

*The Lord Has Come!*

*Christmas Eve  
Choral Candlelight and Communion*

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran  
*One Church - Two Campuses*  
9:30pm | December 24, 2016

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## 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.

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## 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. The nursery will be staffed this evening for the 4pm service. Parents are welcome to use the unstaffed nursery for the 6pm and 9:30pm services.

# *The Gathering*

*This traditional late evening service begins with a 30-minute prelude of choral music and congregational carols.*

## **Anthem**

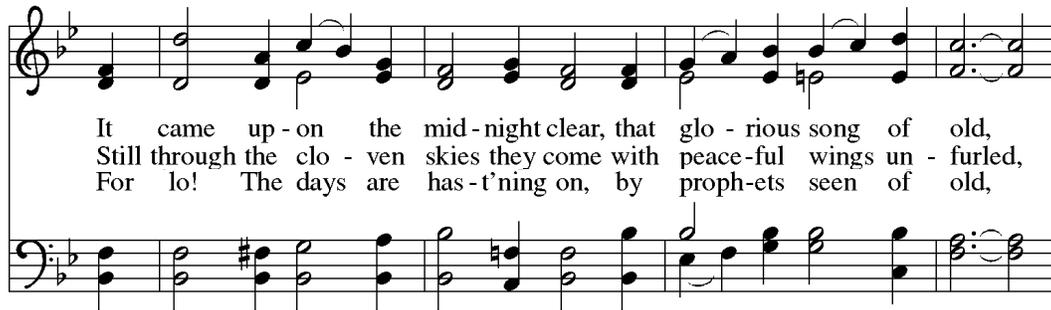
## *Ding Dong Merrily on High*

arr. David Willcocks

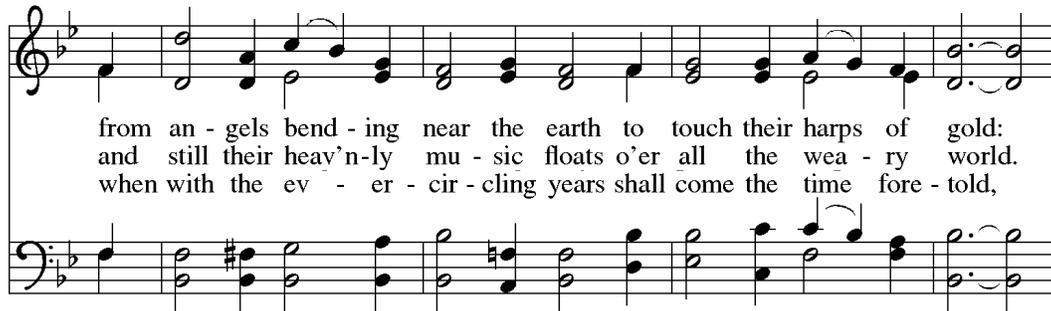
Ding dong merrily on high,  
In heav'n the bells are ringing:  
Ding dong! verily the sky  
Is riv'n with angel singing.  
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!  
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,  
Let steeple bells be swungen,  
And "Io, io, io!"  
By priest and people sungen.  
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!  
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

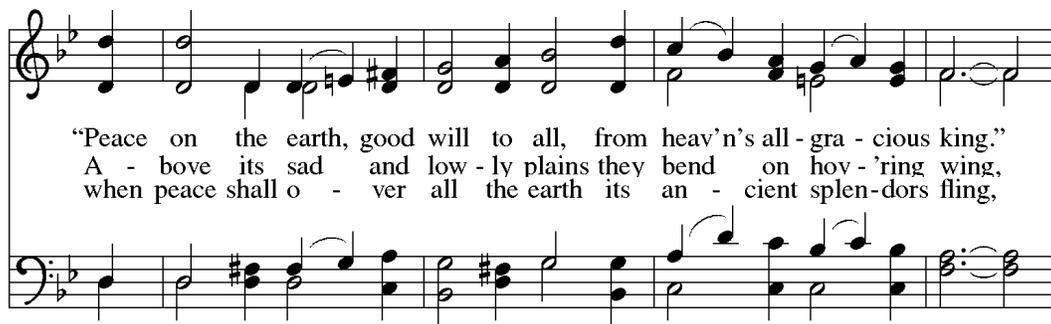
Pray you, dutifully prime  
Your matin chime, ye ringers;  
May you beautifully rime  
Your evetime song, ye singers.  
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!  
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!



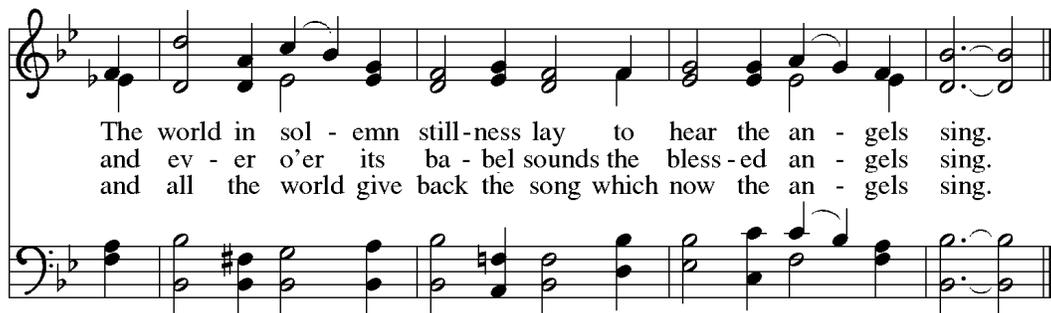
It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”  
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

## Anthem

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Harold Darke

1. *In the bleak mid-winter*  
Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
*In the bleak mid-winter*  
Long ago.

2. *Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him*  
Nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign:  
*In the bleak mid-winter*  
A stable-place sufficed  
*The Lord God Almighty,*  
*Jesus Christ.*

3. Enough for Him, whom cherubim  
 Worship night and day,  
 A breastful of milk  
 And a mangerful of hay;  
 Enough for Him, whom angels  
 Fall down before,  
 The ox and ass and camel  
 Which adore.

4. What can I give Him,  
 Poor as I am?  
 If I were a shepherd  
 I would bring a lamb,  
 If I were a wise man  
 I would do my part,  
 Yet what I can I give Him,  
 Give my heart.

Hymn

Once in Royal David's City  
 H.J. Gauntlett, arr. David Willcocks

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

*Solo*  
*All*

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
 2 He came down to earth from heav-en who is God and Lord of all,

where a moth-er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:  
 and his shel-ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:

Mar - y was that moth-er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.  
 with the poor and meek and low-ly, lived on earth our Sav-ior ho - ly.

*All:* 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;  
 When like stars his children crowned All in white shall wait around.

## Anthem

## *I Wonder as I Wander*

arr. John Rutter

*I wonder as I wander out under the sky,  
How Jesus, the Savior, did come for to die.  
For poor ornery people like you and like I:  
I wonder as I wander, Out under the sky.*

*When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall,  
With wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all.  
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,  
And the promise of ages it then did recall.*

*If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing:  
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing;  
Or all of God's angels in heaven to sing,  
He surely could have it, 'Cause he was the King.*

*I wonder as I wander out under the sky,  
How Jesus, the Savior, did come for to die.  
For poor ornery people like you and like I:  
I wonder as I wander, Out under the sky.*

*All* 1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor  
*Men* 2 They look - ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the

shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing  
 east be - yond them far; and to the earth it gave

their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
 great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.

*Refrain*

*All* Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

*Women:* This star drew nigh to the northwest; O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
 And there it did both stop and stay Right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain - All*

*All:* Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
 That hath made heav'n and earth of naught, And with his blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain*

Anthem

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

R. Vaughan Williams

1. O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

3. How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

2. O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth;  
For Christ born of Mary;  
And, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Hymn

*Away in a Manger*

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord  
2 The cat - tle are low-ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked  
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look  
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.  
your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.

# The Welcome

## Choir Introit

*Lost in the Night*  
arr. Kyle Haugen | Choir Anthem

*Lost in the night do the people yet languish,  
Longing for morning the darkness to vanquish.  
Plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish,  
Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?*

*Must we be vainly awaiting the morrow?  
Shall those who have light no light let us borrow,  
Giving no heed to our burden of sorrow?  
Will You help us soon? Will You help us soon?*

*Sorrowing wanderers, in darkness yet dwelling,  
Dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,  
Death's dreaded darkness forever dispelling.  
Christ is coming soon. Christ is coming soon.*

- Finnish Folk Tune

## Call to Worship and Invocation

**L** Those who walked in darkness have seen a great light; the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

**C** Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.  
We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

**L** For unto us a child is born,  
**C** unto us a Son is given.

**L** His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
**C** the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

**L** Glory to God in the highest,  
**C** and peace to God's people on earth.

**L** Arise, shine, for your Light has come.  
**C** O come, let us adore him.

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

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

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth re-  
 2. Joy to the world! The Sa- vior reigns! Let men their  
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev- ry heart \_\_\_ pre- pare Him  
 songs em- ploy, While fields and floods, \_\_\_ rocks, hills, and  
 na- tions prove The glo- ries of \_\_\_ His right- eous-

room \_\_\_ And heav'n and na- ture sing, And heav'n and na- ture  
 plains Re- peat the sound- ing joy, Re- peat the sound- ing  
 ness And won- ders of His love, And won- ders of His

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n \_\_\_ and na- ture sing.  
 joy, Re- peat, re- peat \_\_\_ the sound- ing joy.  
 love, And won- ders, won- ders of His love.

**Confession and Absolution**

- L** O Lord, on this Holy Night, we acknowledge our sin before you. We confess that we have often forgotten that the coming of your Son has changed the world.
- C** Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today: forgive us, heal us, make us new.
- L** We have often lived as if the coming of your Son has not changed our lives.
- C** Help us to walk in your marvelous light, which no darkness can overcome.

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

**L** Our Lord Jesus has come, and with him his kingdom of love and forgiveness. Your sins are forgiven. You are reconciled to God and to one another.

**C** Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
arr. David Willcocks | ADESTE FIDELES

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2. God of God, Light of Light,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - - le - hem;  
Lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - - gin's womb;

*Refrain*  
Come and be - hold him Born the King of An - gels;  
Ve - ry God, Be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted: O

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

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

3. Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God  
In the highest: *Refrain*

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

## Prayer of the Day

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this 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 only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**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.

*The choir sings the refrain once and the congregation then repeats it.*

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord, sing all the earth.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to God and praise the Name.  
Proclaim God's salvation day by day, tell of God's glory among the nations, and God's marvels to all the people.

*Refrain*

The Lord is great and worthy of all praise, To be feared more than all gods; All other gods are merely idols.  
For the Lord made the heavens! Oh, the splendor and majesty of God's presence! Oh, the power and beauty of God's temple.

*Refrain*

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, Let the sea roar, and all its creatures; Be glad, you fields, and all your fruit.  
Shout for joy, all trees of the woods, At the presence of God, who now comes To judge the earth with right and the people with truth.

*Refrain*

## 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.*

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!

3. 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.

1 An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,

The first system of music features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef, both in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "1 An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,"

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.

The second system continues the vocal and piano parts. The lyrics are: "and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains."

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o,

The Refrain section begins with a treble clef staff containing a melodic line with slurs and a bass clef staff with a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Glo - - - - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o,"

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

The second part of the Refrain continues the melodic and piano lines. The lyrics are: "Glo - - - - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De - o."

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.

3. See Him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o,

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

*Please extinguish your candles.*

Sermon

“The Lord Has Come!” based on Luke 2:1-20

A saying often used in my family is: “It’s a \_\_\_\_\_ deal.”

And so we proclaim: “The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ come!”

Tonight is a night of Good News for “\_\_\_\_\_ the people.” -v. 10

The shepherds return to a \_\_\_\_\_ life. -vv.17-18

How will you be \_\_\_\_\_? -2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Singing of the Creed

*We Believe in God the Father*

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

Music: Nettleton, Melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty, by whose  
Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter  
We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a -  
plan earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be -  
led, suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cend - ed to the  
bove: saints of God in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness and  
gan. We be - lieve in Christ the Sa - vior, Son of  
dead. We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's  
love. So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our  
God in hu - man frame, vir - gin - born, the child of  
king to rule and reign, to the Fa - ther's side as -  
Sa - vior, Lord and friend, we shall rise with him in  
Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.  
cend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.  
glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

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,  
Mild he lays his glo-ry by, born that man no more may die,

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:  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us se-cond birth.

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!  
Ris'n with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

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.  
Hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

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

## Prayer of the Church

- L** God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night by the utterance of your Word made flesh.
- C** **May your word of compassion and reconciliation resound in us and through us.**
- L** On this holy night angels proclaim the peace of your unconquered Son of righteousness.
- C** **Strengthen all who work for peace and justice.**
- L** On this holy night shepherds and outcasts hear your good news.
- C** **Give us grace to spread your gospel of joy and liberation.**
- L** On this holy night you come to us in a child cradled in a borrowed bed of straw.
- C** **Open our hearts to the needs of the homeless and the hungry.**
- L** On this holy night your living Word leaps down, shedding light on all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.
- C** **Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit.**
- L** On this holy night we rejoice at the coming of this season of feasting and re-creation.
- C** **Guard those who travel, enrich our rejoicing, and strengthen the bonds between us.**
- L** On this holy night heaven and earth embrace, and in your true Child you give us power to be your children. Hold in your love all who have departed this life and have gone before us in faith.
- C** **May we, like them, remain faithful to the mystery of the Word made flesh and live in your eternal light.**
- L** Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, bring us to share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## Offering

*Hodie, Christus Natus Est*  
Healey Willan | Choir Anthem

*Hodie Christus natus est:*

*Hodie Salvator apparuit:*

*Hodie in terra canunt angeli, laetantur archangeli:*

*Hodie exultant justi, dicentes:*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Alleluia.*

Today Christ is born.

Today the Savior has appeared.

Today on earth the angels sing, the archangels rejoice.

Today the just rejoice, saying:

Glory to God in the highest.

Alleluia.

*The Lord's Supper*

## Preface

### Proper Preface

## Sanctus

### *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Sung by the Choir

Music: From Deutsche Messe,  
Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828);  
arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

## 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 Anthem

### *Still, Still, Still (Austrian Carol)*

arr. by Norman Luboff | Choir Anthem

1. *Still, still, still,  
One can hear the falling snow.  
For all is hushed,  
The world is sleeping,  
Holy Star its vigil keeping.  
Still, still, still,  
One can hear the falling snow.*
2. *Sleep, sleep, sleep,  
'Tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.  
The night is peaceful all around you,  
Close your eyes,  
Let sleep surround you.  
Sleep, sleep, sleep,  
'Tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.*
3. *Dream, dream, dream,  
Of the joyous day to come.  
While guardian angels without number,  
Watch you as you sweetly slumber.  
Dream, dream, dream,  
Of the joyous day to come.*

## Distribution Anthem

## *O Magnum Mysterium*

Morten Lauridsen | Esteli Gomez, 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!  
*O beata virgo, cujus viscera me ruerunt portare*  
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear  
*Dominum Jesum Christum*  
Christ the Lord.  
*Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
*Alleluja!*  
Alleluia!

## 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.

## The Christmas Blessing

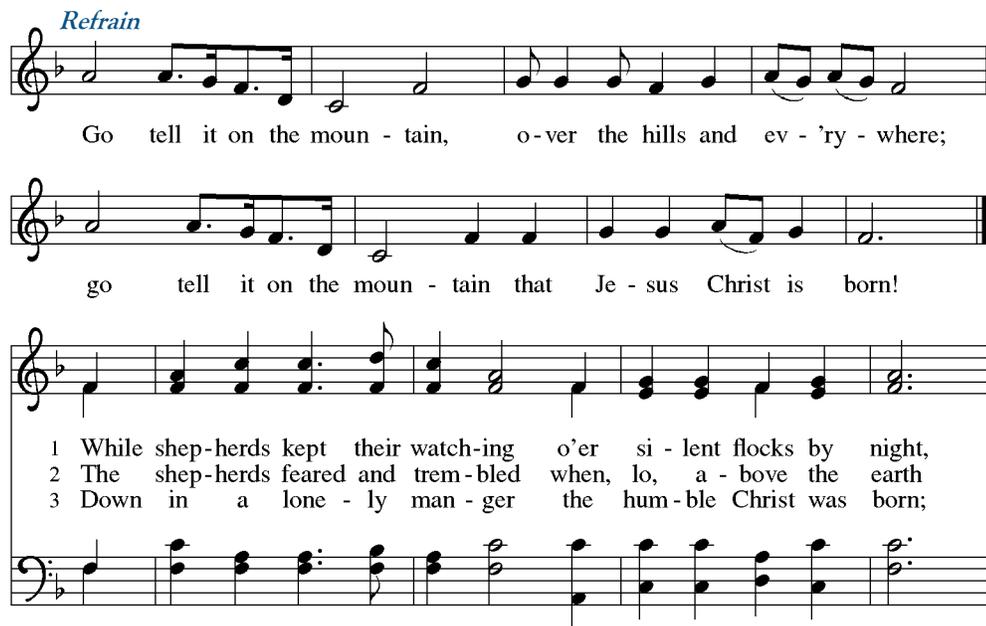
- L** May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.
- C** Alleluia! The Lord has come!
- L** May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.
- C** Alleluia! The Lord has come!
- 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! The Lord has come!
- L** May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.
- C** Amen. The Lord has come!

Recessional Hymn

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

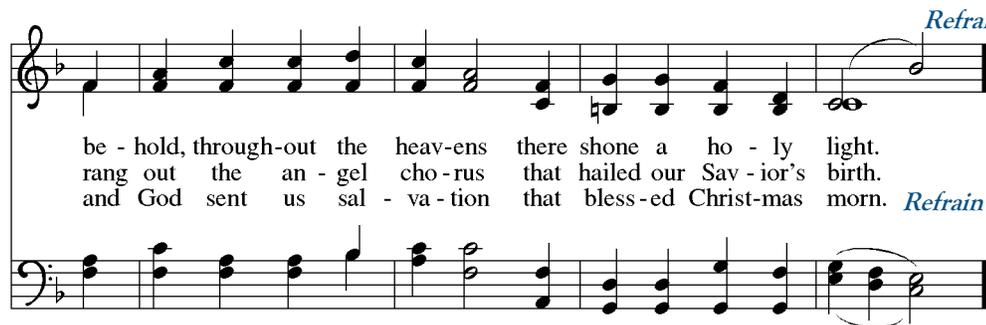
arr. Ben A. Spalding

*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;



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. *Refrain twice*

Postlude

*Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her*

Johann Pachelbel

# Announcements

## Christmas Day Worship



**Both Campuses, 10am:** Christmas Day Carol Sing and Holy Communion. Join us tomorrow morning for worship!

## Recipes for the Soul Now \$5



**GREAT NEWS!** The cost of the Recipes for the Soul cookbook has been reduced to \$5 each while supplies last. These make great gifts for Christmas or any other occasion. At the Mission Campus they are

available for purchase in the gift shop or in the office. At the Shawnee Campus see Gloria Garrelts.

## The Miracles of Jesus Bible Study



*Sundays 9:45 to 10:45am, Shawnee campus in Pastor Phil's office, January 8 through February 12.* Jesus not only preached the kingdom of God in word, but he demonstrated it in power through his

miraculous deeds. This unique, in-depth look at the miracles of Jesus will open your eyes to their impact on the lives he touched, what they reveal about God's heart, and their significance for us today.

## Best Choice Bar Codes Needed



If you are among the many members who faithfully clip Best Choice bar codes from the many products you buy and use, now is the time to turn them in by putting them in the large

jar at the office welcome window at the Mission campus. Another 400 bar codes are needed by late December to claim the \$60 Associated Grocers gives us for charity work for each 1,000 bar codes turned in. Ruth Hanusch uses this money to buy toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, and socks for health kits she makes up for the homeless. Your participation would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, call Ruth at 913-262-8967.

## Support for Others/Missions Budget Donations



Missions Committee

The unspent/uncommitted balance of \$10,649.02 from the 2015-16 Support for Others/Missions Budget has been recently donated to the following recipients:

MLM Food Pantry, Seminary Adopt-a-Student, Lutheran World Relief Hurricane Matthew disaster relief for Haiti, LCMS Disaster Response Hurricane Matthew disaster relief for U.S. damaged areas, and Community Living Opportunities. Thank you for your generous support of the Lord's work!

## Worship Leaders

**Celebrant:** Rev. Dr. Mark R. Schulz

**Director of Music and the Arts:**

Ben A. Spalding

**Organist:** Dr. Lara West

**Trinity Chamber Artists:**

Estelí Gomez, soprano

Lauren Stafford, soprano

Patricia Thompson, mezzo-soprano

Jess Wagner, mezzo-soprano

Steven Soph, tenor

Tytus Abrahamson, tenor

Jared Swope, baritone

Paul Cummings, bass

## Stewardship Corner

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NRSV)

## Altar Flowers

One of the altar flower bouquets one December 17-18 was given in loving memory of Alice Zschoche by her daughters, Jane Musgrove and Gail Phelps.

## 2017 Flowers

The 2017 flower chart is posted. Sign up now to provide flowers to beautify the services. The cost is \$45 per bouquet, made payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church." No prepayment is needed.



*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*



*A Community Following Jesus*

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