

**"Forever Young; A Senior's
Perspective on Christmas"
[Luke 2:25, 28]**

Pastor Blair Clark

December 29, 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 – Jim Moore
10:30am – Bob Anderson

Communion Assistants

8:00am – M. David/Munden
10:30am – Bremer/Stieber

Lectors

8:00am – Arlene Stackhouse
10:30am – Jerry Housholder

Keyboard

Judy Hall

Music Director

Jan Garner



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Trinity Lutheran Church

Reverend Blair Clark

Our Mission

STATEMENT
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“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 birth of Jesus, our
King of Kings!**

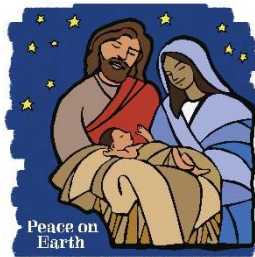
OUR RITE OF FRIENDSHIP:

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



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 29, 2024

PRELUDE - *Judy Hall*

“WHAT CHILD IS THIS?”

Traditional English Carol

“BESIDE THY MANGER HERE I STAND”

by J. S. Bach

“GOD REST YOU MERRY GENTLEMEN”

English Carol

“GESU BAMBINO BY PIETRO A. YON”

Flute/Piano duet by Joan Egeland and Judy Hall

WELCOME

[Please stand]

OPENING

“ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY”

LSB #367 vs 1-3

Text and tune: Public domain

1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions

all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,

Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
Ye have seen His na - tal star.

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;
Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

P We gather around God's Word and His Sacrament

C as the people of God filled with the peace of God given in Baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In this season of Christmas, 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.**

[Please be seated]

HYMN

“ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY”

LSB #367 vs 4-5

Text and tune: Public domain

4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.
Refrain
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;
Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C Dear Lord, 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

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

The Lord said to Moses, "Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal." Then Moses said to the people, "Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the Lord brought you out of it with a mighty hand. "After the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites and gives it to you, as he promised on oath to you and your ancestors, you are to give over to the Lord the first offspring of every womb. All the firstborn males of your livestock belong to the Lord. Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your sons. "In days to come, when your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' say to him, 'With a mighty hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed the firstborn of both people and animals in Egypt. This is why I sacrifice to the Lord the first male offspring of every womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons.'

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in

word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

[Please stand]

ANTHEM:

“THE HOLY CHILD OF MARY”

Tune: The Holly and the Ivy Sans Day Carol

Words & Arr. by: Joseph M. Martin

By The Trinity Choir accompanied by Joan Egeland/flute

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

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

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

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.


[Please be seated]

SERMON HYMN:

“FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME”

LSB #358 vs 1, 3, 6 & 7

Text and tune: Public domain



1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good
2 "To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y,
6 How glad we'll be to find it so! Then with the
7 Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes, And see what
news to ev - 'ry home; Glad tid - ings of great
cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of
shep - herds let us go To see what God for
in the man - ger lies. Who is this child, so
joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:
low - ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.
us has done In send - ing us His own dear Son.
young and fair? It is the Christ Child ly - ing there.

SERMON

“Forever Young; A Senior’s Perspective on Christmas”

Luke 2:25, 38

Pastor Blair Clark

[Please stand]

CHRISTMAS CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, who sent His Son as my Savior on Christmas Day;

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshiped by the shepherds, adored by the wise men, who lived to suffer, die, and rise again, to free us from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas, and by whose continuous work in my heart, I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ, the treasures of my love and live under Him as my king, both now and forevermore. Amen

[Please be seated]

OFFERING HYMN

"A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER"

LSB #383 vs 1, 2 & 4

Text and tune: Public domain



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,
4 Since all He comes to ran-som, By all be He a-dored,



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.
The in-fant born in Beth-l'em, The Sav-ior and the Lord.

Refrain



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



glo-ry And peace to all the earth!"

PRAYERS

- P** Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs. For the Church in every place, that we would be prepared for Your coming into our lives.
- 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 peace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

Intercessory Prayers

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 29 - Joanne Huehns
December 30 - Jean Dialoiso & Tom Bossard
December 31 - Sara Valentine
January 1 - Mary Ellen Taylor, Janet Kassens, Rusty Ryan,
Ed Norregaard, Roberta Berg and James Berg
January 2 – Marilyn Lembke
January 3 - Bill Calpin, Wayne Herring and Christian Gaynor
January 4 - Arlene Stackhouse & Tom Burritt

- 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 OF THANKSGIVING

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, 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."

[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

“BETHLEHEM LIGHT”

Traditional Irish Melody
Words by Phillips Brooks
Arr. By Joseph M. Martin

By: Trinity Choir

Accompanist: Joan Egeland, Flute

“JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES”

Communion Song Book #3

Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us,
blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Jesus, loving Shepherd
Vine of the branches, Son of God
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor,
Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Jesus, Way of salvation,
King of kings, Lord of lords,
The Way, the Truth, and the Life,
Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.

"LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH"
Communion Song Book #8

Lord, I lift Your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way.
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

2x

[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, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER

P O God of peace, 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

“OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST”

LW #180

Text: Isaac Watts

Tune: William Croft

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home.

A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our home for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

POSTLUDE:

“SHORT FESTAL POSTLUDE”

by Stephan Otis



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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**



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

...you will be called by
a new name that the mouth
of the LORD will bestow.

ISAIAH 62:2, NIV