



“...O Bethlehem... from you will come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel.” - Micah 5:2

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AS WE GATHER

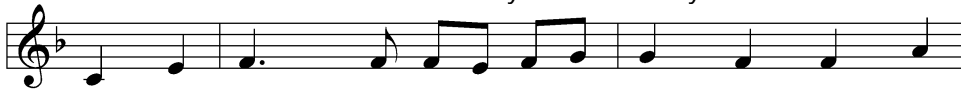
God’s covenant with David carried the promise of an eternal rule; that is surely good news at the coming of him who was born in Bethlehem, the city of David, Christ, the Lord. Tonight with faith we kneel at the manger, heads bowed in prayer and adoration, and voices raised in joyful songs of thanksgiving and praise, Jesus, the promised Messiah, the Son of David, is born.

PRESERVICE MUSIC CHRISTMAS FANTASY Mykolo Leontovich arr Douglas E. Wagner
TLO Handbell Choir

HYMN

Once In Royal David's City

LSB 376, vs.1, 2



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.

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***INVOCATION**

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

***LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C **the light no darkness can overcome.**
P Let Your light scatter the darkness
C **and illumine Your Church.**

***HYMN**

We Light the Christmas Candle

st. 5

5 We light the Christ - mas can - dle And sing with peace and
joy. Our hope is now be - got - ten In
Christ, the in - fant boy. God's love with us is
dwell - ing, All dark - ness now dis - pel - ling. We
cel - e - brate with light, For God makes all things right!

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***OPENING SENTENCES**

Psalm 144:3-8

P O LORD, what is man that you regard him, or the son of man that you think of him?

C Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow.

P Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down!

C Touch the mountains so that they smoke!

P Flash forth the lightning and scatter them; send out your arrows and rout them!

C Stretch out your hand from on high; rescue me and deliver me from the many waters, from the hand of foreigners, whose mouths speak lies and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P Merciful Father,

C We confess that we have sinned against You and against one another. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You desire. We do sincerely repent of our sins and ask Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, to come down and grant us forgiveness. Give us the will and desire to amend our sinful lives by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we come to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

***SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

***COLLECT**

P Let us pray.

O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

***THE PROCLAMATION**

John 1:1–5; Isaiah 40:9

P In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

ANTHEM

A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER

LSB 383, vs.1, 2

Soloist: David Workman

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 7:1–17

¹Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." ³And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?' ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

⁸Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the

pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, ¹⁵but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever." ¹⁷In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

PSALM

Psalm 144:1-2, 9-15

¹Blessèd be the LORD, my rock,
 who trains my hands for war,
 and my fingers for battle;
²he is my steadfast love and my fortress,
 my stronghold and my deliverer,
my shield and he in whom I take refuge,
 who subdues peoples under me.
⁹I will sing a new song to you, O God;
 upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you,
¹⁰who gives victory to kings,
 who rescues David his servant from the cruel sword.
¹¹Rescue me and deliver me
 from the hand of foreigners,
whose mouths speak lies
 and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
¹²May our sons in their youth
 be like plants full grown,
our daughters like corner pillars
 cut for the structure of a palace;
¹³may our granaries be full,
 providing all kinds of produce;
may our sheep bring forth thousands
 and ten thousands in our fields;
¹⁴may our cattle be heavy with young,
 suffering no mishap or failure in bearing;
may there be no cry of distress in our streets!
¹⁵Blessèd are the people to whom such blessings fall!
 Blessèd are the people whose God is the LORD!

EPISTLE READING

1 John 4:7-16

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

ANTHEM

SHOUT FOR JOY/MARY HAD A BABY

arr. Greg Gilpin
TLO Grades 6-8 Choir
Matthew 1:18-25

*GOSPEL READING

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

HYMN

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

LSB 380, vs. 1, 3



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
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;
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



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

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SERMON

Son of David

*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.

OFFERING

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*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.

*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.

*SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

*PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Praise to You, O Lord, for having kept Your Word and bestowing upon us the unmistakable sign of Your favor by giving us Your only Son. Grant to us faith that we daily acknowledge His goodness and live out fully the promise of our Baptism, doing the good You desire and avoiding the evil You forbid. In the fullness of time, bring us at last into Your eternal presence, where we shall be gathered before Your throne of grace forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Through Him, with Him, and in Him, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

THE DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

1 John 1:5–7; Matthew 5:14–16

Pastor takes the light from the Christ candle for distribution to the congregation.

Remember: tip only unlit candles towards lit candles.

P As the light of these candles illumines our faces, it symbolizes the light of Christ, the Child in the manger at Bethlehem, the Savior suffering our death on the cross and soon to come from His throne on high as Judge of all. He is our light here on earth and the eternal light who enlightens heaven, where there is no need of candle or sun. Rejoice, for the Light of the world has come, who transforms us with the brightness of His glory.

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

C If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

P But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

C and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

C Amen.

HYMN**Silent Night****LSB 363, vs. 1, 3**

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
 With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy



peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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CHRISTMAS COLLECT**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, in the wondrous events of our Savior's birth, You have fulfilled the promise You made through the prophets and delivered to us Your own Son as our Savior and Lord. Help us to meet Christ in the manger of His Word and altar and there to worship Him with joy and thanksgiving. Grant us to carry forth into our lives the wonder of this night and to keep in holy lives the song of the angels at His birth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit we honor one Lord, one God, now and to the end of the ages.

C **Amen.****BENEDICTION***Numbers 6:24-26***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!***Please extinguish your candle.*

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Serving our Lord this evening

Officiant: Rev. James Kroonblawd

Altar Guild: Karen Turnmire and Nancy Strand

Organist: Diane Streich

Usher: Gary Sheets

Livestream: Jim Nicklas

Elder: Kurt Vallin

Reader: Keith Prusak

Cantor: David Workman

Projectionist: Peter Olsen



On this night of Jesus' birth, we join our voices to honor our Savior and King. Special thanks to Tim Morris (trombone) and Caleb Morris (trumpet) for enhancing our worship with brass music.



Flowers on the altar are presented by Nancy Nord and Brian Nack in memory of their parents, Gloria and Roland Nack, and Nancy's late husband, Neil Nord. Nancy and Neil were married December 22, 1973.



Christmas bags for TLO members

Pick up a prepared bag(s) in the narthex and deliver it to the address on the bag. You will deliver Christmas goodies and smiles while receiving much more in return.



Worship Sunday, Dec 27

9:00am and livestream at www.trinityloneoak.org

Note: one worship service, adult Bible study, and no Sunday school Sunday, Dec 27.



Find the full list of our Bible studies at www.trinityloneoak.org or contact the church office at 651-454-7235 to get signed up for our engaging studies beginning in January!

Christmas Poinsettias



In Memory Of

Connie & Jim Kohn..... The Birth of our Lord and Savior!
Chuck & Joanie WachterCathy (Wachter) Jacobson
Irma BjorkDoug Bjork and Laverne Detlefsen other Loved Ones
Carolyn WeslingLoved Ones
Cheri & Bill Breitinger Darleen Orth, Mother & Grandmother
Herb Breitinger, Father & Grandfather
Jon & Jean Peterson..... In Celebration of Christ's Birth
Brook Peterson, Jon's dad
Beverly Gennrich, Jean's mom
Andy and Lana Siewert-Olson..... Our Grandparents
Leann Becker..... Warren Rector
Joe & Irlene Schuster.....Loved Ones
The Kroonblawd FamilyNicole Louise Kroonblawd
Leonard & Arlene Perron Lynne Sirvas
The Workman Family Wanda Groenendyk
Ronnie and Cindy Rahn..... Our Loved Ones
Teri Garrity.....Dad, Aunts, Uncle and Grandparents
Harvey Sell, Lucille, Dolores, Elroy and Fred & Erna Sell

*Plants may be picked up
following the Christmas Day service.*

