

**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

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**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
PRINCE OF PEACE**

**AS WE GATHER**

During the season of Advent, we have prepared to celebrate the birth of God’s Son, who was given the name *Jesus*—a Hebrew name that means “God saves.” However, in addition to His earthly name, Holy Scripture calls Jesus by various titles that describe something about His person or work. We will examine the four titles given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6—Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace—and will study how each of these titles describes something about *who* Jesus is and *what* He did for our salvation.

We long for peace in this world but fail to obtain it. Peace comes only through the gift of God in our Savior, Jesus Christ, come into the flesh for us at Christmas. He alone offers us true and lasting peace. Therefore, Jesus is given the title Prince of Peace. He rules over creation and gives us peace with God through His sacrifice for us, which also results in believers being at peace with one another.

**CHRISTMAS MEDLEY** ..... **TRINITY RINGERS**

**+PREPARATION+**

**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

**HYMN** ..... **PAGE 380**

**”HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING”**

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7*

Pastor: A reading from Isaiah, the ninth Chapter

<sup>1</sup>But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup>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.

People: **<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Pastor: <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: We give thanks for the eternal peace our Savior, the Prince of Peace, won, becoming one of us and dying for us. We must confess that we do not see much peace in the world, and we know that we have not been at peace personally. Let us therefore confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

**People:** 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 forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

**Pastor:** By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

**People:** Amen.

+WORD +

“O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL” ..... TRINITY RINGERS

**SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE NIGHT**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light.

**People:** Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven;

**Pastor:** through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**HYMN** ..... MEGAN HEITHOLD

“O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL” PAGE 379

**SECOND READING** Micah 5:2-5a

**Abby Anderson:** The Second Reading is from Micah, the fifth Chapter

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup>Therefore He shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of His brothers shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth. <sup>5</sup>And He shall be their peace.

**Abby:** This is the Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN** ..... PAGE 393

“INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY”

**PSALM** Psalm 98

**Pastor:** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

**People:** His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

**Pastor:** The LORD has made known His salvation;

**People:** He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Pastor: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**People All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

**People break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**People With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

Pastor: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

**People Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth.**

Pastor: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

**People 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.**

**HYMN** .....PAGE 356

**“THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME”**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 2:1–20*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!” <sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN** .....PAGE 388

**“GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN”**



**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. Let us pray for all who have not heard and believed the joyful news.

**People:** **Prince of Peace, give opportunity and guidance to the church here and around the world so that the Gospel may be proclaimed and fearful people may be released from their bondage to sin. Grant that they find in You the answer to their deepest needs.**

**Pastor:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray,

**People:** **for we pray in the name of the One whom You sent, the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

**Prayer:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

**LIGHT CANDLES**

*After candles are lit the congregation sings the following hymns*

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“AWAY IN A MANGER”

**HYMN** .....PAGE 363

“SILENT NIGHT”

***Extinguish candles***

**HYMN** .....PAGE 387

“JOY TO THE WORLD”

**DISMISSAL**

**Pastor:** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

***As Pastor and the congregation leaves the Sanctuary, the Trinity Ringers will play  
“Joy to the World”***



