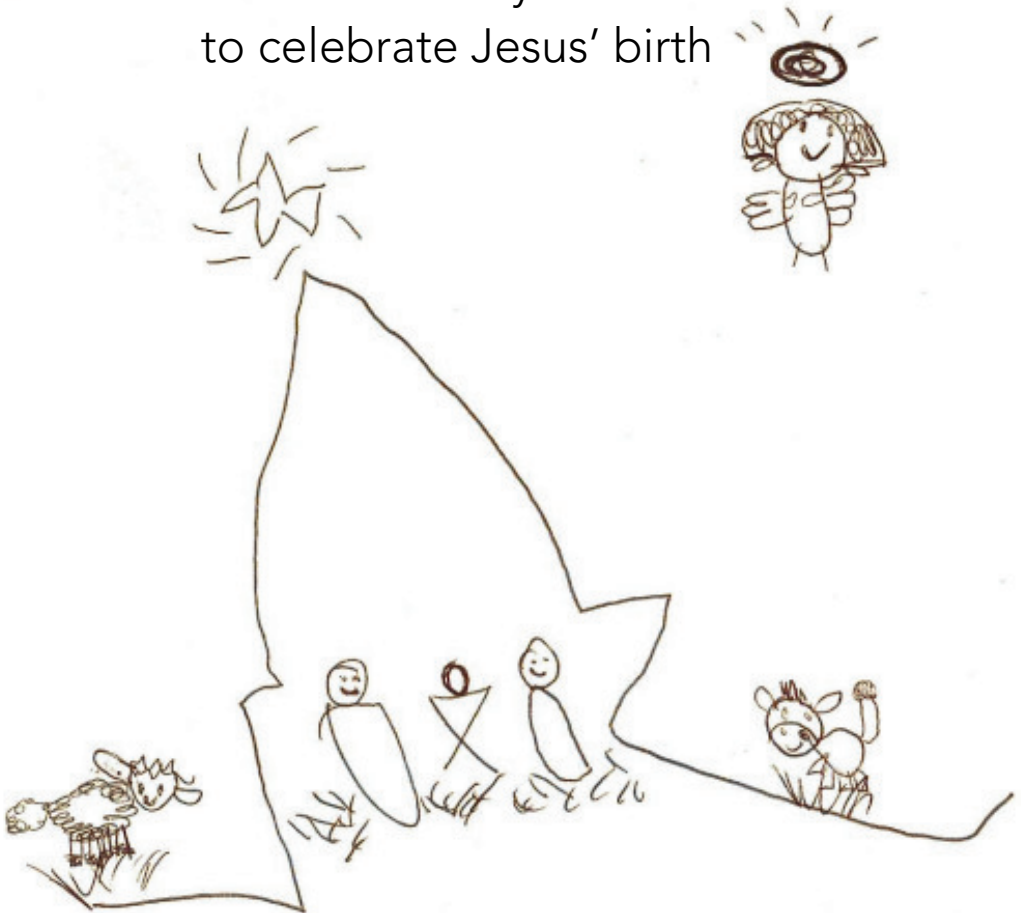


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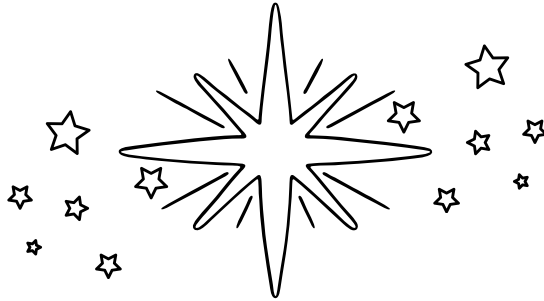
a child-friendly service  
to celebrate Jesus' birth



**December 24, 2025 - 4:00pm**

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church!  
Today's service is especially for excited, wiggly  
children. If you are a visitor, please know how  
happy we are to see you here!



## **Worship Services**

**Christmas Eve  
with Holy Communion  
December 24**

4:00pm - spoken liturgy  
6:00pm - traditional  
8:00pm - traditional with  
candle lighting

**Christmas Day  
with Holy Communion  
December 25**

10:00am - traditional

## **Contact Us**

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**O Come, All Ye Faithful**  
**ELW #283**



O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him,  
born the king of angels:

*Refrain*

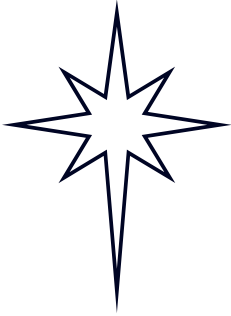
O come, let us adore him,  
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O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
in the highest:

*Refrain*

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Christ the Lord!





### **Isaiah 9:2-3, 6**

*Long before Jesus was born, God gave a message to the prophet Isaiah about a coming ruler. When we read this message, we think of Jesus - the child born to us who is the Prince of Peace.*

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned. You have made the nation great; you have increased its joy. A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and authority will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.



### **O Little Town of Bethlehem ELW #279**



O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.



## **The Story of Jesus' Birth**

*At this time, our helpers will come forward  
to help bring life to the Christmas Story!  
Our youngest listeners are invited to take a seat  
on the floor up front for a better view.*



**Luke 2:1-7**

*An angel had appeared to Mary with a message from God: she would be the mother of a special baby - Jesus! Later, when it was almost time for Jesus to be born, Mary and Joseph had to travel away from home.*

In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.



## Away in a Manger ELW #277



Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.



**Luke 2:8-16**



Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified.

The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

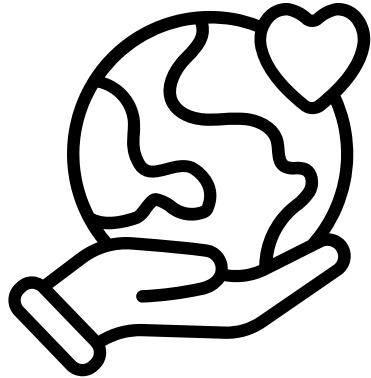
When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger.



## Joy to the World ELW #267



Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.



Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.



### Prayers of Intercession



Jesus, on this holy night we celebrate your birth. Help us as we share this good news! Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace. Send your gift of peace to all the nations of the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, you promise to be with us always. Watch over all your children, especially those who are sick, hurting, lonely, or sad. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, you are our greatest gift. Thank you for your love and grace.  
**Amen.**

## **Holy Communion**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.



Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.



## **The Lord's Prayer**



**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be 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.**

## **Distribution of Communion**

*Holy Communion is offered for all who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. The distribution this night will be by intinction. Receive the communion wafer (body of Christ) into your hand. Dip the wafer into the chalice of wine (blood of Christ). Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you cannot receive one element of this meal, please be assured that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine.*

*If you desire to receive communion in the pew, please alert an usher.  
Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing.*

***Please be sure to fill out the white communion envelope and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher so that we have record of your presence tonight.***



## **Blessing for After Communion**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **Benediction**

Almighty God,  
Father, + Son,  
and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**



## **Silent Night ELW #281**



Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from your holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace, Christ is born for you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Participants in tonight's Service**

Christmas Story Tellers

All the children and families who  
gathered with us tonight!

Liturgical Deacon

Jackie Mars

Lectors

Emma Felici

Accolytes

Mallory Hudson  
Kaden Shannon

Artist for Front Cover

Jane Yasurek



## **Join us again!**

Saturdays at 5:30pm - worship with spoken liturgy

Sundays at 8:15am - traditional worship

**Sundays at 9:30am - Sunday School for children & adults**

Sundays at 10:45am - traditional worship

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