring ich so viel,  
davon ich singn und sagen will.*

From heaven above to earth I come,  
To bear good news to every home,  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,  
Whereof I now will say and sing.

It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,  
For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,

From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.

“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav’n’s all-gra-cious king.”  
His word of peace shall to the earth God’s an-cient prom-ise bring,

The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.  
And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth. Come and wor - ship,  
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

come and wor - ship; Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Solo

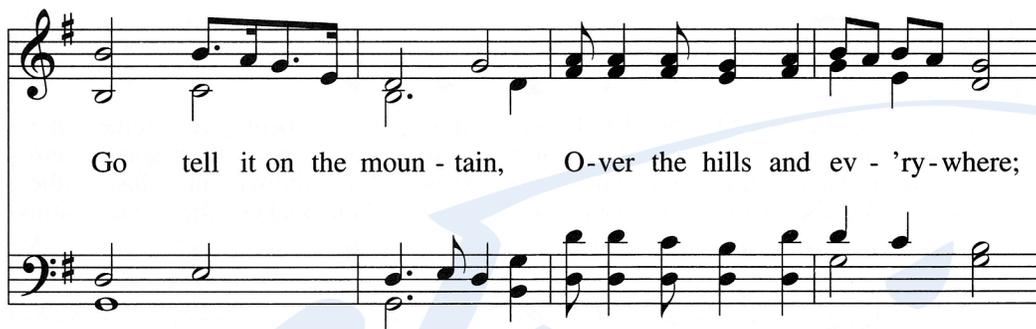
Cantique de Noël (O Holy Night)

Adolphe-Charles Adam | Steven Soph, tenor

*Minuit, Chrétien, C'est l'heure solennelle*  
O holy night! the stars are brightly shining,  
*Où l'homme Dieu descendit jusqu'à nous,*  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
*Pour effacer la tache originelle*  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
*Et de son père arrêter le courroux,*  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
*Le monde entier tressaille d'espérance*  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
*A cette nuit qui lui donne un sauveur*  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!  
*Peuple à genoux, attends ta délivrance*  
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
*Noël! Noël! Voici le Rédempteur!*  
*Noël! Noël! Voici le Rédempteur!*  
O night divine! O night when Christ was born!  
O night divine, O night, O night divine!

*Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,*  
*With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;*  
*So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,*  
*Here came the Wise Men from Orient land.*  
*The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,*  
*In all our trials born to be our friend;*  
*He knows our need, He guardeth us from danger;*  
*Behold your King! before the Lowly bend!*  
*Behold your King! before the Lowly bend!*

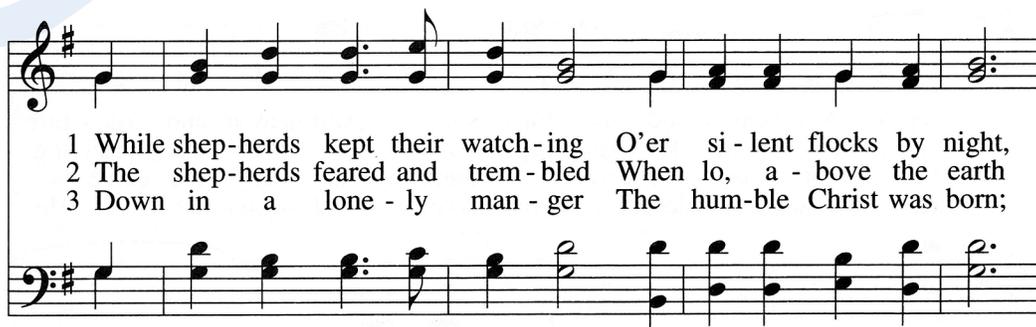
Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry-where;

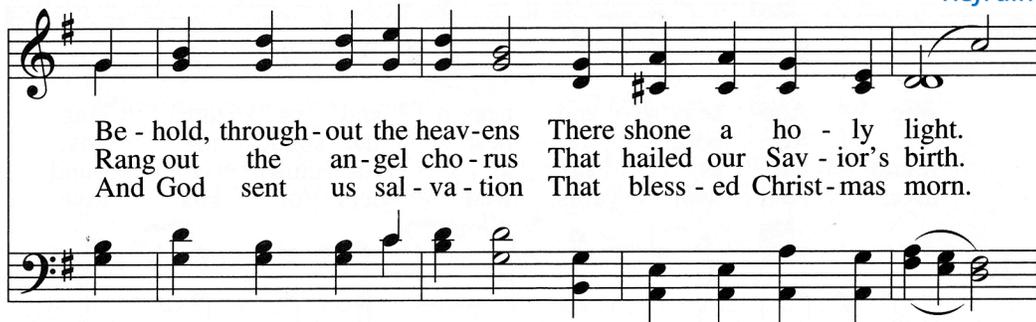


Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
Rang out the an-gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

## Solo

## O Magnum Mysterium

Morten Lauridsen | Lauren Stafford, soprano

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum,  
O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament,  
O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum,  
O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament,  
Ut animalia viderent Dominum natum  
that animals should see the new-born Lord,  
Viderent Dominum natum,  
Should see the new-born Lord,  
Jacentem in proesepio, jacentem in proesepio!  
Lying in a manger, lying in a manger!

Beata virgo, cujus viscera me ruerunt,  
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy  
Portare Dominum Jesum Christum  
To bear Christ the Lord.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, et admirabile sacramentum,  
Alleluia, and wonderful sacrament,  
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,  
that animals should see the new-born Lord,  
jacentem in proesepio.  
lying in a manger.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Carol

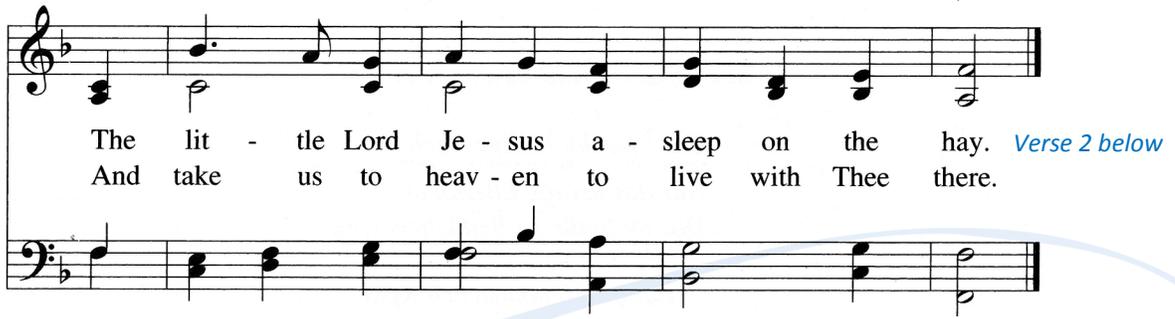
## Away in a Manger

MUELLER | LSB 364: 1, 3 | CRADLE SONG | LSB: 365: 2

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.  
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky — looked down where He lay,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay. *Verse 2 below*  
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.



2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,



But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.



I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,



And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh. *Verse 3 on previous page*

Interlude

What Child Is This?

GREENSLEEVES | Beau Bledsoe, classical guitar

# THE WELCOME

## Call to Worship and Invocation *(Psalm 96:1-3; Luke 2:14)*

- L** O sing to the Lord a new song;
- C** sing to the Lord, all the earth!
  
- L** Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
- C** tell of his salvation from day to day.
  
- L** Declare his glory among the nations;
- C** his marvelous works among all the peoples!
  
- L** Glory to God in the highest,
- C** and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!
  
- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Introit

**“There Were Shepherds”  
“And Lo, the Angel of the Lord”  
“And the Angel Said unto Them”  
“And Suddenly There Was with the Angel”**

from *Messiah* | George Frideric Handel | Lauren Stafford, soprano

*There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. (Luke 2:8)*

*And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. (Luke 2:9)*

*And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)*

*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heav'nly host praising God, and saying, (Luke 2:13)*

***Please turn toward the front as the processional cross passes your location.***

# Processional Hymn

# Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA (French) | LSB 368 | arr. Kevin Hildebrand

All in harmony  
All in unison  
All in unison

And the moun-tains in re-ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad-some tid - ings be Which in-spire your heav'n - ly song?  
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

### Refrain

Glo - - - - ri - a

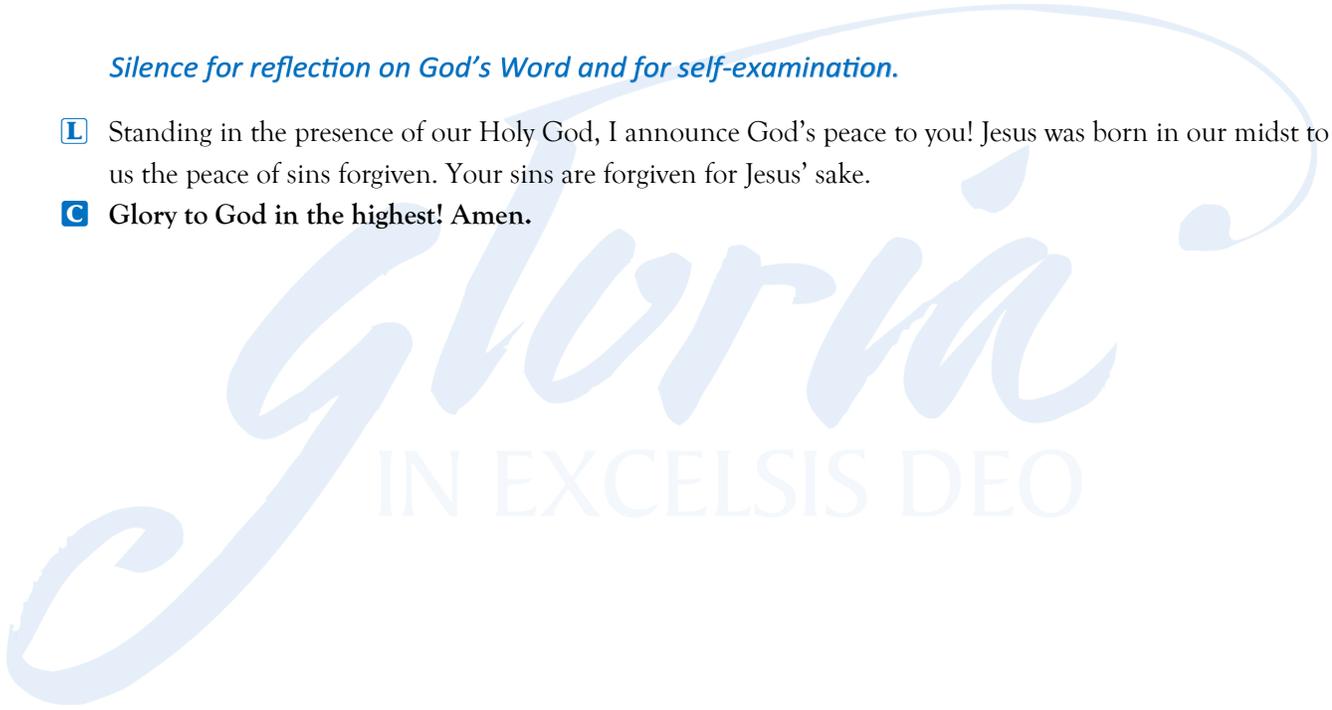
in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - -

## Confession of Sins and Absolution

- L** As we gather around the manger, we enter into the presence of holiness.
- C** We are mindful of our sins and our need for forgiveness.
  
- L** Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- L** Standing in the presence of our Holy God, I announce God's peace to you! Jesus was born in our midst to give us the peace of sins forgiven. Your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.
- C** Glory to God in the highest! Amen.



All in harmony  
All in unison  
All in unison

O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove;  
Je - sus, to thee be - glo - ry giv'n;

Refrain

Come and be - hold him Born the King of An - gels:  
Glo - ry to God In the high - est: O  
Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O

come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

## Prayer of the Day

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray. Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, that we may daily sing a new song. We pray in the name of Jesus, our newborn Savior.

**C** Amen.

*The congregation may be seated.*

## THE WORD

### First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2–7 (ESV)

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.  
You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.  
For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Singing of Psalm 96

## Sing to the Lord a New Song

ES IST EIN ROS ENTSPRUNGEN

All in harmony  
All in unison

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to God, all you  
2 Let earth and heav - en glo - ry; let o - cean depths re -

lands. Sing of sal - va - tion al - ways; God's  
joyce. Let hills and plains and for - ests sing

glo - ry now at hand. God's love shall nev - er cease.  
prais-es with one voice. God's love shall nev - er cease.

God comes to rule with jus - tice; God comes to rule with peace.  
God comes to rule with jus - tice; God comes to rule with peace.

## Second Lesson

## Titus 2:11–14 (ESV)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

To light candles, please tip the unlit candle only. Please exercise extreme caution with lit candles.

All in harmony  
All in harmony

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake

all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,

Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is

peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!

All in harmony

- 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.

All in harmony

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics: "1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her". The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment with chords and a bass line.

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal and piano parts. The treble staff has lyrics: "King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him". The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture

The third system of musical notation continues the vocal and piano parts. The treble staff has lyrics: "room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture". The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the vocal and piano parts. The treble staff has lyrics: "sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.". The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20 (ESV)

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths 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,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

All in unison

4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions  
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -  
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His  
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Please extinguish your candles.

Sermon

"Glory and Peace" based on Luke 2

I am so thankful we Lutherans love to \_\_\_\_\_!

In the Gloria, heaven itself \_\_\_\_\_ in praise. --vv. 13-14

The angels' song also speaks of \_\_\_\_\_. --v. 14; Isaiah 9:6; Romans 5:1-11

This message was first given to the \_\_\_\_\_ of people. --vv. 8-16

Tonight the angels' song becomes \_\_\_\_\_ song!

## Nicene Creed

☐ 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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.

# Hymn of the Day

## From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

VOM HIMMEL HOCH | LSB 358: 1-3, 8, 13, 15

All in harmony  
 All in unison  
 All in unison  
 All in harmony  
 All in unison

1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good  
 2 "To you this night is born a child Of Ma - ry,  
 3 "This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your  
 8 Wel - come to earth, O no - ble Guest, Through whom the  
 13 Ah, dear - est Je - sus, ho - ly Child, Pre - pare a

news to ev - 'ry home; Glad tid - ings of great  
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of  
 sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self your  
 sin - ful world is blest! You came to share my  
 bed, soft, un - de - filed, A qui - et cham - ber

joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:  
 low - ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.  
 Sa - vior be From all your sins to set you free.  
 mi - ser - y That You might share Your joy with me.  
 set a - part For You to dwell with - in my heart.

### Unison

15. Glory to God in highest heav'n,  
 Who unto us His Son has giv'n!  
 While angels sing with pious mirth  
 A glad new year to all the earth.

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

## Preface

LSB 160



**P** The Lord be with you.



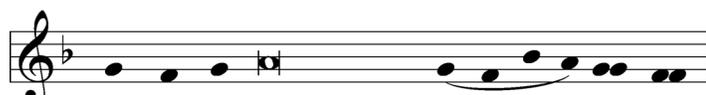
**C** And al - so with you.



**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 Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

- 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.

## Distribution Duet

### Christmas Lullaby

Jeffrey Van

*Refrain:*

*Lullaby, lullaby, sleep wondrous child  
 to my lullaby, lullaby, lullaby, lullaby.  
 Lullaby, lullaby, sleep wondrous child  
 to my lullaby, lullaby, lullaby, lullaby.*

*Peaceful and still all around Thy bed,  
 Outside in darkness a world of dread.  
 Rest Thy head near us, O holy child,  
 Stay awhile, stay awhile, stay awhile. Refrain*

*Heaven's light radiant within the hay,  
 all gathered here sing Thy mystery.*

*How can this babe the answer be?*

*Yet hear the angels so surely say:*

*"Here! Here's the one." Lullaby. Refrain*

## Distribution Hymn

## Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM | LSB 384



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,  
3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with  
4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His  
5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him  
Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -  
Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -  
And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be  
And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face  
pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

## Post Communion Prayer

**L** God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your reconciling love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

**C** Amen.

*Those who are able, please stand.*

**Doxology**

**THE FIRST NOEL**

arr. Willcocks

*All in unison*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise

Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him a-

bove, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father,

Son, and Holy Ghost. No-el, No-el, No-

el, No-el, Born is the King of Israel!

## The Christmas Blessing

- L** May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.
- C** Alleluia! Glory to God in the Highest!
- L** May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.
- C** Alleluia! Glory to God in the Highest!
- L** May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.
- C** Alleluia! Glory to God in the Highest!
- L** May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.
- C** Alleluia! Glory to God in the Highest!

## Recessional Hymn

*Music at right.*

## Postlude

**Hark! The Herald-Angels Sing**

MENDELSSOHN | arr. Willcocks

**IN DULCI JUBILO**

BWV 729 | J.S. Bach

### Trinity Chamber Artists:

Lauren Stafford, soprano

Steven Soph, tenor

Beau Bledsoe, classical guitar

Dr. Lara West, organist

Ben A. Spalding, Director of Music and the Arts

All in harmony  
All in harmony  
All in unison

Hark the her - ald - an - gels sing Glo - ry to the new-born King;  
Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the e - ver - last - ing Lord,  
Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Right-eous- ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled:  
Late in time be - hold him come Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb:  
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings;

Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies,  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.  
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them se - cond birth.

Hark! the her - ald - an - gels sing Glo - ry to the new - born King.

# Announcements

## Call Process: Interviews!



Over the last few weeks, the Call Committee has read through and prayed over the information on eleven different

DCE candidates. Our hope is to narrow that list to two or three candidates whom we will then invite for on-site interviews, happening some time in January. We ask that you continue to lift this process up in your prayers.

## 2017 Deductible Gifts



Each holiday season, the church anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is

through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we can carry on our work now and throughout the year. As you contemplate year-end gifts, please keep the church in mind. We welcome your donations on Sunday and during the week through the giving page on the church website – [www.tlcms.org](http://www.tlcms.org) (Online Giving tab). Gifts must be received or postmarked by December 31 to qualify for 2017 tax deductions. This means that Sunday, December 31, is your last Sunday in the year to contribute.

## Preschool Open House and Enrollment Dates



**Open House**  
*Friday, January 12*  
10am-2pm  
Tours, enrollment packets, children's

activities, refreshments. We hope to see you at this come-and-go event!

### Enrollment Dates

*Current family* enrollment begins Friday, January 26, online at 8am.

*Church family/alumni* enrollment begins Friday, February 2, online at 8am.

*New family* enrollment begins Friday, February 2, online at noon.

### Can't make the Open House?

Tours are available by appointment – call 913-563-5280.

## 2018 Altar Flower Chart - Mission Campus



Would you like a meaningful way to commemorate a special event in your life or the life of a loved one? The 2018 altar flower chart is now available for signups in the Mission Campus foyer.

## Worship Leaders - Mission

**Preaching:** Pastor Mark Schulz  
**Director of Music and the Arts:** Ben A. Spalding  
**Organist:** Dr. Lara West

## Stewardship Corner

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1 (NRSV)



## Blessed Christmas!

May you and your family enjoy a blessed celebration of Christ's birth!

We look forward to seeing you in worship again soon as we continue to be a "Community Following Jesus."

*You will have joy and gladness,  
and many will rejoice at his birth. Luke 1:14*



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