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*In the Beginning*

**2nd Sunday of Christmas**

**January 3, 2016**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 8**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

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**GATHERING**

*Congregation reads* ***bold print****. \*Please stand*

**PRELUDE**

**BELL**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Maker of heaven and earth,

the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life. **Amen.**

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God’s mercy.

God of peace,

**we confess that we are not at peace—**

**with others or with ourselves.**

**We bring to you all that tears us apart:**

**discord in our families,**

**violence in our world,**

**our own conflicted hearts.**

**In your mercy, mend us.**

**Reconnect us to one another and to you.**

**Let peace reign over all the earth,**

**through the Prince of peace,**

**our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace:

forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart.

Hear this word of God’s pardon and peace: in the name of ☩ Jesus our Savior,

you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come. **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG***O Come All Ye Faithful***ELW #283**

**\*GREETING ELW p. 184**

**\*KYRIE ELW p. 184 PRAYER OF THE DAY**Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

7Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.” 8See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. 9With weeping they shall come,   and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. 10Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.” 11For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. 12They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. 13Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. 14I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20** *please read responsively the* ***bold*** *print*

12Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,

13**who has strengthened the bars of your gates and has blessed your children**

**within you.**

14God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

 15**God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.**

16God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

 17**God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God’s cold?**

18The Lord sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow.

19**God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.**

20The Lord has not done so to any other nation; they do not know God’s judgments.

Hallelujah

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go* **ELW p. 188**

**\*GOSPEL: John 1:10-18 C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

10He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 14And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. 15(John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ”) 16From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** *Hark, The Herald Angels Sing* **ELW #270**

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED (*on the salmon sheet in the back of the red hymnal) or* ELW p. 189**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**PEACE** L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY** *Create in Me*  **ELW #188**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER** Let us pray.

**Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.** **Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE  ELW p. 190**

**\*LORD’S PRAYER  (Sung)**

**COMMUNION** *(All are welcome to join us to receive the body and blood or our risen Lord.)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

**Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.** **Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING: *Three-Fold Amen.***

**\*SENDING HYMN** *What Child Is This*  **ELW #296**

**\*BELL**

**\*SENDING** L: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C: Thanks be to God!**

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**Readings for Next Sunday:** Isaiah 43:1-7, Ps. 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Prayer requests

*We remember in our prayers…all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:* ***Bea Behrens, Agnes Carlson, Lisa******Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, and Danny Lang.*** *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 4**-Martha Circle meets at Marlene Breitbarth’s at 1:30 pm

Committee Reports for the Annual Report are due **TODAY!!!** Please send them in an email or have your page proof read carefully and then bring to the church office.

**THURS, JANUARY 7**-Open Bible study/Lois Circle at the Truman Café at 9 am.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10**

9-10:00 Sunday School

10-10:30 Gathering time w/kid friendly snacks

10:30 Communion Worship

*Reader: Zach Hansen, Comm. Server: Donna Kotewa*

*Ushers: \*Vern Quade, Dave Baarson, Jim Hansen and Zach Hansen*

**12:15-3:30 Confirmation U Classes**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**TRINITY’S ANNUAL MEETING**

**JANUARY 17TH**

**Immediately after worship**

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| **A New Year wish** |
| May the New Year bring us:  Enough happiness to keep us sweet;  Enough trials to keep us strong;  Enough hope to keep us lively;  Enough sorrows to keep us dependent upon God;  Enough failure to keep us humble;  Enough success to keep us eager;  Enough friends to give us comfort;  Enough wealth to meet our needs;  Enough enthusiasm to keep us looking forward;  Enough faith to overcome despair;  And enough determination to use every day  and situation somehow for good. |