



**Christmas Day  
December 25, 2016  
Holy Communion**

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Pam Illick, Pastor**

**GREETING**

**PRELUDE AND QUIET MEDITATION**

**GATHERING**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High, ☩ one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Almighty God,

**C** We confess that our hearts have not been open to all that you have revealed to us in the nativity of your Son.  
You sent Christ to be born as a helpless Child,  
And yet we have not attended to the suffering of children.  
You chose humble Mary to be the mother of our Lord Jesus,  
And yet we have not attended to the struggles of women.  
The holy family could find no room in Bethlehem but a stable,  
and yet we have not attended to the cries of the homeless and of the refugees.  
You announced your birth to lowly shepherds,  
yet we ignore those who tend our farms and fields.  
Forgive our lack of attention, and free us for joyful compassion, that we may know Christ in serving others.  
**Amen.**

**P** I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. Your sins are forgiven in ☩ Jesus' name.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (ELW 288)

## GREETING

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### WORD

PSALM 97: *Joy to the World (ELW 267)*

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: *The Christmas Story in Chalk*

HYMN OF THE DAY *Hark the Herald Angels Sing (ELW 270)*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION RESPONSE

**A** Let us pray to the Lord

**C** Lord have mercy.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### MEAL

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Love Has Come (ELW 292)*

## OFFERING PRAYER

**A** God with us:

**C** You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name. Amen.

## DIALOGUE

**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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## LORD'S PRAYER

## HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Sing verse 4 of *O Little Town of Bethlehem (ELW 279)*

### SENDING

## BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Go Tell It on the Mountain (ELW 290)*

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Share God's message of love through your words and actions with others

**C** We will. Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

*Worship is ended; our service begins.*

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The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are placed in loving memory of Claire and Wayne Stoudt, Frances and Leo Strausbaugh and Karl Licht by Charlie and Ruth Strausbaugh.

The bulletins are provided to the glory of God and in celebration of our Savior's birth by Teresa Papoutsis.