



Welcome to  
**Trinity Lutheran Church, ELCA**  
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**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

**Our Mission Statement:** *Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we will share the story of God's love, forgiveness, and grace, and be faithful to God's Word and Commandments.*

**Sunday, December 26, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

**1st Sunday of Christmas**

† *Congregation will stand if able.*

**Prelude**

**"Deuxième Suite de Noels"  
"Votre bonté grand dieu"  
(Your Goodness, Great God)**

Claude Balbastre

**Parish Notices**

**Litany**

P: Glory to God in the highest!

**C: And hope to every discouraged heart.**

P: Glory to God in the highest!

**C: And peace to every conflicted soul.**

P: Glory to God in the highest!

**C: And joy to every downcast spirit.**

P: Glory to God in the highest!

**C: And love to everyone.**

P: Let us sing praises to our God.

**C: Let us offer this light against the darkness.**

† Prayer of the Day - read by all

Holy God of Love, there is light in our lives because of the abundance of your steadfast love. A love so vast, so deep, so real, that you became one of us. May we live within the power of this love. And may we share its light with a world where too many dwell in darkness. Amen.

† Opening Hymn #267      *“Joy to the World”*      vs, 1,2

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n , and heav'n and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods,  
Rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

**Psalm 148**      read responsively, congregation reads bold print

P: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**C: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

P: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**C: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

**C: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

P: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

**C: fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

P: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**C: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

P: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**C: Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**C: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!**

**Anthem**

***"The First Noel"***

arr. Linda R. Lamb

Hallelujah Handbells

**Reading**

**Colossians 3:12-17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with 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 the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs 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.

**Hymn #295 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" vs, 1,2**

*Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore.*

*Oh, that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,  
And the babe, the world's redeemer,  
First revealed his sacred face,  
Evermore and evermore.*

**Reading      Luke 2:25-40**

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**Hymn #296    "What Child is This"**

*What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

*Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.*

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come peasant, king, to own him.  
The king of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.*

**Reading      John 1:1-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And 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.

**Homily      "God in the Flesh"**

† Hymn      #277      *"Away in a Manger"*      vs. 1,3

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.*

## † 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.**

## † Sharing of the Peace

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

**Offertory**      *“Lo, How A Rose”*

Michael Praetorius

## † Offertory Prayer

**P:** God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

**C:** Amen.

## † Prayers of Intercession

P: Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

P: Your spirit calls your church to rejoice in Christ's birth. As we gather at the manger, help us see your face in all babies needing comfort and care. Equip the church in the nurture and encouragement of all children. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: The rocks and streams proclaim your praise. Attune us to the joyful sounds and groaning of your creation. Stir us to tend the earth wisely, that the whole earth may dwell in abundance and peace. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Your messengers declare your joy to the world. Embolden leaders and nations to make your justice and peace known throughout the earth. Uphold justice advocates and social service providers who risk their safety to help others. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: You choose those regarded as lowly to tell the good news of your love. Pour out your mercy and care on all who are sick, grieving, struggling, and the elderly who live alone especially Linda Rehtin, Ingrid Hoerz, Maggie, Mary Hennig, Charles Rennie, all those affected by the Waukesha Christmas Parade tragedy, Patrick Doughman, Louise Davison, Family & Friends of Lucille Licht, all those affected by the tornadoes in Kentucky, and Family & Friends of Edna Dobberpuhl. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: You abide with your people in times of trouble. Accompany families and children who have nowhere to turn. Strengthen this congregation and local ministries in their care for those fleeing danger, abuse, or neglect. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*(here other intercessions may be offered)*

P: Your grace and mercy extend to all. Give comfort to those who mourn, and assure them of the peace you have granted those who have gone before us. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

† **The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

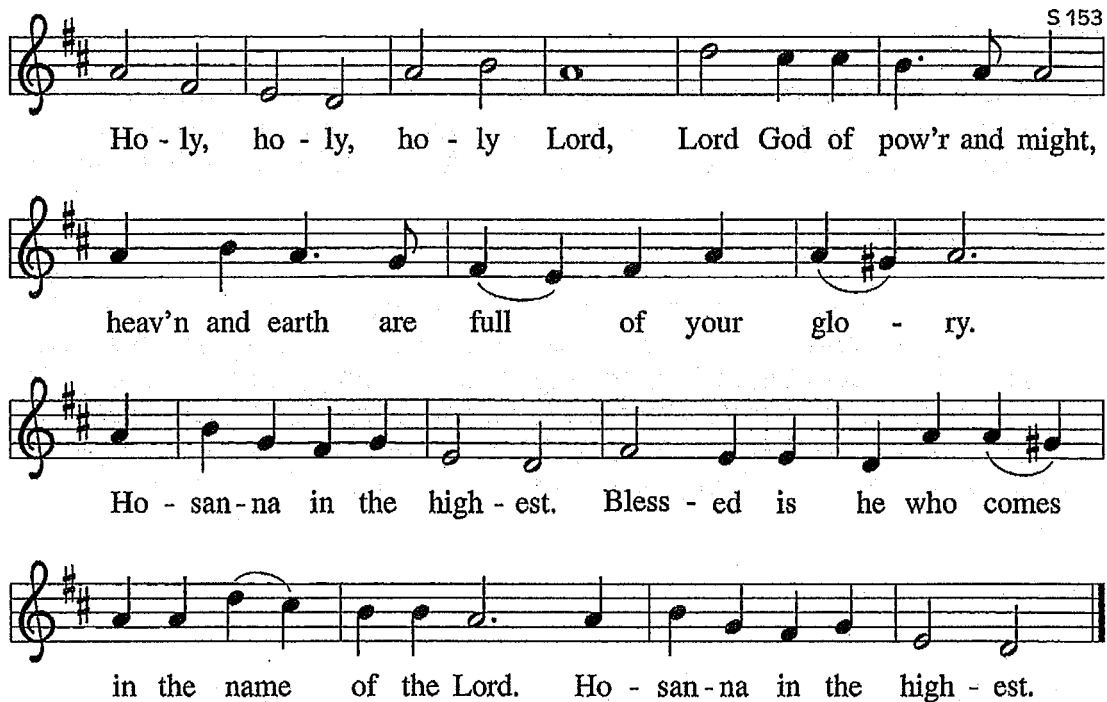
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Thanksgiving continues with the preface for the season; the assembly responds:*

† **Sanctus**      *"Holy Holy"*

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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.

† **Words of Institution**

† **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.**



## Invitation to Communion

P: In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.

## Communion

### † Prayer After Communion

L: We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.  
As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

### † Blessing

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,  
the obedience of Joseph,  
the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the determination of the magi,  
and the peace of the Christ child.  
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

### † Closing Hymn #270 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" vs. 1,3

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

*Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

## Dismissal

Postlude: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

arr. Mary MacDonald

Many thanks to all those who donated flowers to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas.

Given by

Brant & Carol Anderson

in memory of Ralph & LaVern Becker,  
Jean and LaVerne Anderson, and  
Jeff Anderson

Deb Clifford & Family

in memory of Jim Clifford

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Kim & Joanne Viesselmann

in loving memory of Art and Chad  
Viesselmann

Rich & Laura Weber

Brian and Ingrid Pierson

in memory of our parents

Linda Staley

Merry Christmas to all my friends at  
Trinity

Terry & Peggy Wagner

for shut ins

Rosa Cyrier

Patrick & Patti Doughman

for shut ins



**ASSISTING MINISTERS**

	Sunday, December 26 9 am First Sunday of Christmas	Sunday, January 2 9 am Second Sunday of Christmas	Saturday, January 8 5 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service
<b>Acolyte</b>	Usher	Usher	Usher
<b>Reader</b>	Carol M. Anderson, Bob Callies, Bennett Borkenhagen		
<b>Sacramental</b>	Bob Callies		
<b>Altar</b>	Julie Ische Kim & Joanne Viesselmann (poinsettias)		
<b>Usher</b>	Team 1: Jeff Miller Ron Sella Bob Jessel	Team 3: Scott Leppert Mike Reimer John Ische Susie Thoms	Team 3: Scott Leppert Mike Reimer John Ische Susie Thoms
<b>Flowers</b>			
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	No Coffee Hour		
<b>Live Stream</b>	Brant Anderson	Brant Anderson	Brant Anderson

The flower chart has been updated with the dates for 2022. Please consider signing up to provide flowers for a service. If you have something special you would like in the bulletin, please contact the church office by phone (262-377-0610) or email—[office@trinitycedarburg.org](mailto:office@trinitycedarburg.org). Thank you!

***ATTENDANCE & GIVING***

**Attendance** Sunday, December 19 9 am: 50  
YouTube views of December 19 service: 34

**Weekly Giving** *through December 19*

General Giving	\$	2,715.00	**we need to have \$4,182 in general
Property	\$	300.00	giving weekly to meet our expenses
Poinsettias	\$	150.00	

***Prayer Requests***

Linda Rehtin—sister in law of Jody Hoffmann  
Ingrid Hoerz—friend of Mark & Cindy Rennie  
Maggie—Nola Sella's sister in law  
Mary Hennig  
Charles Rennie—Mark Rennie's brother  
All those affected by the Waukesha Christmas Parade tragedy  
Patrick Doughman  
Louise Davison—Linda Staley's mom  
Family & Friends of Lucille Licht  
All those affected by the tornadoes in Kentucky  
Family & Friends of Edna Dobberpuhl

A reminder: any donations you wish to have credited for 2021 need to be in the church office by Friday, December 31 by 10 am so that we can get them to the bank. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 262-377-0610 or email at [office@trinitycedarburg.org](mailto:office@trinitycedarburg.org).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

26 9:00 a.m. Worship Service– Ser- vice of Lessons and Carols	27 Committee Reports due	28	29	30	31 5:00 p.m. New Year’s Eve Vigil	Jan. 01 Happy New Year!
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**Vanco** – The GivePlus application is ending. There is a new Vanco app to be used for Trinity Lutheran Church Cedarburg. See the directions below.

Make your donation online

Download the new (Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement) app from your favorite app store (It is Free)

Select your church (Trinity Lutheran Church Cedarburg) No commas

Add your payment information and set up recurring payments.

One-Time gifts can be made anytime.

If you have not made a donation online before, it is a very easy way to make your donation to Trinity. Vanco provides a video which is helpful.

In an effort to cut down on cost and waste, we are going to a “fill your own box” for envelopes for the coming year. Some of you use the Vanco online app, so don’t need envelopes at all. Some of you give weekly, some monthly, some quarterly. There will be a box of envelopes stamped to look very similar to the envelopes we previously had. The envelopes will be on the counter in the Parish Hall along with some empty boxes for you to use. The envelopes do not have a date on them. It is important that you put your name on the envelope so that it gets correctly credited to you. The cost savings on doing it this way is significant, over \$700 per year. Take however many envelopes you think you will need. If you need more over the course of the year, they will be available in the office.

Committee reports that are printed in the Annual Report booklet are due in the office by December 27. They can be emailed to [office@trinitycedarburg.org](mailto:office@trinitycedarburg.org) or placed in the secretary's mailbox.

Our Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 10 am in the Parish Hall. The Annual Report booklets should be available by January 1. They will be emailed out to everyone and hard copies will be available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

## **How the Light Comes**

I cannot tell you how the light comes.  
What I know is that it is more ancient than imagining.  
That it travels across an astounding expanse to reach us.  
That it loves searching out what is hidden,  
what is lost,  
what is forgotten  
or in peril  
or in pain.  
That it has a fondness for the body,  
for finding its way toward flesh,  
for tracing the edges of form,  
for shining forth through the eye,  
the hand,  
the heart.  
I cannot tell you how the light comes,  
but that it does.  
That it will.  
That it works its way into the deepest dark that enfolds you,  
though it may seem long ages in coming  
or arrive in a shape you did not foresee.  
And so may we this day turn ourselves toward it.  
May we lift our faces to let it find us.  
May we bend our bodies to follow the arc it makes.  
May we open  
and open more  
and open still  
to the blessed light  
that comes.

*~Jan Richardson, Circle of Grace*

## If you are visiting ...

Welcome! We're so glad you're here! Here's some information we thought might be helpful.

We love it when children come to worship! We have a nursery downstairs, if needed, and activity bags for younger children are available in the back of church for use during the service.

Restrooms and a drinking fountain are downstairs off the dining room. A handicapped-accessible restroom is located in the Parish Hall -- use the pulpit-side door in the front of the sanctuary.

Holy Communion is celebrated at every worship service. We believe that all of God's children are welcome to the Lord's Table. We practice "open communion," which means if you commune in your home church, you are welcome to commune here as well. Children who do not commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Please fill out a communion card (found in the pew rack) and give it to the usher as you come forward. If you desire, please share your contact information on the back of the card. You can also note on the card if you have a prayer request, would like the pastor to contact you, or are interested in membership. We receive new members in the spring and in the fall.

You're welcome to take any of the information from the back tables in the sanctuary, including our monthly Tidings newsletter and a booklet detailing opportunities here at Trinity.

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