

Trinity Lutheran Church
Chris Rothharpt, Senior Pastor
The Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Eve
10:00 p.m. – December 24, 2020

Prelude: *Gigue on In Dulci Jubilo*

Jeff Parks

Entrance Hymn: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

- 1. 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;**

**Refrain: O, come, let us adore Him, O, come let us adore Him,
O, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

- 2. The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing!**

Refrain

- 3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, in the highest;**

Refrain

- 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.**

Refrain

Greeting

P: A child has been born for us, a son given to us.

C: **He is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!**

P: Good news of great joy, light and life, grace and peace be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C: **We have beheld the Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: **In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**



Hymn of Praise: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

1. **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 angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

2. **Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”**

3. **Hail the heav’nborn Prince of Peace! Hail the sun 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!”**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you**

P: 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
only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Second Lesson: Titus 2 :11-14

*Candlelighting Ceremony
(Ushers light center candles)*

Candlelighting Hymn: *Away In A Manger*

1. **Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head,
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

2. **The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes.
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky;
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

3. **Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask You to stay,
Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with You there.**

Gospel Acclamation: *Gloria*

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Christmas Message

Pastor Chris

Hymn of the Day: *Angels We Have Heard On High*

1. **Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

2. **Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

3. **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!**

Prayers

P: Gathered in the joy of promises fulfilled, let us bring our needs and our thanksgivings to God. We pray for....God of grace and peace,

C: Hear our prayer.

(Prayers continue until final petition.)

P: Hear all our prayers, gracious God, and receive them in the name of the Word made flesh, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: Unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given.

C: And His name is the Prince of Peace.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

CANTIQUE de NOEL

Lisa Bashore, Soprano

—Adolphe Adam

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Great Thanksgiving

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation:(sung) And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:(sung) We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation:(sung) It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection open to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Congregation:(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor 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.

Pastor The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Strengthen You and Keep You in His Grace. **Amen.**

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.**

Christmas Candle lighting

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light.

C: Thanks be to God for His marvelous gift!

P: Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people.

C: Christ is the Light of the world.

P: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is
Christ the Lord.

C: Christ is the Light of our lives.



O Little Town of Bethlehem

- 1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!**
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
- 2. 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!
- 3. 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.
- 4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;**
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!



Silent Night, Holy Night

1. **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.**

2. **Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!**

3. **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.**

Blessing

P: May you glory in the birth of the Son of God, may you walk in the Light of Christ, and may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

C: **Amen.**

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

(Please extinguish candles.)

Recessional Hymn: *Joy to the World*

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

**Let earth receive its 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.**

2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

**Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

3. 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.**

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,

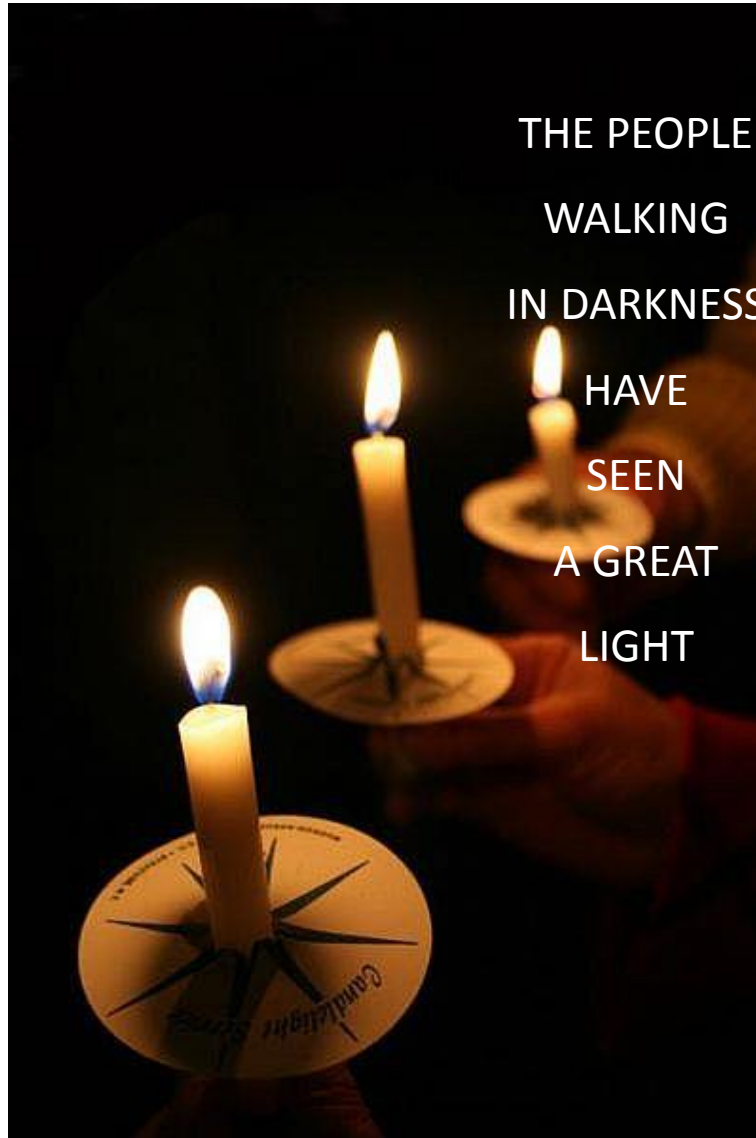
**And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**



Postlude: *Adeste Fideles*

—McDonald

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