

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after  
Christmas

# Luke 2:19

But Mary  
kept all  
these things



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Bible Class: 9:15am  
Worship: 10:30am

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OF THE LUTHERAN  
CONFESSION

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## DECEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> 2021

### Pre-Service Meditation

*Romans 10:18*

*But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world."*

**Prayer: O Holy Spirit, you have caused the glad Gospel tidings of our Savior's birth to go out across the earth. We pray that the news of the Christ-child might cause more and more to praise and glorify our Lord's Holy Name. For in it, we have received freedom from sin and our eternal salvation. In His Name we ask it: Amen.**



# Service of the Word

## Opening Prayer

## Hymn

*TLH 3 Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now*

## Invocation

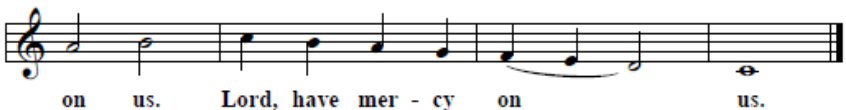
- P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** (spoken) **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

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- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C** (spoken) **Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray. . .

. . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** (spoken) **Amen.**

### First Reading

*Isaiah 9:6-7*

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

## Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 99 (selected verses)*

- P** The Lord reigns; Let the peoples tremble!
- C** **He dwells between the cherubim; Let the earth be moved!**
- P** The Lord is great in Zion, And He is high above all the peoples.
- C** **Let them praise Your great and awesome name—  
He is holy.**
- P** Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, with Your glory and Your majesty.
- C** **And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth,  
humility, and righteousness.**
- P** The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity;
- C** **You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**
- P** Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His footstool—
- C** **He is holy.**

## Second Reading

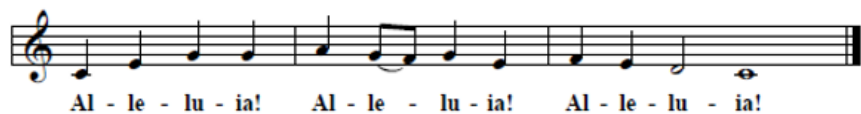
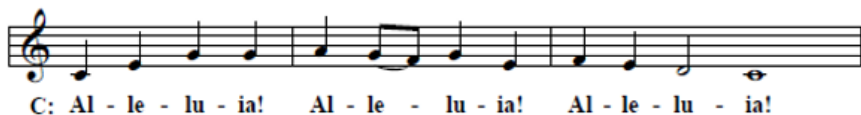
*Romans 10:8-18*

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." 14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace,  
Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. 18 But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world."

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



## 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 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.

Hymn

TLH 90 Come Your Hearts and Voices Raising (vv. 1, 4, 6-8)

Sermon

Luke 2:19-20

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

**THE POWER OF POSITIVE PONDERING**

**I: It sets our perspective**

**II: It causes our praise**

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

OFFERTORY

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me  
 not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
 Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
 Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

TLH 140 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (vv. 1-2, 5-6)

## Offering

### Prayer of the Church & the Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed by 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

### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### Closing Hymn

*TLH 84 Christians, Awake (vv. 1-2, 5-6)*

### Silent Prayer

### Acknowledgments

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# Welcome to worship at Trinity!

**Please wait to be ushered** out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. **Offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the narthex or mailed to the church.

**Guest and Visitors**, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this morning and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! We also invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*, and we hope to see you again!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COVID-19** – Due to the mask mandate in Washington state, **Trinity will be requiring that those attending in-person services wear face masks at all times.** This is an unfortunate step backwards in the re-opening process, yet the Lord remains in control. Please keep all those effected by the virus in your prayers, especially those within our fellowship. Instead of despairing over all the many disheartening things that are going on in the world right now, may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!

### BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Class – Now: Lutheran Spokesman    Up Next: Apostle's Creed

Sunday School – Now: Jailer of Philippi    Up Next: The Fiery Furnace

**APOLOGIES** – Yesterday for our Christmas Day service, we did a lessons and carols format. In adapting a pre-existing order of worship, I didn't realize that the readings were intended to be *sections* of each chapter rather than nine entire chapters. I realize that is a lot of reading for one service and I pray that, despite my error, those present were edified by the hearing of the Word. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

**NO NEW YEAR'S SERVICES** – There will be no New Year's Eve or Day services at Trinity this year. You are encouraged to attend or tune into our sister congregation Gethsemane's services ([gethsemanecl.org](http://gethsemanecl.org)). May our God of ages past remain our hope and confidence for years to come!

**NO BIBLE CLASS** – There will be no Sunday morning Bible class next Sunday (1/2). We will resume our studies on 1/9 with a series on the Apostle's Creed with a special emphasis on how we can apply this knowledge to our prayer life. We hope you'll be able to join us!

**PASTOR ABSENCE** – Pastor Naumann will be away from the parish from Monday 12/27 until Tuesday 1/6. If an emergency should arise, please contact our congregation president, Dennis Lux (contact info on bulletin cover), or Pastor Eichstadt (507-380-1068).

**2022 CLC Mission Helper Trip** – Missionary Todd Ohlmann recently returned from Tanzania and reports that there are many new opportunities for Child Evangelism, especially among the Maasai tribes. The pastors of the CLC-Tanzania and CLC-Zambia are very eager and excited to host volunteers again in July of 2022. The deadline for applications is January 10th. Find more information and apply online at: [mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa](http://mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa)

#### PRAYERS REQUESTED

- Pastor Frank Gantt and his family recently experienced an electrical fire in their home in Loganville, GA. The fire was contained in a single bedroom, limiting the physical damage. While they have been displaced from their home, they are thankful to the Lord for the limited damage and that there was no injury or harm to anyone. While they are wrestling with the issues of dealing with this trial during the Christmas season, they are confident that the Lord only chastens those whom He loves.
- Kathy Conway's husband, Bob, had a leg adjustment to help with his recovery from knee replacement surgery which went well. Please keep Bob's recovery in your prayers.
- A friend of Kathy Conway's has a daughter named Becky who is suffering with a leg infection along with other serious health complications. Please keep Becky in your prayers during the coming weeks, that the Lord would grant strength and healing to Becky and her family.

#### CALL NEWS:

- Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School, Phoenix, AZ, has returned the call to be the upper grade teacher of Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE.

- Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has returned the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA.
- Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Florida, has accepted the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.
- Mr. Nathan Wales of Columbia, SC, has received the call to Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN, to serve as principal and teacher for grades 5 -8, beginning with the 2022 school year.
- ILC Professor John Ude has received the call to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN

	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Offering</b>
<b>12/5/21</b>	19	\$2050
<b>12/8/21</b>	13	\$95
<b>12/12/21</b>	21	\$879
<b>12/15/21</b>	9	\$200

<b>JANUARY CLEANING SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>North Entry</b>	<b>Lux</b>
<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>Everett</b>
<b>Basement</b>	<b>Estes</b>

