



**Trinity Lutheran Sunday School  
Children's Christmas Program**

**December 11, 2022**





- **Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God’s grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!
- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the fellowship hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

**Serving the Lord and Serving Us:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Paul Jenkins

**Service Volunteers:**

**Ushers:** Lawrence Kovaciny, John Ohlendorf

**Jr. Usher:** Sam Kovaciny

**Keyboard:** Sandee Clay

**Livestream Producer:** Jack Proksch

# **The Carols of Christmas**

Written by Jeffrey L. Schallert and adapted for Trinity Lutheran Church

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## **“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”**

*Congregation sings, children enter*

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

*Refrain:*

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 heav’n above  
Glory to God in the highest  
Glory to God in the highest;

*Refrain*

Yea, Lord we greet thee.  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee all glory be giv’n  
Son of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing  
*Refrain*

*BE SEATED*

## **Welcome**

*Hannelore Ayala, Claire Ohlendorf, and Patrick Proksch*

### **“Little Children, Can You Tell?”**

*Congregation sings verse 1, children sing verses 2-5*

**Congregation:**      **Little Children, can you tell?  
Do you know the story well?  
Ev’ry girl and ev’ry boy,  
Why the angels sing for joy  
On the Christmas morning?**

**Children:**            Yes, we know the story well;  
Listen now, and hear us tell,  
Ev’ry girl and ev’ry boy,  
Why the angels sing for joy,  
On the Christmas morning.

Shepherds sat upon the ground,  
Fleecy flocks were scattered round,  
When the brightness fill’d the sky,  
And a song was heard on high,  
On the Christmas morning.

“Joy and Peace”, the angels sang,  
Far the pleasant echoes rang,  
“Peace on earth, to men good will!”  
Hark ! The angels sing it still  
On the Christmas morning.

For a little babe that day,  
Christ the Lord of angels, lay  
Born on earth our Lord to be,  
This the wond’ring angels see  
On the Christmas morning.

## **Narration**

*Mercedes Kovaciny, Emmett McKeown*

### **“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”**

God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;  
To save us all from Satan’s pow’r when we were gone astray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem, in Israel, this blessed babe was born,  
And laid within a manger upon this blessed morn;  
The which His mother Mary did nothing take in scorn.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav’nly Father a blessed angel came;  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “Let nothing you affright,  
This day is born a Savior of a pure Virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan’s power and might.”  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

## **Narration**

*Hannelore Ayala, Claire Ohlendorf*

## **“The Snow Lay On the Ground”**

The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,  
when Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.  
Venite adoremus Dominum.  
Venite adoremus Dominum.

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Venite adoremus Dominum.

'Twas gentle Mary maid, so young and strong,  
who welcomed here the Christ child with a song.  
She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem;  
the ass and oxen shared the roof with them.

Venite adoremus Dominum.  
Venite adoremus Dominum.

And Joseph too was there to tend the Child,  
to guard him, and protect his mother mild.  
The angels hovered round and sang this song:  
Venite adoremus Dominum.

Venite adoremus Dominum.  
Venite adoremus Dominum.

And thus that manger poor became a throne,  
for he whom Mary bore was God the Son.  
Oh come, then, let us join the heavenly host,  
to praise the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Venite adoremus Dominum.  
Venite adoremus Dominum.

## **Narration**

*Patrick Proksch, Mercedes Kovaciny*

### **“The First Noel”**

The first Noel the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

Noel, noel, noel, noel  
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

Noel, noel, noel, noel  
Born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
That hath made heaven and earth naught,  
And with his blood our life has bought.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel.

## **Narration**

*Emmett McKeown, Hannelore Ayala*



## **“While by the Sheep”**

While by the sheep we watched at night  
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.

*Refrain:*

How great our joy! Great our joy!  
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!  
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

There shall be born, so He did say,  
In Bethlehem a Child today.

*Refrain*

There shall the Child lie in a stall,  
This Child who shall redeem us all.

*Refrain*

This gift of God we'll cherish well,  
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.

*Refrain*

### **Narration**

*Claire Ohlendorf, Patrick Proksch*

## “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

### *Refrain:*

O star of wonder, star of light,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.

### *Refrain*

Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, voices raising,  
Worshipping God on high.

### *Refrain*

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

### *Refrain*

Glorious now behold Him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Sounds through the earth and skies.

### *Refrain*

## **Narration**

*Mercedes Kovaciny, Emmett McKeown*

## **Offering**

*Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register in the pew.*

*The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.*

## **"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" (Sung during the offering)**

It came upon a midnight clear  
That glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold

Peace on the earth, good will to men  
From heaven's all gracious King  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing

Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world

Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing

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All ye 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  
O rest beside the weary road  
And hear the angels sing

## Prayer

Pastor: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, may the music of this Christmas season awaken us once again to the wonders of your love. May the songs of men and angels echo in our lives so that we may be faithful Christians. Let the glorious strains of Christmas music be ours on earth until we finally may hear, as the shepherds did, the heavenly host saying "Glory to God in the highest!"

Hear us, O Lord, as we join in the prayer our Redeemer taught us to pray.

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **“Silent Night! Holy Night!”**

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 a far;  
Heavenly 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.

## **Benediction**

Pastor:           The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

## Recessional Hymn: "Joy to the World"

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every 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.

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

No more let sins and sorrows 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

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.

## Our Cast

**Narrators:** Hannelore Ayala  
Mercedes Kovaciny  
Emmett McKeown  
Claire Ohlendorf  
Patrick Proksch

**Shepherds & Sheep:** Edward Kilpatrick  
Taimen Kilpatrick  
Della Kisling  
Jeffrey Kisling  
Penelope Percival  
Emma Tsuyi

**Joseph:** Andrew Percival

**Wisemen:** Wesley McKeown  
John Ohlendorf Jr.  
Michael Popelier

**Mary:** Abigail Kovaciny

**Director:** Merrie Kay Gonyo

*Our thanks to the children who worked hard and had fun doing the production, parents who helped them learn lines and songs, teachers who helped guide the process, and Pastor Jenkins. Thank you all and Merry Christmas!*

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### **Sunday School's Warm in Woodbridge: Final Day!**

Trinity's Sunday School's annual "Warm in Woodbridge" drive ends today. Thank you to all who have given winter hats, scarves, gloves, and socks to share with homeless people in Woodbridge via the HUGS (Help Us Grow Strong) organization. All items are gratefully received!

### **Sunday School & Adult Bible Class**

Adult Bible class & Sunday School meet between services. The adult Bible Class is focusing on St. Mark's Gospel. Other topics through the spring of 2023 will include "My Brother's Keeper" (Biblical strategies for Christians to reach out to family and friends straying from their Savior) and "The Armor of God."

### **Wine and Word Bible Study - Thursday, December 15**

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 7-8:30pm. We are studying the book of Revelation with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or [dawn.f.knox@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

### **Final Midweek Advent Supper This Week**

On Wednesday, December 14, Trinity will enjoy its final midweek Advent supper of the seasons. Doors will open at 5:30, and supper will be served at 6:00. Please bring a dish to pass, if you're able. If you're not able to bring food, don't worry! Please come anyway! Beverages, plates, silverware and napkins are provided. A brief Advent devotion will follow supper at 6:30.

### **Children's Christmas Worship Service: Today at 11:00!**

The children of Trinity's Sunday School will lead our 11:00 worship today by telling us the story of Jesus' birth with word, song, and action. The 8:30 service will be a "normal" Advent liturgical service led by pastor. Both services will be livestreamed, and of course you are welcome to attend both if you'd like.

### **Sunday School, Bible Class, and Catechism Break**

Sunday School, Bible class, and Catechism class will not meet on Sundays December 18, and 25, and January 1. All classes will resume on Sunday, January 8.



## **Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day Worship**

Candlelight Christmas Eve worship will be held at 5 and 7. This year, Christmas Day and New Year's Day both fall on Sundays. The normal Sunday morning worship schedule (8:30 and 11:00) will remain in place on both Sundays.

## **November Attendance Figures**

November 6: Worship: 31+22=53; Bible class: 28

November 13: 31+41=72; Bible class: 25

November 20: 26+32=58; Bible class: 19

Thanksgiving Eve: 25

November 27: 25+32=57; Bible class: 16

## **Youth Activities Coming This Summer**

Camp Chi Rho will take place July 24-28, 2023. The location is moving from Elk Neck, MD to Shenandoah River State Park. This new location is more centralized and has more comfortable accommodations (A/C cabin rooms) while still maintaining the possibility to tent camp. And, who can pass up the world class finishing in the Shenandoah River? The cost will be roughly \$25 a night. Camp Chi Rho is for kids finishing grades 4-8. Kids finishing grades 9-12 can attend as "counselors." For more information, please visit [campchirho.org](http://campchirho.org).

The next regional youth rally, for students finishing grades 8-12, is planned for July 10-13, 2023 at Slippery Rock University (50 minutes north of Pittsburgh). The overall theme will center on relationships (with God, with others, and with ourselves). More detailed information will be available in the coming months.

## **Small Choir**

Trinity's small choir sings once a month during Worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

## **Help Needed with New Mover Welcome Packages**

Each month Trinity delivers welcome care packages to new residents in our nearby neighborhood. We have a dedicated but small crew undertaking this project. If you would like to help, either providing care packages or delivering them, please speak to pastor. We are trying to make friends, inviting contact with as many new neighbors as possible, but need more help. Thank you for considering.

## **Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed**

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email [admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org](mailto:admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org)

## **Our Little Free Library**

Our Little Free Library always welcomes donations of books and food! If the library outside is full, you can place donations in the white plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall right beside the door to the hallway.

## **Lord's Supper Available to All Members**

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity and waiting to return to the sanctuary for worship, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or [revpauljenkins@yahoo.com](mailto:revpauljenkins@yahoo.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work



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**to glorify God**

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



Trinity Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.