

OFFERING *"Mary's Boy Child"* Jackie Glade & Bev Nappe

VERSE

Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible say,
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ was born on Christmas day.

CHORUS

Hark, now hear the angels sing, a new King born today.
And we will live for evermore because of Christmas day!

VERSE

While shepherds watch their flocks by night,
they saw a bright new shining star.
And then they heard a choir sing, the music seemed to come from afar.

CHORUS

VERSE

Then by and by in Bethlehem, in a stable all forlorn.
And in a manger cold and dark, Mary's little boy was born.

CHORUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BENEDICTION Chimes/Silence for Reflection

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN *"The First Noel"* ELW 300

DISMISSAL Congregation Response: *"Thanks be to God!"*

Whether you're a first-time guest or a familiar face. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please take a moment to sign our Friendship Pads located in each pew.

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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

704 Poplar Drive Sibley, Iowa

Pastor Tim Nappe



First Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2025

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 123:1-2

"To you I lift up my eyes, You who are enthroned in the heavens! As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us."

OPENING HYMN

"Joy to the World"

ELW 267

GREETING

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.

People: To whom be the glory forever and ever! Amen

RESPONSIVE READING Isaiah 55:1-3

Pastor: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters! And you that have no money, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price!

**People: Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus**

Pastor: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food! Incline your ear, and come to me! Listen, so that you may live!

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your way, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of Almighty God; Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

In Unison

Heavenly Father, it is through your Holy Spirit that you call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify all of your people. We pray that you would send your Holy Spirit to open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to your Word and your Ways. May we catch a glimpse of your will for us and for your Church. Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

NRSV p. 734

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

NRSV p. 191

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:1-18

NRSV p. 91

SERMON

What Do You See?

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

BUCKET OF BUCKS: ATLAS of OSCEOLA COUNTY