



**CHRIST+THE
SAVIOR IS BORN**

CHRISTMAS DAY

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

December 25, 2025

THANK YOU for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

THANK OFFERING: Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

RESTROOMS are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

YOUNG FAMILIES / TODDLER BAGS – We are **GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN** to our worship service. Jesus said: *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but **DO NOT WORRY** about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Pre-school **toddler bags** and **children's bulletins** are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.

354 O Come, All Ye Faithful

CW 354



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 God from true God, and Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come_ ye to Beth - le - hem!
 born of a vir - gin, to earth he comes!
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee_ be all glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels:
 On - ly - be - got - ten Son of God the Fa - ther:
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:



Refrain
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

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Please stand, if you are able

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

LESSON 1: Genesis 3:8-19

"The Fall"

CHOIR:

"The Shepherd's Carol"

Carols so sweet, angels did sing.
As lately we watched o'er our fields through the night.
A star there was seen of such glorious light.
All through the night, angels did sing carols so sweet of the birth of a King.
All through the night, angels did sing carols so sweet of the birth of a King.

His throne is a manger; His court is a loft.
But hosts of bright angels, in strains sweet and soft,
Him they proclaim, our Christ by name,
And earth, sky and air straight are filled with His fame.

Then shepherds be joyful, salute your new King,
Let hills and vales ring to the song that ye sing.
Blest be the hour, welcome the morn
for Christ, our dear Savior, on earth now is born.
All through the night, angels did sing
Carols so sweet, for the birth of a King.
Carols so sweet for the birth of a King.

LESSON 2: Genesis 22:15-18

"God's Promise to Abraham"

CHOIR

"Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice"

Rejoice, angelic choirs, rejoice! Rejoice now, all creation!
Let trumpets loudly raise their voice to hail the Lord's salvation.
Let all Christ's holy priesthood sing the triumph of their might King
In festive celebration!

O earth exult in radiance bright, illumined by Christ's splendor!
 Your darkness now is put to flight; to him due praises render!
 Be glad, O Church! Sing out your songs! Your temples fill with shouting throngs
 To hail the glorious victor!

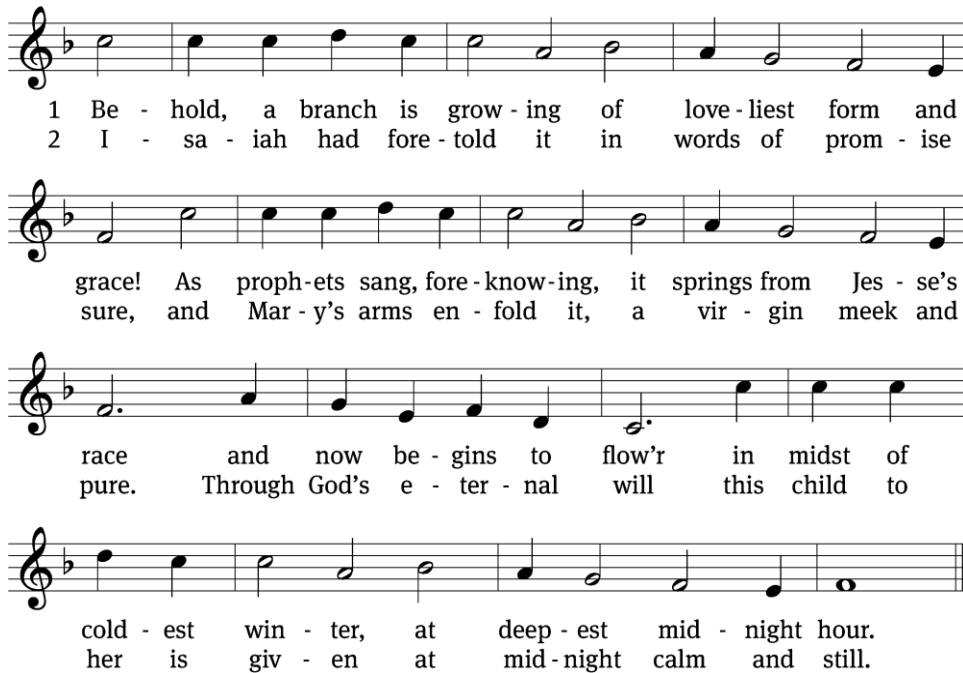
Let all who gather round this flame, the sign of Christ's arising,
 The deathless light of Christ acclaim, his saving mercy prizing;
 That all may live by faith in him who conquered death, despair, and sin
 To make us his forever.

LESSON 3: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

"Prophecy of a Coming Savior"

HYMN 360 vs. 1-2

Behold, a Branch Is Growing



1 Be - hold, a branch is grow - ing of love - liest form and
 2 I - sa - iah had fore - told it in words of prom - ise

grace! As proph-ets sang, fore-know-ing, it springs from Jes - se's
 sure, and Mar - y's arms en - fold it, a vir - gin meek and

race and now be - gins to flow'r in midst of
 pure. Through God's e - ter - nal will this child to

cold - est win - ter, at deep - est mid - night hour.
 her is giv - en at mid - night calm and still.

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LESSON 4: Isaiah 11:1-9

"The Prince of Peace"

HYMN 363 vs. 1 and 3

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, now raise to heav'n our voice;
3 Now through his Son doth shine the Fa-ther's grace di - vine.

he from whom joy stream - eth poor in a man - ger lies;
Death was reign - ing o'er us through sin and van - i - ty

not so bright - ly beam - eth the sun in yon - der skies.
till he o - pened for us a bright e - ter - ni - ty.

Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
May we praise him there! May we praise him there!

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Tune: German, 14th cent., alt.

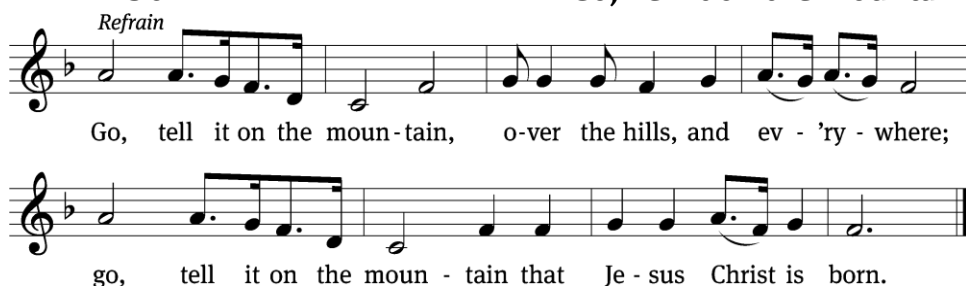
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LESSON 5: Luke 1: 26-38

"The Annunciation"

HYMN 361

Go, Tell It on the Mountain



Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills, and ev - 'ry - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo, a-bove the earth
- 3 Down in a low-ly man-ger the hum-ble Christ was born,



Refrain

be-hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho-ly light.
rang out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed our Sav-ior's birth.
and God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

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Tune: African American spiritual

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Please stand, if you are able

LESSON 6: Luke 2:1-7

"The Nativity"

HYMN 343 vs. 1-3

Once in Royal David's City



- 1 Once in roy-al Da-vid's cit-y stood a low-ly
- 2 He came down to earth from heav-en who is God and
- 3 And our eyes at last shall see him through his own re-



cat-tle shed, where a moth-er laid her ba-by in a
Lord of all, and his shel-ter was a sta-ble, and his
deem-ing love, for that child, so dear and gen-tle, is our



man-ger for his bed: Mar-y was that moth-er
cra-dle was a stall; with the poor and mean and
Lord in heav'n a-bove, and he leads his chil-dren



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LESSON 7: Luke 2:8-20

"The Shepherds' Visit"

Please be seated

HYMN 346

Angels We Have Heard on High



- 1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
- 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
- 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some ti - dings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.





Text: French; tr. The Crown of Jesus, Part 2, 1862, alt.
Tune: French
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LESSON 8: Matthew 2:1-12

"The Wise Men Visit"

HYMN 347 vs. 1, 3, 5

Angels from the Realms of Glory



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your
3 Ma - gi, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er
5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the



flight o'er all the earth; once you sang cre -
vi - sions beam a - far; seek the great de -
Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your



a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
sire of na - tions, you have seen the Sav - ior's star.
voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One.



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



wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Text (sts. 1, 3): James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.
Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879
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LESSON 9: John 1:1-14

"The Incarnation"

HYMN 350

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



- 1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
- 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
- 3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness!



peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
late in time be - hold him come, off-spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,



with th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

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DEVOTION

Please stand, if you are able

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal and gracious Lord, on this holy day we rejoice with hearts and voices because you sent your one and only Son from his majestic glory to save us from the slavery of sin and the agonies of death. He took on our human flesh that he might reveal your divine glory. He became our brother that we might become your children forever.

Give us quiet time to reflect on your love and ponder the miracle of our Savior's incarnation. Help us look beyond our gift-giving and gift-receiving, and discover the greatest gift: the forgiveness of sins and life with you. Put the joys of Christmas into the perspective of our eternal celebration, and lift our hearts to Christ, who is truly the center of the season.

This we ask in the name of the newborn King, born in Bethlehem and now living and reigning forever in heaven.

Amen.

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.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with his favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN 353

Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
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 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



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 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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