



December 17, 2023



Third Sunday in Advent

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- **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

Promises Made; Promises Kept

God makes and keeps his promise to save the world through his Son's work.

Cast

Mary.....	Mara Douglas
Joseph.....	Mike Popelier
Angel who Appears to Mary.....	Avery Lutz
Angel who Appears to Shepherds:..	Mary McKnight
Shepherds.....	Edward Kilpatrick, Taimen Kilpatrick, Emma Tsuyi
Innkeeper.....	Jack Ohlendorf
Wise Men.....	Wesley McKeown, Kenneth McKnight
Herod.....	Abby Kovaciny
Reader 1.....	Kenneth McKnight
Reader 2.....	Jack Ohlendorf
Reader 3 and 7.....	Sadie Kovaciny
Reader 4 and 8.....	Hanne Ayala
Reader 5.....	Claire Ohlendorf
Reader 6.....	Emmett McKeown

Directors: Daniel Kovaciny, Jack Proksch, Patrick Proksch

We Come into the Presence of God

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.

PROCESSIONAL: 57 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Refrain



Go, tell it on the moun-tain, O-ver the hills, and ev - 'ry - where;



Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born.



1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er si - lent
2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a -
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble



flocks by night, Be - hold, through - out the
bove the earth Rang out the an - gel
Christ was born; And God sent us sal -

Refrain



heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text: African-American spiritual, c. 19th century, refrain; John W. Work, 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.

Tune: GO, TELL IT (78 76 76 76) African-American spiritual, c. 19th century, alt.

PART 1: God Promises Salvation for the Very First time

PART 2: God's Promise Comes Clearer

HYMN: 38 "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" verses 1-4



1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good
2 "To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y,
3 "This is the Christ, our God most high, Who hears your
4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow Pre - pared by



news to ev - 'ry home; Glad ti - dings of great joy
cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of low -
sad and bit - ter cry; He will him - self your Sav -
God for all be - low, That in his king - dom, bright



I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:
ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.
ior be From all your sins to set you free.
and fair, You may with us his glo - ry share.

PART 3: The Promise of Life in the Savior's Death

HYMN: 391 "God Loved the World So that He Gave" verses 1-4



1 God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly
2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die— His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives the



Son the lost to save That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in
sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the
sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by



him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word does teach How we the bless - ed goal may reach.
Je - sus' blood; Bap - tized, you are a child of God.

PART 4: The Savior is Born Just as Promised

HYMN: 61 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
 3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of



new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
 last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
 Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
 Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
 Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 God-head see, Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!
 glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus,
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to

Refrain



born in Beth - le - hem!"
 our Im - man - u - el! Hark! The her - ald
 give us sec - ond birth.



an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, abr., alt.

Tune: MENDELSSOHN (77 77 D with Refrain) Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–47, alt.

PART 5: The Promised Savior Comes for All People

HYMN: 83 "As with Gladness Men of Old"



1 As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to your
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare At your cra - dle,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright Need they no cre -



star be - hold, As with joy they hailed its light,
low - ly bed, There to bend the knee be - fore
rude and bare, So may we with ho - ly joy,
nar - row way; And, when earth - ly things are past,
a - ted light; You its light, its joy, its crown,



Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright, So, most gra - cious
You whom heav'n and earth a - dore, So may we with
Pure and free from sin's al - loy, All our cost - liest
Bring our ran - somed souls at last Where they need no
You its sun which goes not down. There for - ev - er



Lord, may we Ev - er - more your fol - lowers be.
will - ing feet Ev - er seek your mer - cy seat.
treas - ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n - ly King.
star to guide, Where no clouds your glo - ry hide.
may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, alt.
Tune: Dix (77 77 77) Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872, alt.

PART 6: The Promise of Life Fulfilled

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Dear Father, thank you for the gift of your Son. Thank you for the teachers, directors, readers, and actors who have worked so hard to tell us about your love in Jesus. May the joy of your salvation that we have heard from them fill our hearts and flow from our mouths. In your Son's holy name we pray.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING:

M: 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.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 68 "Away in the Manger" (sung by students)



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
And take us to heav - en to live with you there.

Text: *Little Children's Book*, Philadelphia, 1885, st. 1-2; *Vineyard Songs*, Louisville, 1892, st. 3.

Tune: CRADLE SONG (11 11 11 11) William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921.

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Catechism and Bible Class Schedules

There will be no catechesis or Bible class on Sundays, December 24, or 31. Both will resume on January 7.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Worship Schedule

Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, worship will be held at 5 and 7pm on December 24, with no morning services. Christmas Day worship will be at 10am and will include the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Sunday School Project: Collection for HUGS Ends TODAY

Today is the final day for the Sunday School service project of collection for HUGS of Warm in Woodbridge. Cold weather clothing of all kinds and hygiene items will be gratefully received in a box in the narthex, and then passed on to HUGS of Warm in Woodbridge to distribute to those in need in Northern Virginia.

Wine and Word Bible Study – January 4

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 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. We are studying the book of Revelation with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and a 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 to RSVP.

Small Choir

Trinity's small choir sings about 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.

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

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, 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 with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.

It is the mission of



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.