



# First Sunday after Christmas

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### Mission Statement

*Trinity is a caring family where people gather to know, worship,  
serve, and share Jesus.*

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## Welcome

Simeon and Anna rejoiced when Mary and Joseph brought week-old Jesus to the temple. He was physical proof that God was keeping His promises made centuries ago. Firstborn males had to be consecrated to God because He had spared them at the time of the exodus. In our Psalm today, God promises redemption for His people, and in Christ we are His chosen people, holy and dearly loved, as Paul writes in the Epistle. Today is the Sunday after Christmas, and we focus on how we exhibit love, forgiveness, and peace, thanking God for His promises kept.

## Holy Communion

We believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, and that we receive the forgiveness of sins along with the bread and wine in this Holy Meal. As a "Family Church," we invite those who share this understanding, and who desire God's forgiveness and strength, to join with us in receiving Holy Communion. (Gluten free wafers are available.) If you have any questions, please speak to our pastor at any time. All worshippers are asked to fill out the "Fellowship Pad" in the pew and pass it down. After all have signed, please leave the pad at the end of the pew to be picked up after worship. Please stand where indicated with a ❖. Thank you!

## PRELUDE

"Noel #10"

- D'Aquin

## GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **SHARING OF THE PEACE** *We encourage you to leave your pew and greet new people!*

+ *Please stand and face the cross during the procession to the altar* +

## ❖ HYMN

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" LSB 358 v1,2,8,13,14,15

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| 1 "From heav'n above to earth I come<br>To bear good news to ev'ry home;<br>Glad tidings of great joy I bring,<br>Whereof I now will say and sing: | 2 "To you this night is born a child<br>Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;<br>This little child of lowly birth<br>Shall be the joy of all the earth. |
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8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,  
Through whom the sinful world is blest!  
You came to share my misery  
That You might share Your joy with me.

13 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,  
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,  
A quiet chamber set apart  
For You to dwell within my heart.

14 My heart for very joy must leap;  
My lips no more can silence keep.  
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue  
That sweetest ancient cradlesong:

15 Glory to God in highest heav'n,  
Who unto us His Son has giv'n!  
While angels sing with pious mirth  
A glad new year to all the earth.

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## CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

**P** *In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C** **Amen.** [Matthew 28:19b]

**P** *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** [I John 1:8-9]

+ *Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination* +

**P** *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

[John 20:19-23]

**C** **Amen.**

## ❖ HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God in the Highest*



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### ❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** *The Lord be with you.*



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** *Let us pray.*

*O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature.*

**C** **Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us;**  
**P** *through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C** **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

The Lord said to Moses, "Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine."

Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the Lord brought you out from this place.

"When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord's. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'

**R** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

Colossians 3:12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**R** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **ALLELUIA** (*Sing twice before the Gospel and once after*)

LSB 952

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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❖ **GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 2:22-40

**P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.*

**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
 according to your word;  
 for my eyes have seen your salvation  
 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
 and for glory to your people Israel.”

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very

hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

**P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

❖ **HYMN OF THE DAY** "Let All Together Praise Our God" LSB 389

**SERMON** Pastor John Hopkins

+ Please turn and face your fellow members across the center aisle +

❖ **CHRISTMAS CREED**

**I believe in God the Father, Creator of all things, who sent His Son as My Savior.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, my LORD, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Born of the virgin Mary, announced by angels, worshipped by the wise men, who lived to suffer, die and rise again, to free me from sin, death and the power of the devil.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ and by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ, my worship, my life, my love; to live under Him as my King, both now and forevermore. Amen.**

❖ **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**A** *Lord, in your mercy,*

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**OFFERING VOLUNTARY**

(6:30) "From Heaven Above" – Pachelbel

(9:00) "Laudamus Te" – Vivaldi

Donna and Rachel Hopkins, *sopranos*

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.

+ Please pass the Fellowship Pad at this time +

❖ OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

❖ PREFACE

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** And al - so 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.

- P** *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

#### ❖ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### ❖ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- 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.

#### ❖ 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.

❖ **AGNUS DEI** *Lamb of God*

**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

<b>DISTRIBUTION HYMNS</b>	“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”	LSB 374
	“Away in a Manger”	LSB 364

❖ **NUNC DIMITTIS** *Song of Simeon*

**C** Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -  
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -  
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
 veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

❖ **CLOSING PRAYER**

- A** *Let us pray.*  
*We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, ever reflecting to all the nations the light of Your glory and peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*
- C** **Amen.**

❖ **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** A - men.

+ *Please stand and face the cross during the recession from the altar.* +

❖ **HYMN** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" LSB 367

❖ **DISMISSAL**

- A** *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*  
**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE** 'Fugato-Finale on "From Heaven Above"' - Pelz

## **UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES**

### **Saturday/Sunday                      January 5/6**

5:00 PM            Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion  
9:00 AM            Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 AM          Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

### **Saturday/Sunday                      January 12/13**

5:00 PM            Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion  
9:00 AM            Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 AM          Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion