



Sunday, December 22, 2024

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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Trinity Lutheran Church, LCMS

Worship Assistants

Head Elder

8:00am – Leon Norregaard
10:30am – Will Evans

Communion Assistants

8:00am - Dowbenko/Schwieger
10:30am – Matthias/Stevens

Lectors

8:00am – Marilyn DeTizio
10:30am – Sara Valentine

Accompanist

Joan Egeland

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 coming 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.

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 22, 2024

PRELUDE - *by Joan Egeland*

“IMMANUEL” (*From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable*)

Words and Music By Stuart Townend, Arr. Carol Tornquist

“EMMANUEL”

Words and Music by Bob McGee, Arr. Carol Tornquist

“IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER/AWAY IN A MANGER”

Cradle Song/William J Kirkpatrick Cranham/Gustav Holst, Arr. Phil Perkins

“IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR”

Richard W Sillis / Arr. Victor Labenske

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please stand]

OPENING HYMN

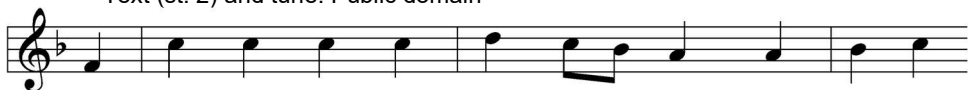
“LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD”

LSB #389 vs 1, 2 & 4

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1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

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 FOURTH CANDLE: THE MARY CANDLE

ADVENT PROPHECY

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

- P** As we light the Mary candle on our Advent wreath, we recall the mother of Jesus who bravely accepted God's Word through the angel Gabriel and became the Lord's servant, joyfully acknowledging that all future generations would call her blessed. Remembering her joy and witness, we pray,
- C** **Merciful Father, as you sent Your Son – a child of Mary, bring to us once again the good news that the Savior has come. Then send us to share the Good News with others, that our souls would magnify You as well; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

SONG

"WE LIGHT THE CANDLE"

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** During these days of waiting, we again come face to face with our sinfulness.
- C** **O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

- P** Receive the forgiveness Christ won for you by His Passion, death, and resurrection. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, 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. Thanks be to God**

RESPONSE

“LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD”

LSB #389 vs 5-6

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5 He is a ser - vant, I a lord: How great a
 6 He is the key and He the door To bless - ed

mys - ter - y! How strong the ten - der Christ Child's love! No
 par - a - dise; The an - gel bars the way no more. To

tru - er friend than He, No tru - er friend than He.
 God our prais - es rise, To God our prais - es rise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Stir up Your power, Lord Jesus, and come. Fill us with Your abundant peace that our hearts may be set to serve You. Free us from sin, that we may willingly bear Your peace to all the world, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:14–21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?”

Music by Gloria Shayne

By - Rick Carlson, Clarinet

[Please stand]

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

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

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

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

[Please be seated]

SERMON HYMN

“OF THE FATHER’S LOVE BEGOTTEN”

LSB #384 vs 1, 2 & 4

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1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face
si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

SERMON

“God With Us Brings Love”

Matthew 1:18-25

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

“GOD LOVES ME DEARLY”

LSB #392

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1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and
3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did
5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.
deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.
ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.



Refrain
There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

PRAYERS

- P** As we prepare to celebrate with thanksgiving the coming of the Christ-child, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs. For the Church in every place, that with Mary and Joseph we would be prepared for Your coming into our lives; And that our own Christmas celebrations glorify the coming of the Savior King. God of peace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For peace among the nations of the world, and especially for our service members who strive for peace in conflicts around the world, that they may know Your presence and protection. God of peace,
- 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 in need of healing ... 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.**
- P** In thanksgiving for those who have died and are at rest in Your arms of mercy; God of love,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

(Intercessory Prayers)

Happy Birthday

December 23 - Debbie Rosser
December 24 - Hilda Kovac
December 25 - Wendy Davis
December 26 - Vita Crain & Sharon Nelson
December 27 - John Minnick & Adele Laerz
December 28 - Donald Freese

Happy Anniversary

December 22 - Cal and Karen Amstein 40
December 23 - Jim and Kay Jacobson 57
December 26 - John and Ann Lenz 59 and
Peter and Ada Jarmosevich 54
December 27 - Milo and Linda Arneson 56

P God of love, hear the prayers we offer in the name of Jesus Christ, whose coming is certain and whose day is drawing near.

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.

C **Amen.**

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

"GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE"

LSB #571

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1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessed Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

“SOON AND VERY SOON”
Communion Song Book – No. 4

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
 Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
 Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!

Refrain

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
 No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
 No more crying there, we are going to see the King! **Refrain**

No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
 No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
 No more dying there, we are going to see the King! **Refrain**

“CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER”
LSB #725

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1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

[Please stand]

PRAYER

P O God of love, in this meal You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come when all the hungry will be fed with good things.

C **Send us into the world to tell everyone what You have done and to proclaim the greatness of Your name. We pray in the name of the One who is coming again, and whose day draws near, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN”

LSB #388

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Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain

Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff is the refrain, which is repeated. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff contains three verses of lyrics. The fourth staff is another refrain, also repeated.

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We thank you for the beautiful poinsettias this Christmas season!

*Denise Berlin - (11)
In Memory of my beloved Father William Edward Johnson*

*Marilyn Butenhof (1)
In Memory of Donald Butenhof*

*Ken & Shirley Crousore (2)
In Honor of our Children and their families*

*Susan Cummings (2)
In Memory of Martin & Luther Olinger*

*Jean Dialoiso (2)
In Memory of Nick, Alan, and Dave*

*Sandra Emigholz (1)
In Honor of my family*

*Cheryl Fibish (2)
In Memory of parents Herb & Joyce Brauns
Husband Terry, Daughter Sheri & sister Carolyn*

*Don & Sharie Freese
In Honor of our families*

*Dorothy Frenz (2)
In Memory of Husband Vic & Daughter Vickie*

*Phil & Anna Gay (2)
In Memory of family*

*Elva Hancock (2)
In Memory of Vaughn Elizabeth Hancock,
& William & Vivian Simpson*



*David & Paula Hemond (1)
In Memory of our parents*

*Joan Herro (1)
In Memory of Ken Herro*

*Jerry & Anne Housholder (2)
In Memory of Daniel*

*Glenn & Joanne Huehns (1)
In Memory of our parents*

*Steward & Vickie Iverson (1)
In Memory of our parents*

*Jim & Kay Jacobson (2)
In Memory of our family & friends who are with
their Lord Jesus Christ*

*Peter & Ada Jarmosevich (2)
In memory of our parents George & Hilda Kuiper and
Peter & Rejeane Jarmosevich*

*Jim & Joanne Kiger (2)
In Memory of our parents and In Honor of our
children, grand & great grand children*

*Harold & Alice Kirsch (2)
In Memory of family and friends we have lost*

*Dan & Mary Jane Kowitz (2)
In Memory of Nephew Archie &
my Mom, Margo who are with our
Heavenly Father*

*Betsy Lighfield (1)
In Memory of Mark Fries - Beloved Son*

*Dan & Joyce Lindstrom (2)
In Memory of family and friends and in Honor of our family.*



Jim & Diana Liney (1)
In Memory of our parents

Elaine Loesel (1)
In memory of loved ones spending Christmas in Heaven

Caral & Lorie Luepnitz (1)
In Honor of Baby Jesus

Carl & Lorie Luepnitz (1)
In Memory of our parents

China Menendez (2)
In Memory of Mother and Father

Marianne Merrow (1)
In Memory of Robert & Gertrude Lunz

Joyce Moote (3)
In Memory of Judd Moote, Frank and Debbie Dimambro

Ralph & Donna Munden (1)
In Memory of our loved ones.

Gary & Sharon Nelson (2)
In Memory of Jessica Hickey and Roger Hammett

Rolland & Ruth Poust (1)
In Memory of Valerie L. Poust

Steve & Sharon Pruszyński (1)
In Memory of our parents

Gerry & Janet Sandaker (2)
In Memory of family members

Nancy Schluckbier (2)
In Loving Memory of our parents;
In Loving Memory of my dear husband, Dick



*Bill Schwieger (2)
In Memory of parents Herb & Joyce*

*Don & Sharie Schwieger (1)
In Memory of loved ones*

*John & Trudy Spyker (1)
In Memory of loved ones*

*Fritz & Paula Wiegelmann (2)
In Memory of the Wiegelmann & Giandalia family members*

*Bonnie Willman (2)
In Memory of Fred Willman*



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Tuesday, December 24 - 4:00pm

Christmas Day Communion Service
Wednesday, December 25 - 10:00am

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Christianity is the only religion of the world to insist that reconciliation with the creator cannot ever be accomplished by our performance. Only through the revelation of a Savior, who would be the substitute sacrifice for all of our wrongdoing and make us right with God, can we finally overcome our sense of separation from the Almighty.

This is a gift and promise of life that we rejoice in and share with Christians around the world. We share with all Christians the desire that everyone would come to know Jesus and experience a life under “new management” – the grace and purpose of God.

Trinity is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We enjoy a blessed confessional heritage of Biblical Christianity with over 65 million Lutherans around the world and over 7 million Lutherans in the U.S. alone. What we know and believe comes only from the Bible, which is God’s inspired Word. While the Bible is certainly our guide for holy living, the primary purpose of the Bible is to reveal Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

We believe every Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church is a “little Easter”, a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper every Sunday in all worship services. We believe the forgiveness and strength of faith we are promised through receiving the very body and blood of Christ is so greatly needed by all of God’s people, for we are truly a community of wounded healers. For a Christian Church to be anything else than a place of common fellowship and unity and a source of strength for our fragile faith is to fail its God-ordained purpose and intent.

Our pastor would like to be of service to you in any way he can. Feel free to call the church office or speak with Pastor Blair directly if you wish to find out more about the church or have more personal needs of a spiritual nature.



**TEACHING THE
LOVE OF
CHRIST**