

GOD WITH US

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Sunday, December 15, 2024

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

17330 South Highway 441, Summerfield, FL 34491 352-307-4500

Worship Times: Sundays 8:00am and 10:30am

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Trinity Lutheran Church, LCMS

Worship Assistants

Head Elder

10:00am - Roy Egeland

Communion Assistants

10:00am

Keenan, Moore, Munden, Soares, Stevens and Wilt

Lector

10:00am - Ada Jarmosevich

Keyboard

Judy Hall

Music Director

Jan Garner



Trinity Lutheran Church

Reverend Blair Clark

Our Mission



“To share the good news of Jesus Christ”



Our Vision STATEMENT

“To serve as God guides us to bring people closer to Jesus Christ through worship, Bible studies, prayer and fellowship”

WELCOME!!!

A warm joyous welcome to all who gather to bear witness to the resurrection of Jesus, our King of Kings!

OUR RITE OF FRIENDSHIP:

Members and guests: Please register your attendance in the red pad located at the end of each row. **We ask our guests to please print your complete address and phone number.** When it reaches the other end of the row, pass it back. Upon its return note the other names; you may meet a new friend in Christ today.

Please turn off your cell phone.

If you desire a hearing assistance unit, speak with an usher.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 15, 2024

PRELUDE - *by Judy Hall*

CHRISTMAS FANTASIA

by Carl F. Mueller

CHRISTMAS CAROL MEDLEY

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please stand]

OPENING HYMN

“NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE”

LSB #386 vs 1-3

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1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.
3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death was reign - ing o'er us Through sin and van - i - ty



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

[Please be seated]

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE THIRD CANDLE: THE SHEPHERDS' CANDLE

ADVENT PROPHECY

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

- P** As we light the shepherds' candle on our Advent wreath, we recall the shepherds outside Bethlehem who heard the news of Jesus' birth and came to worship Him. Remembering their joy and witness, we pray,
- C** **Merciful Father, as shepherds of old, bring to us once again the good news that the Savior has come. Then send us to share the Good News with others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

SONG

"WE LIGHT THE CANDLE"

**We light the candle of JOY we light the candle of JOY.
This candlelight burning bright, reminds us that Christ brings JOY.
We light the candle of JOY we light the candle of JOY.
He's coming soon, Emmanuel; Jesus will bring us JOY**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

All: O Lord of heaven, we come before You confessing that we are sinners, that we have sinned against You and each other by our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You desire; forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ and grant to us Your Spirit that we live holy and blameless lives to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world. By His death we have life. On this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, speak God's grace to you and forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

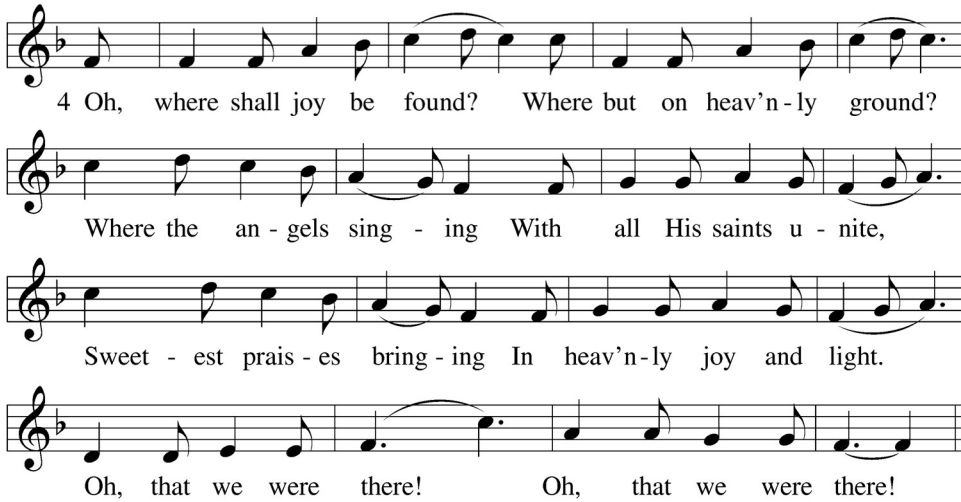
C Amen.

RESPONSE

“NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE”

LSB #386 vs 4

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4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n-ly ground?
Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n-ly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P We pray,

C Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[Please be seated]

THE WORD

EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:3–12

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“CAROLS OF HOPE AND LIGHT”

Words and Arr. by Joseph M. Martin

By The Trinity Choir

[Please stand]

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:34-45; 56-58

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 1st chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the

sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

P This is the gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

[Please be seated]

SERMON HYMN

“LET US ALL WITH GLADSOME VOICE”

LSB #390

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1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,
2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,
3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - joice, His own Son hath giv - en.
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.
There-fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

SERMON

“God With Us Brings Joy”

Luke 1-45; 57-58

Pastor Blair Clark

[Please stand]

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

[Please be seated]

OFFERING HYMN

“WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN”

LSB #781 vs 1, 3 & 5

Text and tune: Public domain



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
5 The cap - tive to re - lease, To God the lost to bring,



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And lambs for whom the Shep-herd bled Are stray - ing from the fold.
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.

PRAYERS

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

From the beginning the prophets spoke of what Jesus was to do to fulfill Your saving will. Help us to welcome His coming and rejoice in His gift of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P The temptations around us are great. Help us to remain steadfast in Your Word, faithful in Your service, and bold in witness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for joy amid our struggles to be faithful. Fill our hearts with the joy of Your kingdom now and always. We pray for peace for our service members, that they may be protected from danger and know Your presence and power. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For the elderly, the sick and all who suffer, especially those among us whom we have lifted up to You previously, Father, and those most recently afflicted and all who have requested our prayers that the Holy Spirit would strengthen the weak, supply the needs of the lonely, and grant healing of body and patience to endure all afflictions, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

(Intercessory Prayers)

Happy Birthday

December 15 - Carolyn Hoppe

December 17 - Debbie Sattler, Susie Whitt and Carol Tooley

December 18 - Bonnie Davis, Pat Kostock and Kris Loffler

December 20 - Bob Weinert, Bruce Bresky, Ann Lenz and Esther Aggas

December 21 - Chuck Wilt and Darlene Spignesi

Happy Anniversary

December 18 - John and Sandra Lamb 53

December 21 - John and Sandy Starr 56

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

[Please stand]

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PRAYER

P Blessed are You, Holy God, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of all things. You are our salvation and the giver of peace. We praise You for sending Your Son, Jesus, born of Mary, to share our life and to bring us Your peace. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood. Remember us in Your Kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 cup is the ✠ new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

[Please be seated]

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have Mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"CAROLS OF THE QUEST"

Words and Arr. by Joseph M. Martin

By The Trinity Choir

"A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER"

LSB #383

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- 1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:
- 2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re - mains on high,
- 3 While thus they sing your Mon - arch, Those bright an - gel - ic bands,
- 4 Since all He comes to ran - som, By all be He a - dored,
- 5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And Sa - tan's ly - ing cease,



The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!
And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.
Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.
The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.
And Christ shall raise His scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

Refrain

Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: "To God on high be

glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

"ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"

LSB #368

Text and tune: Public domain

- 1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
- 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
- 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - -

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

[Please stand]

THE DISMISSAL

- P** The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. Go in peace, to serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P** We pray.
- C** Merciful Father, You have given us hope in Christ and because of all He accomplished for us when He came in flesh and blood, we are sustained in faith. Equip us with the gifts of Your Spirit and increase our faith that we may be prepared to greet Him with confidence and joy when He returns as King and Judge of all; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor, and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“I’VE GOT THE JOY”

I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart!
I’ve got the joy, joy, joy,
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay!
And it’s the greatest, grandest feeling,
And it’s a feeling here to stay!
And it’s a joy that needs revealing,
So I just want to say:

I’ve got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I’ve got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay!
And it’s the greatest, grandest feeling,
And it’s a feeling here to stay!
And it’s a love that needs revealing,
So I just want to say:

I've got the peace that passes understanding,
Down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I've got the peace that passes understanding,
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay!
And it's the greatest, grandest feeling,
And it's a feeling here to stay!
And it's peace that needs revealing,
So I just want to say:

I've got the joy, joy, joy down in my heart,
Down in my heart, down in my heart!
I've got the joy, joy, joy down in my heart, down in my heart to stay!

POSTLUDE

"FROM HEAVEN ON HIGH THE ANGLES CAME"
by Martin Luther; harmonized by A. Schreiner

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True Joy to the
WORLD

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VISION AND MINISTRY SUNDAY

Worship Service & Communion
December 15 - 10:00am
Trinity Voters' Assembly Meeting
Followed by a Trinity Christmas Reception - 11:15am

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

"Tapestry of Light"

Wednesday, December 18 - 5:00pm
Dinner to follow in Fellowship Hall - 6:00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Tuesday, December 24 - 4:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday, December 25 - 10:00am