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“WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE”

WELCOME TO TRINITY

The Annunciation of Our Lord is a minor festival that remembers the angel Gabriel’s announcement to Mary that she would become the Virgin Mother of our Lord Jesus. This minor festival in the Christian Church’s calendar may have began in the Eastern Church as early as the third century. The Annunciation was later accepted as a festival in Rome around 600 A.D.

In ancient times, March 25th was considered the spring equinox. Christians connected the first day of spring (as a symbol of the beginning of God’s creation) with the day of Jesus’ conception and also the day of his crucifixion. This celebration of events on the same day was meant to symbolically connect the beginning of God’s creation with the events that accomplished the restoration of God’s creation.

Working with the assumption that Gabriel’s announcement and the miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit took place at the same time, the Annunciation is commemorated nine months before Jesus’ birth (December 25). Due to this timing, the Annunciation almost always takes place within the season of Lent. It may seem strange to modern Christians to celebrate an event that is connected with Christmas during the time of year when we remember Jesus’ Passion, but as our Christian forefathers recognized, the connection is appropriate. The Annunciation celebrates the miracle that, in Jesus Christ, God has become a real, flesh-and-blood human being. This truth is absolutely necessary for our salvation.

Martin Luther once wrote about the importance that Jesus was not just a man who died for us, but the God-man. He said, *“[The teaching that God did not die] will finally construct a kind of Christ after whom I would not want to be a Christian, that is, a Christ who is and does no more in his passion and his life than any other ordinary saint. For if I believe that only the human nature suffered for me, then Christ would be a poor Savior for me, in fact, he himself would need a Savior.”*

Today we thank and praise God that, in the miracle of Jesus’ conception by the Holy Spirit, we have the perfect and only Savior we need!

OUR FACILITIES

Our restrooms are located to the left as you leave the sanctuary. They are located near the coat room. The members of Trinity believe that families should be encouraged to worship together. If your young child needs to be quieted, we have an audio-equipped children’s room just outside of the church doors to your right. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

HYMN ENLARGEMENT INSERTS

Hymn enlargement inserts with the texts to the chosen hymns for today’s worship, printed in larger print, are available from the ushers upon request.

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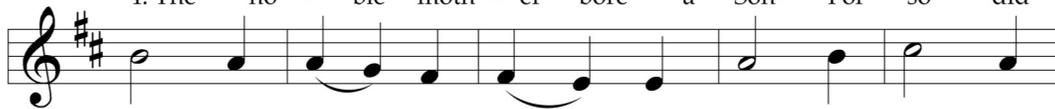
OPENING HYMN

Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One
Christian Worship 39:1-4

Tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD



1. Now praise we Christ, the Ho - ly One, The bless - ed
2. He who him - self all things did make A ser - vant's
3. The grace and pow'r of God the Lord Up - on the
4. The no - ble moth - er bore a Son - For so did



vir - gin Mar - y's Son. — From east to west, from
form a - greed to take, — That he as man man -
moth - er was — out - poured; A vir - gin pure and
Ga - briel's prom - ise run — Whom John con - fessed and



shore to shore Let earth its Lord and King — a - dore.
kind — might win And save his crea - tures from — their sin.
un - de - filed In won - drous way con - ceived a child.
leaped with joy Be - fore the moth - er knew her boy.

Stand

- M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

HYMN

For All the Faithful Women
Lutheran Service Book 855:1,8,3



1. For all the faith - ful wom - en Who served in days of old,
8. We sing of Ma - ry, moth - er, Fair maid - en, full of grace.
3. O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un - known



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.
She bore the Christ, our broth - er, Who came to save our race.
In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.
May we, with her, sur - rend - er Our - selves to Your com - mand
We of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.
And lay up - on Your al - tar Our gifts of heart and hand.
That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your will.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we, who have known the incarnation of your Son, Jesus Christ, announced by an angel, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated



I love — to do your will, O my God, O my God.



And so I said, “Here I am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.’ ”**

I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
behold, I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth
from the great assembly.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:4-10

Christ came into the world to be sacrificed once for all

⁴It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. ⁵Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; ⁶with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. ⁷Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, O God.’ ” ⁸First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them” (although the law required them to be made). ⁹Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Aaron David Miller

Greetings, O favored one! The Lord is with you. The Holy Spirit will come upon you.

(Luke 1:28,35)

Stand for the Holy Gospel

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

St. Luke's account of the Annunciation of our Lord

²⁶In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷For nothing is impossible with God." ³⁸"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

M: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated



HYMN OF THE DAY

On Mary, Virgin undefiled
Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary 268

v.1-2—Cantor; v.3—All; v.4—Men; v.5—Women; v.6—All



1. On Mar - y, Vir - gin un - de - filed, Did God be - stow His
 2. Were all the sa - ges here be - low All hu - man wis - dom
 3. In - spired of God the proph - ets spake, And faith - ful proved their
 4. O Root of Jes - se, Da - vid's Son, And Ja - cob's Star of
 5. O could I speak in ev' - ry tongue, The Scrip - ture's deep ex -



fa - vor; She bore a Son, the spot - less Child, To Him be
 show - ing, The mys - ter - y of Christ to know Were far be -
 > say - ing, That Christ the bonds of sin doth break, De - liv - er -
 heav - en! You are the Christ, the bless - ed One; Your name all
 pound - ing, Were in my mouth the an - gels' song That through high



praise for - ev - er! He hath us all from sin set free;
 yond their know - ing; For full of grace and truth is He;
 > ance con - vey - ing To all by Sa - tan's wiles en - slaved;
 praise be giv - en; By grace You have re - deemed us all
 heav'n is sound - ing, I on my knees would hum - bly fall,



Our stay be He, And rest e - ter - nal give us!
 O may He be Our com - fort in our dy - ing!
 > All shall be saved Who trust in Him, be - liev - ing.
 From Ad - am's fall, And You will guide and tend us.
 On Je - sus call, And wor - ship Him for - ev - er!

6. My sins are countless as the sands,
 My crimes, O God, are crying,
 Deliver me from sin's dread bands
 And save me, Lord, when dying;
 O let me not, for evil past,
 Be lost at last,
 Grant me Thy grace, I pray Thee!

OFFERING

Please take a moment during the collection of the offering to sign the Friendship Register in each of the pews. We encourage you to take a moment after the service to get to know those seated around you!

MUSICAL OFFERING (5:30)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hal H. Hopson

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

**M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Christian Worship 24

SERVING AT WORSHIP

Presiding Minister
Preacher
Principal Organist

Pastor Lawrence R. Gates
Pastor Scott T. Oelhafen
Mark D. Davidson

Choir (5:30)

Trinity Handbell Choir
Denice R. Turpin, *director*

LENTEN & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2017

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March 25-27	Lenten 4	Regular Worship Service Schedule
March 29	Midweek Lent Worship 5	10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
April 1-3	Lenten 5	Regular Worship Service Schedule
April 5	Midweek Lent Worship 6	10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
April 9	Palm Sunday	8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday
April 10	Holy Monday Devotion	7:00 p.m. Monday
April 11	Holy Tuesday Devotion	7:00 p.m. Tuesday
April 12	Holy Wednesday Devotion	7:00 p.m. Wednesday
April 13	Maundy Thursday w/Communion	10:30 a.m. Thursday
April 13	Maundy Thursday w/Communion	7:00 p.m. Thursday
April 14	Good Friday Solemn Liturgy	1:00 p.m. Friday
April 14	Good Friday Tenebrae	7:00 p.m. Friday
April 15	Easter Vigil w/Communion	7:30 p.m. Saturday
April 16	Easter Dawn w/Communion	6:30 a.m. Sunday
April 16	Easter Festival Worship	9:00 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday

**** Soup & Supper served during the Midweek Lenten Services at 5:30 p.m.**

**** Easter Breakfast served from 7:30-9:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday**

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Worship Service Times

Saturday - 5:30pm
Sunday - 8:15 & 10:45am
Monday - 6:30pm

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Rev. Aaron L. Christie

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Rev. Lawrence R. Gates

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