

Welcome to Trinity

#7 Part Two: Chapter IV. Thanksgiving for the Incarnation of the Son.

(Continued from Christ's Mass Dawn) To me

You were given—shall not also all things be given to me? My nature is glorified greater in You than it was disgraced in Adam through sin. Because You assumed into the unity of Your person [Christ has two natures, divine and human, in one person] that which was only accidentally weakened by Satan, You truly are flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone [Eph. 5:30]. You are my brother. What can You deny to me, to whom You are most intimately joined by the same essence of flesh and by the feeling of fraternal love? You are the Bridegroom [Matt. 22:2], who according to the good pleasure of the Heavenly Father, bound the human nature to Yourself as a bride by means of a personal covenant. With a thankful soul I proclaim and acknowledge that I too am invited to the celebration of this marriage.

I am no longer amazed that heaven, earth, sea, and all that is in them, were made by God for man, since for man God Himself ordained to become a man. Truly You cannot reject me and turn me away, since You cannot deny [II Tim. 2:13] that You Yourself are a man, and therefore my brother. Now You can never forget me because You have engraved me on the palms of Your hands [Isa. 49:16]. For Christ's communion with humanity daily and continually makes You mindful of me. Now You can never forsake me, since You, by the closest bond of the personal union, ordained to join the human nature to Yourself. However much, therefore, my sins hinder me from coming to You for mercy, nevertheless, the communion of the two natures in Christ will not allow me to be driven away. I will depend totally upon You, who totally assumed my totality, Amen. (from The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.35-36)

The Lord's Supper

Trinity Lutheran Church observes the Scriptural practice (Eph 4:3, 2 John 1:10-11) of communing only with those for whom their public profession of faith (congregational membership) is in agreement with God's Word and the correct exposition of Holy Scripture as found in the Book of Concord (1580). All who desire to receive Christ's Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins are asked to speak with Pastor Henson before coming forward to commune.

Trinity Lutheran Church is served by pastors who are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America(Eldona.org). --Those who are members of Eldona-affiliated congregations are welcome to commune after announcing to Pastor Henson.

--Those who are not members of Eldona-affiliated congregations will need to set up an appointment with Pastor Henson to discuss their public church membership.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Trinity Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until He comes.

Those who are not yet invited to receive the Sacrament are encouraged to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when our divisions will have ceased.

Weekly Calendar

- TODAY -Christmas Dawn Matins, 8:00 AM -Christ's Mass Day Divine Service, 9 AM
THURSDAY -St. Stephen, First Martyr, no service
FRIDAY - Divine Service on St. John, Apostle, 10:30 AM
SATURDAY -Vespers, The Holy Innocents, 7:00 PM
NEXT -FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM -Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM
TUESDAY - Divine Service on Eve of the Name of Jesus, 7:00 PM

Divine Service

Hymn ..... LW #41

Augustana Service Book & Hymnal

- + Invocation..... p.7
+ Confession/Absolution p.8-9
+ Introit..... (insert) [Pastor, then congregation]
+ Kyrie... p.10
+ Gloria in Excelsis p.11-13
+ Salutation..... p.13
+ Collect of the Day... (insert) Old Testament Reading Epistle
+ Gradual..... (insert)
+ Holy Gospel..... p.16 Nicene Creed..... p.17
ASBH #66 "Of The Father's Love Begotten"
Sermon
+ Offertory: "Create in Me..." p.18 The Offerings are gathered.
+ General Prayer..... (back) Hymn..... LW #241
+ Exhortation p.21

Lutheran Worship Hymnal

- + Preface, etc. .... p.144-151 Communion Psalm (by cantor)
Distribution & Hymns #48, #47, #58
+ "Lord, now you let ..." p.152
+ Post-Communion Collects p.153
+ Benedicamus/Benediction.... p.154-5
+ Hymn..... #51 Announcements

## General Prayer of the Church

*This day we will be using a prayer from "Prayers for Feasts, Festivals, and Holidays" from The Lutheran Liturgy (p.331-332).*

O THOU GREAT AND GLORIOUS REDEEMER, who art Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, Lamb of God, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Emmanuel, God with us! For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.

But chiefly at this time we adore Thee for leaving the glory which Thou hadst with the Father before the world began. We know Thy grace, O Lord Jesus Christ, that, though Thou was rich, yet for our sakes Thou didst become poor, that we, through Thy poverty, might be made rich. We beseech Thee, by the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation and Nativity, good Lord, deliver us.

Thou who didst come that we might have life and was called Jesus that Thou mightest save Thy people from their sins, be gracious unto us and save us. And grant that we, being born again and made the children of God by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit, and follow the steps of Thy most holy life; ever remembering that Thou gavest Thyself for us, to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify unto Thyself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Let the glad tidings which we commemorate this day be made known to all people. May the Root which hath sprung out of Jesse send forth

branches on the right hand and on the left. And as at Thy first coming Thou didst send Thy messengers to announce Thine advent and to prepare Thy way before Thee, we beseech Thee to grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight.

*Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

### Assistants

Elder – Cecil Plock (218-3064)

Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Altar Guild – LeeAnn Byrne

Church Cleaning – Dec 29 Field, Larry, Jan 5/12 Field, Bob

## Christmas Day



**Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (II:67a)**  
Jesus Lying in a Manger in Luke 2

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### Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation *And* increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup>For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning *and* fuel of fire. <sup>6</sup>For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

### Hebrews 1:1-12

<sup>1</sup>God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; <sup>3</sup>who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. <sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"? <sup>6</sup>But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him." <sup>7</sup>And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire." <sup>8</sup>But to the Son *He says*: "Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness *is* the scepter of Your Kingdom. <sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions." <sup>10</sup>And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. <sup>11</sup>They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; <sup>12</sup>Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will

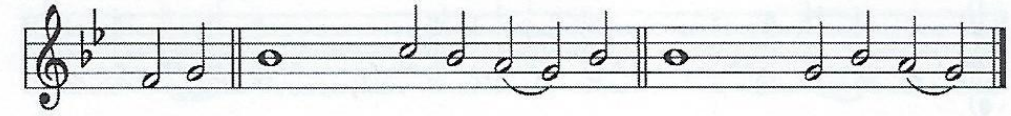
be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail."

### John 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. <sup>7</sup>This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. <sup>8</sup>He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. <sup>9</sup>That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup>He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup>But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

## THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (DECEMBER 24) (WHITE) PSALM 24



### Introit.

*Ant.* THE LORD, || hath said unto Me, | Thou | art | My | Son:  
this day have I be- | got- | ten | Thee.

*Psalm.* || The LORD reigneth, He is clothed | with | ma | jes- | ty:  
the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath gird- | ed | Him-  
| self.

GLO- RY || be to the Father | and | to | the | Son:  
and to the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and | ev- | er | shall | be:  
world without | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. repeated.*)

### Collect.

O God, Who has made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant, we beseech Thee, that as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light, we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

### Epistle. Hebrews 1:1-12

### Gospel. John 1:1-14

### Gradual.

|| Thy people shall be willing in the day | of | Thy | po- | wer:  
in the beauties of holiness from the womb of | the | morn- | ing.

|| The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit Thou | at | My | right | hand:  
until I make Thine enemies | Thy | foot- | stool.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The LORD hath said unto Me, | Thou | art | My | Son:  
this day I have begotten Thee. Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Feast of the Nativity

5. O Jesus Christ, All Praise to Thee

M. Luther, 1524

8, 8, 8, 8, 4.

Johann Walther, 1524

1. O Je - sus Christ, all praise to Thee,  
 2. Th' e - ter - nal Fa - ther's on - ly Son  
 3. He whom the world can not en - close

Thou who art pleased a man to be;  
 Now takes a man - ger for His throne;  
 In Mar - y's bos - om doth re - pose;

To dwell with men Thou dost not scorn,  
 The ev - er - last - ing fount of good,  
 To be a lit - tle child He deigns

And ang - els shout to see Thee born,  
 As - sumes our mor - tal flesh and blood.  
 Who all things by Him - self sus - tains.

Hal - le - lu - ja.  
 Hal - le - lu - ja.  
 Hal - le - lu - ja. A - men.

4. Th' eternal Light to us descends,  
 Its brightness to the earth it lends,  
 And purely shines upon our night,  
 To make us children of the light.  
 Hallelujah.

5. The only Son, true God confessed,  
 To His own world now comes a Guest;  
 And through this vale of tears our Guide,  
 Doth in His heav'n our home provide.  
 Hallelujah.

6. In poorest guise to us He came,  
 Himself He bears our sin and shame,  
 That, as His heirs in heav'n above,  
 We may with angels share His love.  
 Hallelujah.

7. His love to show, surpassing thought!  
 God's Son this wondrous work hath wrought;  
 Then let us all unite to raise  
 Our song of glad, unceasing praise.  
 Hallelujah.