



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, January 8, 2023  
Baptism of Our Lord  
Celebrating our 144<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Holy Communion – 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

*Welcome to Holy Trinity!*

*Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us.*

*We proclaim ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation to all of God's creatures welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status.*

*We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space through the protection against oppression internally, in institutions, interpersonally and structurally.*

*We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.*

*We invite you to share your story and your worship experience!  
Check-in and share on any of our social media platforms using #poweroftrinity.*

*You can find us on Facebook @holytrinitybuffalo,  
on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff*

*Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways*

## **INTRODUCTION**

*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*

## **PRELUDE**

*Greensleeves*

Richard Purvis  
(1913-1994)

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(10:30)**

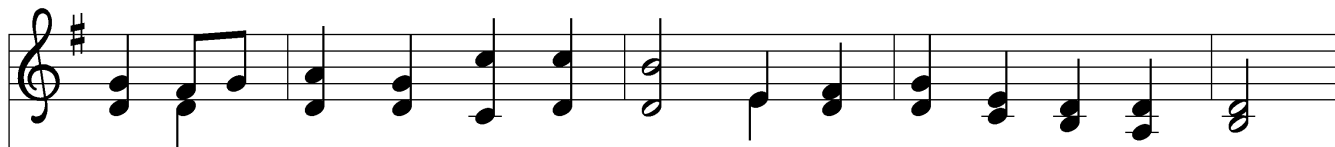
**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

*Please stand as you are able.*

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*As with Gladness Men of Old* "Dix"

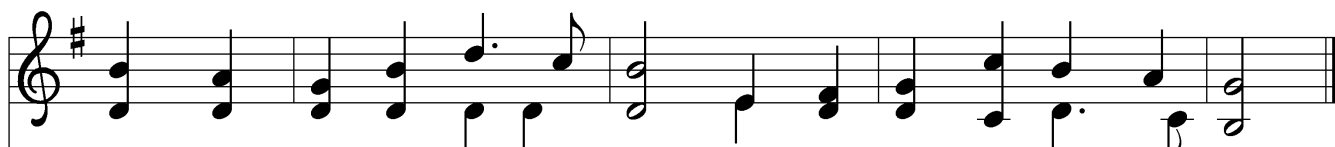
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1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.  
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.  
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.



## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*(10:30)*

*You are invited to kneel or sit, as you are able.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.**

**Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

*(10:30)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**(10:30)**

**A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Richard Neal

### **First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9**

The first reading for the Baptism of Our Lord is recorded in Isaiah, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold,

my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;

he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice,

or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,

and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice

in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,

who created the heavens and stretched them out,

who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it

and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**(8:30)**

## **THE SOLO**

*This is My Father's World*

Traditional English Melody

Arr. Richard Walters

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears all nature sings, and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair. In the rustling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world; oh, let me n'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King, let the heavens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

**(10:30)**

**THE ANTHEM**

*A Medieval Triptych of Three Latin Carols*

Text: Latin, from the Moosburger Gradualia, 1360

Roland E. Martin

(b. 1955)

*I. Ad Novum Annum (At New Year)*

Behold, there is a new year,  
the King of Heaven is born,  
the prince of the world has been caught,  
man has been made free.

It is the time of exulting,  
it is the Day,  
the Law has come,  
the King has come,  
so has the Fountain of Grace.

Therefore not in vain  
are the traditions of the prophets,  
peace has come to the world,  
oh illustrious people of David.

*Refrain*

Therefore it is right to play,  
to give ear to songs,  
to declare new praises,  
to sing psalms to our King.

*Refrain*

**SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43**

The second reading for today is recorded in Acts, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.



<sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

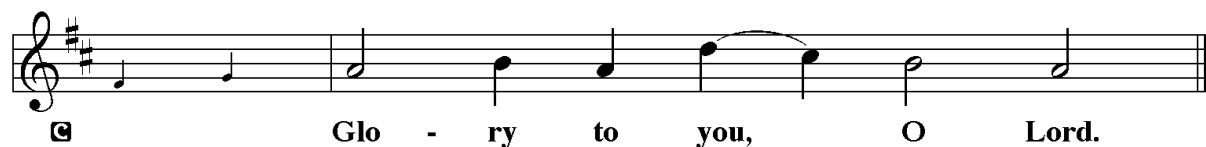
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

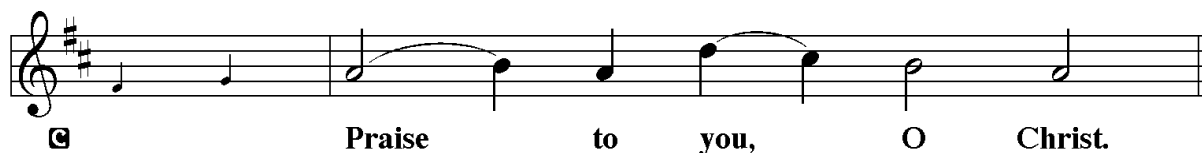
The Holy gospel according to Saint Matthew



<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

<sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON**

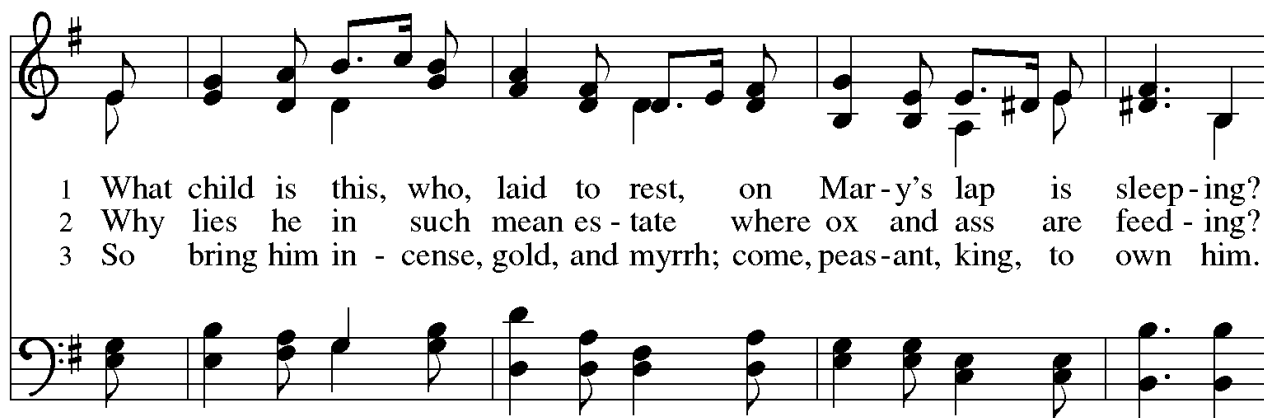
The Rev. Richard Neal

*Please stand as you are able.*

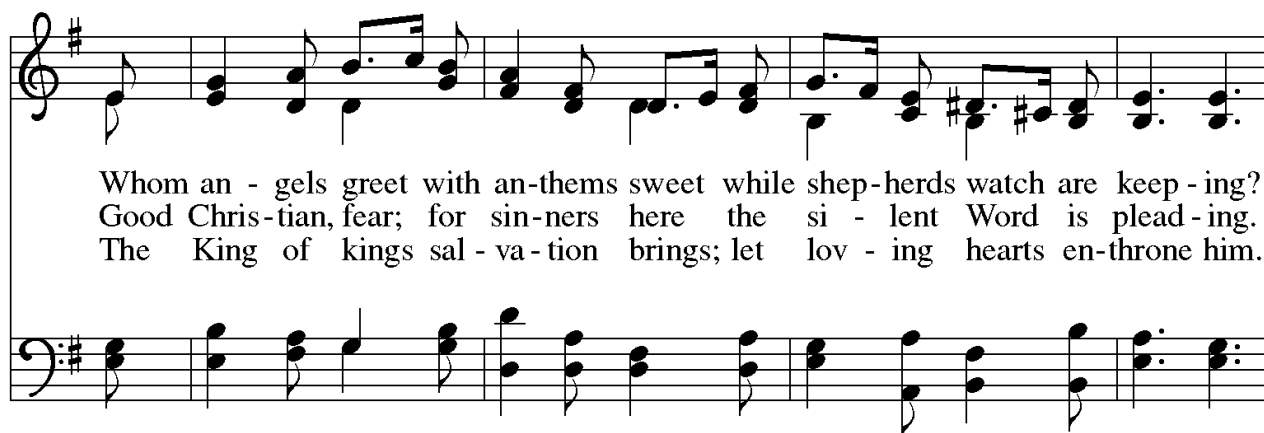
# SERMON HYMN

## What Child Is This "Greensleeves"

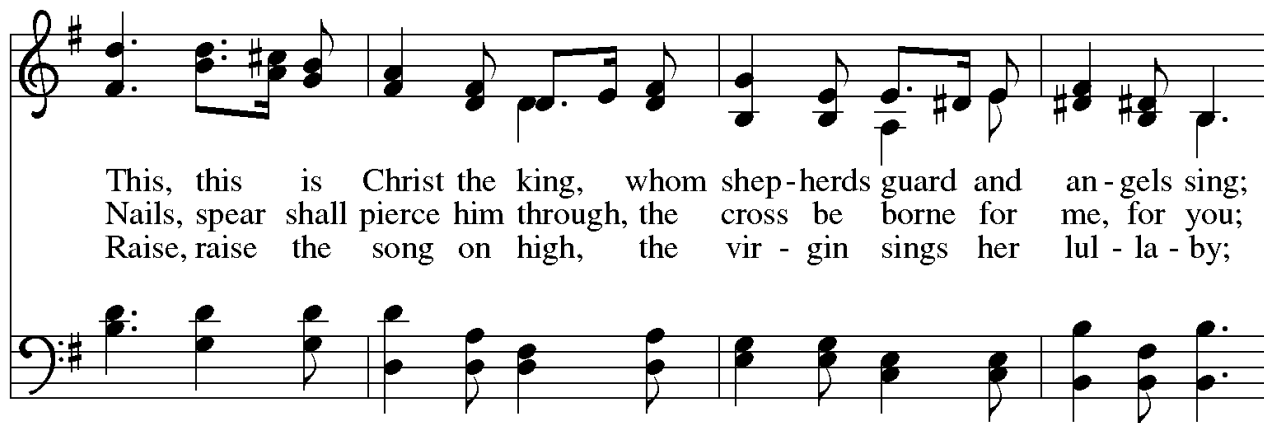
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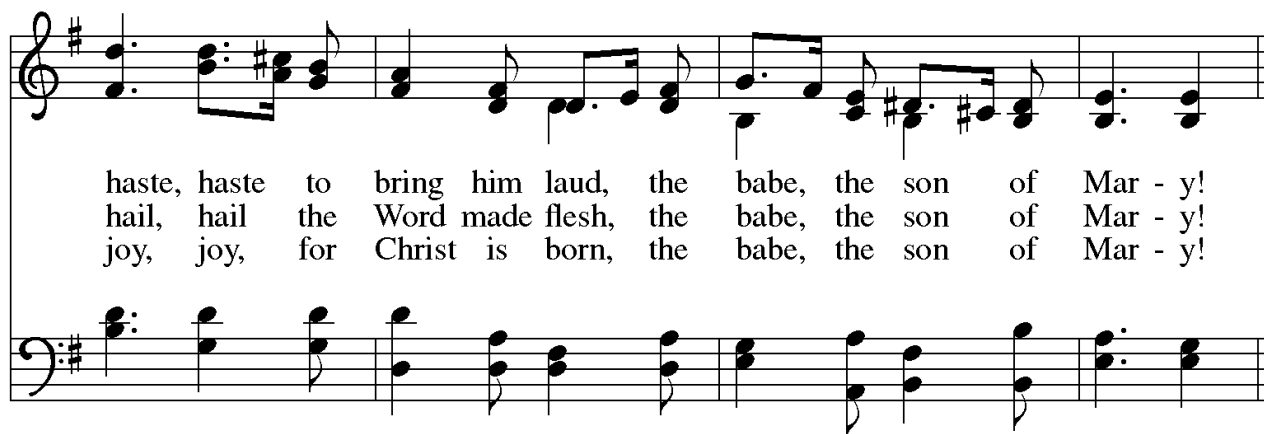
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith, and especially today, The Rev. Neil Kattermann. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Cleanse and protect oceans, rivers, and watersheds. Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue between nations. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving or experiencing crisis and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts ... Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Blessing God, in Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany the newly baptized, those recently ordained, and any beginning a new ministry. Inspire synodical leaders and congregational councils to serve with imagination and wisdom. We pray for all your beloved children, especially Charlotte, Genevieve and Tim. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Loving God, keep us focused on Your never -failing presence in our lives and within the life of this congregation. Encourage members of the Call Committee that their work will bear fruit. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Promising God, your faithfulness endures throughout all generations.  
We give thanks for those who have died in Christ, trusting that we will  
be united with them and all the saints in Christ's resurrection life.  
Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom  
and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated.*

## **THE OFFERING**

**(8:30)**

### **SOLO AT THE OFFERING**

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

Arr. Richard Walters

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter long ago.  
Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
But his mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.  
What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wiseman, I would do my part;  
Yet what can I give him; give my heart.

**(10:30)**

**OFFERING ANTHEM**

*Shepherd's Pipe Carol*

John Rutter

(b. 1945)

Dr. Julia Tunstall, *flute*

Going through the hills on a night all starry,  
On the way to Bethlehem,  
Far away I heard a shepherd boy piping,  
On the way to Bethlehem.

(refrain) Angels in the sky brought this message nigh:  
"Dance and sing for joy that Christ the newborn King  
Is come to bring us peace on earth,  
And He's lying cradled there at Bethlehem."

"Tell me, shepherd boy piping tunes so merrily,  
On the way to Bethlehem,  
Who will hear your tunes on these hills so lonely,  
On the way to Bethlehem?" (refrain)

"None may hear my pipes on these hills so lonely,  
On the way to Bethlehem;  
But a King will hear me play sweet lullabies  
When I get to Bethlehem."

(refrain, modified) Angels in the sky came down from in high,  
Hovered o'er the manger where the babe was lying  
cradled in the arms of his mother Mary,  
sleeping now at Bethlehem.

"Where is this new King, shepherd boy piping merrily,  
Is he there at Bethlehem?"  
"I will find him soon by the star shining brightly  
In the sky o'er Bethlehem." (refrain)

"May I come with you, shepherd boy piping merrily,  
Come with you to Bethlehem?  
Pay my homage too at the new King's cradle,  
Is it far to Bethlehem?" (refrain)

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Liberating God,**

**you break the bonds of injustice**

**and let the oppressed go free.**

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving**

**for all your works of merciful power,**

**and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

**You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,**

**Amen.**

## **OFFERTORY**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

ELW 885

“Old Hundredth”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

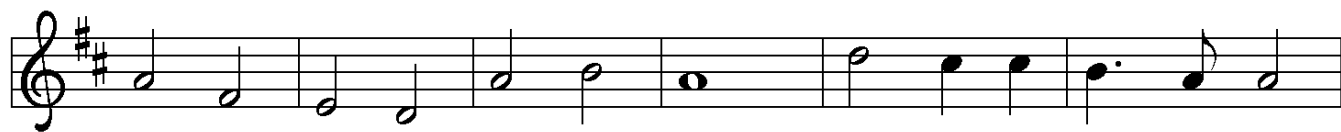
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



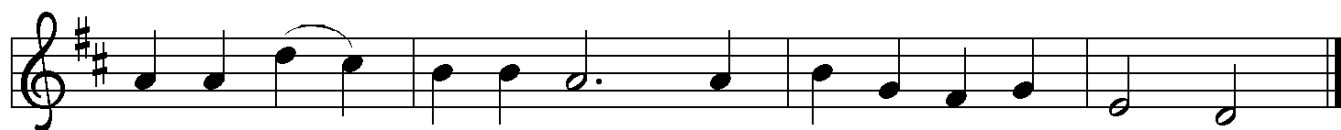
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 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**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## THE AGNUS DEI



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, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### *Invitation to Communion*

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Beginning with those seated closest to the altar, you are invited to come forward down the center aisle to the presiding minister. Receiving the wafer in your hand, you are invited to dip or “intinct” the wafer into the chalice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available by simply asking the Pastor as you are served. Portable communion cups are also available for those who are not comfortable sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion in-person. Adults or children choosing not to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so. Come eat and drink; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord.

**(10:30)**

**COMMUNION SOLO**

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

Arr. Richard Walters

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

Please see text printed at THE SOLO (8:30), found at the Offering.

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**

*The Christmas Candle*

Roberta Bitgood

Text: Anna Hemptstead Branch (1875-1937)

(1908-2007)

Organist/Choirmaster, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 1947-1952

Come, heav'nly child, and on this place shed the sweet halo of thy grace.  
O burning love, O heavenly fire, consume me with Thy deep desire.  
As in the holy Christ child's name this blessed wax shall feed the flame,  
so let my heart its fires begin and light the heav'nly Pilgrim in.

*Please stand as you are able.*

The body and blood of our Sovereign and Savior Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Holy One,**

**we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.**

**Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness,**

**and journey humbly with you.**

**Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod

✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.

**Amen.**

**(10:30)**

*God Be with You Till we Meet Again*

**William Tomer**

Text: Jeremiah Rankin

Arr. Katie Bang

Arranged 2008 in honor of the 25th Anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Charles Bang's ministry  
at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,  
sung on this day in honor of the Rev. Neil C. Kattermann on the 50th Anniversary of his  
ordination.

God be with you till we meet again.  
By His counsels guide, uphold you.  
With His sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Joy to the World* "Antioch"

ELW 267

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row 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 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  
and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

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.  
heav'n and na - ture sing,

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

Postlude on '*God of Grace, God of Glory*'

Paul Otto Manz  
(1919-2009)

*You are encouraged to take the bulletin  
home with you for future reference.  
Otherwise, please place them in the recycle bins  
at the entrance ways.*

*In Honor of Pastor Neil Kattermann's  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination,  
we invite you to join us downstairs in Redeemer Hall  
for refreshments and fellowship following the 10:30 Service.*

***THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY***

**SUNDAY, January 8, 2023 – Baptism of Our Lord**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Special Coffee Hour (RH)
- 11:30 a.m. De-greening
- 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class at Good Shepherd

**MONDAY, January 9, 2023**

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)
- 6:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous (RH)

**TUESDAY, January 10, 2023**

- 12:30 p.m. Women at the Well (FR)
- 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting via Zoom

**WEDNESDAY, January 11, 2023**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Meeting (FR)

**THURSDAY, January 12, 2023**

- 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

**SUNDAY, January 15, 2023 – Second Sunday after Epiphany**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)

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CH = Mansperger Chapel  
FR = Fellowship Room  
MR = Music Room  
SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room  
FI = Fireside Room/Library  
PS = Pastor's Study  
SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room  
MC = Main Church  
RH = Redeemer Hall  
YR = Youth Room





At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader is Pat Ulrich. Usher and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Adrianna Wareham.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Reader is Ron Pellnat. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Prudence Hollands, Kurt and Mary Kaufmann and Joe and Martha Kryszczuk. Acolytes are Tim Yap, Ellie Yap, Morgan Leiser and Rowan Leiser.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Honor of Tim's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday by Jeff and Jen Yap; and

In Celebration of our granddaughters', Charlotte and Genevieve, 7<sup>th</sup> birthday today by Ron and Donna Leiser.

Council Member Elizabeth Vihnanek will be at the Main Street entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Charlotte and Genevieve Leiser and Tim Yap.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

DE-GREENING of the church will take place today following the 10:30 a.m. service. All are welcome to stay and help. Lunch will be served to all who help.

POINSETTIA: Christmas flowers are available. Please feel free to take one for yourself, a family member or even a friend. They will be available following today's service.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at the completion of the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services. Agenda items include: approval of the budget and candidates for council.

2023 MONDAY BIBLE STUDIES will be led by our own David Ulrich (**9:30am session only**).

January 9: Martin Luther King, Jr. and his (often-misinterpreted) Legacy.

Starting January 30: A multi-week program – “America’s Sacred Texts: the divine and the profane in our civic religion.” How religious thought and political realities have shaped many of the most important documents in United States history. More specific details and dates will follow.

BAKE SALE; The Global Ministries team will be holding a bake sale on January 22, 2023, to provide funds to support the Haiti mission. We will hold the bake sale between the 8:30 and 10:30 services and also before and after the annual meetings. If you would like to help with baked items for the team to sell, we would appreciate this. Please contact Kathy Crissey at [kc1008@aol.com](mailto:kc1008@aol.com) if you are able to help with this fundraising event. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Looking ahead, the following dates are available - January 29<sup>th</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> - 1 or 2 vases. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at [msmarylschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:msmarylschmidt@gmail.com) or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

**CRISIS SERVICES:** For anyone feeling down, lonely or depressed, Crisis Services is available. Their hotline number is 834-3131 and are available 24-hours a day. If you are looking for counseling services, we share a partnership with Mr. Pat Greene, LMHC, and he may be reached at 716-361-4615.

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