

# Trinity Lutheran Church



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

# **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## **The Second Sunday after Christmas**

**January 5, 2025, 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**

What were you looking for a few days ago when we joined the crowds gathered for the annual celebration of Christmas? If you knew what you were looking for, did you find it? Of course, Christmas is all about the arrival of the Savior of the world, our Savior from sin and death. In His human birth, Jesus took on our flesh to provide the only sufficient atoning sacrifice for sin. By His holiness, His sacrifice was sufficient for the whole world of sin of all time, including your own. Did you find this forgiveness for all your sins and answers to all your troubles when you sang the Christmas songs? Or are you still searching? That's okay, because for one more of the twelve days, it is still Christmas. It is not too late. In Joseph and Mary's anxiety over their three-day search for their missing child, they couldn't find Him in the crowds or among their relatives and friends. It was only as they returned to the temple, the place of God the Father's promised earthly presence, that their worry was solved. You have come to the right place, the place of God's promised presence for you—here, where His Word is faithfully preached, His Sacraments rightly administered, and His grace, love, and forgiveness are given and applied to you. So do not be anxious about your life. You are seeking the answers in the right place, in the kingdom of God and in His righteousness given to you this day in His mighty, saving Word.

# DIVINE SERVICE

## *Setting Four*

ORGAN

WELCOME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Please Stand*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 555 "Salvation unto Us Has Come"



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and  
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could  
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had  
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -

fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They  
ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For  
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And  
ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our

help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus  
man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those  
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a  
guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's

Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
pure de - sires The spir - it of the  
mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred  
poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our

world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.  
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.  
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

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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

*Psalms 119:97-104*

P <sup>97</sup>Oh how I love your law!  
C **It is my meditation all the day.**

P <sup>98</sup>Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,  
C **for it is ever with me.**

P <sup>99</sup>I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
C **for your testimonies are my meditation.**

P <sup>100</sup>I understand more than the aged,  
C **for I keep your precepts.**

P <sup>101</sup>I hold back my feet from every evil way,  
C **in order to keep your word.**

P <sup>102</sup>I do not turn aside from your just decrees,  
C **for you have taught me.**

P <sup>103</sup>How sweet are your words to my taste,  
C **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

P <sup>104</sup>Through your precepts I get understanding;  
C **therefore I hate every false way.**

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*



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

**HYMN OF PRAISE 396 vv. 1, 4-5 "Arise and Shine in Splendor"**



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -  
4 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er  
5 Your heart will leap for glad - ness When from the realms of



ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the  
yon - der From sin to be set free. The world has  
sad - ness They come from near and far. Your eyes will



day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty  
heard Your sto - ry; Her sons come to Your  
wake from slum - ber As peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.  
glo - ry; Her daugh - ters haste Your light to see.  
num - ber Re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

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**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.  
Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word.  
Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your  
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.  
C **Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

### *1 Kings 3:4–15*

<sup>4</sup> The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup> And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup> And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

<sup>15</sup> And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

A This is the Word of the LORD.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE LESSON

### *Ephesians 1:3–14*

<sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

*Luke 2:40–52*

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

<sup>40</sup>The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

<sup>41</sup>Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup>And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup>And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

**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 the 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


### "The Father's Gracious Purpose"

*Ephesians 1:3-6*

**OFFERING** *(Please fill out and pass the red Friendship Book at this time; and 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 grape juice will take the cups with white grape juice 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.**

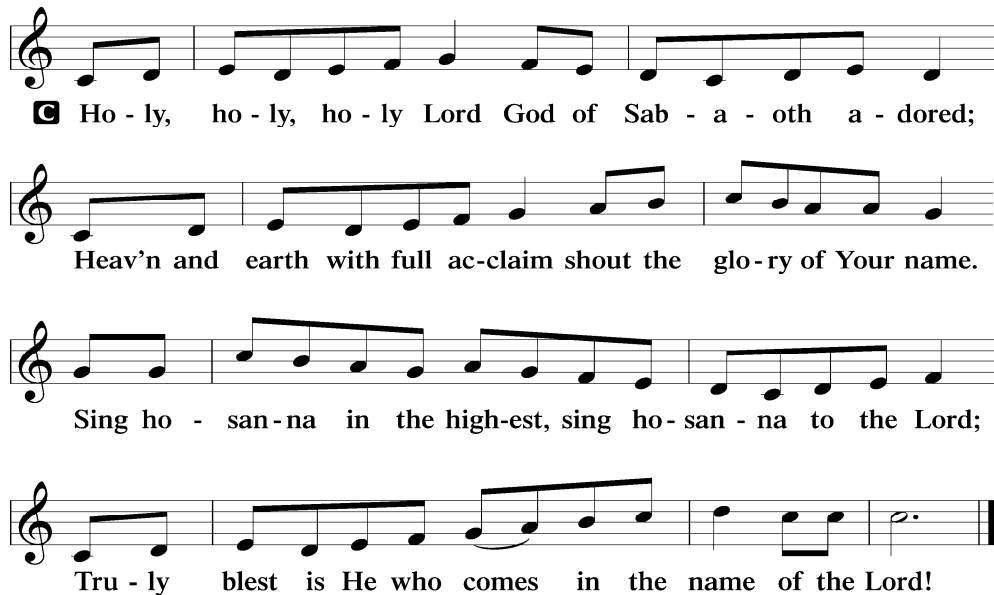
P Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of 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*

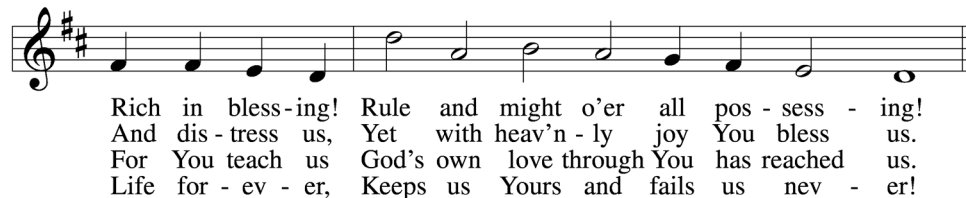
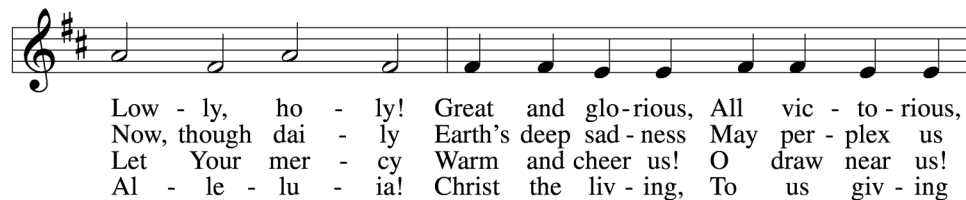
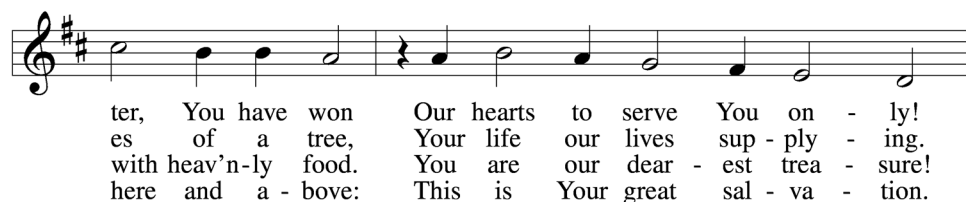
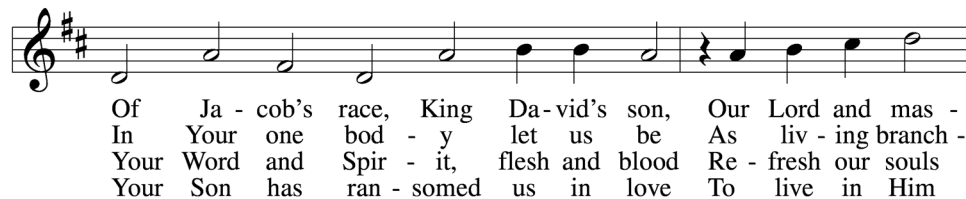
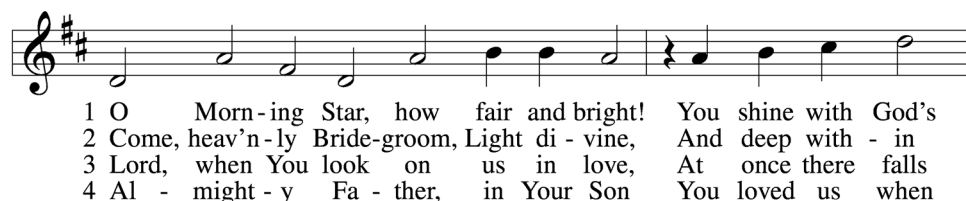
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



*Be Seated*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

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



- 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 lead 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 -



## 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.**

## 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*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and RECOGNITION OF OUR GUESTS**

**ORGAN**

### **TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

*Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
Isaiah 60:1*

## **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

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

## **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 3 through High School)**

Join us for Sunday School classes for ages three through young adult. Teachers: Megan Haverland (3 years-1<sup>st</sup> Grade), Judy Bringman (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade), Bob Hanovich (Middle School), and Karl Schumacher (High School).

### **PARENTS & TWOS CLASS**

In this class for parents and two-year-olds, Karen Hanovich helps parents encourage their little ones as they learn about Jesus together.

### **YOUNG ADULT SINGLES CLASS**

For ages 18-26, this class led by Kevin Riedl is studying “Lessons from the Underground Church.”

### **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 returns tomorrow with the study of Parables. It meets on Mondays at 10:00am in the Education Building. See Linda Tomko for more details.

# 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.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**Monday, January 6 at 10:00am**

The Women's Bible Study will resume our study of Parables on Monday, January 6, at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. All women are welcome to attend!

## UNGREENING OF THE CHURCH

**Saturday, January 11 at 9:00-12:00**

Come out and help "ungreen" (a.k.a. undecorate) the church on Saturday, January 11 from 9:00 to 12:00. Lunch will be provided.

## OVER 50 GROUP LUNCH

**Wednesday, January 15 at 12:00**

The Over 50 Group lunch returns for the new year. Join us at Ole Times Country Buffet on Stephenson Ave. on Wednesday, January 15 at 12:00. See Marilyn McKee with questions.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

**January 24 & 25**

Remember to sign up with your \$40 registration for the Women's Retreat featuring Christian author/speaker Sharla Fritz. Registration forms are in the Narthex. Give your registration form and check payable to TLC to Betty Morrell or Lonna McEwen or put in the offering plate.

## 2025 FLOWER CHART

Please sign up on the 2025 Flower Chart in the Social Hall for date(s) to furnish flowers for the altar. There are a lot of dates available. Ramelle's Florist will bill you directly.

## CRAFTS

You can still shop for your gifts and decorations from the array of Novemberfest items in the Social Hall. Make your checks payable to Trinity LWML or you can Venmo to Lonna McEwen. Proceeds go to charities selected at the December LWML Ladies Guild meeting.



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## TWO ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

The first online giving application is Venmo, a cash-free way of sending and receiving money. Venmo has three main requirements for using it. You must: be in the U.S., have a U.S. cell phone that can send and receive text messages using short codes, and be at least 18 years of age. Use the camera setting on your cell phone on the QR code to the left and it will take you directly to our TLC online account. Enter the amount of your donation and press enter. Follow the instructions on the screen.

The second is VANCO. More based groups, nonprofits, schools, trust Vanco to process payments Using the camera setting on your the right and it will take you instructions to set up your on-line



than 40,000 churches, faith- and educational organizations and donations. It's easy to use. cell phone on the QR code to directly to Vanco. Follow the account. If you have any

questions, please contact Karen Hanovich.

## 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** - #lck9lizzie (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.

## MINISTRY NEEDS

### USHERS FOR 8:30 SERVICE

We need one or two Ushers who can serve on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Please see JB Strange if you are interested or need more details.

### BLANKETS & JACKETS

Hearts of Compassion is collecting new and gently used blankets and jackets for the cold months. Place items in the basket in the Narthex. If you have questions, see Jennifer Wolfe.

## **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. – 36    11:00 a.m. – 35    Facebook – 218    YouTube – 8  
Christmas Eve: 5:00 – 87    7:00 – 61    Facebook – 212    YouTube – 6  
Christmas Day: 10:00 – 28

Giving	\$6,425.52
Altar Guild	400.00
Building Repair Fund	400.00
Christmas Eve	1,155.00
Christmas	180.00
Comfort Dog	500.00
Food Pantry	50.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	70.00
Seminary Student Willoughby	75.00
The Living Vine	75.00
Women's Retreat	200.00

### **SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY**

#### **8:30 a.m.**

Bob & Cindy Reynolds, Greeters  
Larry Futch & Karl Schumacher, Ushers

#### **11:00 a.m.**

Mary Helen Anander, Reader  
Shirley Lewis, Greeter  
John Anander & Bob Sautter, Ushers

### **SERVING NEXT SUNDAY**

#### **8:30 a.m.**

Sharon Johnson, Greeter

#### **11:00 a.m.**

Marilyn McKee & Wayne White, Greeters  
Mark & Ann Waltz, 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.
		Confirmation Class	12:30 p.m.
		Mite Sunday	
MONDAY	1/6	Women's Bible Study (Education Building)	10:00 a.m.
		Cub Scouts (Social Hall)	6:00-8:00 p.m.
		Epiphany	
TUESDAY	1/7	Clothes Closet	4:00-6:00 p.m.
		Cub Scouts (Social Hall)	6:00-8:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	1/8	Bible Study (Education Building)	10:00 a.m.
		LWML Lunch & Meeting (Education Building)	11:30 a.m.
THURSDAY	1/9	Clothes Closet	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
		Crafters (Education Building)	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
		NAMI (Social Hall)	6:00-7:00 p.m.
		Church Council (Education Building)	6:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	1/10	Meals for Homeless (Education Building Kitchen)	4:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	1/11	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.)*

#### **CANCER**

Wendy Holland; Harold LaMarr; Samuel Martin (19)

#### **STRENGTH, GUIDANCE, & PROVISION**

Everyone impacted by the hurricanes & natural disasters

#### **SPECIAL REQUEST**

Family & friends of Ellen Osborne

#### **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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### **STAFF**

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Traci Schumacher, Administrative Assistant  
Helen Williams, Church Custodian

### **BOARD OF ELDERS**

Mark Waltz, Head Elder (C – E)  
Mike Fajen (K – Mc)  
Todd Freeseemann (F – J)  
Jacob Johnson (Various)  
Sonny Massey (A – B)  
Bob Reynolds (Me – Sa)  
Tom Wayman (Sc – Z)

### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

Kip Wiltse, President  
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Karl Schumacher, Treasurer  
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### **ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS**

Cindy Baldwin, Comfort Dog Top Dog  
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Karen Hanovich, TLC Marketing  
Lonna McEwen, Altar Guild  
Rose Pitt, Prayer Team