



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship*, Setting II

Christmas Eve—The Nativity of Our Lord, December 24, 2023

In-Person at 5:00 pm & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" LBW No. 45

CHRISTMAS VERSES

A Child has been born for us, a Son given to us.

**He is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

GLORIA

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

The infant Jesus being hailed by angels as the Christ recalls oracles such as this, which promise a coming king. Jesus is the "wonderful Counselor and mighty God" who is with us.

SECOND LESSON: Titus 2:11-14

The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings the promise of salvation for all people. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/ALLELUIA

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" of the Savior's birth and proclaim God's blessing of peace.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"From Heaven Above"* **LBW No. 51, vs. 1-4, 13-14**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOMILY

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THE PRAYERS

PEACE

OFFERING *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by [clicking here](#).*

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"Torches, Torches"* John Joubert

OFFERTORY & OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

THE COMMUNION *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated*

Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.

COMMUNION HYMNS: LBW Nos. 40, 58, 67, 40

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE: *"Lord, Now You Let"*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CANDLELIGHT HYMN: *"Silent Night, Holy Night!"* **LBW No. 65**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* **LBW No. 71**

POSTLUDE



Christ is Born! Merry Christmas!