

Christmas in July
July 25, 2021
Ninth Sunday of Pentecost



GATHERING MUSIC

Trinity/SpiritAlive!

WELCOME/GREETING

Pastor Tom Smith, Pastor Kevin Beebe

INVOCATION

Pastor Tom

HYMN

♪ *Angels From The Realms of Glory*

Trinity

*Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth,*

*Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth,
Come and worship,
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!*

FORGIVENESS AND CONFESSION

Pastor Kevin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Tom

(Children may come forward at this time.)

SHARING THE PEACE Children and Pastor Kevin

Children: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Pr. Kevin: We greet one another with the words,
“**Peace be with you,**” sharing signs of peace with
familiar friends and friends yet made.

SPECIAL MUSIC

♪ Noël

SpiritAlive!

Verse 1

*Love incarnate love divine
Star and angels gave the sign
Bow to babe on bended knee
The Savior of humanity
Unto us a Child is born
He shall reign forevermore*

Chorus 1

*Noel Noel
Come and see what God has done
Noel Noel
The story of amazing love
The light of the world given for us
Noel*

Verse 2

*Son of God and Son of man
There before the world began
Born to suffer born to save
Born to raise us from the grave
Christ the everlasting Lord
He shall reign forevermore*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Kevin

SONG OF PRAISE

♪ *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*, v.1 Jean Nelson

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born 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!”

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born king!”

SCRIPTURE READING

Linda Dubaniewicz

Isaiah 42:1-9

L: Through the proclaimed Word of God, the Holy Spirit moves to instill and deepen faith. A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵ Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶ I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

L: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL IN SONG

♪ *What Child Is This?*

SpiritAlive!

Verse 1

What Child is this who laid to rest

On Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet

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*While shepherds watch are keeping.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe the Son of Mary.*

Verse 2

*Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian fear for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me for you.
Hail hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe the Son of Mary*

Verse 3

*So bring Him incense gold and myrrh
Come peasant king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high;
The Virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe the Son of Mary.*

♪ *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Trinity

*Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all*

*to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!*

REFLECTION

Pastor Kevin

*A moment of silence follows, allowing the Holy Spirit
to instill and deepen faith.*

SONG OF THE DAY

As we sing 'Christmas Hallelujah', donations are brought forward and placed around the altar. Gifts of money may be placed in the offering plate. All gifts/ offerings will go to the Grace Welcome Center and the ELCA Outreach Center.

During this time, prayer concerns may be shared by writing them down and bringing them forward or texting 262-287-8098.

♪ *Christmas Hallelujah*

SpiritAlive!

*I've heard about this baby boy
Who's come to earth to bring us joy
And I just want to sing this song to you
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth
The minor fall, the major lift
With every breath I'm singing Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*A couple came to Bethlehem
Expecting child, they searched the inn
To find a place for You were coming soon
There was no room for them to stay
So in a manger filled with hay*

*God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*The shepherds left their flocks by night
To see this baby wrapped in light
A host of angels led them all to You
It was just as the angels said
You'll find Him in a manger bed
Immanuel and Savior, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*A star shown bright up in the east
To Bethlehem, the wisemen three
Came many miles and journeyed long for You
And to the place at which You were
Their frankincense and gold and myrrh
They gave to You and cried out Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*I know You came to rescue me
This baby boy would grow to be
A man and one day die for me and you
My sins would drive the nails in You
That rugged cross was my cross, too
Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Pastors Tom/Kevin

Pr. Tom: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Prayers of the people are offered.

Pr. Tom: O God, hear our prayers and bring us closer to your heart as we listen for your answer. By your grace, when you answer us, give us the faith and courage to act in your name for the sake of this world you love so much. We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

♪ *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Trinity

*We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star*

*O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy Perfect Light*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Kevin

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Tom

P: 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."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Tom

COMMUNION RESPONSE

♪ *The First Noel*

Trinity

*The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

Refrain:

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor Kevin

Let us pray as one people of God.

**All: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with**

**one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

BLESSING

Pastor Kevin

SENDING HYMN

♪ *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

All Musicians

*Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and
ev'rywhere;*

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks
by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone
a holy light. Refrain*

*The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above
the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our
Savior's birth. Refrain*

*Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas
morn. Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Pastor Tom

Go. Take the good news of Jesus with you into our
community and world.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ministers

Pastor Tom Smith,
Pastor Kevin Beebe
Frank Dezoma

Acolyte

Greeters

Tammie Sorenson, Kathy Baas

Lector

Linda Dubaniewicz

Assisting Minister

Rhonda Brennan

Communion Asst.

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Nancy Lehrke

Ushers

Pat Brennan, Sean Turner

Musicians

Christina Oldani, Jean Nelson,
Elisa Nemecek, Kristie Kruse,
Stacy Juga, Helen Breitenbach
Frank Dezoma, Donna Dezoma

Altar Guild

Media Ministry

Betsi Smith, Paul Roskres,
David Kaley, Dave Jordan

Coffee

Kathy Baas, Linda McKinney

Cookies

MaryKay Hahn, Gay Voelz,
Dianna Shidagis, Donna
Dezoma, Linda Kluck, Carol
Ann Hall, Linda McKinney, Sue
Dyke-O'Day

*The Holy Spirit gathers and sends. Our job?
See where there is pain and bring healing.
See where there is resurrection and bring praise.*