

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

- Sun:24** 9:00am **Online Worship Only**
NO Sunday School
3:00pm: Candle Light Service
4:30pm: Candle Light Service
- Mon:25** **9:00am:** Worship Service and Communion
7:00pm A.A. Meeting
- Tues: 26** **8:30am:** SAIL Exercise
NO Bible Study
- Wed: 27** **No WASS**
No Wed Night Supper
No Confirmation
No Youth group
- Thur:28** **8:30 am:** SAIL Exercise Class
NO Quilting
- Sun:31** **9:00am Worship**
NO Sunday School

The 2023 Offering Envelopes are in the Narthex. Please make sure to pick yours up.

2023 Confirmation pics are in! The are located in the Narthex.

Christmas Eve Worship Assistants

Organists/Pianists:

3:00: Judy Follmuth

4:30: Nancy Matti

Readers:

3:00: Randy Benson

4:30: Mapuana Evjen

Christmas Eve Ushers:

3:00pm: Thoe Family

4:30pm: Matti Family

Acolytes—3:00 pm: Meredith Faulhaber

4:30 pm: Drew Slaathaug
and Logan Swygman

Videographer: 3:00 pm: Lexie Hinsch

4:30 pm: Gavin Klauer

Children's/Youth Activities Resume in January

Sunday School resumes January 7.

Wednesday activities (WASS, Wednesday Supper, confirmation, youth group) resume January 10.

THANK YOU for your generous giving in 2023! Please help us to end this year strong financially. We are anticipating repairing our outdoor steps on the west side of the church in 2024. The bid for repairing the steps came in at \$159,800, which is much higher than we had been anticipating. Please prayerfully consider how you can help!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
HAYFIELD, MINNESOTA

Christmas Eve—3pm and 4:30pm

December 24, 2023

Prelude

*GATHERING HYMN “*O Come, All Ye Faithful*” (verses 1-3) #283

*CHRISTMAS LITANY:

P: The grace and loving kindness of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
Word made flesh, born of the Virgin Mary, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: On this night did God become a child.

C: Alleluia!

P: Unto us a Child is born!

C: Unto us a Son is given!

P: And the government shall be upon his shoulders.

**C: And his name shall be called: Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness
of the true light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light
of Jesus’ presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his
glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

*Hymn of Light:

“*Silent Night*”

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**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! 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!**

**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.**

*Benediction: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the adoration of the shepherds, the eagerness of the Magi and the peace of the Christ Child. May the blessings of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you this night and always.

(Extinguish the candles)

*SENDING HYMN “Joy to the World”

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*DISMISSAL: Go in peace, live in the joy of Christmas! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

SPECIAL MUSIC:

4:30 pm: "Christmas Hallelujah"

Matti Family

*Offering Verse: "What Child is This?" verse 1

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**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?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!**

The Lords Prayer (sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger")

**Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!
Your kingdom among us, Your will done the same
By mortals and angels, Come, Lord, reign alone
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.**

**The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;
As we forgive others, our sins take away;
In times of temptation, to lead us be near;
From evil deliver Your children most dear.**

**For Yours is the kingdom; O'er all things Your reign.
And Yours is the power; all things You maintain.
To You be the glory, resounding again
From all of creation, forever! Amen**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S LESSON

SPECIAL MUSIC:

3:00 pm *“O Holy Night”*

Harry Follmuth

4:30 pm *“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”*

Deb Oelkers

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

L: The Gospel according to Luke

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

[¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

“The Gift of Christmas”

Pastor Kristen Anderson

***HYMN** *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

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***CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION**

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem.

I believe in the One whose spirit glorified a little town; and whose spirit still brings music to people all over the world, in towns both large and small. I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today.

I believe in the one whom the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose life was among ordinary people, whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.

I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible.

I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother’s arms, whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at persons and made them see what God’s love saw in them, who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.

I confess my everlasting need of God: the need of forgiveness for our selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold.

I believe in God who gives us the best of himself. I believe in Jesus, the son of the living God, born in Bethlehem this night, for me, and for the world.