



christmas at trinity

DECEMBER 24, 2025 | 3 & 5PM

PRELUDE

3pm | *Mark Hemingway*

5pm | *O Come All Ye Faithful*, Chancel Bells

A Christmas Song, Toby Smith

WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

FIRST READING

In the Beginning

Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this holiest of nights,

We come, joining the shepherds who are stunned by wonder.

On this most silent night,

We come, our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph.

On this night of carols and candlelight,

We come, our glad songs joining with the choirs of angels over us.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW 283

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him born the king of angels;

Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,

Oh, come, let us adore him Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God in the highest:

Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,

Oh, come, let us adore him Christ the Lord!

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Holy God, you made this 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; in his holy name we pray. Amen.

SECOND READING

Prophecy of a Shepherd King

Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

3pm | *A Peaceful Midnight Clear*, Trinity Choir

5pm | *An English Christmas*, Chancel Bells

THIRD READING

Unto us a Child is Born

Isaiah 9:6-7

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. 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

3pm | *Child of Promise (Journey to Joy)*, Trinity Choir

5pm | *Mary's Boy Child*, Annie Thoma

FOURTH READING*The Birth of Jesus*

Luke 2:1-7

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN*Angels We Have Heard On High*

ELW 289

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.

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.

FIFTH READING*The Shepherds Go To The Manger*

Luke 2:8-20

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 Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Away in a Manger

ELW 277

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed.
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
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.

JUST FOR KIDS

Pastor Ann Fenlason

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

3pm | *Gesu Bambino*, Greg Bendtsen
5pm | *A la Nanita Nana*, Chancel Bells

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Pastor Ann Fenlason

CHRISTMAS OFFERING 3pm | *Bethlehem Noels (City of Hope)*, Trinity Choir
5pm | *And the Glory of the Lord*, Chancel Bells

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH | THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

3pm | *Mary's Boy Child*, Annie Thoma
5pm | *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, Ethan & Greta Harris

CANDLE LIGHTING *Please light unlit candle from lit candle, do not tip the lit candles.*

HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW 270

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!"

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!"

Hail the heav'n born 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!"

SIXTH READING

The Light Shines in the Darkness

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN***Silent Night***

ELW 281

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.

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!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

BLESSING

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph,
the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
and the peace of the Christ child.

Thanks be to God.

(extinguish candles)

HYMN***Joy to the World***

ELW 267

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...

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy...

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus. **Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

Please place candles in baskets as you leave. Thank you!

Christmas Blessings to Everyone
Thanks to everyone who helped with worship today.

Pastors	Adam Butler, Ann Fenlason
Music Director	Mark Hemingway
Readers 3pm	Ross Johnson, Kathi Tunheim, Ken Jenson, Jennifer Weiss
Readers 5pm	Dave Miller, Laurann Patterson, Bill Henneman, Mike Bash
Worship Tech	Lucy Bullemer, Connie Francis, Betty Mueller

*Regular worship schedule resumes Sunday, December 28, 2025 at 9am
with a service of Lessons and Carols
and Wednesday, January 7, 2025 at 6 pm.
Trinity Kids (Sunday School) resumes January 4, 2025.*

Thank you for worshipping with us.

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