

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chris Rothharpt, Senior Pastor

The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve

5:00 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.

Sing Refrain

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

Sing 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.

Sing 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 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!”
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 Christmas Candles*

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

1. **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, goodwill to all,
From heav'n's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.**

2. **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.**

3. **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!**

4. **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 gives back the song,
Which now the angels sing.**

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!**

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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

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

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.**



Hymn: Silent 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,
Heav'nly 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.

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, and wonders of His love.



Postlude: *Adeste Fideles*

—McDonald

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