

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



CHRISTMAS DAY

(Note: “The Nine Lessons” is an order of worship which for centuries has been used among believers to celebrate Christmas. This morning we adapt this service to our own joyous commemoration of the Savior’s birth. As is traditional, the lessons will be read in the King James Version.)

The Opening Prayer

Hymn #84 vv. 1, 2, 6 “Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn”

PIn the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CAmen.

PIf we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

CBut if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

PLet us then confess our sins to God our Father.

CMost merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive

us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Ps. 93:1–2, 5; antiphon: Is. 9:2

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shined.

The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;

the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

Yes, the world is established;

it shall never be moved.

Your throne is established from of old;

you are from everlasting.

Your decrees are very trustworthy;

holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shined.

The Collect for Christmas Day

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, You gave Your eternal Word to become incarnate of the virgin Mary. Grant Your people grace to put away fleshly lusts, that they may be ready for Your visitation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives

and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

* **THE FIRST LESSON...**Genesis, chapter three
Hymn #369 vv 1, 4-6 “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

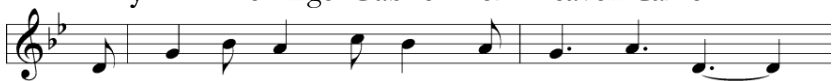
* **THE SECOND LESSON...**Genesis, chapter 22
Hymn #97 vv 1-4 “Let us All with Gladsome Voice”

* **THE THIRD LESSON...**Isaiah, chapter nine
Hymn #106 vv 1-5 “The People that in Darkness Sat”


* **THE FOURTH LESSON...** Isaiah, chapter eleven
Hymn #645 vv 1-3 “Behold a Branch is Growing”

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* **THE FIFTH LESSON...**Luke, chapter one
Hymn “The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came”



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 “For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
“To me be as it pleas - eth God,” she said.
In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



“All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
“My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God’s ho - ly name.”
And Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
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* **THE SIXTH LESSON...**Matthew, chapter one
Hymn # 114 vv. 1-6 “Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love”

* **THE SEVENTH LESSON...**Luke, chapter two
WS Hymn #715 “Where Shepherds Lately Knelt”

* **THE EIGHTH LESSON...**Matthew, chapter two
Hymn #127 vv 1-5 “As With Gladness Men of Old”

* **THE NINTH LESSON...**John, chapter one

The Offering - A Gift to the Christchild

Christmas Prayer, Lord’s Prayer, Benediction

Hymn #94 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Silent Prayer

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 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!

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