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Joseph O'Connor by Sophie M. O'Connor
Mr. & Mrs. Anton Rudawski by Sophie M. O'Connor
Dick Martley by Betty Martley
Bob Potter by Jane Potter
Bob & Virginia Potter, and Willard & Audrey Vircks by Jane Potter
Allan Cole by Chris & Anna Caldwell
Bill and Frances Christmas by Chris & Anna Caldwell
Bill and Betty Caldwell by Chris & Anna Caldwell
His father – Kevin P. Hartle by Thomas Hartle
Their parents - Neal & June Cain and Earl & Lourine Korn and son, Peter Korn
by Dave & Nancy Korn
Their parents - Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Rasche & Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hannahs
by Dave & Sue Rasche

TO THE HONOR AND GLORY OF GOD & IN HONOR OF:

Chris & Anna Caldwell by Connor Caldwell
Carolyn Culbreath by Sid & Rette Stokes
Their Children and Grandchildren by Dave & Nancy Korn
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*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a family of Christians saved by God's grace
to proclaim the good news to our community and to the world by word and action.*

LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE (4:00 p.m.)

Christmas Eve 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Christmas Medley" -arr. Tommy Brinkley

*Entrance Hymn "O, Come All Ye Faithful" Hymn #283

*DIALOG

L: The light shines in the darkness,

C: and the darkness has not overcome it.

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: and we have beheld Christ's glory.

L: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

*OPENING PRAYER

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Children's Message

The Lighting of the Christ Candle



Poinsettias may be picked up after the 11:00 p.m. service.
(Please leave the three white poinsettias in the manger as they remain in the Sanctuary throughout the Christmas season.)



TO THE HONOR AND GLORY OF GOD & IN MEMORY OF:

James Adams	by Connie Adams, Julie & Jamie
Al & Doris Stokes & Steve Culbreath	by Sid & Rette Stokes
Bill Christmas & Craig Lockhart Craig Lockhart	by Kevin Lockhart by Connor Caldwell
Florence Chute	by Leon Chute
Family, past & present	by Kati Smith
Their parents - Mr. & Mrs. Harold Holmes	by Bob & Susan Straup
Their parents - Mr. & Mrs. Allen Straup	by Bob & Susan Straup
The Rev. & Mrs. Luther Ballentine	by Mike & Bobbi Metz
Mr. & Mrs. B. L. Metz, Sr.	by Mike & Bobbi Metz
The Rev. "Jack" Fischer & Mac Thomas	by Pastor, Beth, Joshua, Jacob & Katie Fischer
Her parents - Jack & Doris Richardson	by Diane Richardson
Dan Corrigan	by Jamie Corrigan
Dianne Calloway	by Shelley Carroll, and Claude Calloway
The Dafoe Family and the Humyn Family	by Bill & Chris Dafoe
Gary & Elizabeth Vinson	by Bob & Jean Vinson
Their parents	by Robert & Vicki Allen

Presiding Minister - Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist/Music Director - Jill Helgeson
Ushers – Claude Calloway & Ernie Thoms
Nursery Keeper – Nancy Korn

Acolyte – Sandi Dickson
Communion Assistants – Rynde Dial & Beth Fischer
Video/IT Engineer – Claude Calloway

NURSERY

A nursery for small children, 3 years of age and younger, is available.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in honor of the Nativity of our Savior and in memory of family members by Dr. Georgia Lou Huff.

TO ALL WORSHIPPERS, MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ALIKE, we extend a cordial welcome to you at this special worship service. May the miracle of God's love, evidenced in the birth of Jesus, bring light to your life, increase your faith, and fill you with great joy and peace!

Sunday, December 31

One-Combined Worship

10:00 a.m.

No Sunday School or Potluck Meal

All offerings to be credited to 2023 must be received or postmarked by December 31ST. Offerings received after this date cannot be credited to 2023.

The 2024 offering envelopes are in the Narthex please ask an usher for your offering packet.



Early reminder, 2023 annual reports are due on or before Sunday, January 7. All 2023 Committee Chairs are to turn in a report to the church office.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Song of Prophets Isaiah 9:2-7 Sandi Dickson
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear #282, stanzas 1 and 4

The Song of Bethlehem Micah 5:2-5a Max Roehrs
O Little Town of Bethlehem #279, stanzas 1 and 4

The Song of Mary Luke 1:26-38 Jan House
What Child Is This 296, stanza 1

The Song of Christ's Birth Luke 2:1-7 Rynde Dial
Away In A Manger #277, stanzas 1-3

The Song of the Angels Luke 2:8-14 Rebecca Emanuel
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #270, stanza 1

The Song of the Shepherds Luke 2:15-20 Beth Fischer
The First Noel #300, stanzas 1 and 2

The Song of Christmas John 1:1-15 Rev. Stephen Roehrs
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice #288, stanzas 1-3

MEDITATION "WHAT CHILD IS THIS?"

OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY "*O Sleep, Dear Holy Baby*" - Carson P. Cooman

***RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

L: Glory to God in the highest,

C: and peace to God's people on earth.

L: Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

C: Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

L: Blessed are you, son of Mary. You share our humanity.

C: Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

L: Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C: Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world. Amen.

- *The Christmas Peace Is Shared
- * The Eucharistic Prayer (Lead by the minister with congregational responses.)

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
 Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
 Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
 Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
 Blessed are you in the prophets’ hopes and dreams,
 Blessed are you for Mary’s openness to your will.
 Blessed are you for your Son, Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance in me.
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of Faith
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
 We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
 We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.
 May your Word take flesh in us.
 Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The Lord’s Prayer
**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.**

COMMUNION We invite all baptized believers to commune with us tonight. Children not yet receiving Holy Communion are invited to come with their families to receive a blessing. Holy Communion this evening will be by **intinction** where the wafer is dipped into the chalice. The first chalice (silver) contains wine and the second chalice (ceramic) contains grape juice. To have the elements brought to you for communion, please notify an Usher.

***LIGHTING OF CANDLES** The ushers will light the candles of the first person in each row. Please pass the light to everyone in the row. Tip unlighted candles into a flame to pass the light. Please do not tip lighted candles.

***HYMN** *“Silent Night”* See Insert

***THE BLESSING**
 L: Let us bless the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

L: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

***THE CLOSING HYMN** *“Joy To The World”* See Insert

***THE DISMISSAL**

***POSTLUDE** *“He Is Born”* - setting by Lynn Arthur Koch

 (L) Leader (C) People *We Stand

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive its
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em -
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow Nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 ground; He comes to make his bless - ings
 prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -

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
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 ness And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.