

# Trinity Lutheran Church



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD



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

# **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## **The First Sunday after Christmas**

**December 28, 2025, 8:30 Non-Communion & 11:00 a.m. 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**

To the rest of the world, we are simply people with a different faith, but we have an identity that is unique: We are God's children, calling out to Him, "Abba! Father!" As He did with our forebears, we hear in the Old Testament Reading, He remembers His covenant. Even when danger threatens, as it did for the holy family, He is with us to protect and guide us. In fact, we are not only God's children; with Jesus, His only-begotten Son, we are also heirs of the promise, which He kept for us. That is merry news indeed!

# DIVINE SERVICE

## *Setting One*

ORGAN

WELCOME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*Please Stand*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 380 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"



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



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



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

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INVOCATION

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

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

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

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

*Kneel or Be Seated*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Please Stand*

### PSALM

*Psalm 111*

**P** <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
**C** **in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

**P** <sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the LORD,  
**C** **studied by all who delight in them.**

**P** <sup>3</sup>Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
**C** **and his righteousness endures forever.**

**P** <sup>4</sup>He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
**C** **the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

**P** <sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him;  
**C** **he remembers his covenant forever.**

**P** <sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works,  
**C** **in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

**P** <sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
**C** **all his precepts are trustworthy;**

**P** <sup>8</sup>they are established forever and ever,  
**C** to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

**P** <sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.  
**C** Holy and awesome is his name!

**P** <sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
**C** His praise endures forever!

**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*

**P** In peace let us pray to the LORD.



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

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the LORD.



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

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the LORD.



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

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us  
pray to the LORD.



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

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.



**C** A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast"

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

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

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Be Seated*

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Isaiah 63:7–14*

<sup>7</sup>I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,  
the praises of the LORD,  
according to all that the LORD has granted us,  
and the great goodness to the house of Israel  
that he has granted them according to his compassion,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.  
<sup>8</sup>For he said, “Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely.”  
And he became their Savior.  
<sup>9</sup>In all their affliction he was afflicted,  
and the angel of his presence saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.  
<sup>10</sup>But they rebelled  
and grieved his Holy Spirit;  
therefore he turned to be their enemy,  
and himself fought against them.  
<sup>11</sup>Then he remembered the days of old,  
of Moses and his people.  
Where is he who brought them up out of the sea  
with the shepherds of his flock?  
Where is he who put in the midst of them  
his Holy Spirit,  
<sup>12</sup>who caused his glorious arm  
to go at the right hand of Moses,  
who divided the waters before them  
to make for himself an everlasting name,  
<sup>13</sup>who led them through the depths?  
Like a horse in the desert,  
they did not stumble.  
<sup>14</sup>Like livestock that go down into the valley,  
the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.  
So you led your people,  
to make for yourself a glorious name.

- A** This is the Word of the LORD.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE LESSON

*Galatians 4:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”  
<sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

- A** This is the Word of the LORD.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please Stand*

## ALLELUIA and VERSE

*John 6:68*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 2:13–23*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

<sup>16</sup>Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup>“A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

<sup>19</sup>But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup>saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” <sup>21</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the LORD.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one LORD Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Be Seated*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*8:30 Service*

**HYMN OF THE DAY 379 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come— ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to Thee— be— glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God— In— the— high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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**SERMON** "A Future with Purpose" *Selected Scriptures: Isaiah 55:8-11; Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139; Exodus 31:2; Galatians 4:4; Proverbs 18:16; Colossians 3:23*

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

*Please Stand*

**OFFERTORY**

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*Kneel or Be Seated*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

## **NON-COMMUNION SERVICE (8:30)**

**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*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- P** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of (†) God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.



**G** A-men, a-men, a - men

## CLOSING HYMN 387 "Joy to the World"



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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*Be Seated*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (11:00)

*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 al - so 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]*

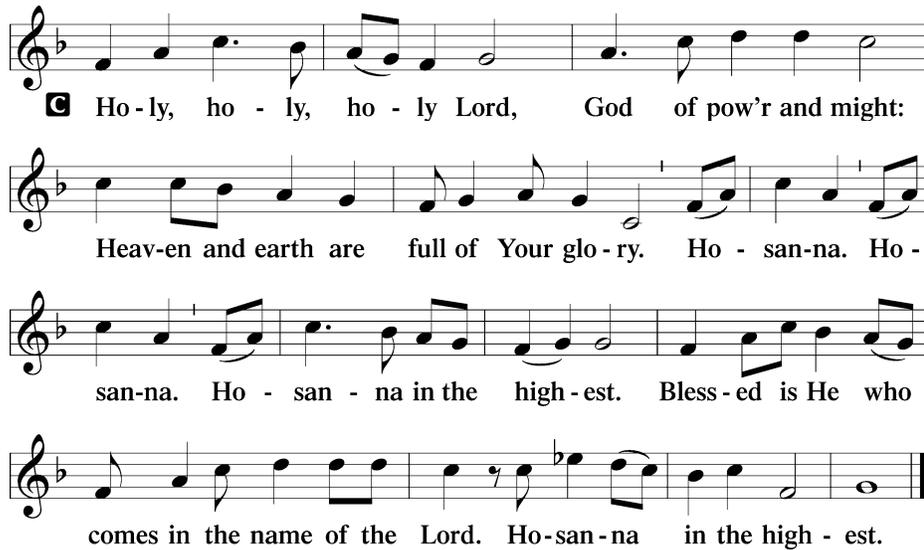


**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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 pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

**P** Pastor Webb spoke these words over the elements and consecrated them when he said: 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 shed 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*

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Be Seated*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**HYMN 359 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"**

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in  
3 This flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the  
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man  
sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph-ets long have  
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er  
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -  
woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the  
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to  
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and  
 know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.  
 us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.  
 death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

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**HYMN 370 "What Child Is This"**



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
 2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are  
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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*Please Stand*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the LORD"**



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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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 the Altar Guild and the Congregation.

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*John 1:14*

## **POINSETTIAS**

Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettias to decorate the beautiful Altar:

### **THOSE WHO GAVE IN CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS**

John Anander, Alison Bowden, Cathy Crotwell, Doug & Barbara Duch, Wendy Holland, Sherry Kreger,  
Kim Lutz, Cathy Rogers

### **THOSE WHO GAVE IN LOVING MEMORY or IN HONOR OF SOMEONE**

Carole Eckes in memory of Jim Eckes  
Bill and Sharon Johnson in memory of our parents  
Wayne White in memory of Chris White

## **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

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

## **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 is taking a Holiday Break and will resume January 5. Have a blessed Holiday!

# 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 next Sunday.

## SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to Sonny Massey and Mark Waltz for leading worship this morning in Pastor Webb's absence.

## NO WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Class will resume on January 7.

## 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.

## 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.

### **JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Jennifer & Ronald Wolfe 1/1, Eric & Renee Tindall 1/18

### **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** - #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.

## 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. – 67    11:00 a.m. – 56    Facebook – 109    YouTube – 13

Giving	\$8,512.13
Advent	313.00
Building Repair Fund	50.00
Comfort Dog	100.00
Food Pantry	30.00
Memorial – Pastor Lunick	1,000.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	30.00
Poinsettias	100.00
Youth Donuts	76.00

### SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

**8:30 a.m.**

Doug Masini, Reader  
Jackie Deemer, Greeter  
Chris Cesaroni & Karl Schumacher, Ushers

**11:00 a.m.**

Chris Garretson, Greeter  
Rosemary Gerdes & Gretchen Holmes, Ushers

### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

**8:30 a.m.**

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

**11:00 a.m.**

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

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY	Traditional Worship Services	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
	LWML Breakfast	
MONDAY	12/29	
TUESDAY	12/30 Clothes Closet	4:00-6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	12/31 New Year's Eve	
THURSDAY	1/1 Clothes Closet	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
	New Year's Day	
FRIDAY	1/2 Meals for Homeless (Education Building Kitchen)	4:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	1/3	

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

**HEALTH**

Barbara Evans; Sandy; Renee Tindall

**CANCER**

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

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

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

**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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Jeff Webb, Pastor  
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Helen Williams, Church Custodian

### **BOARD OF ELDERS**

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

### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

Kip Wiltse, President  
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Cathy Crotwell, Secretary  
Karl Schumacher, Treasurer  
Megan Haverland, Board of Education  
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Chris Garretson, Board of Evangelism  
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### **ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS**

Cindy Baldwin, Comfort Dog Top Dog  
Jackie Deemer, Director of TLC Singers & LWML President  
Megan Thompson, Sunday School Superintendent  
Rosemary Gerdes, Quilters  
Karen Hanovich, TLC Marketing  
Lonna McEwen, Altar Guild  
Rose Pitt, Prayer Team