



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH GREENCASTLE, PA
“Sharing Christ in Word and Deed”

January 3 2016 11 am 2nd Sunday of Christmas

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WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE THIS DAY!

- If you are visiting with us, we are honored by your presence. We encourage you to complete the Welcome envelope located in the pew rack and place in the offering plate. If you are seeking a church home, please speak with the Pastor.
- Holy Communion is celebrated in this morning's worship. Our Lord invites to this table all baptized Christians. Young children should follow the practice of their home congregation. Come forward and receive bread from the Pastor, dip the bread into the chalice held by the Worship Assistant, then partake of the bread.
- Persons or concerns may be added to today's prayers by filling out a prayer request card located in the pew racks. The prayer cards will be collected during the Scripture Song. .

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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| 1 | 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!" | late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! <i>Refrain</i> |
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Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!" | | |
| 2 | Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord, | 3 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. <i>Refrain</i> |

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
the Word made flesh,
the Lord and giver of life.
Amen.

Let us come into the light of Christ,
confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of peace,
we confess that we are not at peace— with others or with ourselves.
We bring to you all that tears us apart:
discord in our families,
violence in our world,
our own conflicted hearts.
In your mercy, mend us.
Reconnect us to one another and to you.
Let peace reign over all the earth,
through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

In the Word who has come to dwell with us,
God has given us grace upon grace:
forgiveness that is stronger than our sins,
love that can heal every broken heart.
Hear this word of God's pardon and peace:
in the name of † Jesus our Savior,
you are free from all your sins.
Rise, shine, for your light has come.
Amen.

Let us pray together... **Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Congregation may be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE SONG – O Little Town of Bethlehem

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.
- 2 For Christ is born of Mary,
and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all the earth!
- 3 How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls
will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.
- 4 O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Immanuel!

SCRIPTURE READING – John 1:1-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

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. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

MESSAGE FOR THE DAY

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

SONG OF THE DAY – What Feast of Love

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| 1 | What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given! | the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given! | |
| 2 | What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, | 3 | What wine of love is offered here,
what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given! |

NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith using the words of the 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers will be offered in petitions ending in "Lord, in your mercy". The congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer"

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. Please remain standing after this

OFFERING PRAYER

Good and loving God,
we rejoice in the birth of Jesus,
who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace.
As you have blessed us with your gifts,
let them be blessing for others.
With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven,
we shout for joy at the coming of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,
that, beholding the God made visible,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The mystery hidden for the ages
is revealed for us in this meal.
Come, behold and receive your God.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

As you come forward receive the bread from the Pastor and then dip it in one of the cups held by the Communion Assistants. The first cup is wine and the second is grape juice. Then partake of the elements together. You may return to your place by using the side aisle

PRAYER AND BLESSING

We give you thanks, O God,
that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life,
you give us food for our journey.
As you led the magi by a star,
as you brought the holy family home again,
guide us on the way unfolding before us.
Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim
good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

May the Word that Mary brought to birth
carry you into new and abundant life.
Amen.

May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms
enfold you with love and strength.
Amen.

May the Word that angels proclaimed in song
bring harmony to our world.
Amen.

And the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG – O Word of God Incarnate

1 O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

- 2 The church from you, dear Master,
received the gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that, all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands
still guides, O Christ, to you.
- 3 Oh, make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old;
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see you face to face.

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last Sunday:

8:30 a.m. – 59 (7 visitors and 52 members)
11:00 a.m. -27 (11 visitors and 16 members)

Offering last Sunday Regular -\$4686.00; Benevolence - \$94.50; Building Fund - \$2740.00; Special Appeal – \$20.50; Food Pantry - \$60.00.

IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK:

TODAY - Worship with Holy Communion - 8:30 a.m.
Fellowship time following first service
Sunday School for all ages – 10:00 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion - 11:00 a.m.

Monday - Finance Committee - 7:00 p.m.
AA – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Christian Ed. - 7:00 p.m.
Outreach Committee – 2:30 p.m.

Thursday – Choir Practice – 6:45- 8:00 p.m.

Friday - AA 8:00 p.m.

Sunday - Worship with Holy Communion - 8:30 a.m.
Fellowship time following service
Blood Pressures taken in Quiet Room
Sunday School for all ages - 10:00 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion - 11:00 a.m.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God by Rob and Alice Marsh in memory of her mother Hannah E. Loucks.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Beginning on Tuesday, January 12th all women are invited to a six week Bible Study on the book of Mark titled "Marked for Life". Time is 1pm – 2pm. Plan to join us and feel free to invite a friend. If you have any questions see Marie Dean or Phyllis McCullough.

January 2016 Conference News

DINNER AT THE RIDGE

Dinner at the Ridge will be held at **12:00PM** at the Fleck Center on **Wednesday, January 13, 2016**. The cost is \$6.75. The menu for January is Creamed Lettuce, Oven Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Dutch Green Beans, Dinner Rolls & Butter, and Beverages. Please call 264-3212 to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is noon on Thursday, January 7th.

WELLNESS TALK

The Wellness Talk for January will be held **Friday, January 15th at 1:00pm**. Please join Laurie Swisher, a representative from Visiting Angels, as she discusses “**I.C.E. – What to do in case of an Emergency**”. The talk will take place at the Fleck Center at SpiriTrust LutheranTM, The Village at Luther Ridge, 2998 Luther Drive, Chambersburg.