

*Trinity Lutheran
Church*

Brewster, New York



*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service*

December 24, 2024

8:00 PM

WELCOME as we gather to celebrate the birth of the Christ-child, the love of God enfleshed among us. ! Whether we are physically present with one another or gathering remotely, we know that Christ is truly present in our midst.

We welcome our visitors today. If you are looking for a church home and want to know more about living together as Christians, please contact Pastor Boyd during the week.

If you know of others who are in need of signs of God's love and grace, who are curious and/or questioning, who would like to experience the peace of Christ – please invite them to join us for worship in person or online. They may also contact the church office and/or Pastor Jen (see emails below)

You are invited to worship with us each week. There is a spoken in-person service on Thursdays at 12 noon and on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. as well as via Facebook Live on Trinity's Facebook page. Services may also be viewed on our Youtube channel or on Comcast channel 21 at 11 am (note, they are a week behind). The weekly bulletin and Trinity Weekly with announcements and the calendar is posted on our website:

If you would like to be on our weekly email distribution list, contact the church office.

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-Brewster-NY-160570420670756>.

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBFzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view_as=subscriber

PARENTS: *Please help your children follow the worship service, including standing up with the assembly. Thank you.*



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CHRISTMAS EVE

Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION

A census issued by Caesar Augustus leads Joseph and Mary to travel to Bethlehem. In the city, Mary gives birth to Jesus. This news is announced to some shepherds living in the nearby fields by an angel who gives them a sign to look for the Messiah. The birth of Jesus is a Kairos moment that God has initiated to break the oppressive cycle that subjugates all God's beloved children in the world.

+ GATHERING +

Preludes played by Trinity Brass

Baenkelsaengerlieder attributed to Daniel Speer

"Lo! How a Rose" by Michael Praetorius

Fantasy On Two English Carols by William Lemak

Welcome to Worship

Christmas Fanfare

"Christmas, The Joy and Spirit" by Sammy Nestico

Played by Trinity Brass

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

Gathering Litany

May there be a pause tonight

in the conflicts of the world tonight

a pause that allows the world

to breathe with hope tonight

enough to take a breath tonight

and know God has set free a promise tonight

that the one made all of light is our salvation tonight.

Light Candle 1

May there be longing tonight
deep enough to unite all longing tonight
from Ukraine to our own neighborhood
for peace and truth tonight
that feels God's own longing tonight
as the son falls from heaven tonight
into the vulnerable darkness of earth
and bring it redemption tonight.

Light Candle 2

May there be despair tonight
in the corridors of darkness tonight
worry at the tables of power
concern round the thrones of despots tonight
whose wisest move tonight
is to recognize they can do nothing tonight
to stop the light pouring in
through every crack in their universe tonight.

Light Candle 3

May there be love tonight
fully human and alive tonight
that gives of itself for humanity
and offers a child tonight
born for us all tonight:
a God who takes this personally tonight
and bundles into skin the gift of Emmanuel tonight.

Light Candle 4

The Word became flesh
And dwelt among us
And we have seen his glory
The glory of God's begotten Son

Light Christ candle

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “O Come, All Ye Faithful” ELW #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, O come let us adore him,
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, O come let us adore him,
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, O come let us adore him,
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, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakely, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr
Unknown, st. 2

Music: attr. John Francis Wade

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GREETING

The love of God, the hope of the Christ child and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mystery and grace, **You came to us not in power and might, not with armies of angels or people, but as a vulnerable baby in an animal's stall. Teach us the transformative power of your loving and peaceful way that we might work for your justice in the world. Amen.**

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, 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 onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

By Georg Friderich Haendel
Played by the Trinity Brass
Sung by Senior Choir

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “*Angels We Have Heard On High*” ELW# 289

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly sing o’er the plains,
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 glad tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

Music: French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958

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THE GOSPEL: LUKE 2:1-20

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 2nd chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While

they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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 Saviour, 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 favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***"Angels We Have Heard On High"* ELW #289**

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

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THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” ELW #270

**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 the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”**

**Christ, the 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!”
Hail the heav’n born Price of peace! Hail the Son 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!”**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

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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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of our Salvation,
we come to you on this wondrous night to gather in praise,
to lift up your name with friend, family, and stranger.
In the beginning, your creative work began with a word,
and tonight, your creation continues with the Word made flesh.
On this holiest of nights, we join the everlasting chorus saying:
Glory to God on highest! Great is your name in all the earth!

Like Mary, we ponder these things in our hearts,
and wonder how you could love us so much
as to actually become one of us, one with us.
We remember these stories this evening
that remind us of your steadfast love,
that affirm that you have never, and will never, give up on your children.

Thank you for your steadfast presence in our lives!

And yet, even on this night on which we celebrate the fulfillment of love,
we recognize that there are many who are still waiting for fulfillment:
the fulfillment of adequate food and shelter...
the fulfillment of peace and the end of violence...
the fulfillment of reprieve from the fierce grip of grief...
the fulfillment of a restoration of a broken relationship...
the fulfillment of a renewing of heart, mind, or body...
the fulfillment of healing from a chronic illness...
the fulfillment of an end to substance abuse...
Giving God,

**give us the courage to do your work in the world
and to share the peace coming to us in the manger this evening.**

We pray this night especially for those who have traveled to be here...
for those who have lost loved ones in the past year...
for those who struggle with mental illness...
for those who fight addiction's onslaught...
for those who will be traveling in the coming days and weeks...
for those who work on Christmas:
especially medical workers, police, and emergency personnel...
for those who cannot make it home for Christmas...
hear us we pray, O God,

Restore us and make your face to shine that we might be saved.

*Here other petitions may be offered silently, aloud or online in the
comments*

Pastor: In all that we do and in all that we are,
send your Spirit to send us forward with the majesty of this night
and to share the grace we find with everyone we encounter. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

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

You are invited to share signs of peace with others Please check with those around you if they are comfortable with a handshake, elbow bump or other physical signs before reaching out. Peace signs and humble bows are a healthy alternative.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

Offering

You are invited to use this time as moments of silence for prayer and reflection. You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity be mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)



+ MEAL +

OFFERING MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING: “Run To Bethlehem”

By Joel Raney

Sung By Senior Choir

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

Offering song: “Love Has Come” #292

**Love has come—a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
Hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.**

Love is born! Come, share in the wonder,

Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;
What is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: F. Seguin, Recueil de noels composes en langue Provençale, 1856

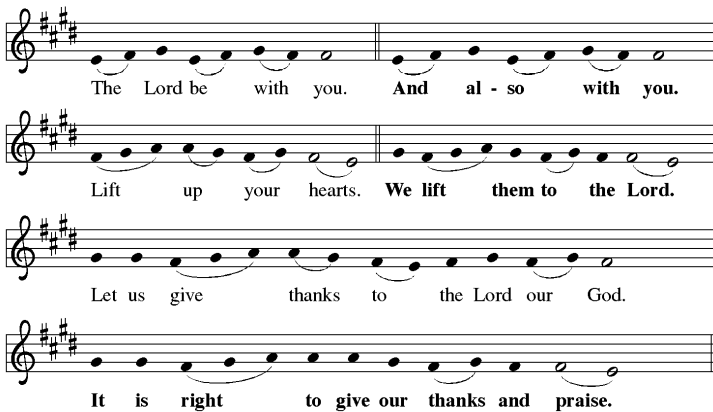
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Offering Prayer

God, you have given us treasure upon treasure, even to the gift of your own Son. With joy we bring before you our gifts in return, and offer them to you for the continuation of the work you began in Jesus Christ, for the flourishing of all creation. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

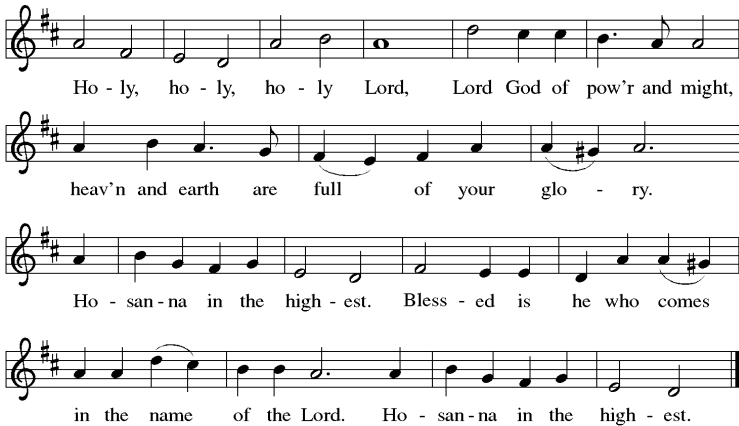
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to
you,
almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your
glory,
that, beholding the God made visible,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The bread and wine we're about to share
joins us to the people throughout history and across the world
who have come to this meal in search of life.
Just as Jesus' birth was for the whole world
this bread and wine is for everyone
for the hungry
for the lost
for those who search
and those who are found
for those who question
and those who know peace
this is bread and wine for everyone.

Holy God, we praise you.

Let the heavens be joyful,

and the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world,

for your promises to your people,

and for the life we know in Jesus Christ your son.

Born of Mary, he shares our life.

Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.

Leading his followers, he guides us.

Dying on the cross, he loves us.

Risen from the dead, he gives new life.

On the night before Jesus died...do this, in remembrance of me.

We pray, God of love, that you will

send your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here:

that we and these signs, touched by your Spirit,

may be signs of life and love to each other

and to all the world. Amen.

And so, remembering all that we have been given, we are bold to pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God with us, Emmanuel, Jesus who is called Christ, now welcomes you to the table of life, to the celebratory feast of all creation. Come with joy with your siblings in Christ and share in this precious and holy meal.

Thanks be to God!

Lamb of God



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



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



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AND BLESSINGS

All the baptized are welcome to feast in the Eucharist. You may receive only the bread or wine and still experience the full benefit of our Lord's meal. Those who do not receive bread or wine are invited to come for a blessing.

All members and visitors, please complete a Record of Communion card (in the pew racks) and hand it to an usher as you come forward.

Ushers will direct you to come forward at the appropriate time.

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” ELW #279

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.

For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond’ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv’n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav’n.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

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;
Oh, come to us, abide in us, our Lord Immanuel!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

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“The First Noel” ELW #300

Refrain:

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

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

Refrain

**They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.**

Refrain

**And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.**

Refrain

**This star drew near 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

**Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh, and frankincense.**

Refrain

Text: English traditional

Music: English traditional, arr. John Stainer, 1840-1901

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***"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"* ELW #282**

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'ns all gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies, they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing.**

And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,

**Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow;
Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;
Oh, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!**

**For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876

Music: Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

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AFTER ALL HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR PLACES, THE ASSEMBLY STANDS.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

On this day, O God, you gave us

Christ the Son to save us.

As you sent the one foretold,
send us now with good news for all people.

Let the gladness of this feast have no end
as we share with others the joy that fills us;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING

The minister takes the light from the Christ Candle to the ushers and assisting ministers. They pass the light on to the assembly. Tip only the unlit candle; do not tip the lighted candle—hold it straight to avoid dripping the wax. After all candles have been lit, the lights will be extinguished and the assembly will sing.

Immanuel, God-with-us,
interrupt and open our eyes to the wonder of this night,
that we might catch a glimpse of your glory
in the simplicity of this moments

May your light shine!

Immanuel, God-with-us,

interrupt and soften our hearts to the message of birth,
that we might turn toward you,
and have the way prepared in us for your coming.
May your light shine!

Immanuel, God-with-us,
we rejoice that you interrupt what we have in mind
in order to bring into being something more than we dare imagine.
May your light shine! Amen.

HYMN: “Silent Night, Holy Night” ELW #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 heaven 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 your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord at your birth,
Jesus, Lord at your birth.**

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

Music: Franz Gruber, 1787-1863

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*THE ASSEMBLY EXTINGUISHES THE CANDLES AND HOLDS THEM UPRIGHT UNTIL THE
WAX HAS COOLED AND HARDENED.*

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

Response: Amen

SENDING HYMN: “Joy to the World” ELW #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, rock, 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.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: English melody, 18th cent., arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!

Peace to God's people on earth!

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Carol of the Bells" Mikhail Leontovich

Played by Trinity Brass



Worship Notes: the following are adapted from

- ☆ Gathering litany (Spill the Beans, Vol. 24)
- ☆ Introduction, Prayer of the day, Offering prayer, Invitation to communion (@Clergy stuff)
- ☆ Prayers of the people, (Rev. *Stephen M. Fearing, Shelter Island Presbyterian Church, NY*)
- ☆ Eucharistic prayer written by Cheryl Lawrie, (Port Phillip Prison);
- ☆ Candle lighting written by Peter L. Haynes, (Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren)

SCHEDULED TO SERVE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

**Assisting
Minister**

Ushers

8:00 PM	Charlie Germain	Ken von Bargaen
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We are grateful for the gifts of time and talent for tonight's musicians:

- ☆ Our Minister of Music, Dr. Franklyn Commisso, for coordinating special music.
- ☆ Our sincerest thanks to Trinity Brass for sharing their gift of music this Christmas. The instrumentalists are William Lemak and Nicole Daskalakis - trumpets, Jack Titcomb - trombone, and Thomas Lemak – tuba
- ☆ All those who helped beautify our Sanctuary
- ☆ Kathie Ruhs Trinity's Flower Fund Secretary
- ☆ Trinity's office volunteers for the extra work at this time of the year

Poinsettias and Wreaths decorating the Sanctuary are given by:

- ♥ *Bruce and Barbara Markert in gratitude for God's many blessings*
- ♥ *Dorothy Kafalas in loving memory of her daughter Patti Kafalas, the Rencken Family members and in honor of Howard & Dan's birthdays.*
- ♥ *Linda & Rob Salinger in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *Barbara & Ken von Barga in memory of their parents, Helen & Robert Weber, and Marie & Henry von Barga.*
- ♥ *Mark & Kathleen Harpster in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *Julie Warbrick in gratitude for and in loving memory of her dear Mom and Dad.*
- ♥ *The Sergio Family is in memory of William, Elsie & Hedy McCloskey, and Andy & Dorothy Sergio.*
- ♥ *Hilde Christofori & family in memory of Karl Christofori.*
- ♥ *The Hargrave Family in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *John & Cyndi Bertone in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *The Turri Family in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *Jo-Ann & Charlie Nestor in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *The Baldanza family in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *Bill Rieg in memory of Sylvia Rieg.*
- ♥ *The Beal Family in gratitude for God's many blessings.*

- ♥ *Barbara Roden in loving memory of Erich Roden, Carl & Ethel Moebis & Sophie Roden.*
- ♥ *Carol & Fred Fendt & Family to the Glory of God and in gratitude for His many blessings.*
- ♥ *Robert Fendt in memory of grandparents, aunts & uncles and friends & to the Glory of God.*
- ♥ *Kathie Ruhs and family in loving memory of Larry Ruhs and all our loved ones in heaven with the Lord.*
- ♥ *The Johnson-Zang family in loving memory of Regina Johnson.*
- ♥ *The Groundwater-Schuldt Family in loving memory of Callie Lou Schroeder and in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *Brent A. Hnatow to the Glory of God.*
- ♥ *Laura DeFilippis in loving memory of Roger DeFilippis.*
- ♥ *Laurie & Peter Bell in memory of our dad Jim Yessian, reunited with our mom Dorothy.*
- ♥ *Deb & Joe Efferen in gratitude to God for loving and taking care of us.*
- ♥ *Florence Rothenberger in memory of my dearly departed loved ones.*
- ♥ *Pam & Fred Carlson in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *Michelle & Paul Zabko in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *Claire Brusie in memory of the Brusie, Heinrich Moser & Winters families and in memory of Barbara Keogh.*
- ♥ *Susan & Michael Stringer & family in memory of all our loved one and in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *Phil & Maria Maston in memory of Anthony & Ruth and Anthony Jr.*

- ♥ *Sigrid Allen to the Glory of God and in gratitude for His many blessings.*
- ♥ *Franklyn & Mary Beth Commisso in memory of Elsie & Frank Commisso, Frances & Albert Jerry and in gratitude for God's small creatures.*
- ♥ *Halsey Tuthill, Ciaran, Carrie, Fiona, and Ciaran James Cioffi in loving memory of Elaine M. Tuthill and Harold & Anna Schaller.*
- ♥ *Carol Huber in gratitude for God's many blessings*
- ♥ *Phillip DeRoberts in memory of Esther DeRoberts and Mary Langord.*
- ♥ *The Weidt Family in memory of William, Peter, and Mary.*



Poinsettias may be picked up after service on Christmas day and during that week.

WORSHIP SERVICES — DECEMBER 2024 - JANUARY 2025

Tuesday, Dec 24, Family Service with Communion, 4:00 PM

Tuesday, Dec 24, Candlelight Service with Communion, 8:00 PM

Wednesday, Dec 25, Christmas Day Service with Communion, 10:00 AM

Sunday, Dec. 29, Lessons & Carols with Communion, 9:30 AM

Sunday, Jan 5, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM

Sunday, Jan 12, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM

Sunday, Jan 19, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM

Sunday, Jan 26, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM

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