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First Sunday of Christmas



God Gives Both Substitute and Sacrifice



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Welcome to Holy Trinity

We're glad you came today to join us in worshiping the one true God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He has graciously created us, mercifully redeemed us, and freely gives us all the treasures of heaven through His Word and Sacraments!

If you are a **visitor** with us today, please sign the "GUEST" cards in the pews and give them to the ushers or pastor. If you want to find out more about what we teach, or are curious about church membership, please talk to our pastor. Members of Holy Trinity, please fill in the side marked "MEMBER."

A **Parents' Room** is located at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily leave to calm a child. Inside the Parents' Room you can still see, hear and participate in the worship service.

Wheelchair accommodations are found on the organ side of the church. If you do not use a wheelchair, be careful to leave space in these wheelchair accessible pews for the benefit of those who need them and their families.

HOLY TRINITY is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota. We confess that we are saved by Grace Alone (Eph. 2:8) through Faith Alone (Acts 16:31) revealed in Scripture Alone (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of this Biblical doctrine. The ELS has been in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) since 1872.

A Note to All Our Guests Regarding the Lord's Supper:

During this service, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Since this sacrament is the Lord's Supper and not ours, we are careful to follow our Lord's instructions. In particular, we take to heart these important truths:

1. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus truly gives us His body and blood together with the bread and the wine. Jesus says, "Take and eat; this is my body...Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood" (Matthew 26:26-28).
2. In the Lord's Supper, we express a unity of faith with one another. "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (1 Corinthians 10:17).
3. Our Lord urges us to practice this unity with great love and care. "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27,29).

Because we take these truths seriously, we invite all communicant members of our congregation or of a sister congregation in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) or the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) to commune with us today. However, we ask that those who are not members of a sister congregation refrain from taking the Lord's Supper with us at this time. In doing this, we are not judging anyone's faith. Out of love for our Lord and all people, we simply desire to discuss the Bible's teachings with our guests before communing together. We want all who commune to receive the Lord's Supper for their benefit and in a way that follows our Lord's instructions. If you have any questions about this or any other teaching of the Bible—or if you would like information about how to join our congregation—please feel free to speak to our pastor.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

RITE TWO

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Hymn • “O Jesus Christ, Your Manger Is”

[CW93 40]

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| <p>1. O Jesus Christ, Your manger is
My paradise where my soul is reclining.
For there, O Lord, We find the Word
Made flesh for us—
Your grace is brightly shining.</p> | <p>3. Dear Christian friend, On him depend;
Be of good cheer and let no sorrow move
you.
For God’s own Child In Mercy mild
Joins you to him—how greatly God must
love you!</p> |
| <p>2. He whom the sea And wind obey
Comes down to serve the sinner in great
meekness.
Now God’s own Son With us is one
And joins us and our children in our
weakness.</p> | <p>4. Ponder again What glory then
The Lord will give you for your earthly
sadness.
The angel host Can never boast
Of greater glory, greater bliss or gladness.</p> |
5. The world may hold Her wealth and gold;
But you, my heart, keep Christ as your true treasure.
To him hold fast Until at last
A crown is yours and honor in full measure.

– Stand –

Invocation

PASTOR *In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

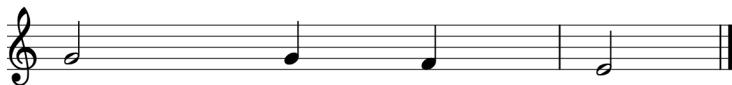


G A - men.

Confession and Absolution

P *Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

P *Our help is in the name of the Lord.*



G Who made heav'n and earth.

P *I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;*



G And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

A **LL** **O** almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

P *Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.*

G Amen.

Psalm 84

P *How lovely is your dwelling place,*

G **O LORD Almighty!**

P *My soul yearns, even faints,*

G **for the courts of the LORD.**

P *Blessed are those who dwell in your house;*

C **they are ever praising you.**

P *Better is one day in your courts*

C **than a thousand elsewhere;**

P *I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God*

C **than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P *O LORD Almighty,*

C **blessed are they who trust in you.**

Gloria Patri



C **Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was**



in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, for-ev-er-more. A-men.

Kyrie Eleison

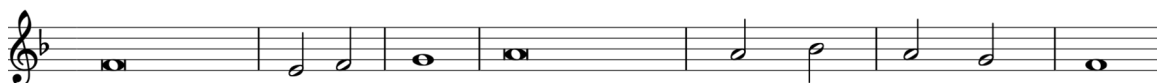


A **Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ have mer - cy**



up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo



A Glory be to God on high and on earth peace good will toward men.



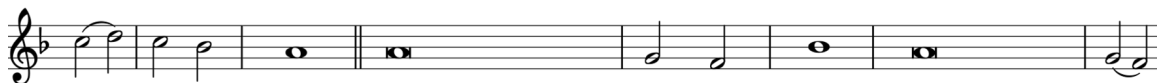
We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to



You for Your great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Father Al -



mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,



Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on



us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us.



For You only are holy. You on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation

☐ *The Lord be with you.*



☐ And with your spir - it.

Prayer of The Day

☐ *Let us pray:*

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming, deliver us from the corruption of our sin, and transform us into the likeness 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.



-Be seated-

First Reading • Isaiah 50:4-9

The Servant of the LORD spoke through the prophet Isaiah. As our substitute Jesus demonstrated perfect obedience and trust, even when his Father asked him to be the sacrifice for our sin.

The Lord God gave me a tongue like the learned, an instructed tongue,
so I know how to sustain the weary with a word.

He wakes me up morning by morning.

He wakes up my ears so that I listen like the learned.

⁵The Lord God opened my ear,
and I myself was not rebellious.

I did not turn back.

⁶I submitted my back to those who beat me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard.

I did not hide my face from disgrace and from spit.

⁷The Lord God will help me,
so I will not be disgraced.

Therefore I have made my face hard like flint.

I know that I will not be put to shame.

⁸The one who will acquit me is near!

Who can accuse me?

Let us take our stand.

Who can pass judgment on me?

Let him approach me.

⁹Look, the Lord God will help me.

Who then can declare me guilty?

Look, all of them will wear out like a garment.

A moth will consume them.

Second Reading • *Hebrews 2:10-18*

| Through his suffering and sacrifice, Jesus has made us holy. |
| He now calls us his brothers and sisters. |

Certainly it was fitting for God (the one for whom and through whom everything exists), in leading many sons to glory, to bring the author of their salvation to his goal through sufferings. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified all have one Father. For that reason, he is not ashamed to call them brothers. ¹²He says:

I will declare your name to my brothers.

Within the congregation I will sing your praise.

¹³And again:

I will trust in him.

And again:

Here I am and the children God has given me.

¹⁴Therefore, since the children share flesh and blood, he also shared the same flesh and blood, so that through death he could destroy the one who had the power of death (that is, the Devil) ¹⁵and free those who were held in slavery all their lives by the fear of

death. ¹⁶ For surely he was not concerned with helping angels but with helping Abraham's offspring. ¹⁷ For this reason, he had to become like his brothers in every way, in order that he would be a merciful and faithful high priest in the things pertaining to God, so that he could pay for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Indeed, because he suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 2:30,31

☐ *Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people. Alleluia.*



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel • Luke 2:41-52

☐ *The holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the forty-first verse.*



☐ Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

Even as a boy, Jesus was acting as our substitute, demonstrating obedience to the Heavenly Father and respect for God's holy Word.

Every year his parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up according to the custom of the Festival. ⁴³ When the days had ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Since they thought he was in their group, they went a day's journey. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his

understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us this way? See, your father and I have been anxiously looking for you.”

⁴⁹He said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be taking care of my Father’s business?” ⁵⁰They did not understand what he was telling them.

⁵¹He went down with them and came to Nazareth. He was always obedient to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.

P *Here ends the Gospel.*



C Praise be to You, O Christ!

Confession of Faith ~ Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Chief Hymn • *“Let All Together Praise Our God”*

[CW93 41]

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| <p>1. Let all together praise our God
Before his highest throne;
Today he opens heav’n again
And gives us his own Son,
And gives us his own Son.</p> <p>2. He leaves his heav’nly Father’s throne,
Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone,
Lies in a humble stall,
Lies in a humble stall.</p> <p>3. He veils in flesh his pow’r divine
A servant’s form to take;
In want and lowliness must die
Who heav’n and earth did make,
Who heav’n and earth did make.</p> | <p>4. A wondrous change which he does make:
He takes our flesh and blood,
And he conceals for sinners’ sake
His majesty as God,
His majesty as God.</p> <p>5. He serves that I a lord may be—
A great exchange indeed!
Could Jesus’ love do more for me
To help me in my need,
To help me in my need?</p> <p>6. For us he opens wide the door
Of paradise today.
The angel guards the gate no more;
To God our thanks we pay,
To God our thanks we pay.</p> |
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Sermon • *Luke 2:41-52***He Came for Us**

1. To be our human brother.
2. To be our divine Savior.

-Stand-

Offertory Psalm

□ Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir-it



with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your presence and take not Your



Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Your free Spir - it. A - men.

-Be seated-

Offering

Prayer of the Church

-Stand-

Preface

P *The Lord be with you.*



C And with your spir - it.

P *Lift up your hearts.*



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

☐ *Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.*



☐ It is good and right so to do.

Preface for the Season

☐ *It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whose wonderful and mysterious birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:*

Sanctus



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth; Heav'n and



earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the



high-est. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high-est.

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 pow'r and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er A - men.

Words of Institution

☐ *Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My ☩ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ☩ blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

☐ *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*



☐ A - - men.

Agnus Dei



☐ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world,



have mercy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world, have mercy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You



take a-way the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. A - - men.

-Be seated-

Distribution

Guests, please read and take note of the explanation of our Communion practice on page 2 in this service folder.

Hymn • “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

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| <p>1. “From heav’n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev’ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:</p> | <p>4. “He will on you the gifts bestow
Prepared by God for all below,
that in his kingdom, bright and fair,
You may with us his glory share.</p> |
| <p>2. “To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth.</p> | <p>5. “These are the signs which you shall mark:
The swaddling clothes and manger dark.
There you will find the infant laid
By whom the heav’ns and earth were made.”</p> |
| <p>3. “This is the Christ, our God most high,
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will himself your Savior be,
From all your sins to set you free.</p> | <p>6. How glad we’ll be to find it so!
Then with the shepherds let us go
To see what God for us has done
in sending us his own dear Son.</p> |

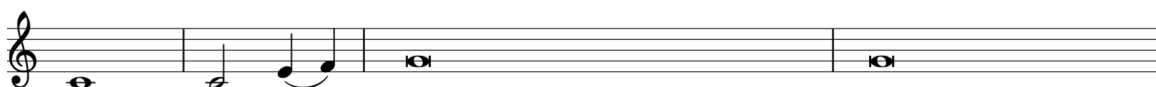
7. Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,
And see what in the manger lies.
Who is this child, so young and fair?
It is the Christchild lying there.
8. Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
Through whom the sinful world is blest!
You came to share my misery;
That you might share your joy with me.
9. Ah, Lord, though you created all,
How weak you are, so poor and small,
That you should choose to lay your head
Where lowly cattle lately fed!
10. Were earth a thousand times as fair,
And set with gold and jewels rare,
It would be far too poor and small
A cradle for the Lord of all.
11. Instead of soft and silken stuff
You have but hay and straw so rough
On which as King, so rich and great,
To be enthroned in royal state.
12. And so it pleases you to see
this simple truth revealed to me:
That all the world's wealth, honor, might
Are weak and worthless in your sight.
13. Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled
Within my heart, made clean and new,
A quiet chamber kept for you.
14. My heart for very joy must leap;
My lips no more can silence keep.
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradle song:
15. Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto us his Son has given!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.

-Stand-

Nunc Dimittis



A Lord, now You let Your servant de - part in peace ac - cord-ing to Your



word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have pre -



pared be - fore the face of all people, A light to light - en the
 Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry
 be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it
 was in the beginning, is now, and ev-ershall be, for - ev-er more. A - men.

Communion Verse

☐ *O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.*



☑ And His mercy en - dures for-ev - er.

Collect of Thanksgiving

☐ *O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.*



☐ A - men.

Benediction

☐ *The Lord bless you and keep you.*

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace †.



☐ A - men, a - men, a - men.

-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • “Let Us All with Gladsome Voice”

[CW93 64]

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| <p>1. Let us all with gladsome voice
 Praise the God of heaven,
 Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,
 His own Son has given.</p> | <p>3. We are rich, for he was poor;
 Is not this a wonder?
 Therefore praise God evermore
 Here on earth and yonder.</p> |
| <p>2. To this vale of tears he comes,
 Here to serve in sadness,
 That with him in heav'n's fair homes
 We may reign in gladness.</p> | <p>4. O Lord Christ, our Savior dear,
 Bless us and be near us.
 Grant us now a glad new year.
 Amen, Jesus hear us!</p> |

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