



*The Word became flesh  
and lived among us*

# HOLY TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DECEMBER 24, 2025

4:00 P.M.

*In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.*

*Asterisk (\*) indicates that worshipers should please stand as able.*

*Congregational responses are printed in **bold** typeface.*

*Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices during the worship service.*

*The worship livestream begins 10 minutes before the service.*

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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### TOLLING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

*Please be seated in prayerful silence during the prelude, which begins our worship together.*

### PRELUDE

Deacon Ned Perwo, Director of Music Ministry

<i>Cradle Song</i>	-Edvard Grieg
<i>O Come, Little Children</i>	-Richard Lind
<i>On Christmas Night</i>	-David Paxton
<i>Fanfare on "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"</i>	-Robert Hobby

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mary V. Farnham

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.

We travel with the shepherds:

**to find the Savior!**

We travel with the wise ones:

**to find God's promise, born for us!**

We travel with the poor and humble:

**to find our King, born in a lowly manger.**

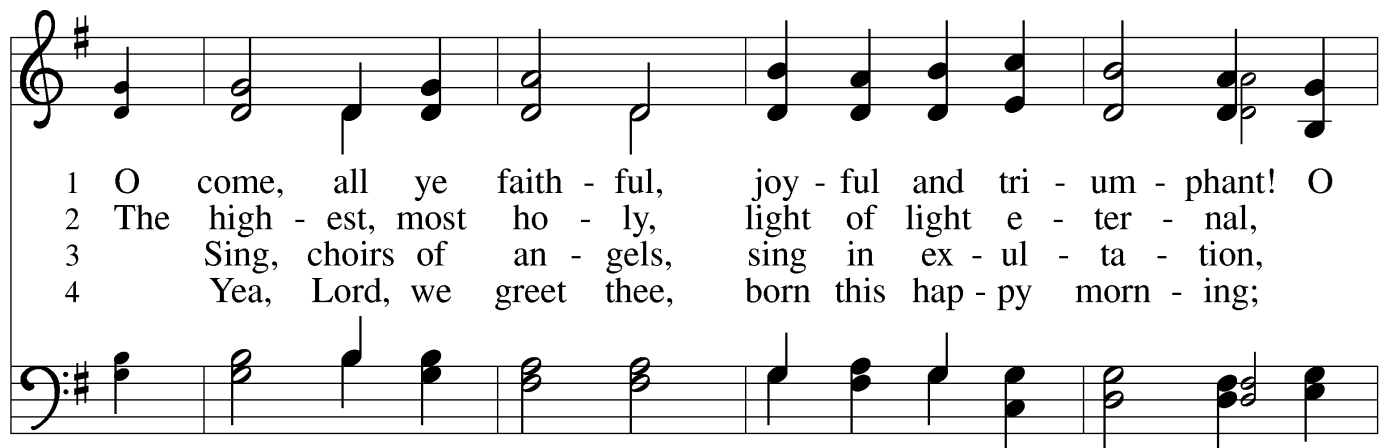
Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:

**Christ the Lord!**



# \*GATHERING HYMN


## O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2  
Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

## **\*GREETING**

Today Christ is born: alleluia, alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, You made this holy 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 Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

### Advent Carol



2. Peace, peace!

3. Joy, joy!

4. Love, love!

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From: *Advent Carol* (CGA1704).

Text: Beth Kenreich.

Music: Beth Kenreich.

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# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## **FIRST READING: ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7**

*This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people:*

*The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!*

A reading from Isaiah, chapter 9.

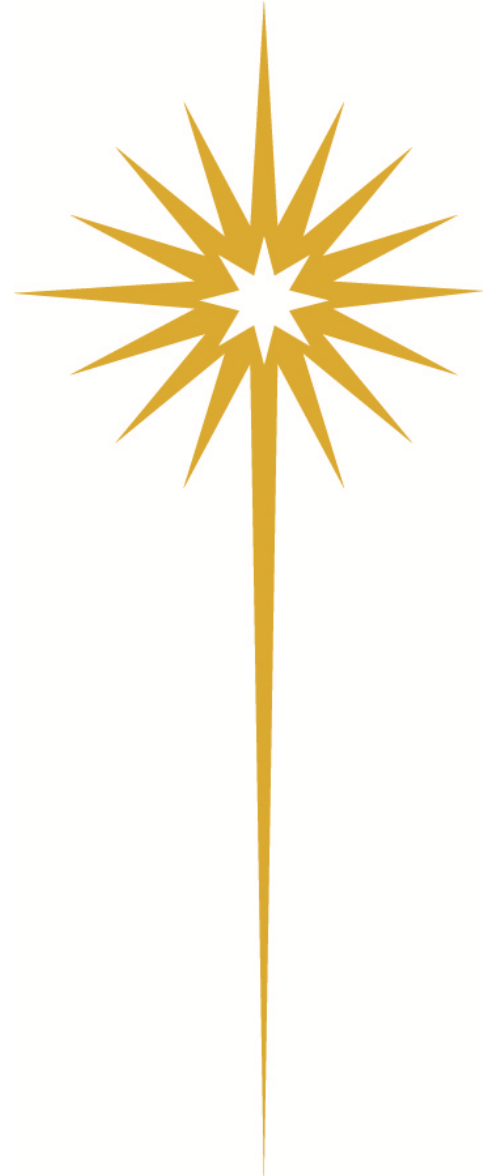
<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land

of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.





<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us; authority rests  
upon his shoulders; and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>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 onward and  
forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of  
hosts will do this.

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





# \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

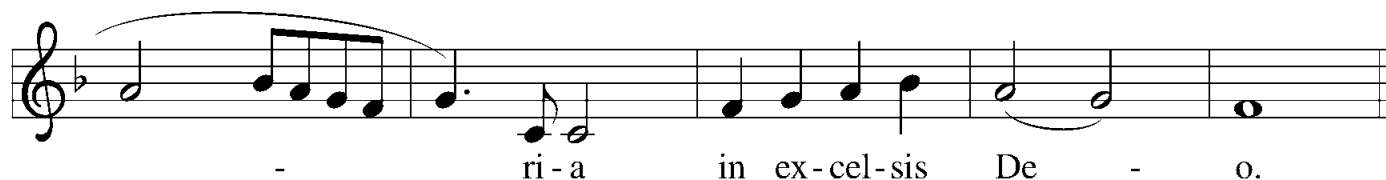
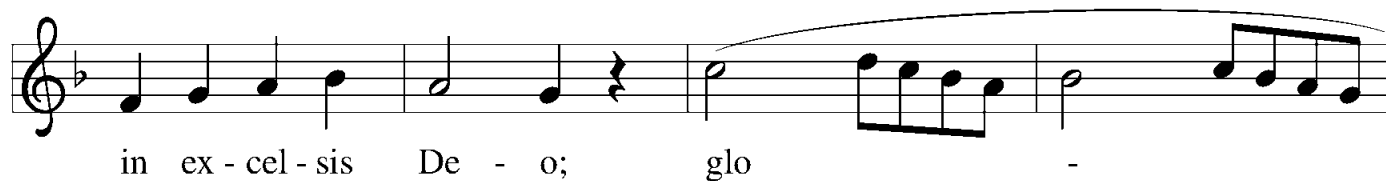
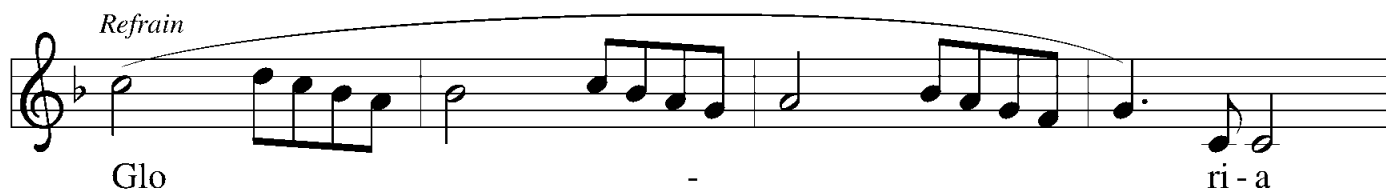
## Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?



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 ?



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

## **\*GOSPEL: Luke 2:1–20**

*God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.*

The holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 2.

**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 Savior, 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 favors!"

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.

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



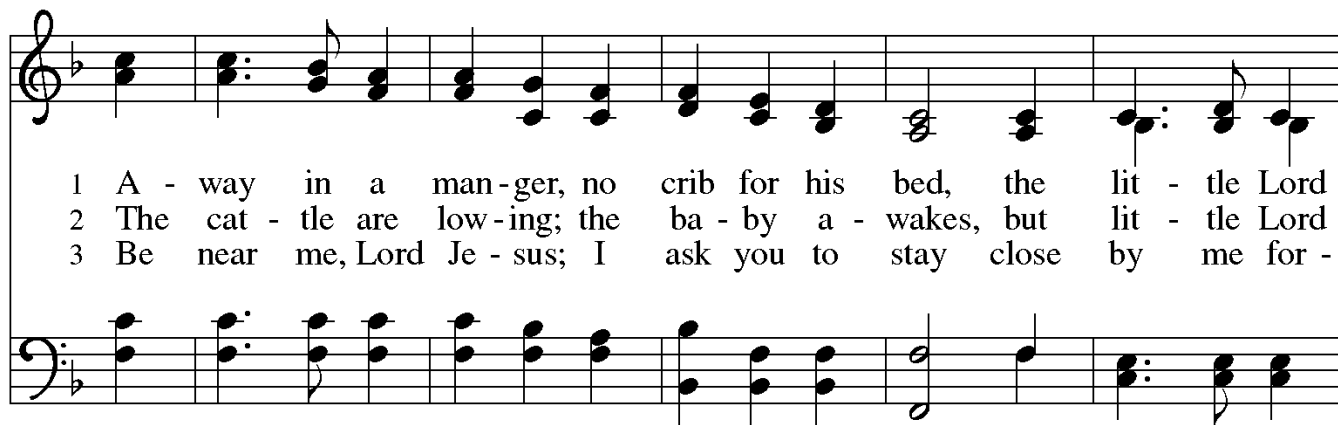
**SERMON**

Pastor Mary


**TIME OF REFLECTION**

# \*HYMN OF THE DAY

## 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.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841–1905



## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



Empowered by the news of Christ's birth,  
let us pray boldly for the church, creation,  
and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gathering God, you bring your people from every corner of the earth  
together before the manger that you have made a throne.

Unite the church in love as we rejoice in the news of your coming.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, you brought forth the earth and all that is in it.

Join our voices with the roaring seas, the exulting fields,  
and the trees of the forest singing for joy on this holy night.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Transforming God, the world trembles amid violence and war.

Empower our hands, feet, and hearts with your Spirit to shatter the rod of  
the oppressor and turn swords into plowshares.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Shepherding God, you lead us to your love in the face of our neighbor.  
Send us into the world to find your Word made flesh in one another,  
especially those who are sick or struggling.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing God, you dwell with us in humble places. Sustain housing and  
clothing ministries in this community, that all find shelter and warmth.

We pray especially for youth seeking safety and care.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abiding God, you remain at the side of all the departed.

Grant all who mourn hope in the resurrection and peace in Christ Jesus.

We give thanks for the lives of all who now enjoy the full presence of God,  
including those for whom Christmas gifts have been given.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

[Presiding Minister]

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you,  
O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Prince of Peace be with you always.

**And also with you.**

# MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

(Scan To Give)



Our offering is an expression of thanks for God's love of us. We give with grateful hearts, aware that many gifts are given **to** us in order to pass **through** us to others! As faithful stewards of the gifts God has given us, our generosity as a faith family makes a difference- beneath our steeple, in our community, in our Synod, within the ELCA, and around this world God loves so very much.

~The Stewardship Team~

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*Please pass the Friendship Registers at this time.*

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## OFFERTORY

Deacon Ned


*The First Noel*  
Traditional English Choir  
Arranged by Cindy Berry





# \*OFFERTORY HYMN


## What Child Is This




1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of glory,

great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW

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

We thank you, God. You made sun, moon and stars; earth, wind and waters; and every living thing. You made us and teach us to walk in your ways. But we didn't want to follow and wandered far away. And yet, as mothers and fathers care for their children, you did not forget us. Today is the birthday of the Lord Jesus. You sent him to call us back to you and your love. We sing with the angels the song that goes on forever:

## \*SANCTUS

*Intro (first time only)* *All*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
Bles - sed is the one who came,

God of hosts, all praise be given! All your glo - ry fills the earth;  
bring - ing love and light di - vine. Bles - sed is the king who comes

all your pow - er fills the heavens. Glo - - - -  
in the bread and in the wine.

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

Glo - - - - - - - - - -

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

## **\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all  
people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and  
resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us.

Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

## **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us.  
Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

*All baptized Christians who believe the Lord is truly present in this sacrament are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communicants file forward from the center aisle. They receive the consecrated host, then choose either a prefilled cup of consecrated red wine or consecrated white grape juice from the tray held by Communion assistant. Communicants place used glass in separate tray and then return to their seats by the side aisles. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.*

## AGNUS DEI



O Lamb of God from Beth-le-hem, where Ma-ry\_\_gave you birth,



grant us your mer-cy, gra-cious Lord, Re deem-er\_\_ of the earth.



O Lamb of God, for-give us, for we still live in sin.



O, come to us, a-bide with us, and grant us peace with-in.

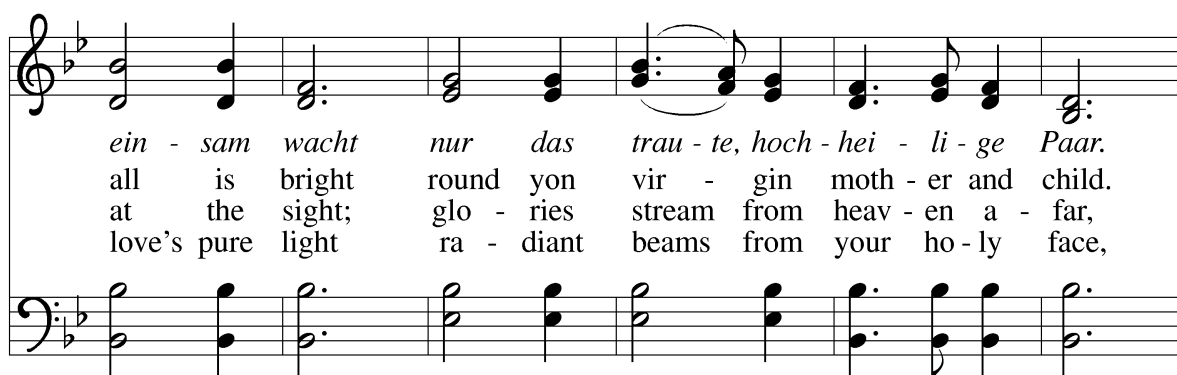


# COMMUNION HYMN

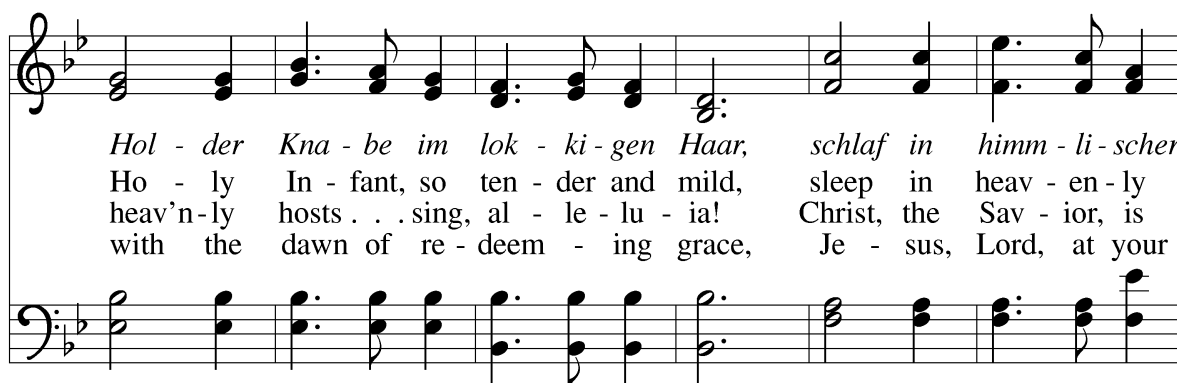
## Silent Night



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,  
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.  
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher  
 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  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.  
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.



## **\*SACRAMENTAL BLESSING**

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

## **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Incarnate God,

you are among us at this table.

May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts  
the mystery of your presence.

Move us to discover the wonders of your love  
in the everyday moments of our lives,  
through Christ born in us.

**Amen.**



# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **\*BLESSING**

Pastor Mary

The triune God,  
glorious Mystery,  
holy Incarnate One,  
abiding Comforter,


✝ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

**Amen.**



# \*SENDING HYMN


## Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 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  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



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  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

## **\*DISMISSAL**

Glory to God in the highest! **And peace to God's people on earth!**  
Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace. **Thanks be to God.**

*Weather permitting, the congregation is invited to accompany the pastor outside for the blessing of the crèche. Sunday School student Ricky DelSordo will carry Baby Jesus to his manger. ♥*

## **\*POSTLUDE**

Deacon Ned

Festivity on "Here We Come A-Caroling"  
Traditional English Carol Arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

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## **UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

### **Stephen, Deacon and Martyr | Friday, December 26, 2025**

Stephen was a deacon and the first martyr of the church. He was one of those seven upon whom the apostles laid hands after they had been chosen to serve widows and others in need. Later, Stephen's preaching angered the temple authorities, and they ordered him to be put to death by stoning.

### **John, Apostle and Evangelist | Saturday, December 27, 2025**

The son of Zebedee and brother of James, John was one of the twelve disciples and witness to the transfiguration. Tradition has named him also the writer of the Gospel of John, the three New Testament letters bearing his name, as well as Revelation.

### **The Holy Innocents, Martyrs | Sunday, December 28, 2025**

This day commemorates the young children killed by Herod in Bethlehem in his jealous attempt to murder the baby Jesus, a sobering reminder of the evil that led Christ to be born for our salvation.

### **Name of Jesus | Thursday, January 1, 2026**

By Jewish law, every baby boy was circumcised and named on the eighth day of life, so on the eighth day of Christmas the church celebrates this event in Jesus' life. The keeping of the covenant as well as Jesus' name are signs of God's salvation given to us through him.

### **Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, renewer of the church, died 1872**

#### **Friday, January 2, 2026**

Loehe was a pastor in nineteenth-century Germany. Loehe's chief concern was that a congregation find its life in the holy communion, and from that source evangelism and social ministries would flow. He sent pastors to North America, Australia, New Guinea, Brazil, and Ukraine.

# **Announcements**

## **LIVESTREAMING WORSHIP:**

**Wed. 7 a.m.; Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 8:45 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

**Visit our website for solutions to gather remotely,  
including downloadable orders of worship.**

**[www.holytrinity-elca.org](http://www.holytrinity-elca.org)**

**Livestream Worship: click **WORSHIP > LIVESTREAM****

**Church Calendar of Events: click **EVENTS****

**Items of Interest and Information: click **NEWS****

**THE NURSERY** is located under the narthex (rear of the sanctuary) and accessed via the descending staircase. Nursery is available to all families who wish to use it; families are asked to supervise their own children--there is no designated nursery attendant. Video from the sanctuary can be viewed on the nursery TV. Turn it on using the TV remote, wait for it to boot up and select "HDMI 1" for the video feed. Audio from the sanctuary can be heard through the nursery speakers. Please do not adjust TV volume.

Please note: children are **always** welcomed in worship!

**Eternal Light, Bread & Wine and Bulletins** are given to the glory of God by John Cooney in loving memory of his sister, Jean, and in honor of her birthday.

## **LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE: THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTER**

Signing the friendship register tells us you were present and gives you a chance to provide or update contact info. Please share your e-mail address to receive on-line updates about HT happenings. Our Holy Trinity constitution requires that active confirmed members receive Holy Communion and make a "contribution of record" at least once every other year. Using an offering envelope from the pew ensures that your gift is properly credited.

Visitors, please sign the friendship register, phone or e-mail us!

**JANUARY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JANUARY 7** Join us at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays in the new year to preview, learn about and discuss the upcoming weekend's Gospel. On January 7 we'll study Matthew 3:13-17, the baptism of our Lord, and also discuss our Lutheran understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Pastor Mary leads the discussion.

### **JUSTICE & PEACE DOCUMENTARY PRESENTATION:**

Have you ever heard the phrase, "Kill the Indian in him, and save the man"? This famous quote is from an 1892 speech given by Captain Richard Pratt. It expresses the philosophy central to the development of Christian boarding schools for Indigenous children across the U.S. and in Canada. Their aim was to "civilize" and, within the continental United States, to "Americanize" the Indian. To learn more about this heartbreaking portion of our history, you are invited to join the Holy Trinity Justice and Peace Advocacy Team in collaboration with the Manasquan Quaker Meetinghouse and Trinity Episcopal Church of Asbury Park for a screening of the documentary, *Sugarcane*, on **Saturday, January 10, at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall**. The film tells the story of the 2021 discovery of unmarked graves on the grounds of an Indian residential school run by the Catholic Church in Canada. "After years of silence, the forced separation, assimilation, and abuse many children experienced at these segregated boarding schools was brought to light, sparking a national outcry against a system designed to destroy Indigenous communities." "Accumulating immense emotional powers as it methodically uncovers a grave injustice, *Sugarcane* is one of the



most compelling and important documentaries of the year."

Please join us in Holy Trinity's Fellowship Hall on January 10 for a screening and brief discussion of the film.

Please RSVP with the QR code or online under EVENTS.

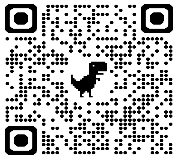
### **HEALING SERVICE:**

Please join us on **Thurs., Jan., 22 at 11 a.m.** Our healing service includes



Scripture, song, prayer, lighting of candles, laying on of hands, anointing with oil, and Holy Communion. An assisting minister and ushers are needed. Please sign with the QR code, online under EVENTS or through the church office.

## **HEALING SERVICE LUNCHEON:**



Social Ministry will be hosting a luncheon in Fellowship Hall following the Jan. 22 healing service. Please RSVP for the luncheon with the QR code, online under EVENTS or through the church office.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Join us on Sunday, January 25 immediately following 8:45 a.m. worship (approximately 9:45 a.m.). Please note: there will be only one worship service on Jan. 25; we will worship at 5 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 24, as usual. There will be no Sunday School on Jan. 25; however, there will be an activity for children whose parents attend the meeting. If weather prevents the meeting from taking place on Jan. 25, it will be rescheduled for Sunday, February 1, following 8:45 a.m. worship. Should this occur, we'll send an eblast and leave word on the HT website homepage.

A quorum (15%) of voting members is required to conduct the meeting; for us this is 75 persons. The meeting agenda will include voting on the budget, election of Council, Nominating Committee, and Endowment Committee members.

## **INTERESTED IN HELPING TO COUNT THE WEEKLY OFFERING?**

The Finance Team is scheduling weekly offering counters for 2026 and is seeking additional members who are willing to serve. The count takes place each Sunday following 8:45 a.m. worship. The commitment includes approximately six Sundays a year of volunteering. (We are flexible.) You will be teamed up with another member of HT, so it is a great way to get to know other members. If you are interested in hearing more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Ralph Jensen at [Ralphejensen@aol.com](mailto:Ralphejensen@aol.com).

**ONE WARM COAT:** We will continue to collect coats through January, so those who receive new coats through December can donate the ones they no longer use. We make sure they go to organizations that supply warm coats to those in need.



**540 HT INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS!** Way to go, Holy Trinity! Spread the word! You can officially follow us @holytrinity\_squan. Please email any photos you'd like to submit for posting to [instagram@holytrinity-elca.org](mailto:instagram@holytrinity-elca.org).

**MANASQUAN MINISTERIUM FOOD PANTRY:** As we turn the page to a new year, the Pantry volunteers would like to thank you for all the support you have given throughout 2025. Without you, we would not be able to continue this ministry about which we feel so passionate. We wish you and your loved ones a joyous, faith-filled new year.

**Do you or someone you know need confidential assistance from our community food pantry?**

**Please call (732) 223-0898 to contact the ecumenical food pantry located on the lower level of Manasquan Presbyterian Church (South St. and Virginia Ave.).**

**{Or...do you need assistance and live in Brick or Point? Contact St. Thomas Lutheran Church Food Pantry at (732) 477-5533.}**



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*‘For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.’ (Matthew 25:35).*

Since our founding over 100 years ago, Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church has striven to extend its welcome to include all people, offering holy hospitality through ministries of caring, compassion, service and social justice. As a continuation and natural outgrowth of our welcome to all who seek God’s love and grace, we are committed to affirming and embracing people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, races and ethnicities, age, faith history, economic status, marital status, physical and mental ability, and education. We are committed to eliminating racism in all its forms and to racial equity. As Jesus welcomed us, so we, as members of Holy Trinity’s faith family, are ever mindful to joyfully and unconditionally welcome all.

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