

**Welcome to Trinity**

**#5 Part Two: Concerning Contemplation of Divine Gifts Bestowed**

The contemplation of divine gifts from the most beautiful garden of Heaven and the Church is like gathering together a bouquet of fragrant flowers. The scent of these blooms refreshes the spirit and calls forth from us the sacrifice of lips of praise, a sweet smell to God. These immeasurable and countless divine gifts may be considered according to the three articles of the Christian faith. God has created, redeemed, and sanctified us. He showers us in this life with the greatest gifts. He promises even more for eternal life. He gives us gifts of grace; He deprives and withholds evil from us. In short, we can grasp neither in word nor in thought the number and worth of those divine gifts which will be the most abundant subject of eternal praise in the coming life. (The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.30)

**Upcoming Services**

TUESDAY **-CHRIST’S MASS EVE SERVICE, 7:00 PM**

WEDNESDAY **-FULL MATINS ON CHRISTMAS DAY, 8:00 AM**

**-CHRIST’S MASS DAY SERVICE, 9:00 AM**

-No Learn-by-Heart/Catechesis Service

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**

**The Lord’s Supper**

The Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Please note that our practice of closed communion with those who are in fellowship with us—members of congregations of the ELDoNA—is not meant to offend, but is the historic practice of the Church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for God's people. It does not deny that members of other denominations may be Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Rom. 16:17) and the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42) is the central issue to the common reception of the Sacrament of the Altar. Therefore, we ask GUESTS desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service so that he may know that you are a member of a congregation in fellowship with Trinity Lutheran Church.

**Assistants**

Elder – Cecil Plock (218-3064)

Organist – Dan and LeeAnn Byrne

Altar Guild – LeeAnn Byrne

Church Cleaning – Dec 22/29 Field, Larry, Jan 5/12 Field, Bob

**Lutheran Worship Hymnal**

Service of Light ..... pages 250-255

Psalm 96 (insert)

Isaiah 9:2-7

**Hymn “It Is A Time of Joy Today”**  
(insert)

**Augustana Service Book & Hymnal**

+ Introit..... (insert)  
*[Pastor, then congregation]*

+ Kyrie... p.10  
*Gloria in Excelsis is omitted*

+ Salutation..... p.13

+ Collect of the Day... (insert)  
Epistle, Gradual..... (insert)

+ Holy Gospel..... p.16  
Nicene Creed..... p.17

**ASBH #5 “O Jesus Christ, All Praise to Thee”**

Sermon

+ Offertory: "Create in Me..." p.18  
*The Offerings are gathered.*

+ General Prayer..... (back)  
Hymn..... **LW #240**

+ Exhortation p.21

**Lutheran Worship Hymnal**

+ Preface, etc. .... p.144-151  
Communion Psalm (by cantor)

**Distribution & Hymns**

**#64, #37, #50**

+ “Lord, now you let ...” p.152

+ Post-Communion Collects p.153

+ Benedicamus/Benediction.... p.154-5

+ **Hymn** ..... **#68**  
*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.330-331).*

O THOU GOD AND FATHER of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whose grace we again celebrate the birth of our Savior, we come into Thy presence with holy joy, for Thou hast gloriously fulfilled Thy promises, given to our first parents after the Fall, to the Patriarchs, to Moses and the Prophets, and to all Thy people of old, who waited in hope for the Salvation of Israel. Accept, we beseech Thee, our humble tribute of praise and thanksgiving, and grant that through the birth of Thy Son we may be born again in the spirit unto the blessed hope of everlasting life.

O Jesus, Thou Son of God, we bless Thee for becoming flesh of our flesh and for enriching us with inestimable gifts from the treasures of Thy grace. Thou hast made reconciliation for iniquity, so that now we have peace with God and access to the Father. Thou didst become the Son of Man, that we might be made the children of God in Thee. Bestow upon us a simple, childlike faith, that in Thy lowliness we may adore Thee; and give us grace to behold the glory shining through the veil of Thy humanity, the glory of the Only-Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. Speak to us the

words of life, that, as Thou hast loved us, so we may also love Thee. Be our Light in darkness, our Abundance in want, and our very present Help in trouble. And as Thou didst descend from heaven to earth for our salvation, so may we have power to ascend from earth to heaven, to the glory of Thy great and adorable name.

O Holy Spirit, we praise Thee for Thy comfort and guidance. Incline our hearts to meditate devoutly on the sublime mystery of the Nativity, and help us to embrace our Redeemer, in true faith, as our most precious possession. Fill our hearts with peace, and comfort, and hope, and life, and joy in Him. Let us so keep the feast that at its close, with Thy benediction upon us, we may resume the burdens of our several callings, rejoicing in our salvation and delighting to do Thy will.

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

O Holy Trinity, who wouldst be praised for mercy rather than judgment, we glorify Thee; for Thou hast had respect unto the lowly. Let Thy covenant of peace endure forevermore, that we may rejoice in Thee, world without end. AMEN.

## Christmas Eve



**Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (II:66)**

Angels Appear to the Shepherds in Luke 2:1-20

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### Titus 2:11-14

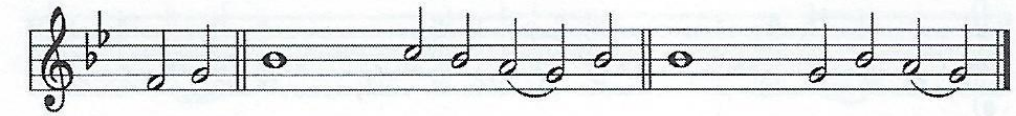
<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup>teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, <sup>13</sup>looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

### Luke 2:1-14

<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. <sup>3</sup>So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. <sup>7</sup>And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. <sup>10</sup>Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. <sup>11</sup>"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>"And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: <sup>14</sup>Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

### 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: Titus 2:11-14**

**Gospel: St. Luke 2:1-14**

**Additional Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7**

#### 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.

**Communion Psalm:** *Ant.* All the ends of the world: have seen the salvation of our God (Psalm 98:4). **Psalm 98**

## Psalm and Reading for The Service of Light

The Service of Light begins with “Evening Prayer” on page 250 of Lutheran Worship.

### Psalm 96—*Cantate Domino*

Psalm Tone VIII



*Antiphon:* OH, SING || to the Lord a new | song! | - \*

Sing to the | Lord, | all | the | earth.

|| 1 Oh, sing to the Lord a new | song! | - \*

Sing to the | Lord, | all | the | earth.

|| 2 Sing to the Lord, bless His | name; | - \*

Proclaim the good news of His salvation | from | day |  
to | day.

|| 3 Declare His glory among the | na- | tions, \*

His wonders a- | mong | all | peo- | ples.

|| 4 For the Lord is great and greatly to be | praised; | - \*

He is to be feared | a- | bove | all | gods.

|| 5 For all the gods of the peoples are | i- | dols, \*

But the Lord | made | the | heav- | ens.

|| 6 Honor and majesty are be- | fore | Him; \*

Strength and beauty are in His | sanc- | tu- | a- | ry.

|| 7 Give to the Lord, O families of the | peo- | ples, \*

Give to the Lord | glo- | ry | and | strength.

|| 8 Give to the Lord the glory due His | name; | - \*

Bring an offering, and come | in- | to | His | courts.

|| 9 Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of | *ho-li- ·* | ness! \*

Tremble before | Him, | all | the | earth.

|| 10 Say among the nations, —The Lord *reigns*; (+) The  
world also is firmly established, it shall not be | moved; | - \*

He shall judge the peo- | ples | right- | eous- | ly.||  
|| 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be | glad; | - \*

Let the sea roar, and | all | its | full- | ness;

|| 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is | in | it. \*

Then all the trees of the | woods | will | re- | joice

|| Before the *Lord*. (+) 13 For He is coming, for He is  
coming to judge the | earth. | - \*

He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the  
peo- | ples | with | His | truth.

GLO- RY || be to the Father, and to the | Son: | - \*

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost;

AS IT || was in the begin -*ning*, (+) is now, and ever | shall |  
be: \*

world with- | out | end. | A- | men.

*Antiphon:* || Oh, sing to the Lord a new | song! | - \*

Sing to the | Lord, | all | the | earth.

### 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.


The hymn “It Is A Time of Joy Today” is on the back.

# Hymn for Service of Light

## ##. It Is A Time of Joy Today

Paul Gerhardt, 1667  
Tr., John Kelly, 1867

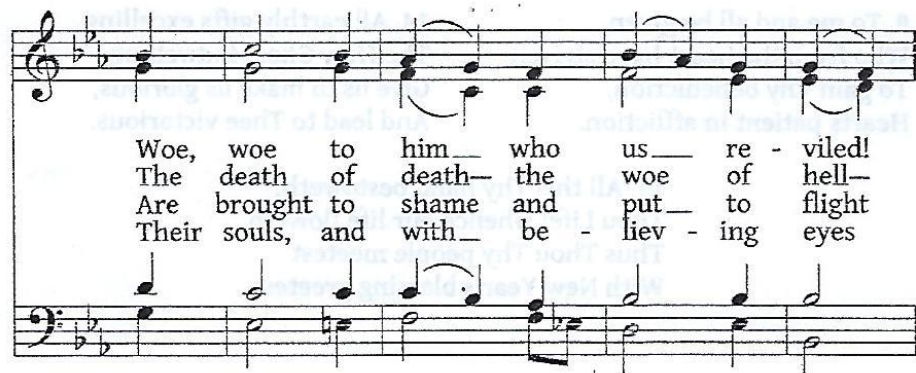
Gerhardt  
From "Best's Eighty Chorales"



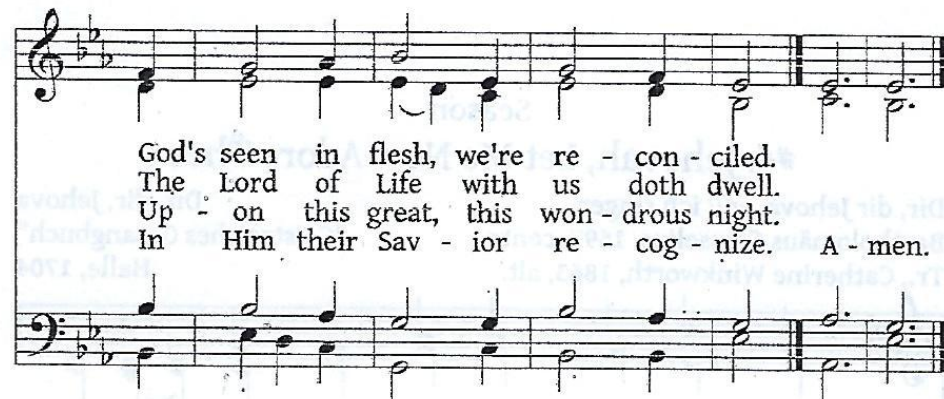
1. It is a time of joy — to - day,  
2. The Lord who bears our sin — is here,  
3. All foes are put our feet — be - neath,  
4. O! hap - py world, thrice hap - py they,



With mourn - ing and with woe a - way!  
Who'll bruise the ser - pent's head is near,  
For sin and Sa - tan, hell and death,  
Who on this low - ly In - fant stay



Woe, woe to him — who us — re - viled!  
The death of death — the woe of hell —  
Are brought to shame and put — to flight  
Their souls, and with — be - liev - ing eyes



God's seen in flesh, we're re - con - ciled.  
The Lord of Life with us doth dwell.  
Up - on this great, this won - drous night.  
In Him their Sav - ior re - cog - nize. A - men.

5. Now praise the Lord, who'er can praise—  
Who, from their low estate to raise  
His enemies, from His high throne  
Sent down His loved, His only Son.

6. Up! join the angel host and cry,  
Now glory be to God most high;  
Let peace prevail the world around,  
Good-will to men and joy abound.