

**Welcome  
to Trinity**

*No. 4201: Meditation at Table on  
Christmas Day, December 25, 1538*

This evening he [Martin Luther] was very joyful. His conversation, his singing, and his thoughts were about the incarnation of Christ, our Savior. Amid his sighs he said, “Ah, what wretched people we are! To think that we are so cold and slothful in our attitude toward this great joy which, after all, happened for us, this great benefaction which is far, far superior to all other works of creation! And yet how hard it is for us to believe, though the good news was preached and sung for us by angels, who are heavenly theologians and have rejoiced in our behalf! Their song is the most glorious. It contains the whole Christian faith. For the *gloria in excelsis* is supreme worship. They wish us such worship and they bring it to us in Christ

“Ever since the fall of Adam the world knows neither God nor his creation. It lives altogether outside of the glory of God. Oh, what thoughts man might have had about the fact that God is in all creatures, and so might have reflected on the power and the wisdom of God in even the smallest flowers! Of a truth, who can imagine how God creates, out of the parched soil, such a variety of flowers, such pretty colors, such sweet vernal grass, beyond anything that a painter or apothecary could make! Yet God can bring out of the ground such colors as green, yellow, red, blue, brown. Adam and those around him would have been elevated by all this to the praise of God, and they would have made use of all created things with thanksgiving. Now we enjoy all this to overflowing, yet without understanding, like cattle or other beasts trampling the most beautiful blossoms and lilies underfoot.

“For this reason the angels here [in the Christmas story] recall fallen men to faith and love, that is, to glory toward God and peace on earth.” (Luther’s Works, v. 54, p.326)

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**Order of Matins, p. 208**

Office Hymn #43

Psalmody: 93, 100, 63, Hymn #9, 148 (Handout)

Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12

Collect: Grant, we implore You, almighty God, that we, upon whom is poured the new light of Thy Word made flesh, may show forth in our actions that which by faith shines in our minds; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

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Church Cleaning– Dec 26/Jan 2 Baker, Jan 9/16 Weber

## Christmas Dawn Matins



**One Like a Son of Man** from *Das Neue Testament Deutzsch*. The image is from Martin Luther's (1483-1546) September Testament. John's vision of the one like the son of man among the seven golden lampstands. John is pictured bowing at his feet. Woodcut designed by Lucas Cranach, the Elder (1472-1553), a close friend of Martin Luther.

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## Christmas Dawn Psalms



### Psalm 93

*Whom have you seen, O  
Shep-herds?*

*Say, tell us, who is it has ap-peared on the earth?*

*We have seen the Child that is born*

*And choirs of Angels praising the Lord, alleluia, al-le-lu-ia.*

**People: The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majes-ty;**

**The Lord is clothed, He has girded Him-self with strength.**

*Surely the world is es-tab-lished,  
so that it can-not be moved.*

**Your throne is es-tab-lished from of old;**

**You are from ev-er-last-ing.**

*The floods have lifted up, O Lord, The floods have lift-ed up their  
voice;*

*The floods lift up their waves.*

**The Lord on high is mightier Than the noise of man-y wa-ters,  
Than the mighty waves of the sea.**

*Your testimonies are ver-y sure;*

*Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, for-ev-er.*

**Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son, \***

**And to the Ho-ly Spir-it.**

*As it was in the be-gin-ning, \**

**Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.**

*Antiphon Repeated*

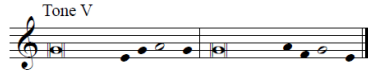
### Psalm 100



*The Mother gave birth to  
the King*

*whose name is e-ter-nal,*

*combining the joys of motherhood with the honor of vir-gini-ty;  
none like her has ever been seen, nor shall there be  
another, al-le-lu-ia.*



**People:** Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! 2 Serve the Lord with gladness;

Come before His pres-ence with sing-ing.

3 Know that the Lord, He is God;

It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pas-ture.

4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And in-to His courts with praise.

Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

5 For the Lord is good; His mercy is ev-er-last-ing,

And His truth endures to all gen-er-a-tions.

Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son,

And to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

As it was in the be-gin-ning,

Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men. *Antiphon Repeated*

## Psalm 63



*The Angel said to the Shep-herds,*

*"I bring you good news of great joy*

*This day is born to you*

*The Savior of the world, al-le-lu-ia.*

**People:** O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You;

My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no wa-ter.

So I have looked for You in the sanc-tu-ar-y,

To see Your power and Your glo-ry.

Because Your lovingkindness is bet-ter than life,

My lips shall praise You.

Thus I will bless You while I live;

I will lift up my hands in Your name.

My soul shall be satisfied as with mar-row and fat-ness,

And my mouth shall praise You with joy-ful lips.



When I remember You on my bed,

I meditate on You in the night watch-es.

Because You have been my help,

**Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will re-joyce**.

My soul follows close be-hind You;

Your right hand up-holds me.

But those *who* seek my life, to de-stroy it,

**Shall go into the lower parts of the earth**.

They shall fall by the sword;

They shall be a por-tion for jack-als.

**But the king shall rejoice in God; Everyone who swears by Him shall glo-ry;**

**But the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.**

Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son, \*

And to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

As it was in the be-gin-ning, \*

Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

*Antiphon Repeated*

## Hymn #9 All You Works of the Lord

*Benedicite, omnia opera*

**Antiphon for before and after Hymn #9**

**Antiphon for Hymn #9**

*There was with the / Angel*

*A multitude of the*

*heavenly host praising God and / saying*

*Glory to God in the / highest,*

*And peace on earth among men of good will, alle / luia.*



**Hymn #9 All You Works of the Lord** *Antiphon Repeated*

# Psalm 148



A Child is born to us this day

And He shall be called God, the Might-y.

Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

**People: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heav-ens;**

**Praise Him in the heights!**

2 Praise Him, all His an-gels;

Praise Him, all His hosts!

**3 Praise Him, sun and moon;**

**Praise Him, all you stars of light!**

4 Praise Him, you heav-ens of heav-ens,

And you waters a-bove the heav-ens!

**5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,**

**For He commanded and they were cre-a-ted.**

6 He also established them forev-er and ev-er;

He made a decree which shall not pass a-way.

**7 Praise the Lord from the earth,**

**You great sea creatures and all the depths;**

8 Fire and hail, snow and clouds;

Stormy wind, ful-fil-ling His word;

**9 Mountains and all hills;**

**Fruitful trees and all ce-dars;**

10 Beasts and all cat-tle;

Creeping things and flying fowl;

**11 Kings of the earth and all peo-ples;**

**Princes and all judg-es of the earth;**

12 Both young men and maid-ens;

Old men and chil-dren.

**13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, For His name alone is ex-alt-ed;**

**His glory is above the earth and heav-en.**

14 And He has exalted the horn of His people, The praise of all His saints—

Of the children of Israel, A people near to Him. Praise the Lord!

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