

# Trinity Lutheran Church



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD



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8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Divine Service

# **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## **The Epiphany of Our Lord**

**January 4, 2026, 8:30 Communion and 11:00 a.m. Non-Communion Service**

### **WELCOME TO TRINITY!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We want to know who you are, so please provide your contact information in the Friendship Book as it is passed during the Offertory. If you are visiting, honor us by signing the Guest Register in the Narthex.

There are times in our worship service where we stand or kneel. Feel free to participate in either as you are able or feel comfortable to remain seated.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request during communion services. Please speak to the pastor before service if you wish to receive the host in this form.

Please ask an usher should you require a hearing assistance device.

(†) ~ Those who wish may make the sign of the Cross in remembrance of their Baptism.

### **RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

If you are not a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, we ask that you speak with the pastor prior to the service before receiving the Lord's Supper.

### **REQUESTS FOR PRAYER**

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Blue Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Prayer requests may also be emailed to [trinityoffice@bellsouth.net](mailto:trinityoffice@bellsouth.net) or to [pastorjeffwebb@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorjeffwebb@yahoo.com).

### **FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

We are delighted that you have brought your child to worship! We invite you to use the Cry Room as a courtesy to others if your little one gets a little rambunctious. Our Cry Room, complete with seating and children's activities, is located at the back of the Sanctuary. The service can be heard through the sound system. We hope your children feel glad they were here and that they are a part of the Trinity family!

#### ***Our Vision:***

***Growing in God's Word to Share Christ's Love***

#### ***Our Mission:***

***Led by God, equipped as disciples through Word and Sacrament,  
we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.***



### **AS WE GATHER TODAY**

We humans aren't the only ones celebrating Epiphany! Though the whole earth shall be covered with darkness, "nations shall come to Your light" (Isaiah 60:3). Isaiah mentions the wealth of all nations, and we are reminded of the Magi bearing gifts. We have gifts, too, of a spiritual nature, connecting other people with our gracious God, "in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith" (Ephesians 3:12). "Singing camels"? Well, who really carried the gold and silver so far? The camels, Isaiah writes, "shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD" (Isaiah 60:6). If the camels are praising God, so must we. Get ready to celebrate!

# DIVINE SERVICE

## Setting Four

ORGAN

WELCOME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Please Stand*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 398 vv. 1-4 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!  
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.  
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,  
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,  
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.  
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.  
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.  
His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.

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### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. *Matthew 28:19b*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth. *Psalms 124:8*

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *[Luke 18:13]*

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.** *[John 20:19-23]*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### PSALM

### *Psalm 72:1-11*

**P** <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
**C** **and your righteousness to the royal son!**

**P** <sup>2</sup>May he judge your people with righteousness,  
**C** **and your poor with justice!**

**P** <sup>3</sup>Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,  
**C** **and the hills, in righteousness!**

**P** <sup>4</sup>May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the children of the needy,  
**C** **and crush the oppressor!**

**P** <sup>5</sup>May they fear you while the sun endures,  
**C** **and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!**

**P** <sup>6</sup>May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
**C** **like showers that water the earth!**

**P** <sup>7</sup>In his days may the righteous flourish,  
**C** **and peace abound, till the moon be no more!**

**P** <sup>8</sup>May he have dominion from sea to sea,  
**C** **and from the River to the ends of the earth!**

**P** <sup>9</sup>May desert tribes bow down before him  
**C** **and his enemies lick the dust!**

**P** <sup>10</sup>May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;  
**C** **may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**

**P** <sup>11</sup>May all kings fall down before him,  
**C** all nations serve him!

**ALL** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy**

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Glory to God in the Highest**

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The LORD be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** Let us pray.  
O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles.  
Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy

**C** Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Be Seated*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

*Isaiah 60:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
<sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.  
<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.  
<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from afar,  
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.  
<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and exult,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

**A** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

*Ephesians 3:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

**A** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

**ALLELUIA and VERSE**

*John 20:31*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

- P** This is the Gospel of the LORD.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*11:00 Service*

### HYMN OF THE DAY 399 "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,  
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed  
3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly  
4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter  
△ 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly  
on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they  
Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was  
red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it  
Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.  
trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.  
known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.  
flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.  
dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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## SERMON

**OFFERING** (*Please fill out the blue card in the pew rack for prayers.*)

*Please Stand*

**OFFERTORY 781 vv. 1, 2 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"**



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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*Kneel or Be Seated*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

**NON-COMMUNION SERVICE (11:00)**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

*Please Stand*

**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

*[Psalm 103:1]*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and (†) give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**C** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN 397 "As with Gladness Men of Old"



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,  
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;  
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;  
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,  
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.  
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.  
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.  
There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

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*Be Seated*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (8:30)

*The Sacrament, or Lord's Supper, is a special gift from God that brings us into personal communion with Jesus Christ. "In, with and under" the bread and wine we receive His body and blood for forgiveness and renewal. If you are a repentant sinner, come to the table expecting to receive God's wonderful gifts for you!*

*Communicants will take their own wine cups as they are passed. Those requiring non-alcoholic wine will take the cups with white non-alcoholic wine from the middle of the tray.*

*Be Seated*

## OUR EXAMINATION

- P** In preparation for Holy Communion, St. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself." So that we

may properly examine ourselves prior to receiving the Lord's Supper, I ask you to reflect on these questions:

- Do you repent of all your sins of thought, word, and deed?
- Do you believe that Jesus Christ is your only Savior from all sin, Satan, and death?
- Do you believe that the Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that in, with, and under the bread and wine you receive His true Body and Blood?

If you answer in faith "Yes!" to these questions, and are properly instructed, you are invited to come forward and partake of the LORD'S Supper during Distribution. If you are unable to answer yes to any of these questions, you are invited to come forward, cross your arms as I approach you and receive a blessing. By your coming forward, "You proclaim the LORD'S death until He comes."

*Please Stand*

## PREFACE

**P** The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the LORD, our God. *[Psalm 136]*

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**P** Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

*John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the LORD be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Be Seated*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

HYMN 395 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
 2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride - groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in  
 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls  
 4 Al - migh - ty Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when  
 own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!  
 from God a - bove; A ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!  
 Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -  
 In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -  
 Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him  
 ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!  
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.  
 with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
 here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,  
 Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us  
 Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.  
 For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.  
 Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!  
 Our joy be all with music crowned,  
 Our voices gladly blending!  
 For Christ goes with us all the way—  
 Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
 His love is never ending!  
 Sing out! Ring out!  
 Jubilation!  
 Exultation!  
 Tell the story!  
 Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
 The Lord we love is first and last,  
 The end and the beginning!  
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
 Transport us to that happy place  
 Beyond all tears and sinning!  
 Amen! Amen!  
 Come, Lord Jesus!  
 Crown of gladness!  
 We are yearning  
 For the day of Your returning!

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*Please Stand*

**NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon**

*Luke 2:29-32*



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

#### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray.  
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

#### BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

- P** Let us bless the Lord. *[Psalm 103:1]*
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and (†) give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*
- C** Amen.

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2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,  
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;  
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;  
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,  
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.  
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.  
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.  
There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

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*Be Seated*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and RECOGNITION OF OUR GUESTS**

**ORGAN**

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Carol Bender.

*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,  
for those who are called according to His purpose.*

*Romans 8:28*

## **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Join us in the Social Hall after the 8:30 service for coffee and breakfast goodies provided by Social Ministry and Stewardship.

## **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

### **ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Pastor Webb leads a Bible study titled "Are You a Disciple or a Christian?" in the Social Hall after the 8:30 service.

### **CHURCH YEAR CONNECTIONS**

#### **(Ages 2 through High School)**

Join us for Sunday School classes for ages three through young adult. Teachers: Megan Haverland (2 years-1<sup>st</sup> Grade), Judy Bringman (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade), Bob Hanovich (Middle School), and Karl Schumacher (5<sup>th</sup> Grade & High School).

### **YOUNG ADULT SINGLES CLASS**

For ages 18-28, this class, led by Jason Lomax, is studying Apologetics.

### **21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY PARENTING CLASS**

Parents of school-aged kids gain insight into the issues facing Gen Z and learn how to engage them in meaningful conversations. Eric and Megan Thompson lead this class in the Education Building.

### **YOUNG AT HEART CLASS**

Mature members study how we can demonstrate love and compassion to people in need. Bob Reynolds and Mark Waltz lead this class on the ground floor of the Education Building.

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings in the Education Building to study the Word.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Women's Bible Study that meets on Mondays in the Education Building and on Zoom will resume tomorrow, January 5.

## HAPPENING AT TRINITY

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Barbara Lunick for playing the organ for us.

### OFFERINGS

Please remain faithful in bringing your offerings to the Lord by mail or online if you are unable to attend worship in person.

### LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE MITES

LWML mites will be collected today. Please empty your small mite boxes into the congregational mite box or just drop in change from your pocket. District and international mission projects need your prayers and mites. Thanks for your support!

**Mite Dedication:** Dear Lord, we are blessed to be called Your children. Thank you for supplying our every need. Thank you for sending Your Son to be our Savior. Help us to share Your truth and Your love with our friends and neighbors. Help us to be a blessing to others. May our mite offerings be used to bring Christ to the nations and to help those in need, especially those in need of Your saving grace. To You be the glory! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### "CAN DO SUNDAY"

Next Sunday is "Can-Do Sunday" when you can donate basic food items to help provide meals for those in need who visit our Food Pantry. We especially need **pop tab cans** for the homeless. Hopefully we can all remember to buy a "Second Can for the Second Sunday" of the month. Thanks from the Board of Social Ministry.

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY IS BACK

Class resumes this week on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

### YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Our Youth Ministry events for the month of January are:

Jan 4 Middle School Youth Meeting 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Jan 11 Youth Breakfast

Jan 18 High School Youth Meeting 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

If you have any questions, please see Bob Hanovich.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**Monday, January 5 at 10:00**

Women's Bible Study on Mondays at 10:00 in the Education Building will resume on Monday 1/5/26. Please note if you are a member that we will disregard our schedule and, instead of doing Days 3-5, we will start Chapter 4 Days 1 and 2! We invite women interested in Bible Study to join us on Monday 1/5/26. For more information, please check with Linda Tomko.

### DINNER & A MOVIE

**Friday, January 16 at 6:00**

Bring your friends and neighbors and join us in the Social Hall for Dinner and a Movie on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. By request, this month's movie is "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory". Open to all ages! Dinner starts at 6 p.m. Snacks will also be available. Be sure to sign up on the sheet on the table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see Bob Hanovich.

### WORKDAY

**Saturday, January 17 at 9:00-12:00**

Congregation Workday is scheduled for Saturday, January 17 starting at 9 a.m. until Noon. There is always lots to do. See you there.

## BLENDING WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> for our Blended Worship Service. Service starts at 7 p.m.

## SPECIAL GUEST

Saturday, January 31 – Register by January 15

The Boards of Stewardship and Social Ministry are happy to announce we are sponsoring a concert with Tanner Olson, poet, writer, and singer on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Quite a few of our TLC members have heard him before and are excited about hearing and seeing him again. Bring your family and friends for an inspiring evening of music and poetry. Here is a bit of information from his website on who he is and what he does!

### Hello, I'm Tanner Olson.

*I'm an author, spoken word poet, and speaker passionate about sharing hope through words. I've written five books, including the widely loved poetry collection Walk A Little Slower and award-winning children's book, All the Things I Say to God.*

*My writing has been described as "hopefully unique," blending faith, humor, and curiosity in a style that's all my own.*

*For over a decade, I've traveled the country sharing poems, stories, and messages centered on grace, encouragement, and the love of Jesus. Whether on stage, in print, or through a screen, my goal is always the same: to point people toward hope.*



Along with Tanner we will meet his friend, Blake Flattley who is a singer-songwriter, producer, and multi-instrumentalist known for his blend of folk, Americana, and indie rock. His musical journey began after a formative encounter with a blind saxophonist in California who inspired him to channel human emotions and struggle through music.

### Our schedule for Saturday will be:

4 p.m.- 4:45 p.m. Family Show 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Adult Show

Registration is required and entrance fee includes the concert and dinner. **Fee schedule:**

Individuals \$30 Children ages 3-6 \$5 Children ages 7-12 \$10 Children ages 13-19 \$20

Family of four (two parents and two children) \$60 with additional children \$5 each.

Registration deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup>. Payment by check or Venmo to Lonna McEwen. For more information, please see Lonna McEwen, Betty Morrell, or Karen Hanovich.

## 2026 FLOWER CHART

The 2026 Flower Chart is now posted in the Social Hall for your selection of donating altar flowers. Remember to return the floral container per Ramelle's request and place it in the basket by the Sacristy door.

## HELP A SCAD STUDENT GET TO CHURCH

A new SCAD student, living in the dorms, has reached out to Trinity in need of a ride to the 11:00 church service, and is happy to attend Sunday School, too. He would be thankful even if you can only get him here once a month, preferably for an 11:00 communion service. Contact Pastor Webb if you might be able to help.

## TSHIRTS

The Youth are selling t-shirts to raise funds for the LCMS Youth Gathering. The t-shirts have a small cross encircled by the phrase, "I am a beloved child of the heavenly King" on the front left and a Bible verse on the back of the t-shirt. The t-shirts will be sold for \$20 each and \$6.10 will be added to the Youth Ministry Designated Funds for each t-shirt sold. T-shirts are available for viewing and purchase in the Social Hall after Divine Service. Please contact Bob Hanovich, 912-655-0048, for additional information. LET'S GO!

### EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS

The *Every One His Witness* video series and self-study guide are available on the Friends of Trinity Facebook page. The video series is posted under Media, then Albums, then *Every One His Witness*. The self-study guide is posted under Files, then E1HW – Self Study Guide – 2021-05-26.

**What is *Every One His Witness*?** *Every One His Witness* is a Lutheran evangelism program that teaches you to witness to your friends, coworkers, and any other non-churched people you may know. Using the LASSIE approach to witnessing (listen, ask, seek, share, invite, and encourage), you will learn how to naturally share the Good News of Jesus Christ through relational, contextual witnessing.

**What does this mean?** It means listening to those who are unsure about Christianity. It means asking questions that aren't accusatory. It means sharing the Good News about Jesus. **Notice how there's no bashing, no judgment, and no forced imposition of beliefs.** Instead, there's understanding, communication, and honesty between friends. And *Every One His Witness* teaches you how. Bob Hanovich, 912-655-0048, is the POC for additional information on *Every One His Witness*. LET'S GO!

### CHECK THE CALENDAR

Curious what's going on? Planning an event? Check the Trinity calendar on our website anytime ([www.trinitylutheransavannah.com/connect/calendar.cfm](http://www.trinitylutheransavannah.com/connect/calendar.cfm)). If you need to schedule an event, please contact Traci in the office ([trinityoffice@bellsouth.net](mailto:trinityoffice@bellsouth.net), 912-925-4839). Thanks!

### CONNECT WITH US

Connect with TLC and keep up with what's going on.

\***Website** - [www.trinitylutheransavannah.com](http://www.trinitylutheransavannah.com)

\***Facebook** - Friends of Trinity Lutheran Church; Trinity Lutheran Church of Savannah Media; Lizzie Comfort Dog

\***Instagram** - #lccck9lizzie (Lizzie Comfort Dog)

\***YouTube** – Trinity Lutheran Savannah

### DEADLINE for BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Every Wednesday by 9:00am**

Email bulletin announcements to [trinityoffice@bellsouth.net](mailto:trinityoffice@bellsouth.net) prior to 9:00am on Wednesdays.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. – 60    11:00 a.m. – 57    Facebook – 113    YouTube – 0  
Christmas Eve: 5:00 – 132    7:00 – 50    Facebook – 110    YouTube – 14  
Christmas: 10:00 – 28    Facebook – 0    YouTube – 0

Giving	\$6,153.97
Building Repair Fund	50.00
Christmas	305.00
Christmas Eve	1,315.00
Comfort Dog	120.00
Food Pantry	40.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	100.00
Poinsettias	100.00
Property Management	75.00
The Living Vine	75.00

### SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

**8:30 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m.**

Bob & Cindy Reynolds, Greeters  
Charles Cobb & Karl Schumacher, Ushers

Sherry Kreger, Reader  
Marilyn McKee & Wayne White, Greeters  
John Anander & Bob Sautter, Ushers

### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

**8:30 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m.**

Sharon Johnson, Greeter  
Larry Futch & JB Strange, Ushers

Rosemary Gerdes, Greeter  
Rosemary Gerdes & Gretchen Holmes, Ushers

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY		Traditional Worship Services	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
		Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
		Evangelism Meeting (Cry Room)	9:45-10:45 a.m.
		MS Youth Group (Education Building)	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
		Mite Sunday	
		Social Ministry Breakfast	
MONDAY	1/5	Women's Bible Study (Education Building)	10:00 am.
		Cub Scouts (Social Hall)	6:00-8:00 p.m.
		Board of Elders	6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY	1/6	Clothes Closet	4:00-6:00 p.m.
		Cub Scouts (Social Hall)	6:00-8:00 p.m.
		Epiphany	
WEDNESDAY	1/7	Bible Study (Education Building)	10:00 a.m.
		LWML Lunch & Meeting (Education Building)	11:30 a.m.
THURSDAY	1/8	Clothes Closet	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
		NAMI (Social Hall)	6:00-7:00 p.m.
		Church Council (Education Building)	6:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	1/9	Meals for Homeless (Education Building Kitchen)	4:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	1/10	Ungreening of the Church (Lunch Provided)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
		Neighborhood Prayer Walk	10:00 a.m.
		JMU Students Arrive	

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

*(Names remain on the prayer list up to a month unless requests are renewed.)*

**HEALTH**

Ron Asaro; Barbara Evans; Ernest Green; Sandy; Renee Tindall

**CANCER**

Jennifer Assaid; Vonnie Distad; Peggy Garte; Wendy Holland; Paul Mamalakis; Samuel Martin; Ted Richardson; Dawn Sarkissian

**STRENGTH, GUIDANCE, FAITH, & PROVISION**

Blayne & Rosemary; Keilani & Kalena; Brown University; Everyone impacted by natural disasters

**SPECIAL REQUEST**

Family & friends of Harold LaMarr

**PEACE**

Israel, Ukraine, & all who suffer from war and violence

**OUR WITNESS**

Let us proclaim Jesus Christ is risen to all!

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### **BOARD OF ELDERS**

Bob Reynolds, Head Elder (at large)  
Sonny Massey (A – B)  
Mark Waltz (C – E)  
Todd Freeseemann (F – J)  
Dean Torek (K – Mc)  
JB Strange (Me – Sa)  
Tom Wayman (Sc – Z)

### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

Kip Wiltse, President  
Eric Thompson, Vice President  
Cathy Crotwell, Secretary  
Karl Schumacher, Treasurer  
Megan Haverland, Board of Education  
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Chris Garretson, Board of Evangelism  
Charles Rogers, Board of Property Management  
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### **ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS**

Cindy Baldwin, Comfort Dog Top Dog  
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Megan Thompson, Sunday School Superintendent  
Rosemary Gerdes, Quilters  
Karen Hanovich, TLC Marketing  
Lonna McEwen, Altar Guild  
Rose Pitt, Prayer Team