

# Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

December 18, 2022

9:30am

Theme: Those Who Dream

Prelude & Welcome

\*Call to Worship

Leader: I knew joy, but when I heard the laugh of a child,

**People: Suddenly, joy was overflowing!**

Leader: I knew love, but when you held my hand,

**People: Suddenly love was overflowing!**

Leader: I knew God, but when you showed me grace, when you forgave me, when you loved me, when you raised me,

**People: Suddenly, God was overflowing!**

Leader: Let us worship Holy God together as a reminder that God is here and we are never alone.

**People: This is community.**

Leader: This is the body of Christ.

**ALL: WELCOME HOME!**

The Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Erlandson Family

Children's Message

**A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols**

Chancel Choir

Readers: Lynnette Dobberpuhl and Pastor Chad Gilbertson

Processional Carols and Bidding Prayer

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel/Once in Royal David's City*

First Lesson and Carols

*The Holly and the Ivy/Fairest Lord Jesus/Sans Day Carol*

Second Lesson and Carols

*Angels We Have Heard on High/Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Third Lesson and Carols

*For Unto Us a Son Is Born/See, Amid the Winter's Snow*

Fourth Lesson and Carols

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming/Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light/  
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Offering/Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Just as our souls magnify the Lord, may our offerings glorify God. Surely we are blessed. We rejoice in the mercy that you have shown us from generation to generation. We remember the powerful promise you bring: hope to the hopeless and strength to the weak. With joy, we pray in gratitude and praise. AMEN.**

Fifth Lesson and Carols

*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came/Good People All, This Christmastime/  
What Child Is This?/O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Sixth Lesson and Carols

*I Saw Three Ships/Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine/Good Christians All, Rejoice!*

Seventh Lesson and Carols

*Sheep May Safely Graze/Sing We Now of Christmas/The First Noel*

Eighth Lesson and Carols with Closing Blessing

*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright/O Come, All Ye Faithful/  
Silent Night, Holy Night/Joy to the World*

Announcements

\*Affirmation of Faith/Benediction

Leader: We believe that this world is hard – harder than it has to be. When the world falls apart around us,

**People: We believe in listening for the angels that say, "Do not be afraid."**

Leader: And in seeking out the Elizabeth's in our lives – those who laugh with joy at our arrival and throw open the doors to their homes.

**People: We believe that healthy relationships can offer healing, through the laughter of cousins, the joy shared between siblings, and the home found in partnership.**

Leader: Therefore, we believe in church families, in chosen families, and in the love that extends beyond family.

**People: We believe in friendships, in neighbors, and in leaning on each other when the going gets tough.**

Leader: We believe in the Triune God – Lover, Beloved, and Love itself – inherently relational, always connected, and never alone.

**People: We believe that same belovedness exists for us. We believe that we are loved and claimed. Never alone.**

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD FOR A LOVE LIKE THAT.**

\*Hymn

"Until Jesus Comes"

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Postlude

## Worship Leaders

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**Pianist/Organist:** Randi Erlandson

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**Ushers:** Don & Cheri Miller

### This Week:

Monday, Dec. 19	9:30am 7:00pm 7:00pm	AA (Parsonage) Narcotics Anonymous (F. Hall) Al-Anon (Parsonage)
Tuesday, Dec. 20	1:00pm 1:00pm 7:00pm	Lakefront Bible Study Quilters Co-Dependents Anonymous (Parsonage)
Wednesday, Dec. 21	8:30am 7:00pm	Moment of Prayer for Holy Trinity Longest Night Worship Service
Thursday, Dec. 22	6:00pm	Veterans AA (Parsonage)
Saturday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	3:00pm 5:00pm 10:00pm	Family-Friendly Service with Pageant Traditional Service with Candlelight Closing Traditional Service with Communion and Choir
Sunday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day	9:30am	Worship/Live-Stream (Wear your Christmas sweater)

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FOURTH SUNDAY  
 OF  
*Advent*

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