



## Christmas Day

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**AS WE GATHER**

At Christmas, our lives and attention are often occupied not only with the smaller details of the season—the decorations, the gifts, the special menus, the schedule of events—but also with those details of greater importance: family, parents and grandparents, children and grandchildren, as well as those of more distant relationships. In the person of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord. His incarnation and birth from the virgin Mary was a great miracle—God taking on our human flesh and blood. Greater, however, was His own sacrifice in our flesh, by which He has cast down Satan and his lies and raised up a new creation to new, eternal life. On this day, amid any and all distractions and details, the familiar hymn has it right: “How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!” (*LSB* 728:1).

**PRESERVICE MUSIC****OPENING HYMN****O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL****LSB 379, vs. 1, 2, 4****\*INVOCATION**

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

**\*OPENING SENTENCES***LSB 383:2*

- P The Word becomes incarnate and yet remains on high,  
C **and cherubim sing anthems to shepherds from the sky.**
- P Proclaim the Savior’s birth:  
C **“To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth!”**

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P The infant Christ—the radiance of the glory of God—came to make purification for the sins of the world, to swallow up death forever, and to be the light of life for those who walked in darkness. In praise of God’s mighty deliverance, we humble ourselves before Him in repentant prayer.
- C **Lord God, heavenly Father, we bow before You and confess that we indeed have walked in darkness; in the blindness of sin, we have neglected You, lost by our own fault. But we have seen the great light in the gift of Your only Son. Enlighten our hearts, our minds, and our lives by the forgiveness of our sins and the great promises of Your heavenly grace and mercy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- P God has spoken His promises by the prophets, and now in these last days has spoken to us by His Son. By the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, announce the grace of God to all of you and speak His own absolution: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

**\*KYRIE**

- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**\*SALUTATION**

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 52:7–10*

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings good news,  
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,  
who publishes salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

<sup>8</sup>The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;  
together they sing for joy;  
for eye to eye they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.

<sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing,  
you waste places of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people;  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

*Hebrews 1:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be to him a father,  
and he shall be to me a son"?

<sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

<sup>7</sup>Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,  
and his ministers a flame of fire."

<sup>8</sup>But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

<sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

<sup>10</sup>And,

"You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

<sup>11</sup>they will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like a garment,

<sup>12</sup>like a robe you will roll them up,  
like a garment they will be changed.

But you are the same,  
and your years will have no end."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**ANTHEM      LET OUR GLADNESS BANISH SADNESS      TRANOVSKY/VAJDA/HURL**

*TLO Adult Choir*

### \*VERSE

*John 1:14*

P Alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory,

C **glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Alleluia.**

### \*HOLY GOSPEL

*John 1:1-18*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that

was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **\*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 worshiped 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.**

**SERMON HYMN**

**A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER**

**LSB 383, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5**

**SERMON**

**THE WORD BECAME FLESH**

*John 1:1-18*

**\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After our petitions:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

**OFFERING**

*Please complete a worship attendance card and place in the plate as it passes. Those who support this church and its ministry by giving electronically are invited to place the "I Give Online" cards located in each pew in the offering plate as a way of participating in this act of worship.*



**\*PREFACE**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**\*PROPER PREFACE**

**\*SANCTUS**—*sung; tune LSB 161*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*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.**

**\*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**\*PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **Amen.**

**\*AGNUS DEI—sung; tune LSB 163**

**DISTRIBUTION** Distribution is at the rail, with both common cup and individual cup; de-alcoholized wine in center of tray. Gluten free wafers available by signifying to pastor/elder. Please use the pew cards to register your attendance at Holy Communion.

**HYMN**

**LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD**

**LSB 389, vs. 1–6**

**HYMN**

**O SING OF CHRIST**

**LSB 362**

**\*NUNC DIMITTIS—sung; tune LSB 165**

**\*POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**\*BENEDICAMUS**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**HYMN TO DEPART**

**LET OUR GLADNESS HAVE NO END**

**LSB 381**

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## Welcome Guests

We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to our pastor, a greeter or an usher. We love to make new friends!

**For those with small children**, a nursery is available, located in the narthex, if you need a place to care for your child. Children’s bulletins are in the narthex, or ask an usher.

**Restrooms** are located to the east end of the narthex near the main entrance.

**Large print copies of the worship folder** are available. Please ask an usher.

**At this service we celebrate Holy Communion.** Please speak with our pastor or an elder before communing if this is your first time receiving the Lord’s Supper at TLO. The light-colored wine in the center of the individual communion tray is de-alcoholized wine, where the alcohol is reduced to .05%.

### Serving our Lord this morning

Officiant: Rev. James Kroonblawd

Reader: Jon Peterson

Organist: Diane Streich

Usher: Terry Stoerzinger

Live Stream: Jim Nicklas

Elders: Matthew Berg and Jon Peterson

Altar Guild: Sharon Drews and Nancy Strand

Cantor: Andrew Koch

Acolytes: Isaac Koch and Beth Koch

Projectionist: Jean Peterson



“Let all together praise our God before His glorious throne; today He opens heav’n again to give us His own Son.” (LSB 389) During the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we lift our hearts and voices, praising God for the gift of his Son, our Savior. Thanks to the following musicians who glorified God with their talents at our worship services: Kristen Gutierrez, Andy Koch, Beth Koch, Isaac Koch, Susan Koch, Hannah Kroonblawd, Lynn Kroonblawd and the seasonal choir, Éowyn Prusak, Merlin Simon, Diane Streich, Ethan Swenson, Dave Workman, Marsha Workman, and TLO Sunday School children.



### Worship with Holy Communion Sunday, December 29 | 9:00\*am

Note there is only one worship service Sunday, December 29, 2024, and no Sunday school. Adult Bible class meets at 10:15am in the gymnasium.



### Sunday Worship Schedule beginning January 5, 2025

Worship —8:00\*am and 10:30am

Education Hour for all ages — 9:15am

\*Live stream at [www.trinityloneoak.org](http://www.trinityloneoak.org)