



Glory to God in the Highest

Christmas Eve
2025



December 24, 2025

- **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 Gary Wong

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 and the sin that we show every day in our violation of your holy will. 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

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

They will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 a new song.

M: Sing to the LORD. Praise his name.

C: Proclaim his salvation day after day.

M: Declare his glory among the nations,

C: His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

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M: Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;

C: Tremble before him, all the earth.

M: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

C: Let the sea resound, and all that is in it;

M: Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.

C: Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy;

M: For he comes to judge the world in righteousness

C: And the peoples in his truth.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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

Stand

GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT:

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. ²This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governing Syria. ³And everyone went to register, each to his own town. ⁴And 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, his wife, who was pledged to him in marriage and was expecting a child.

⁶And so it was that while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And 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.

⁸There were in the same country shepherds staying out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified! ¹⁰But 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: ¹¹Today in the town of David, a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude from the heavenly army, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward mankind."

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they told others the message they had been told about this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it were amazed by what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And 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!

DEVOTION MESSAGE

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.

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Christmas Day Worship Information

Christmas Day worship is at 10:00.

Looking for volunteers to help provide snacks for our Sunday School and Fellowship Hour!

If you're able to bless our community with simple treats, please sign up on the sheet posted on the Sunday School bulletin board located in the large fellowship and adult Sunday School room. Your contributions help make our time together even more welcoming and enjoyable—thank you for supporting our fellowship!

Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:45am The next series is “your Questions; Scripture’s Answers”, based on the book by Prof. John Brug. We’ll start out with how God gave us His Bible, look at a few puzzling parts of the Bible, then go into adiaphora (if you don’t know, you need to come), and a few other questions.

Wine and Word Bible Study – On Break until Jan. 15th

The Wine and Word Bible Study is **studying the book of EXODUS** and 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. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine (or other drink of choice) 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.

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 Steven Douglas. If you have any questions or are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email worship@trinityofwoodbridge.org. You can also scan this code to sign up:



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 Hall beside the door to the hallway.

Small Choir

Trinity's 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 Bev Ohlendorf know.

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 revgwong@gmail.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.