



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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## CHURCH AT HOME

### ***Announcements:***

Welcome to Trinity's worship resource for December 25, 2022, celebrating Christmas Day. Pastor Jack Dressler (519-250-7210) is our interim Pastor. Please contact him for any pastoral needs.

**NOTE – There will be NO in-person service on Sunday January 1, 2023.**

### ***Upcoming Services:***

Date	Comment	Pastor / Lay Leader	Reader
January 1, 2023	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE
January 8	Communion	Pastor Jack	
January 15		Father Brian	
January 22		Greg	
January 29		Father Brian	
February 5		Greg	
February 12	Communion	Pastor Jack	
February 19			
February 26	Communion	Father Brian	
March 5		Greg	
March 12			
March 19			
March 22	Ash Wednesday – 10am	Pastor Jack	
March 26	Communion	Pastor Jack	

We need your help to assist in the above services – readers and lay leaders.

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### **Introduction**

As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas Day the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ's birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of "the salvation of our God." O come, let us adore!

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.  
God of life,

**you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In † Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God. **Amen.**

### **Worship**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all! **And also with you!**

### **Prayer of the Day**

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia.* A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has come upon the earth. *Alleluia.*

### **First Reading: Isaiah 62:6-12**

*The prophet invites the people to give God no rest until God reestablishes Jerusalem. In turn, they will receive names full of promise: The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD, A City Not Forsaken.*

<sup>6</sup>Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest,

<sup>7</sup>and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored;

<sup>9</sup>but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.

<sup>10</sup>Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."

<sup>12</sup>They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

### **Psalm: Psalm 97**

*Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

<sup>2</sup>**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

<sup>3</sup>Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.

<sup>4</sup>**Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

<sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,  
and all the peoples see your glory.**

<sup>7</sup>Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!

Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

**<sup>8</sup>Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

<sup>9</sup>For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**<sup>10</sup>You who love the LORD, hate evil!**

**God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

<sup>11</sup>Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

**<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.**

### **Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7**

*God saves us not because of what we do. Rather, God is a God of mercy and salvation who graciously cleanses us in baptism and renews our lives through the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>4</sup>When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### **Gospel: Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20**

*The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others.*

[<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>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.]

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>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: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for

you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

<sup>15</sup>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.”<sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.<sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child;<sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.<sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.<sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.**

***The Sermon: Mary, Did You Know (a song sung by many performers)***

During one of our many Friday breakfasts, we had a discussion about Christmas songs. One of our wise men of our group asked “Have you really listened to the words of this song, “Mary, Did You Know”, the words are VERY powerful!!”. This song is sung by many performers and is one of my personnel favorite songs. So I went home and googled the song and read the words. They truly express the meaning of this most wonderful season. Have you really stopped to read the words of our many other favorite songs? Here are the words of “Mary, Did You Know”. Merry Christmas to ALL!!

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Would one day walk on water?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy  
Has come to make you new?  
This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Will calm the storm with his hand?

Did you know that your baby boy  
Has walked where angels trod?  
When you kiss your little baby  
You kiss the face of God

Mary, did you know?  
Mary, did you know?  
Mary, did you know? Did you know?  
Mary, did you know? Mary, did you know?  
Mary, did you know? Mary, did you know?  
Mary, did you know? Mary, did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear  
The dead will live again  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak  
The praises of the Lamb

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Would one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy  
Is heaven's perfect Lamb?  
That sleeping child you're holding is the great, I Am.

Mary, did you know? (Mary, did you know?)  
Mary, did you know? (Mary, did you know?)  
Mary, did you know? Oh

## Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

### **The Prayers of Intercession**

*With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.*

The church in every land makes a joyful noise to herald your coming, O God. We give thanks for poets, musicians, and hymn writers who give voice to our praise, and for all who lead the church's worship. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

This day dawns with new hope for all living things, and from ocean depths to mountain peaks the earth rejoices. Inspire in us an urgent zeal to protect the planet and renew its resources. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring heavenly peace to this world and an end to armed conflict. Raise up leaders in every nation who will honor human rights and establish equal justice for all people. Give courage to all who speak out against oppression and advocate for the powerless. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Guard the lives of any in danger, especially those who work to protect others. Lead any who are in desperate circumstances to sanctuary, help, and safety. Grant rest to the weary and soothe those who are troubled. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all who gather to worship on this holy day. Be present at our tables and celebrations, and watch over those who travel. Sustain charities, outreach ministries, and food pantries that give generously to people in need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of presence, bless those of this community who cannot be with us this morning, and those who walk with them, especially:

***In Residence:*** Margaret; Maria; Stan; Katie; Katherine; Cordelle; Dorothy

***Needing our prayers:*** Ed; Pastor Mike & Patti, Donna; Sharon B; Jeffrey; Art; Joan; Olga

***Friends and Family of our Members Needing our prayers:*** Audrey; Greg; Hilda; Mary; Anna; Jean

**...and all members who may have needs unknown to us**

And all those we name in our hearts...

God, in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

In Christ we have beheld your glory, full of grace and truth. We give thanks for those in every generation who reflect the light of Christ. May their witness shine forth in our time. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God. **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us 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.**

### **Blessing**

God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news. **Thanks be to God.**