

Trinity Lutheran Church Christmas Day Service
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
December 25, 2018
10am

PRELUDE CAROLS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

FIRST HYMN LSB 379

O Come, All Ye Faithful

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Welcome sisters and brothers, in the name of the newborn King, the Child sent by God to bring light into a dark world. Come, let us celebrate.

C: Let us rejoice together.

P: The Baby born in Bethlehem is a great Savior.

C: He is the Lord of all ages.

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

C: We have beheld his glory.

P: Come, let us worship him.

C: Alleluia! Amen.

CONFESSION

P: Merciful Father,

C: we confess the poverty of our lives and worship, the broken hearts, and spirits of a people caught in sin, guilt, and death. We pray for the freedom from our captivity to sin and for release from the darkness of sin's guilt. Grant us release through the forgiveness that Christ Jesus won for us and teach us to live holy and upright lives all of our days. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

COLLECT OF THE DAY

C: Amen.

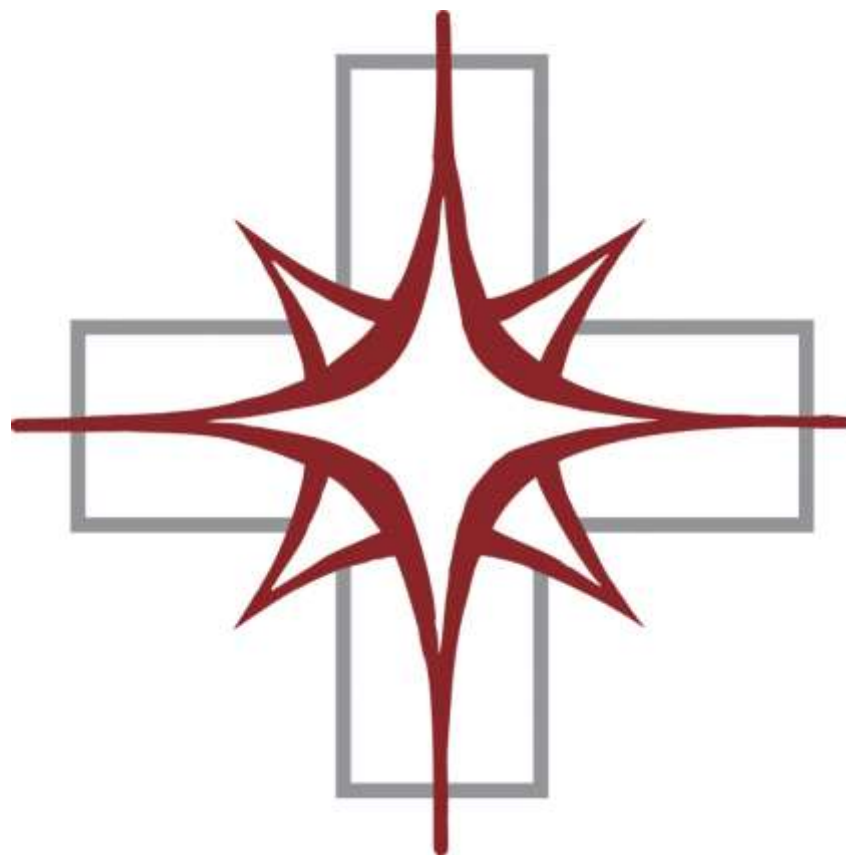
FINAL HYMN LSB 380

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

POSTLUDE J. S. Bach

From Heaven Above To Earth I Come

**We thank Mr. Andy Wiesenhofer for the special music during our Christmas morning worship service.*



P: O God, as You make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of Your only begotten Son Jesus Christ, grant that we, who joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our judge; who loves and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 52:7-10*

SOLO *Away In A Manger* Andy Wiesenhofer

EPISTLE *Hebrews 1:1-12*

SOLO *The Watch* Andy Wiesenhofer

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL *John 1:1-14*

APOSTLES CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 384

Of the Father's Love Begotten

SERMON *"God Speaks"* Rev. Holmes
Hebrews 1:1-12

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

VOLUNTARY *In dulci jubilo* Johann Michael Bach

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: We pray this Christmas with those whose needs are great and small but who kneel with us all at the manger of the King. We pray for greater faith.

C: Holy Father, in this sacred season, raise our spirits high and ask that the Christmas Gospel would lead us to greater faith.

P: We pray for those who are lonely, sad, or despondent.

C: Lord Christ, we who sing "Joy to the World" pray that this wondrous Christmas joy may reach those whose lives are pained with sorrow. Use us, we pray, to bring Your joy to the downcast.

P: We pray for a steadfast witness to Christ.

C: Use us, O Lord, to light the way to Christ. Let our light so shine that people will see our good works and glorify You.

P: We pray for peace on earth.

C: Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord, the peace of which the angels sang. Grant peace on earth, goodwill to all!

P: We pray this Christmas for those who have yet to confess Christ.

C: Holy Spirit, spread abroad through Your Church the news that "Christ the Savior is born!" Ready and equip Your Church to announce His birth across the world so that all the world may know our joy.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.