



*God Reveals  
Love*

*Christmas Eve*

**2024**



**December 24, 2024**

- **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:** Paul Jenkins

**Tonight's Focus:** We celebrate Christmas Eve with a service of song, prayer, and devotion to the Word.

# 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.*

## HYMN: 63, Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the



o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re -  
strains pro - long? What the glad - some ti - dings  
an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed

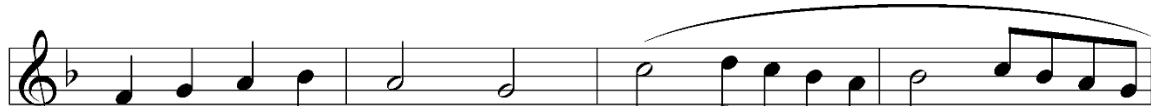


ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

### Refrain



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo -



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: *Nouveau recueil de cantiques*, 1855; tr. *The Crown of Jesus*, Part 2, London, 1862, alt.  
Tune: GLORIA (77 77 with Refrain) *Nouveau recueil de cantiques*, 1855.

STAND

## INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

## PRAYER

M: Dear Heavenly Father, your gracious eyes looked down on the Garden and our fallen human race. In your eternal love, you came to our ancestors, who were crushed by Satan. You promised the Offspring of the woman who would come to crush Satan's head, freeing us from the curse of sin and the condemnation of hell.

Tonight, we lift up our eyes to you and raise our songs of praise for your promise kept. We confess our sin – the sin that was passed down to us from Adam and Eve, that we show every day in our violation of your holy will. And we glorify you for your free forgiveness in your Son. Faithful Father, who kept the promise to save us from our sin by sending your Son: all praise be yours forever, together with him and your Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*Be seated*

## HYMN: 62, Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And



earth re - ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry  
all their songs em - ploy, While fields and  
thorns in - fest the ground; He comes to  
makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries



heart pre - pare him room And heav'n and  
floods, rocks, hills, and plains Re - peat the  
make his bless - ings flow Far as the  
of his right - eous - ness And won - ders



na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And  
sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -  
curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far  
of his love, And won - ders of his love, And



heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
as, far as the curse is found.  
won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Tune: ANTIOCH (CM with Repeat) George F. Handel, 1685–1759, adapt.

## FIRST LESSON

### Isaiah 9:2-7

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.  
For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy.

They rejoice before you like the joy at harvest time,  
like the celebration when people divide the plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them.

You have broken the bar on their shoulders and  
the rod of their oppressor,  
as you did in the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> Every boot that marched in battle  
and the garments rolled in blood will be burned.

They will be fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born.

To us a son is given.

The authority to rule will rest on his shoulders.

He will be named:

Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> There will be no limit to his authority  
and no end to the peace he brings.

He will rule on David's throne and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness  
from now on, into eternity.

The zeal of the LORD of Armies will accomplish this.

## PRAYER

**M:** Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to be the Light for those in darkness. We are born in the darkness of sin, without the light of God's love. You came in the flesh, true God and true man, to shine God's light into our world. By your humble birth, by your holy life, by your suffering and death, by your triumphant resurrection, the light of God's grace shines on us and the whole world. The good news of your saving work opens eyes open to see by faith the light of your salvation.

In you we find a Wonderful Counselor, who guides and encourages us through every trouble. In you we find a Mighty God, who not only can do all things, but promises to work all things for our eternal good. You light the way to the Father's side, where we find everlasting life. In you we find divine peace through all turmoil.

It is your zeal and desire that has caused the light of salvation to shine, together with the comfort, power, everlasting life, and peace that comes with it. Dear Savior, who surrendered heaven's throne and came as a humble child to shine this light, to you we give all glory, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

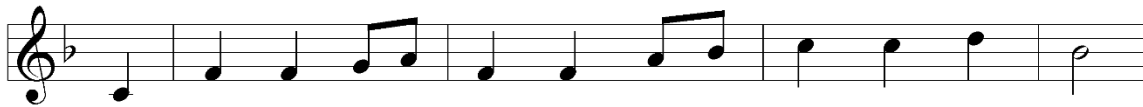
## HYMN: 68, Away in a Manger



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.

## PSALM: 96

*Read Responsively*

M: Sing to the LORD a new song.

**C: Sing to the LORD, all the earth.**

M: Sing to the LORD. Praise his name.

**C: Proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

M: Tell about his glory among the nations,

**C: about his marvelous deeds among all peoples.**

M: For great is the LORD and worthy of great praise.

**C: He is to be feared above all gods.**

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M: For all the gods of the peoples are “nothings,”

**C: but the LORD made the heavens.**

M: Splendor and majesty are before him.

**C: Power and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

M: Ascribe to the LORD, families of peoples,

**C: ascribe to the LORD glory and power.**

M: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name.

**C: Bring a gift and come into his courtyards.**

M: Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns.”

**C: The world is firmly established.**

M: It will not be moved.

**C: He will judge the peoples with fairness.**

M: Let the heavens rejoice.

**C: Let the earth celebrate.**

M: Let the sea roar,

**C: and all that fills it.**

M: Let the fields be overjoyed,

**C: and everything that is in them.**

M: Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy

**C: before the LORD, for he comes,**

M: for he comes to judge the earth.

**C: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.**

## PRAYER

M: Dear Holy Spirit, you have opened our eyes to see the light of Jesus' salvation; you rescued us from the darkness of sin by bringing us to faith in him. It is through the good news of Jesus that you create faith in hearts. We thank you for every faithful messenger of the good news of Savior, from the prophets of old, to the angels who announced his birth on Christmas night, to the apostles who witnessed his saving life, death, and resurrection.

Holy Spirit, you still work through the words that believers speak about the Savior. Open our lips to tell of the gift of God's Son and the eternal life he brings. Make us faithful witnesses to our friends and family, so the message continues to spread, and all the people of the world join in rejoicing at his return. Give us the heart and strength to speak, so all may know and believe – to your glory, together with the Father and the Son. Amen.

## 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,

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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.

## SECOND LESSON AND DEVOTION

### 1 JOHN 4:91-14

This is how God's love for us was revealed: God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we may live through him. <sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Dear friends, if God loved us so much, we also should love one another.

<sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in us and his love has been brought to its goal in us. <sup>13</sup>This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

*Stand*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## **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.*

*Stand*

## **PRAYER**

**M:** Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known on earth the wonder of that Light, we may also behold him in all his glory in the life to come; 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.

## **LORD 'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **GOSPEL:**

### **LUKE 2:1-20**

M: The Holy Gospel of St. Luke, chapter 2.

#### **C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governing Syria. <sup>3</sup>And everyone went to register, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the town of Nazareth, into Judea, to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was from the house and family line of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, his wife, who was pledged to him in marriage and was expecting a child.

<sup>6</sup>And so it was that while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>There were in the same country shepherds staying out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified! <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. For behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will be for all people: <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David, a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude from the heavenly army, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward mankind."

<sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Now let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they had seen him, they told others the message they had been told about this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it were amazed by what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

#### **C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## 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.

*Be Seated*

*Lighting of Candles:*

*During the introduction of the hymn, the ushers will light the candle of each worshipper nearest the aisle, who will then light the candle of the next person and so on. Please remember to tilt unlighted candles and keep lighted candles upright.*

## HYMN: 60, Silent Night! Holy Night

1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is  
2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds  
3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of  
calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin  
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from  
God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from  
moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so  
heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing,  
thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re -  
ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly  
Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy  
peace, born! Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: Franz Joseph Mohr, 1792–1848, abr.; tr. John F. Young, 1820–85.  
Tune: STILLE NACHT (Irregular) Franz X. Gruber, 1787–1863, alt.

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### Christmas Day Worship Information

Christmas Day worship with Communion is at 10:00.

### Women's Bible Study - January 11

The Trinity Women's Bible Study will not meet during the month of December. Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 11 at 9:00 am at Trinity. We'll be discussing chapter four of "Measured by Grace: How God Defines Success" by Sharla Fritz. For questions, please contact Erika Ohlendorf at [erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com](mailto:erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com).

### Wine and Word Bible Study – on Break until January 16

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 7-8:30 pm. We are studying. 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](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

### Trinity's Book Club – January 18

Trinity's Book club will meet at 9:30am on Saturday, January 18, at Cuppi Coffee in Dumfries. Please join us to discuss *An Hour Unspent* by Roseanna M. White and to choose our next read! New members are always welcome.

**Trinity's Little Free Library** is one of our church's most effective tools for reaching out to our neighborhood. Many families in the area around Trinity regularly visit our LFL for books and shelf-stable food items, especially those who are experiencing food scarcity. Particularly useful are canned or boxed foods that do not require additional ingredients besides water to prepare. Books are always welcome, too, of course! If the shelves happen to be full, there is a donation bin for overflow items in the fellowship room beside the door to the hallway.

### 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](mailto:admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org)

### **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](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.