

And this is
the testimony,
that God gave us

eternal life,

and this life is

in his Son.

1 John 5:11, ESV





Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We worship the Son

December 25, 2025

Christmas Day

"God has spoken to us by his Son."

At Christmas, God directs all our attention to his Son. God wants us to be sure who his Son is and what his Son has done. God's Son is really great.

"O come, let us adore him."

Today's 9:00 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

- holytrinity.church

After the service, the recording can be accessed at the same YouTube site.

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P: On this holy day, the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn 354 O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 God from true God, and Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come_ ye to Beth - le - hem!
born of a vir - gin, to earth he comes!
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee_ be all glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels:
On - ly - be - got - ten Son of God the Fa - ther:
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

P: Lord Jesus, by your gracious coming into the world you destroyed death and made all things new. Grant that we may never tire of proclaiming your salvation to the ends of the earth.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORD

First Lesson — Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the herald,
who proclaims peace, who brings news of good things,
who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”
The voices of your watchmen—they lift up their voices,
shouting for joy together;
for every eye will see when the LORD returns to Zion.
Be joyful, rejoice together, you ruins of Jerusalem!
For the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has displayed his holy arm in the sight of all the nations;
all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God. ”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Song See Amid the Winter’s Snow

See amid the winter’s snow, born for us on earth below.

See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

(refrain)

Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption’s early dawn!

Sing through all Jerusalem, “Christ is born in Bethlehem.”

Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies.

He, who throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim!

(refrain)

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine;

thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this!

(refrain)

*Teach, O teach us, Holy Child, by thy face so meek and mild.
Teach us to resemble thee, in thy sweet humility!
(refrain)*

Second Lesson—Hebrews 1:1-9

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets at different times and in different ways. In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son. God has appointed him heir of all things and made the universe through him. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact expression of his nature, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. So he became superior to the angels, just as the name he inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did he ever say,

“You are my Son; today I have become your Father,”

or again,

“I will be his Father, and he will be my Son?”

Again, when he brings his firstborn into the world, he says,

“And let all God’s angels worship him.”

And about the angels he says:

“He makes his angels winds, and his servants a fiery flame,”

but to the Son:

“Your throne, God, is forever and ever,
and the scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of justice.
You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness;
this is why God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of joy
beyond your companions.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel: John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was created through him, and yet the world did not recognize him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born, not of natural descent, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John testified concerning him and exclaimed, “This was the one of whom I said, ‘The one coming after me ranks ahead of me, because he existed before me.’”) Indeed, we have all received grace upon grace from his fullness, for the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The one and only Son, who is himself God and is at the Father’s side—he has revealed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Hymn 350 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*



- 1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King;
- 2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
- 3 Hail, the heav’n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness!



peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see, hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,



with th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

Sermon—Hebrews 1:1-9

We worship the Son

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the

living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

Our offerings express gratitude to God for making us, saving us, and giving us all that we have. We express generous gratitude with generous offerings.

You may place your offering in the plates or use Online Giving.

The QR code at right will also take you to the giving site.

Thank you for your offerings.



MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Eternal Father, we give you thanks and praise on this holy day for sending your one and only Son to share our humanity, carry our guilt, and become for us the perfect Lamb who takes away the sin of the world.

C: Lord, we praise you.

P: Keep our faith in your Son alive and strong. Nourish us with your Word and sacraments and by your Holy Spirit give us strength to overcome Satan's power and empty promises. Help us to withstand the temptations the world and our sinful nature put on our path.

C: Give us faith and courage.

P: Remember ministers of the gospel throughout the world who on this day are proclaiming that a Savior has been born. We especially commend to your care the missionaries we have called as members of the Wisconsin Synod. Since they cannot enjoy the fellowship of their extended families this Christmas, grant to them the inner joy that comes with service in your kingdom.

C: Protect all those who proclaim the gospel in our place.

P: We pray for our city and countryside, for our neighborhoods and subdivisions, and for all who live and work and find delight here. Give to the leaders of government wisdom to make and uphold laws that promote the good of society. Grant our nation peace, health, and prosperity that we may have the opportunity and resources to spread the good news to all people.

C: Govern and prosper your people.

P: Fill us with kindness and rouse us to do good to all people, especially those who are less fortunate than we. Bring your healing to those who are sick or diseased in body or mind and comfort those who are mourning the death of someone they love.

C: Sustain those who endure the troubles of life.

P: Be a source of strength to all your people and fill them with your power and peace. If any are among us today who have lost the true meaning of this festival, let them rediscover the joy that comes from Christ alone.

C: Let your peace reign in the hearts of all.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

P: As you sent your Son to bring peace to all people on earth, so we pray for all people, those known and those unknown to us.

C: We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Hear us as we pray the prayer you have given us to pray.

THE 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.**

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Trinity offers the Lord's Supper to communicant members of our congregation (and congregations in WELS and ELS). If you are not a communicant member and are interested in going through a course of study to prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper here, please speak with the pastor.

*Distribution Hymn 331 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
(See Christian Worship Hymnal)*

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: O God the Father, source of all goodness, you sent your Son to share our humanity. Thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. Do not forsake us but rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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.

Hymn 349 A Great and Mighty Wonder



1 A great and might - y won - der, a glo - rious mys - ter - y:
2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate and yet re - mains on high,
3 While thus they sing your mon - arch, those bright an - gel - ic bands,
4 Since all he comes to ran - som, by all be he a - dored,
5 All i - dols then shall per - ish and Sa - tan's ly - ing cease,



a vir - gin bears an in - fant who veils his de - i - ty.
and cher - u - bim sing an - thems to shep - herds from the sky.
re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, and o - ceans, clap your hands.
the in - fant born in Beth - l'em, the Sav - ior and the Lord.
and Christ shall raise his scep - ter, de - cree - ing end - less peace.

Refrain



Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: "To God on high be



glo - ry and peace to all the earth!"

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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New Year's worship

December 31..... 5:00 p.m. New Year's with communion

The called workers and staff at Holy Trinity
wish you all
a very merry Christmas.