

Tonight's Ministers

Presider: Vicar Aaron
Preaching: Vicar Aaron
Assisting Minister: Steve VanAtter
Crucifer: Abigail Radke
Acolyte: Zander Radke
Reader:
Children's Message:
Music: Bryce Leifeste
Audio/Streaming:

& TBD

Greeters: Carr Family
Ushers: Jacksons
Altar Guild: Kellars
Counters: Cedar Hilger & Edith Hannett
Fellowship:
Bread: Tami Robinson
Wine: Henderson
Eternal Candle: Henderson
Flowers: Poinsettias



The Nativity of Jesus

Year A

December 24, 2025 7:00 pm



Welcome!

Mission Statement

Trinity Lutheran is a place to gather, refresh the faithful, and reach out with word and service to all others through the Holy Gospel.

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Land Acknowledgement

Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homeland of the Shoshone-Bannock, Nūūmū (Northern Paiute), Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla tribes.

Our location here was made possible by the displacement and dispossession of these tribes. We acknowledge and honor these tribes, who have and continue to care for this land, which is their home since time immemorial.

Follow us on



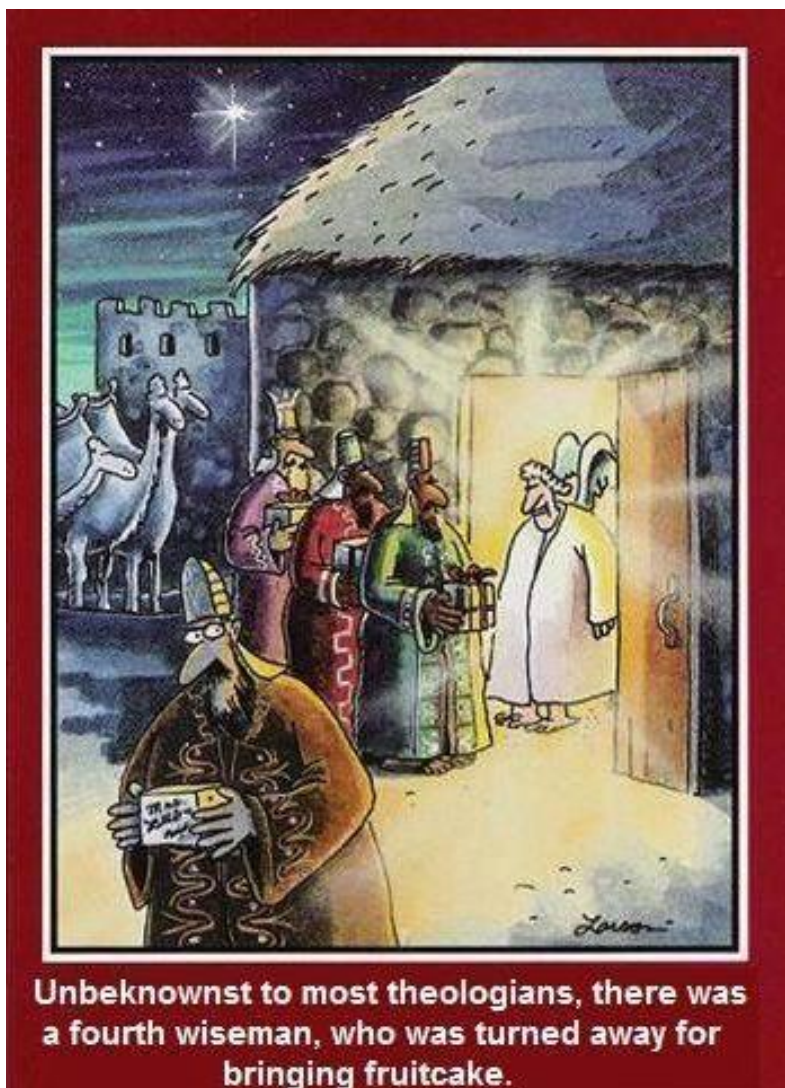
Services are live streamed on our Facebook and YouTube pages, and the bulletin is available on the website to follow along.

Who We Are

Trinity Lutheran Church is a congregation in the Treasure Valley Cluster in the Northwest Intermountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) which is one of 150 member churches in 96 countries that are part of the Lutheran World Federation.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK	Tonight	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
	Thursday	6:30 pm	Al-Anon (Fellowship Hall)
NEXT WEEK			
December 28	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Sunday School Worship (Noisy Offering) Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) Vicar out of office	
Monday		Vicar out of office	
Tuesday	12:00 pm 2 – 4 pm	Al-Anon (Sunday School room) Study Group (David Sheriff's house) Vicar out of office	
Wednesday	6:30 – 10 pm	New Years Eve potluck dinner celebration Vicar out of office	
Thursday	6:30 pm	Al-Anon (Fellowship Hall) Vicar out of office New Years Day	
Friday		Vicar out of office	
Saturday		Vicar out of office	



WE GATHER TOGETHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Guide to the Bulletin
C: Congregation P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister R: Reader

PRELUDE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW # 283

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of 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, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to the God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

GREETING

P: The grace of the child born for us
and the joy of the Son given to us be with you all.

C: And also with you.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: Amen

You may be seated.



*I come to proclaim
good news to you*

IN OUR PRAYERS

For healing: Colton (Fran & Elwood’s grandson – brain tumor)
Monica Perez (friend of Edith Hannett – in need of a kidney)
Angel Bray (Cancer is dormant – Margretta’s granddaughter)
Alex Witherspoon (healing from traumatic brain injury – Amanda Hanson)
Eileen Warner (Received pacemaker. Kristina Radke’s Mom)
Linda Larson (in treatment for lymphoma – Mary Braudrick)
Tina Zielinski (Ankle/Leg healing daughter of Randy & Martha Miller)
Cody (Youth with heart condition – Emily Bentley)
Addie (Teenage Crohn’s disease – Cathy Winwood)
Rita (Renee’s sister -- Renee VanAtter)
Linda Dombeck (health issues – Mary Braudrick)
Gail Leininger (recovering from shoulder surgery – Mary Helen)
Michelle Dombeck (health concerns – Linda Dombeck)
Glynis Calhoun (upcoming surgery – Mary Braudrick)
Shawn Houston (upcoming surgery – Linda Dombeck)
Heather Baldini (having hysterectomy surgery – Kristina Radke)
Heidi Baldwin (health issues – Carr family)

For Andrew (from Elizabeth Schnabel)
For Berger Family (mourning loss of daughter from Mary Helen & Gail)
For Allissa Smiley (mourning loss of husband Joe – Mary Helen)
For Family of Amy Bal (died from pneumonia -- from Radke Family)
For Mitchell family (mourning loss father Malcom – Mary Helen)
For Daughter in Iowa (searching for Nurse Practitioner job – Mary B)
For Shannon Miller (mourning loss of Pat Malloy, past member of Trinity)
For Jane Leininger (mourning loss of mother – Gail Leininger)
For Jerry Radke (has been moved to nursing home – Radke family)

People in the Armed Services:

Brett Collins (grandson of Helen Collins – Marines)
John C. Collins II (grandson of Helen Collins – Navy SEAL)
Bill MacDonald (Navy)
Amanda Love (Cathy Winwood’s Niece – Army)

Prayer concerns will be removed after two months on the list unless you let the office know otherwise.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah’s king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God’s passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.


R: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.


HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW # 289



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad-some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Friday, December 26, 2025
Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

Stephen was a deacon and the first martyr of the church. He was one of those seven upon whom the apostles' laid hands after they had been chosen to serve widows and others in need. Later, Stephen's preaching angered the temple authorities, and they ordered him to be put to death by stoning.

Saturday, December 27, 2025
John, Apostle and Evangelist

The son of Zebedee and brother of James, John was one of the twelve disciples and witness to the transfiguration. Tradition has named him also the writer of the Gospel of John, the three New Testament letters bearing his name, as well as Revelation.

Sunday, December 28, 2025
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

This day commemorates the young children killed by Herod in Bethlehem in his jealous attempt to murder the baby Jesus, a sobering reminder of the evil that led Christ to be born for our salvation.

Thursday, January 1, 2026
Name of Jesus

By Jewish law, every baby boy was circumcised and named on the eighth day of life, so on the eighth day of Christmas the church celebrates this event in Jesus' life. The keeping of the covenant as well as Jesus' name are signs of God's salvation given to us through him.

Friday, January 2, 2026
Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, renewer of the church, died 1872

Loehe was a pastor in nineteenth-century Germany. Loehe's chief concern was that a congregation find its life in the holy communion, and from that source evangelism and social ministries would flow. He sent pastors to North America, Australia, New Guinea, Brazil, and Ukraine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET -- A huge thank you to each and every one of you who wrote a devotion and are key in making our yearly booklet a reality. There are hard copies in the Narthex and a pdf version on our website - great for sharing with your out-of-town friends and family.

ENDING YEAR OF GRATITUDE -- A great way to end our year of gratitude is to remember to be thankful to Trinity members for all their support (monetarily & physically through hard work) that helped with Church in Community projects this past year. Trinity has touched the lives of many in our community, and we are so incredibly grateful and thankful for this. – Church in Community

DECEMBER NOISY OFFERING -- On Sunday the 28th will be going towards assisting the senior citizen program through Lake Lowell Animal Rescue. Many senior citizens are on a limited budget and struggle to pay their heating, power, and other bills in the winter while having enough money to buy food for their pets. Monies collected will be used to purchase cat and dog food for these senior citizens. If you prefer, you can purchase cat/dog foods and bring them into the church. Boxes will be in the Narthex for collection. Here are a few guidelines for your donations: All pet foods must be made in the USA; Only 5–10-pound bags (weight lifting restrictions for senior citizens); Small bags of cat litter; Gently used blankets are also needed. Thanks so much for caring!

MONDAY MIDWINTER MOVIES -- We are just over 1 week away from the first film in our annual winter series. On January 5th, the movie will be "Nonnas", a biopic about a man who decided to open an Italian restaurant in New York City and hire 4 older "grandmas" as his chefs. Films start at 6:30 pm, but you are welcome to arrive any time after 6:00 pm - to chat and enjoy snacks. Tami Robinson is our host; her address is 818 W Oakmont in Nampa (just north of Iowa and east of Midland). All are welcome to enjoy this comedy with us.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION – Join us for a joyful celebration open to the entire family, as well as your friends. This will be a potluck dinner, so please bring your favorite dish to share here at Trintiy Lutheran on December 31 at 6:30 pm. Look forward to seeing you there!

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS CHEER – On Tuesday, January 6th at 11:30 am Trinity Lutheran will be hosting a Christmas co-ed potluck luncheon. Bring a salad or dessert to share. There will also be a white elephant gift exchange, so bring something fun if you would like to participate! No RSVP necessary, all are welcome!

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

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

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before 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 see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”
[¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. The Light of the World has come!
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Notes

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SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World

ELW # 267

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

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

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

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

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Holy Child Within the Manger

WOV #638

1 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, long a -
2 Once a - gain we tell the sto - ry— how your
3 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, lead us

go yet ev - er near; come as friend to ev - 'ry
love for us was shown, when the im - age of your
ev - er in your way, so we see in ev - 'ry

stran - ger, come as hope for ev - 'ry fear.
glo - ry wore an im - age to like our own.
stran - ger how you come to us to - day.

As you lived to heal the bro - ken, greet the
Come, en - light - en with your wis - dom, come and
In our lives and in our liv - ing give us

out - cast, free the bound, as you taught us love un -
fill us with your grace. May the fire of your com -
strength to live as you, that our hearts might be for -

spo - ken, teach us now where you are found.
pas - sion kin - dle ev - 'ry land and race.
giv - ing and our spir - its strong and true.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*You may now greet those around you saying "Peace be with you".
You may shake hands, bump elbows, hold up two fingers in the "Peace sign".
Do whichever is comfortable for you.*

You may be seated. Our liturgy continues with the offering.



*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,
Including the care of those in need.
You may also give online at: nampatrinity.org*



SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life.

C: Amen.

P: May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength.

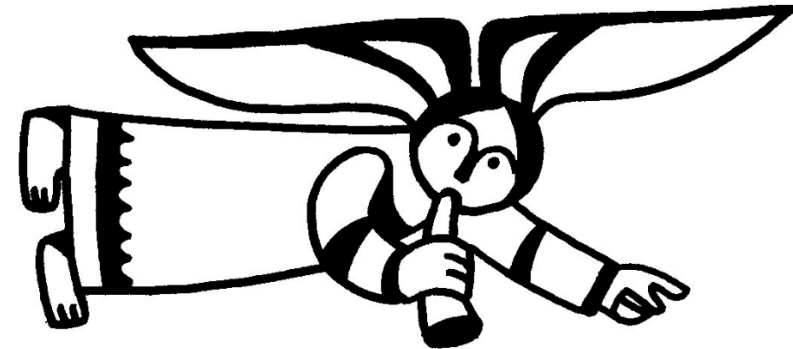
C: Amen.

P: May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world.

C: Amen.

P: And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

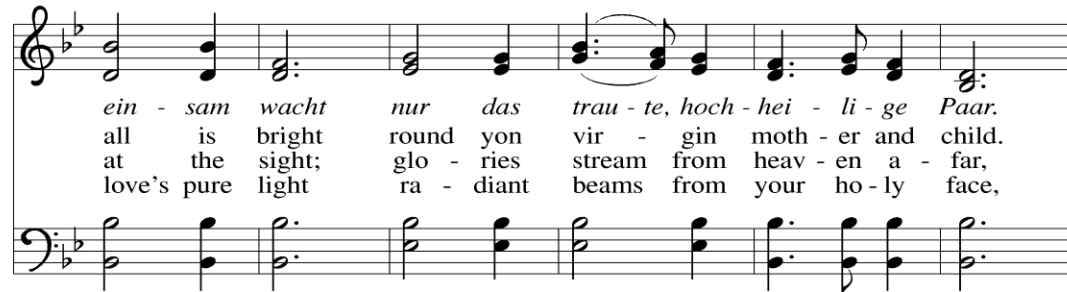


Please rise as you are able.
Silent Night, Holy Night

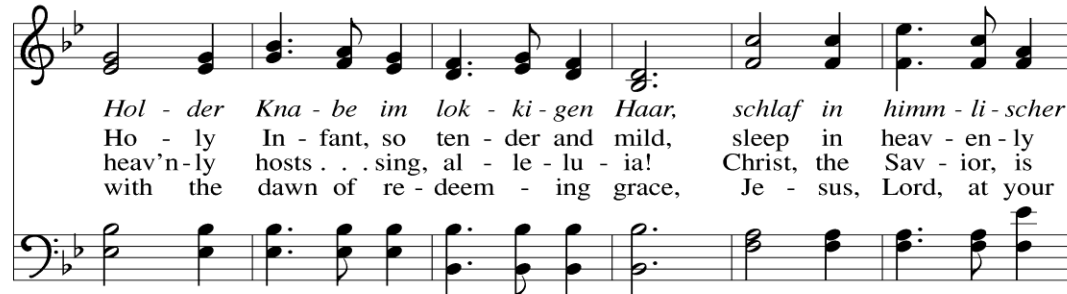
ELW # 281



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

MEAL
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING SONG

Love Has Come

ELW # 292



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Please rise as you are able.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of glory, great are your wonders among us
and many are the blessings you bestow.
Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world,
that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior
C: **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (Eucharistic Prayer)

What Feast of Love

ELW # 487 vss 1 & 3 only



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Incarnate God, you are among us at this table.
May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts
the mystery of your presence.
Move us to discover the wonders of your love
in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.
C: **Amen.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The candles are lit from the Christ Candle at the center of the Advent wreath.


This candle represents the Light that has come into the world - Jesus, the Christ.



*A light will shine on
us this day:
The Lord is born for us*

COMMUNION HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW # 270

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 - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-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 you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD (The Fraction Sentence)

P: We become what we behold. Behold what you are.

C: We are the body of Christ.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The gifts of God, for the people of God. All are welcome to Christ's table.

You may be seated.

The ushers will tell you when it's time to go up to receive communion.

Holy Communion

Everyone, including children, who seek God and are drawn to Christ
are welcome to Christ's table.

Gluten free wafers are available. Simply ask the Pastor.

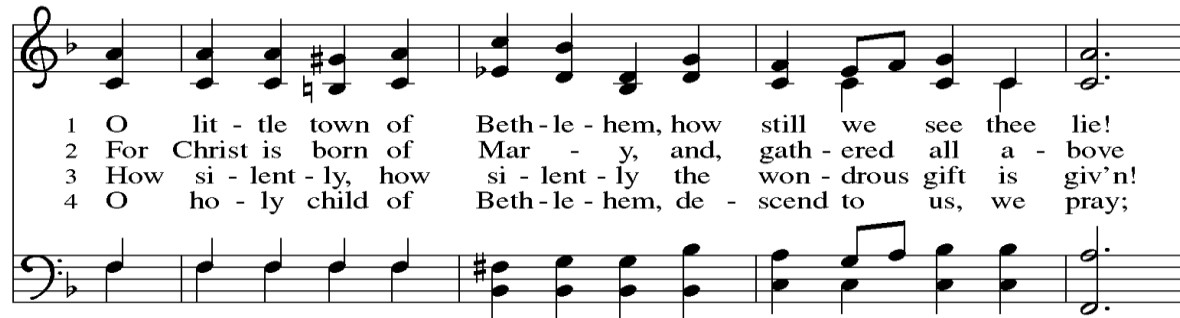
Cups in the tray: The inner ring of cups is white grape juice.
The outer ring of cups is rose wine.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

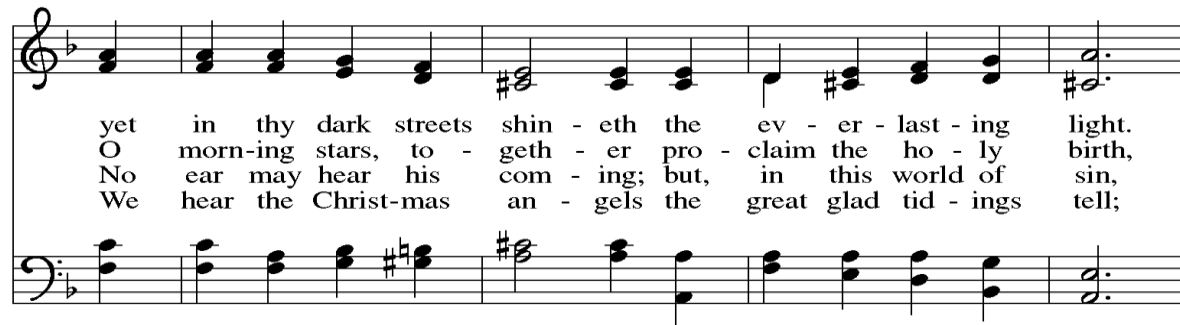
ELW #279



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

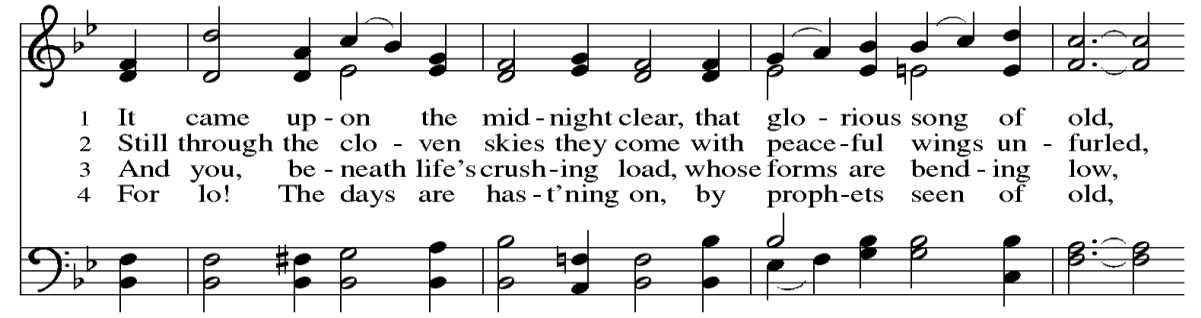


The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

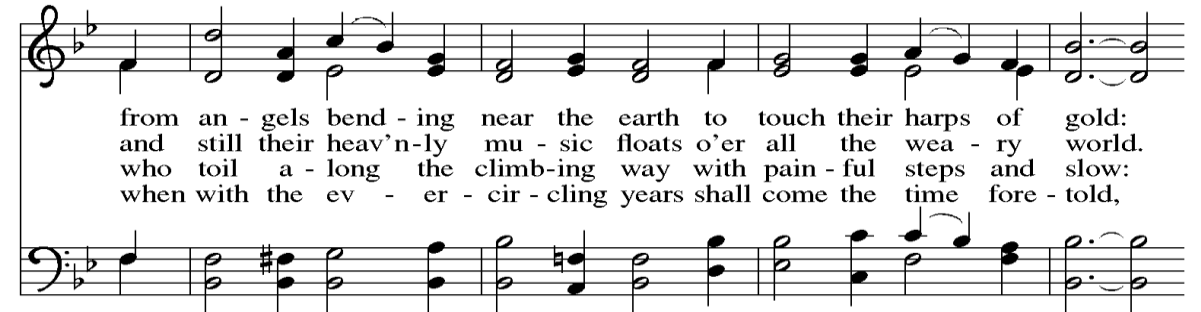
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It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

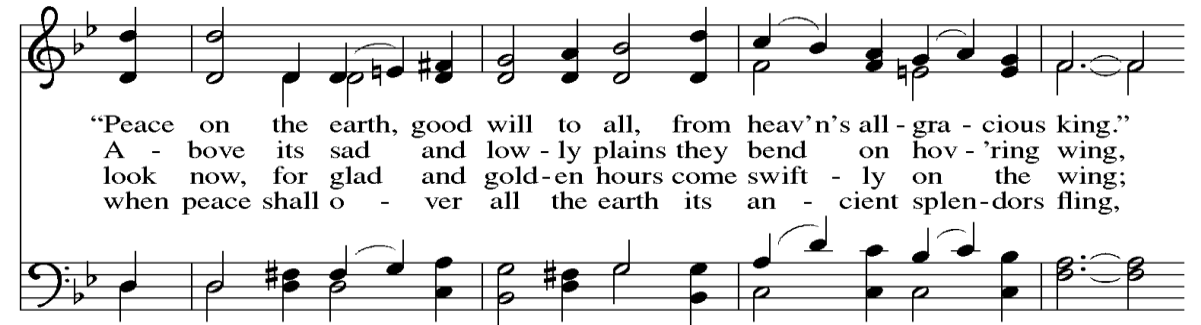
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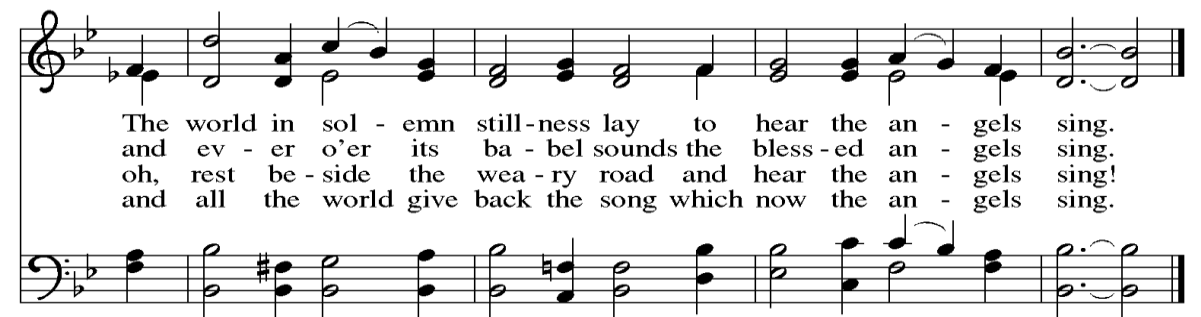
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.