



In Our Hearts

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**congregation stands*

AS WE GATHER

But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. Luke 2:19 The wait is over. The Child Mary carried, the Savior she pondered, has been born for you and for your salvation. On this holy day, you are welcomed to the manger bed of your Redeemer as heaven touches earth and the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us. All through Advent, we have waited with Mary, hearing the promises, bearing the hope, watching for dawn to brighten the horizon. Today, we mirror Mary's joy as the promise is fulfilled. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not—*cannot*—overcome it. Come, let us adore Him—Christ the Lord—born of Mary, cradled in a manger, and given for you.

HYMN**HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING****LSB 380*****INVOCATION**

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

***OPENING SENTENCES**

- P On this Christmas Day, we light all four candles and the center candle, the Christ candle, on the Advent wreath. The Light of the World has come to make his home with us. Jesus Christ is born!
C **Shine through the darkness and light our path to you, O Lord.**
- P The Son of God humbled himself to dwell with us. The newborn Savior was wrapped in swaddling cloths and laid in a manger in Bethlehem, when there was no other place for him. The infant King was welcomed by Mary and Joseph, worshiped by shepherds and praised by angels. Today, we add to their praise by glorifying our Immanuel. To us a Child is born, to us a Son is given!
C **Enlighten us, O Lord, with your presence every day of our lives and forevermore.**

***CONFESSION**

- P On this day of our Savior's birth, let us humble ourselves in his presence and prepare to open our hearts before him:

(Silent reflection and confession of sins)

- P King Jesus,
C **In the busyness and consumerism of this season, we confess that we have strayed from its true center. We let gift-giving, gatherings and other externals drive our enthusiasm, rather than dwelling on your coming to us as our Redeemer. Forgive our diversion, fill us with joy and keep us oriented on you. Amen.**

***ABSOLUTION**

- P Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy! Today in the town of David a Savior has been born for you! He is Christ the Lord. In him, God has saved you from your sins. Go in his peace, glorifying and praising God for all that you have heard and seen.
- C **Amen.**

***PRAYER**

- P Father, on this glorious day we remember that your Son came to make his home among us. Guide us by his Light, that we may ever follow him on the way to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

REJOICE, REJOICE THE HAPPY MORN

LSB 391

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:7–10

⁷How 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."

⁸The 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.

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

¹⁰The 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.**

PSALM 119:9–11, 15–16

- P How can a young man keep his way pure?
- C **By guarding it according to your word.**
- P With my whole heart I seek you;
- C **Let me not wander from your commandments!**

P I have stored up your word in my heart,
C **that I might not sin against you.**

P I will meditate on your precepts
C **and fix my eyes on your ways.**

P I will delight in your statutes;
C **I will not forget your word.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Galatians 4:1–7

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:15–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*CHRISTMAS CREED (SPOKEN)

C **In God the Father we believe, the Lord of hosts his name.
All things from him their form receive; by his strong Word they came.
By him was all created in earth and heav'n above.
He made them all, things great and small, by his great pow'r and love.**

In God's Son Jesus we believe, who came at God's own hour,
Whom virgin Mary did conceive by Holy Spirit's pow'r.
He suffered and was buried, was raised at God's own call
To reign on high, and to draw nigh at last as Judge of all.

In Holy Spirit we believe and in Christ's Church on earth.
The saints, united, faith receive, a gift of precious worth.
He sanctifies and keeps us by his empow'ring love.
Forgiven, we the grave shall flee to live with God above.

SERMON HYMN

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

LSB 370

SERMON OUR DEAR CHRIST ENTERS IN: IN OUR HEARTS

OFFERING

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After our petitions:

- P O Jesus Christ, who made your home with us,
C **we treasure you in our hearts.**

*LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

*PREFACE

LSB 160

- 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**

JOY TO THE WORLD

LSB 387

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

***PAX DOMINI**

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

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	GENTLE MARY LAID HER CHILD	LSB 374
HYMN	INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY	LSB 393
HYMN	LET OUR GLADNESS HAVE NO END	LSB 381

***THANKSGIVING**

- P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

***POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

***BENEDICTION**

- P 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.
C **Amen! Glory to God in the highest! And peace to His people on earth!**

HYMN TO DEPART LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD LSB 389. vs. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7

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Serving Our Lord Today

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Acolyte	Isaac Koch and Beth Koch
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Live Stream	Jim Nicklas



“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: Andy Koch, Lynn Kroonblawd, Éowyn Prusak, Keith Prusak, Merlin Simon, Diane Streich, Dave Workman, and Marsha Workman.



Calendars, directories and offering envelopes

Stop by the table in the narthex to pick up your items for 2026: calendars, church phone book, and offering envelopes. By the way, if you want a box of envelopes and don’t see one for you, contact the church office and we’ll get you set up for 2026.



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 team. 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%.

Trinity Lone Oak welcomes you to worship with us anytime:

Sundays

- Worship at 8:00am and 10:30am.
- The services are identical.
- Holy Communion is offered on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays.
- Education hour for ages 3 through adult from 9:15-10:15am

Note: One service only at 9:00am on Sunday, December 28

