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FOCUS Long ago Joseph, the son of Jacob, learned to see the Lord’s hand even in sorrowful circumstances. What was meant for harm, the Lord used for good. We learn to speak these words only by faith. Though the firstborn sons of Bethlehem suffered the ultimate cost because of Jesus, through Herod’s atrocity the prophet’s word was fulfilled. “Out of Egypt I have called My Son.” Once more we are reminded that nothing can prevent God from accomplishing His purpose, especially when that purpose is redeeming us from sin and its death and bestowing upon us everlasting life. Hidden in Bethlehem’s sorrow is the mercy of God. To voices crying from the pain of death come too soon, He gives the gift of life that death cannot steal. This is what Jesus is born to accomplish, and in Egypt He is kept safe for this saving work so that we and the infant sons of Bethlehem may rejoice in life stronger than death.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING of the BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

LSB 367



- 1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
Ye have seen His na - tal star.
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Refrain
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Galatians 4:4-5

L When the fullness of time had come,

C God sent forth His Son,

L born of woman, born under the law,

C to redeem those who were under the law.

Confession and Absolution

L Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask for Your forgiveness. Deliver me in Your mercy and restore me by Your grace that I amend my sinful life. Bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

L 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.

HYMN of PRAISE

"Gloria in Excelsis"

Haedger



1. Glo-ry be to God on high! Him we praise and glo-ri-fy,
2. Lamb of God, who bears our sin, Son of God and heav-en's King,
3. On-ly ho-ly, Je-sus Christ, Thank You for Your gift of life.



Him we hon-or and a-dore Gra-cious Lord for-ev-er-more.
Grant us mer-cy, grant us peace, You, the Lord our right-eous-ness.
Gra-cious Fa-ther, Ho-ly Dove High-est glo-ry, deep-est love!



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex-cel-sis De-o! Glo - - - - -



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

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SALUTATION and PRAYER of the DAY

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- L** Let us pray. O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 63:7-14

I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸ For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. ⁹ In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. ¹⁰ But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. ¹¹ Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, ¹² who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, ¹³ who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. ¹⁴ Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-23

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt
¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord
had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." ¹⁶ Then Herod, when
he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent
and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two
years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise
men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸ "A voice
was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her chil-
dren; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." ¹⁹ But when Herod
died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ say-
ing, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who
sought the child's life are dead." ²¹ And he rose and took the child and his mother
and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning
over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being
warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³ And he went and lived
in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be ful-
filled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SONG of the DAY "What Child Is This"

Chatterton Dix/Millard/Bryson/Scheuchzer/Cochran/Kipley/Shaffer

What Child is this who laid to rest On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping

Chorus: This, this is Christ the King Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud The Babe, the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh Come peasant king to own Him
The King of kings, salvation brings Let loving hearts enthrone Him

Raise, raise the song on high The virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born The Babe the Son of Mary

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (*Repeat*)

Nails, spear shall pierce Him thro' The cross be borne for me for you
Hail, hail the Word made flesh The Babe the Son of Mary (*Chorus*)

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SERMON

“What’s the Deal With Christmas?”

Rev. James L. Mayland

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER of the CHURCH *(After each petition, the following is said...)*

L Lord in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

GATHERING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

MISSION STATEMENT: *To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.*

VISION STATEMENT: *To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

MUSICAL OFFERING “What Child Is This”

arr. Leavitt

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

- L** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
L Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

- L** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS HYMN

(to the tune of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" LSB 380)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Hosts, by all a-dored!



Heav'n and earth can - not con - tain_ All the glo - ry of Your name!



Hail, ho - san - na, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh



In the name of God the King! Hal - le - lu - jahs glad we sing:



Hail, Ho-san - na! Prais-es due Be for - ev - er, Lord to You!

WORDS of INSTITUTION

The LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

PAX DOMINI

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI HYMN

(to the tune of "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" LSB 393)



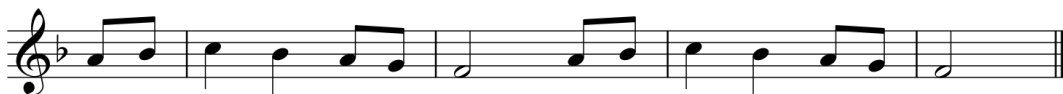
Lamb of God You came to save us And to take our guilt a - way.



Pour Your mer - cy down up - on us And for - give us when we stray.



Let Your peace now come up - on us. Let Your peace now come to bless us.



Lamb of God You came to save. Lamb of God You came to save.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.)*

Christ invites all repentant sinners to partake His feast of forgiveness – the Lord's Supper. LCMS communicant members are invited to examine their faith and receive the Savior's body and blood. Visitors wishing to commune should see a Pastor or an Elder before service. We ask this because we love you.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Once in Royal David's City"

LSB 376

"He Has Come for Us"

Ingram/Andrews

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

G Amen.

L Let us pray. O Lord, our heavenly Father, You gave comfort to the families of the Holy Innocents, that even in sorrow they might know the joy of Your presence and the gift of Your Son. So deliver us from our sorrows and comfort us by Your presence and grace, that we know the fullness of Your saving joy and trust in our Lord Jesus Christ without fear; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

L 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.

G Amen.

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Christ is born!

G Thanks be to God!

CLOSING SONG “Hark the Herald Angels Sing (King of Heaven)”

Wesley/Mendelssohn-Bartholdy/Ingram/Baloche

Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see Hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King

Chorus: King of Heaven come down King of Heaven come now
Let Your glory reign shining like the day King of Heaven come
King of Heaven rise up Who can stand against us
You are strong to save In Your mighty name King of Heaven come

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace Hail the Son of righteousness
Light and life to all He brings Risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King The newborn King (*Chorus*)

King of Heaven come down King of Heaven come now
Let Your glory reign shining like the day King of Heaven come

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POSTLUDE

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ACOLYTE:

TECH:

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

TRADITIONAL/BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

7:30am & 9am Sunday

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday

- **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*
- **LARGE PRINT**—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.
- **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**—for ages 3-6 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the Narthex.
- **NURSERY**—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 10:15am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 10:15am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- **RESTROOMS**—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.
- **JOINING TRINITY**—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.

VISION STATEMENT:

To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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