



*Glory to God*  
IN THE HIGHEST,  
AND ON EARTH  
*peace,*  
GOOD WILL  
TOWARD MEN.

LUKE 2:14, KJV

# Triumphant Lutheran Church

*We grow in Christ to serve others.*

**Christmas Eve 3pm, 5pm & 7pm**

**December 24, 2024**

[P] Pastor

[AM] Assisting Minister

[C] Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

[AM] God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

[C] **so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.**

[AM] Jesus is the light of the world.

[C] **Jesus is the light of our lives.**

[AM] Jesus Christ is born!

[C] **O come, let us rejoice!**

CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”.....ELW page 283

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;

come and behold him, born the king of angels,

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,

born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning.

Jesus, to Three be all glory giv'n.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)

GREETING

[P] Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

[C] **And also with you.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

[AM] Our time of waiting is completed.

[AM] We celebrate the promise of new birth.

[C] **In Bethlehem, the city of David, the child Mary and Joseph had waited for has arrived.**

[AM] In the warm glow of the stable, with the animals in attendance.

[C] **Mary delivers her first born son, wraps him in bands of cloth, and lays him in a manger.**

[AM] In the fields, angels proclaim to shepherds good news of great joy!

[C] **A child is born! The Messiah, the LORD!**

[AM] A chorus of voices sings, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to God's people on earth!"

[C] **This good news has been worth the wait! Let us go to Bethlehem and see this gift, God's joy!**

[AM] This evening we light the final candle of advent. This candle reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world and no darkness can overcome his light.

[AM] Together let us pray...

[C] **Almighty God, we have waited for your light to come and now it has arrived. Lord Jesus, shine in our hearts, our homes, our lives, and in your world. Come Lord Jesus and be our guest. Your presence dispels the darkness and bathes us in your glorious light. Amen.**

CAROL "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" ..... ELW page 282

It came upon the 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 all, from heav'n's all gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[P] Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] **Amen**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7 Pew Bible OT page 494

[P] The Word of the Lord. [C] **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20 Pew Bible NT page 44

[P] The Gospel of the Lord. [C] **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Pastor Aaron Richter

CAROL "Angels We Have Heard on High" ..... ELW page 289

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Glo- ri-a in excelsis Deo; glo- ri-a in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? (*Refrain*)

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. (*Refrain*)

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE [AM] Lord in your mercy [C] Hear our prayer

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CAROL "What Child Is This" ..... ELW hymn 296

*During the singing of this carol, we present our gifts to our Lord Jesus*

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne, for me, for you;  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary

OFFERING PRAYER

[AM] Good and loving God,

[C] **We rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ELW page 108

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,**

**As we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION

*This is Christ's table, and all are welcome to join in this meal. Tonight we will receive communion by intinction. Please dip the wafer (gluten free is available) into the cup containing wine. If you need a gluten-free option, please let us know.*

CAROL

"O Holy Night"

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining; it is the night of the dear Savior's birth!  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope, the weary soul rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here came the wise men from Orient land.  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our Friend!  
He knows our need—to our weakness is no stranger.  
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!  
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Truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love and his Gospel is peace.  
Chains shall he break for the slave is our brother and in His Name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise His holy Name!  
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!  
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CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” ..... ELW hymn 279

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!

How silently how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray  
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

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COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER

[AM] Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord.

[C] Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

READING: John 1:1-5

[P] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

[P] Let us pray,  
On this holy night, as we light these candles, we celebrate the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. May these flames remind us of His love, peace, and hope shining in the darkness. May our hearts be filled with this light, so that we might share your love with the whole world.

[C] Amen.

CAROL

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”..... ELW page 281

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 afar,  
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 your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

BENEDICTION

[P] May the Lord God bless you and keep you, grant you the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the peace of the Christ Child. In the name of Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

*Please extinguish the candles.*

CAROL

“Joy to the World”..... ELW page 267

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let ev’ry 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, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow 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.

DISMISSAL [AM] Christ is with us! [C] **Thanks be to God.**

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### Worship Leaders

Pastor ..... Rev. Aaron Richter  
Music Director ..... Carol Snyder  
Choir Director ..... Feliziti Landin

#### 3pm Service

Music ..... Carol Snyder, Feliziti Landin & Choir  
Assisting Minister ..... Ken Weber  
Reader ..... Linda Braun

#### 5pm Service

Music ..... Praise Band  
Assisting Minister ..... Dean Neuzil  
Reader ..... Isabella Garcia

#### 7pm Service

Music ..... Musicians  
Assisting Minister & Reader ..... Jackie Mitchell