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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"

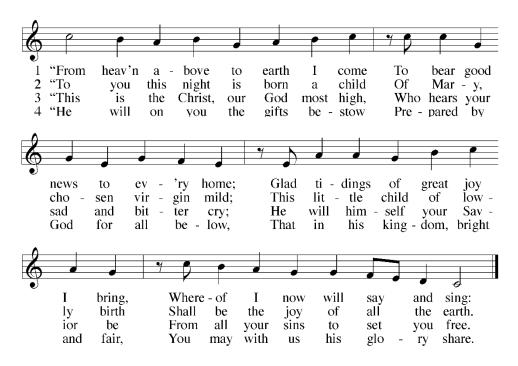


Text: African-American spiritual, c. 19th century, refrain; John W. Work, 1872–1925, stanzas, alt. Tune: Go, Tell IT (78 76 76 76) African-American spiritual, c. 19th century, alt.

PART 1: God Promises Salvation for the Very First time

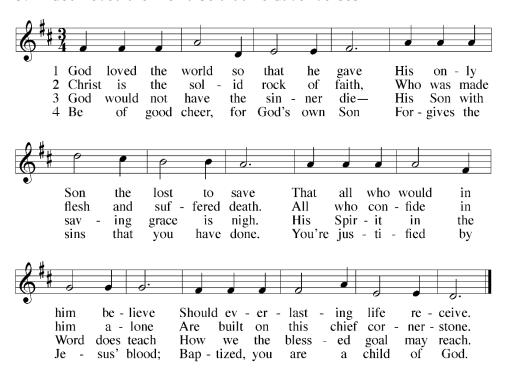
PART 2: God's Promise Comes Clearer

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



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

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



PART 4: The Savior is Born Just as Promised

HYMN: 61 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"



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"



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:

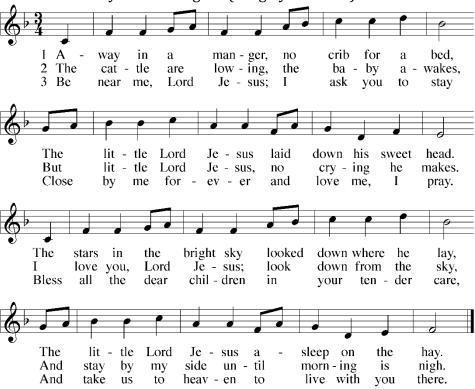
M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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)



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.