



January 5, 2025

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

8:00am – Bill Schwieger

10:30am – Jim Keenan

Communion Assistants

8:00am – Norregaard/Munden

10:30am – Bremer/Soares

Lectors

8:00am – Patsy Bock

10:30am – Dorothy Frenz

Keyboard

Joan Egeland

Music Director

Jan Garner



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.**

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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
January 5, 2025

PRELUDE - *Joan Egeland*

“THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD”

Franklin L. Sheppard - Arr. Cindy Berry

“AS WITH GLADNESS/LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE”

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“WE THREE KINGS”

John Henry Hopkins Jr. Arr. David Lantz III

“LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING - TRADITIONAL WELSH MELODY”

Arr. Cindy Berry

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

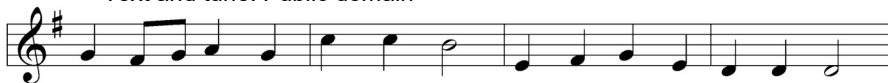
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OPENING

"AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD"

LSB #397 vs 1-3

Text and tune: Public domain



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Gathered here in the name of our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are struck with the harsh realization that we are sinful and in need of forgiveness. The light of God's holiness shines on us in Word and Sacraments. In the presence of God, we are unable to conceal our sinfulness. But by the grace of our God, in Christ Jesus, our Lord grants us forgiveness in His shed blood. Let us therefore confess our sins and hear His promised word of forgiveness.

C **Father in heaven, I am a penitent sinner. I come before You guilty of sin in thought, word, and deed, deserving only punishment, but I heartily repent of my sin asking for Your forgiveness in and through Jesus Christ. Cleanse me of my sin and strengthen me to trust solely in the cross of Calvary that Christ's light and life may shine into my heart, granting me the assurance of life eternal. Amen.**

P God hears our confession. He promises to cleanse us from sin when we approach Him with repentant hearts and minds, believing in Christ as Lord and Savior. Hear now the Word of God. Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

[Please be seated]

HYMN

“AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD”

LSB #397 vs 4-5

Text and tune: Public domain

4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright Need they no cre - at - ed light;

And when earth - ly things are past, Bring our ran - somed souls at last
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;

Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.
There for - ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P We pray,

All: O God, by the leading of a star You once made known to all nations Your only-begotten Son; now lead us, who know You by faith, to know in heaven the fullness of Your divine goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 60:1-6

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. “Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; our sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:1-12

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“MARY DID YOU KNOW?”

Text: Mark Lowry/Tune: Buddy Greene

Coral Setting: Jack Schrader

By: Sisters in Christ

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2: 1-12

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

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

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

[Please be seated]



SERMON HYMN:

“WE THREE KINGS”

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

***Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.***

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising,
Worshiping God on high. **[Refrain]**

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb. **[Refrain]**

SERMON

*“God’s Remedy for the Christmas Blues”
Ephesians 3:6
Pastor Blair Clark*

[Please stand]

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

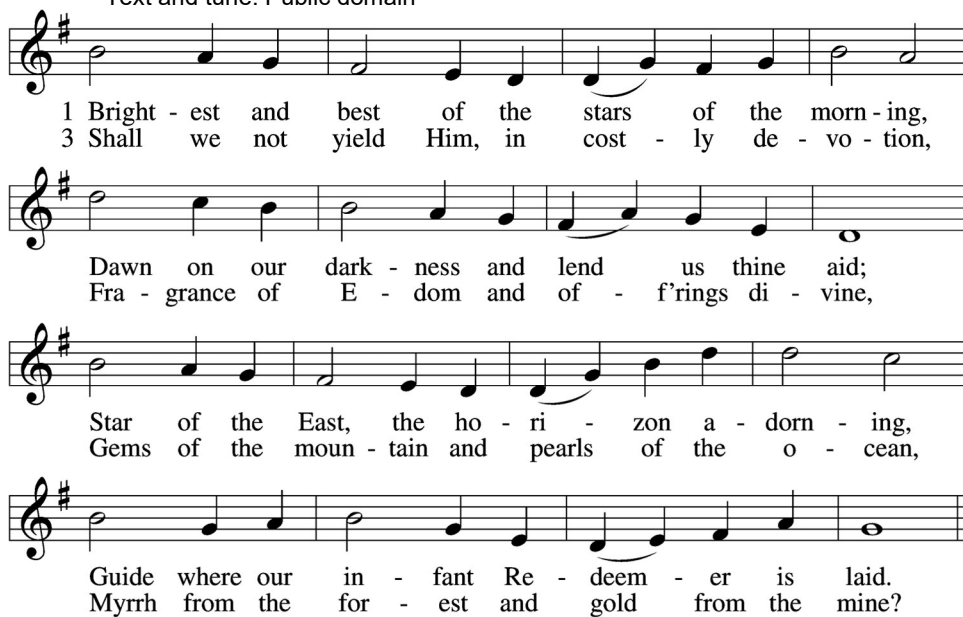
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OFFERING HYMN

“BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE STARS OF THE MORNING”

LSB #400 vs 1 & 3

Text and tune: Public domain



The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four lines of music. The first line has two verses of lyrics. The second line continues the melody. The third line continues the melody. The fourth line concludes the hymn with a double bar line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;
Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'rings di - vine,
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?

PRAYERS

P We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord, we pray for all those who continually live in sin, strife, and unbelief. We ask that You would ignite in us an earnest desire to permeate their lives with the Light of Christ through faithful words and actions. May we bring to them Your prevailing Gospel, that their darkened hearts may be lightened with the grace and forgiveness of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For our men and women serving in the Armed Forces and protecting our country, that You would keep them and their families in Your eternal and omniscient care. 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 **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, as we enter the season of Epiphany, reveal Yourself to us according to Your Word that unveils Your divine nature in mighty words and miraculous deeds. So also You generously bless the Church with Baptism and Communion that we may know Your presence among us in water, wine, and bread. Increase our joy as the people of God as we are blessed with the gifts of life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Intercessory Prayers

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 5 - Bill Meier

January 6 - Ginny Norregaard & Susan Murphy

January 7 - Ben Benzel, Rich VanSwol, John Brobson &
Daniel Dumond

January 8 - Gary Dzierzawski

January 9 - Linda Eckoff & Yvonne Tepsick

January 11 - Deanna Winter & Sue Regan

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 6

Woody & Jane Wood 56

John & Anne Oliver 1

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.

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

“WERE YOU THERE ON THAT CHRISTMAS NIGHT?”

Text and Tune: Natalie Sleeth

By: Sisters in Christ

“THE STAR PROCLAIMS THE KING IS HERE”

LSB #399

Text and tune: Public domain



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed
3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly
4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter
△ 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly
on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they
Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was
red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.
known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.
flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

“SHINE, JESUS SHINE”

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me. Shine on me. **Refrain**

Refrain:

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire,
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me. Shine on me. **Refrain**

[Please stand]

BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you in faith
throughout all the years of your life in this world and the world to come.

C **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

“SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE”

LSB #394 vs 1, 3 & 5

Text and tune: Public domain



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

*We always thank
God for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

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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