



**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship*, Setting II  
The First Sunday of Christmas, December 31, 2023

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** "Joy to the World" **LBW No. 39**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**KYRIE**

**GLORIA**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 61:10—62:3**

*To the people who returned to Jerusalem after the exile, the prophet proclaims that God's salvation will fully come to pass. Jerusalem will become a shining light to the nations and righteousness and praise will spring up as surely as the earth puts forth vegetation.*

**PSALM 148**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;\*  
praise him | in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise him, all you an- | gels of his;\*  
praise him, | all his host.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, | sun and moon;\*  
 praise him, all you | shining stars.  
<sup>4</sup> **Praise him, heav- | en of heavens,\*  
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**  
<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name | of the LORD;\*  
 for he commanded, and they | were created.  
<sup>6</sup> **He made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,\*  
he gave them a law which shall not | pass away.**  
<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD | from the earth,\*  
 you sea monsters | and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, | snow and fog,\***  
**tempestuous wind, do- | ing his will;**  
<sup>9</sup> mountains | and all hills,\*  
 fruit trees | and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup> **wild beasts | and all cattle,\***  
**creeping things and | winged birds;**  
<sup>11</sup> kings of the earth | and all peoples,\*  
 princes and all rulers | of the world;  
<sup>12</sup> **young | men and maidens,\***  
**old and | young together.**  
<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name | of the LORD,\*  
 for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over | earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup> **He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his | loyal  
servants,\*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. | Hallelujah!**  
**Gloria Patri (chanted after the psalm)**  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen**

## **SECOND LESSON: Galatians 4:4-7**

*Paul seeks to show the Galatians that the purpose of Christ's birth was to liberate us from the law's condemnation so that we would be fully adopted into God's family as beloved children.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/ALLELUIA**

### **GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40**

*Forty Days after Christmas the Holy Family bring Jesus to the Jerusalem Temple to be presented to the LORD. His family is devout in its observance of the law, and Jesus himself is recognized as God's salvation who will bring glory to Israel.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" LBW No. 50**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

## **NICENE CREED**

## **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:** *"Love Came Down at Christmas"* arr. D. Evens

## **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. 42, 41**

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

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

## **BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* **LBW No. 60**

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**