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**January 2,  
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**Second Sunday  
Of Christmas**

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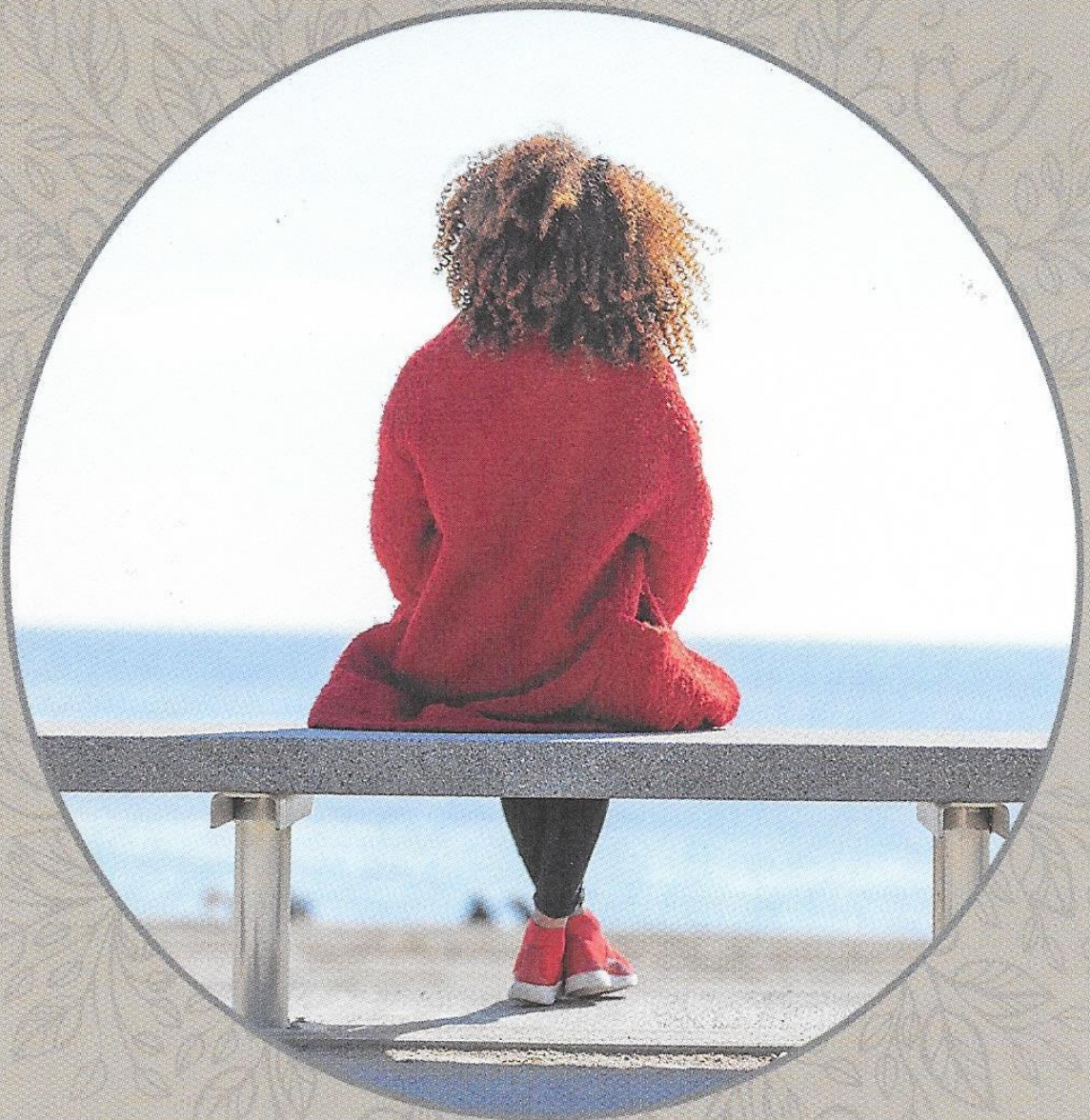
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Trista Barka

*I have  
called you by name,*



*you are mine*

# SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

## HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

**ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS HOUSE OF WORSHIP!**

Second  
Sunday  
of  
Christmas



*Our joy continues on this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas as we give thanks and praise to God, the Alpha and Omega, the only Son who is the Light of the world. May the Word made flesh dwell within everyone gathered here today, drawing you in the Holy Communion to come and receive the promise of His presence and the gift of new life given and shed for you!*

*Everyone is invited to fellowship, and refreshments being served immediately after our service in the library. Rest assured, your presence today is a blessing to all who are gathered here today, and likewise, may you be blessed by the worship we share. MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

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## GATHERING

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**WE PREPARE...** *Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth. Come Lord Jesus, Amen!*

RINGING THE BELL / PARISH NOTICES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, our life, our mercy, our might. **Amen.**

As we await the day of the Lord, let us confess our sin...

*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.**

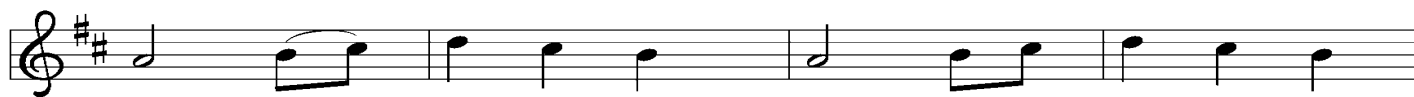




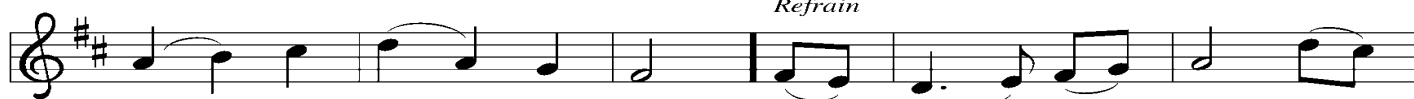
1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing  
 3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .  
 4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
 in . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the  
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it  
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -  
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 did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the  
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and



night that was so deep.  
 tin-ued both day and night.  
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
 place where Je - sus lay.  
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

## GREETING

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace  
 be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our redeemer, you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world  
 with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness, and turn us toward the  
 light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
 God, now and forever. **Amen.**



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## WORD

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### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

The first reading is in Jeremiah chapter 31, verses 7-14.

*For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.*

The Word of the Lord      **Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

The second reading is in Ephesians chapter 1, verses 3-14.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.*

The Word of the Lord      **Thanks be to God.**

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.

*Refrain*  
Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.*

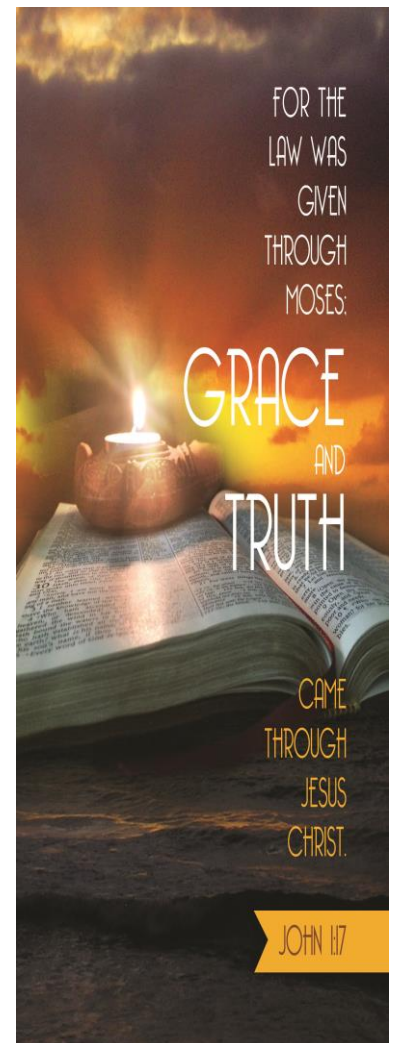
*He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.*

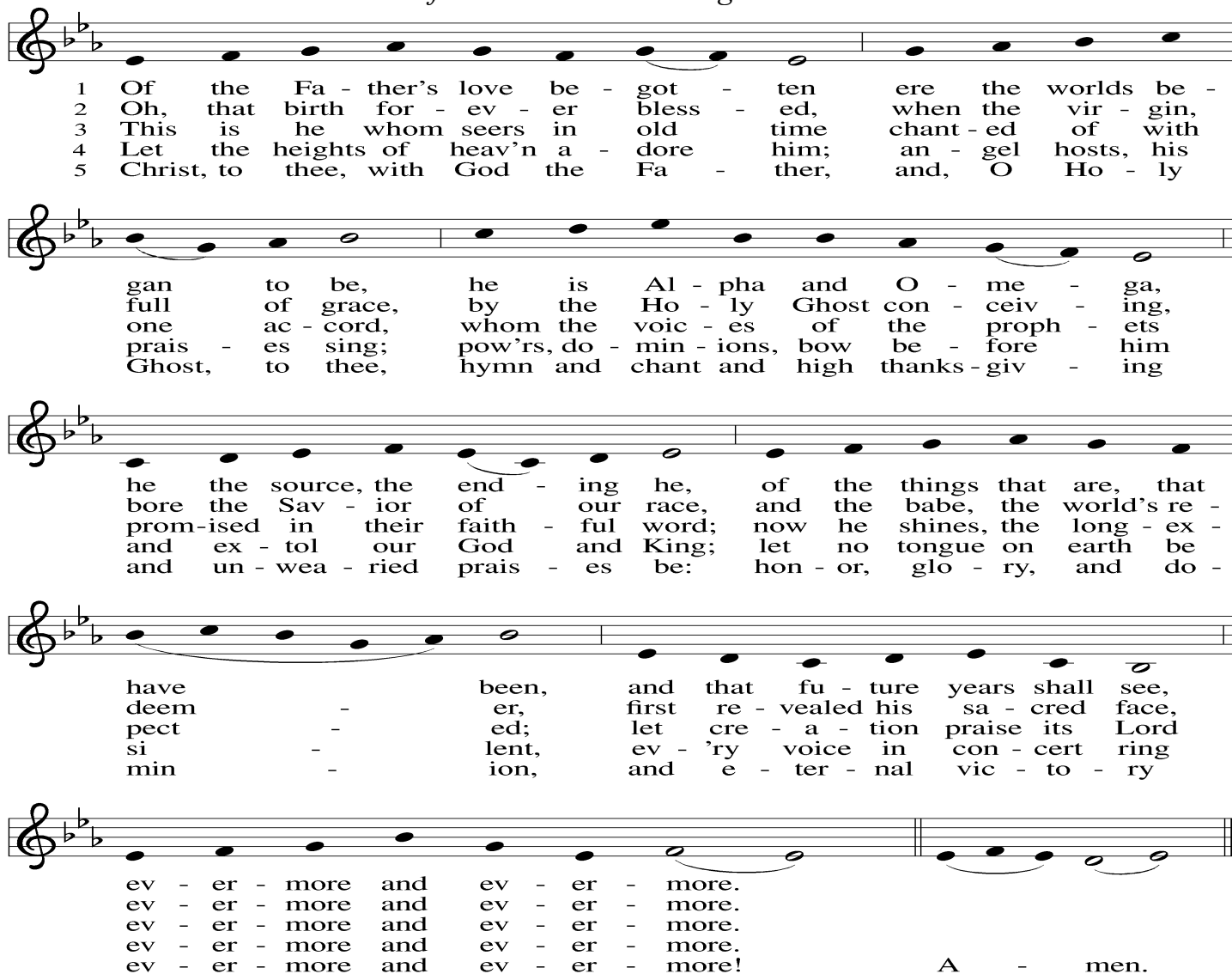
*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all 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.*

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

Pastor Tim Mason





1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,  
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with  
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing

he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -  
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be -  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
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 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

A - men.

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## HOLY BAPTISM

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In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

I present **Ezmay Alina and Eliot Joe Ek** for baptism.

As you bring Ezmay and Eliot to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach Ezmay and Eliot the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that Ezmay and Eliot may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Ezmay and Eliot grow in the Christian faith and life? **I do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Ezmay and Eliot in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? **I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Ezmay and Eliot and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

**We do.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Ezmay Alina Ek, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Eliot Joe Ek, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Anika with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Ezmay Alina and Eliot Joe, children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**      God in your mercy....**Hear our prayer.**

**PEACE**      The peace of Christ be with you always.      **And also with you.**

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## MEAL

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### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

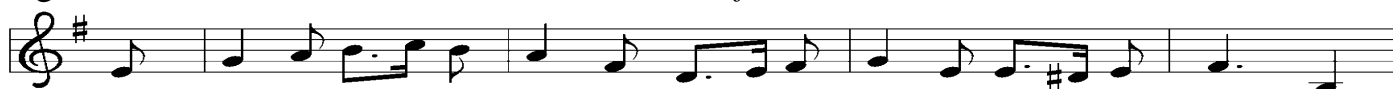
#### DISTRIBUTION

Come, eat, drink, and live the life God has for you.

Song

*What Feast of Love*

**ELW #487**



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?  
2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?  
3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

**COMMUNION BLESSING** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

## PRAYER OF THANKS

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

**Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

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

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

**ELW #270**



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

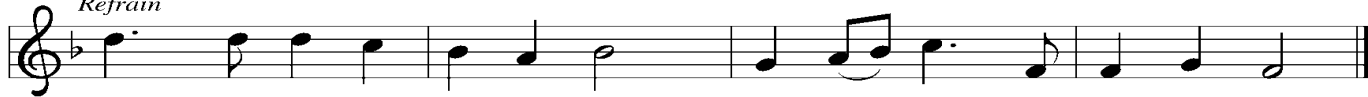


Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

#### *Refrain*



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

## Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry
Acolyte	Blaine Arneson
Communion Assistants	Harold & Bonnie Pettis, Karen Voge
Reader	Diane Evers
Sound Tech	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Larry & Sherry Baumgardt
Ushers	Ed Ecker & Mark Miller
Altar Guild	Sara Lendt & Mary Renberg



**WE WELCOME** into the Trinity family **Ezmay and Eliot Ek**, Children of Marisa Kirchner and Joe Ek. Ezmay and Eliot were born August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. They are sponsored by Carlos Ek, Kendra and Carena Kirchner May God give them the servant faith to fulfill the promises made before God and this congregation today, bringing Ezmay and Eliot to share eternally in the Kingdom of God. God bless Ezmay and Eliot in their life of faith!



***There will be NO Sunday School Today. Classes resume Jan. 9th at 10:10am. See you then!***

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY WITH THE COOKIE WALK!** Whether you baked, worked or bought, you are vital to make this work for people in need. Thanks also to Thrivent for donating \$250.00 toward our efforts. Together, we raised \$1400.00 for those in need. Heartfelt thanks for making the 31<sup>st</sup> year of Trinity's Cookie Walk such a success.



**Blessings to you all, Darlene Brummund, President of your WELCA**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Altar Guild is seeking additional members. Duties include light cleaning, setting up & cleaning up following communion services, handling floral arrangements, refilling candles, changing colors and other similar weekly tasks. For more information, please contact Joleen Dittbenner or leave your name and number in church office. Thank you.



**ALL PERSONS WRITING REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT:** Because we would like to have the Annual Reports available to the congregation before the Annual Meeting, **Sunday January 30th**, it is necessary to have all reports **in the office no later than January 10<sup>th</sup>**. It would be appreciated if you could submit them to Darlene via email. Thanks.  
([secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org)) **Thank You.**



January 2, 2022

## ***The Word became flesh, full of God's grace and truth***

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 1:1-18</b>	<b>The Word became flesh</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 John 1:1-4</b>	<b>The Word of life</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Philippians 2:5-11</b>	<b>Jesus became our servant</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Matthew 2:1-12</b>	<b>Wise men worship Christ the King</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Isaiah 60:1-6</b>	<b>Nations will come to the light</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>John 8:12-20</b>	<b>Jesus, the light of the world</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 72</b>	<b>Kings will present him with gifts</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</b>	<b>The baptism of Jesus</b>



### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

**The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. From him all the kindness and all the truth of God have come down to us. John 1:14**

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord Jesus, please help me to receive you, believe in you, and tell others about you. Amen. (John 1:7, 12)

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, make our home your home. Bless our food and our sharing, so that we may bless others. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

Child of God, may the light of Jesus shine in your heart, today and forever. Amen. (John 1:9, 12)

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

Talk about a time when you were with people that spoke a different language. How did you communicate?

John 1:1-2 calls Jesus "the Word". What do you think this means?

What steps has God taken to communicate with us? What do you do to communicate with God?

### DEVOTIONS

Jesus has been called "God's love letter" to the world. As part of your home devotion times this week, have each household member compose a short letter to God (if you have young children in your home, help by writing down their words). Share your letters with one another. Say a prayer of thanks for God's communication with us in and through Jesus.

### SERVICE

Jeremiah 31:8 speaks of God's care for pregnant women and women having their babies. Prepare "Thinking of You" cards to send to pregnant women in your congregation or community. You might also organize small baby gifts to present to them. Include pregnant mothers in your household prayers this week.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Ephesians 1:4-5, the apostle Paul tells us that long, long ago, God decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God has adopted us as his sons and daughters.

As a household activity for this week, design "Adoption Certificates" to display in your home. Include these words:

(Name)

IS AN ADOPTED CHILD OF GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

For seals on your certificates, use the symbol of the dove, representing the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 1:13-14) You could also include your baptism dates and details on your certificates.

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***Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions***



## Trinity's Mission Statement

*We are a community where Jesus is  
Lord: our mission is to invite,  
welcome, nurture, and equip all  
people to be disciples in His name.*

**TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN** Send an email to [secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

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*"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"*

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on [www.sleepyeyeonline.com](http://www.sleepyeyeonline.com) watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give.

Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

## Last week at Trinity

Weekly Giving:	\$7899.25
December Giving	\$43,007.30
Yearly Contributions to 12/24	\$284,139.14

## This Week's Prayer Concerns

**Pray for the Church**...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

**Pray for our World**...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

**Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering**...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Judy, Beth, Norman, Sue, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Abby, Emma, Ed, Story, Tina, Tammy, Ethan, Robyn, Beth, Carmen, Julia Ann, Nathan, Linette, Tammy, John, Sandy, Tony, Ted, Connor, Sue, Ed, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

**Pray for the beloved**... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones.... that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

**Pray for all families**...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

**Pray for those preparing for marriage and those newly married**...that God would be glorified in their union, filling every couple with the light and truth of God's grace and power throughout their lives ...

**Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home**...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife (Donna Augustin's son stationed in Italy)...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

**Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)**...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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