



# “Christmas Fiction” ...Expectations

**December 21, 2025**

**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 – Harold Kirsch  
10:30am – Leonard Bremer

#### Communion Assistants

8:00 am – Bailey & Iverson  
10:30am – Stevens & Stieber

#### Lectors

8:00am – Stu Iverson  
10:30am – Rose Vanacore

#### Keyboard

Judy Hall

#### Music Director

Jan Garner



## Trinity Lutheran Church

Reverend Jack Mackowiak

### Our Mission

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 life 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



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 21, 2025

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:** *Sisters in Christ*

**"CHRISTMAS IS FOREVER"**  
Eugene McCammon

**"ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY"**  
By: Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander  
Music by Henry Joyhn Gauntlett

*Accompanist Joan Egeland*

**"OH HOLY NIGHT"**  
Music by A.C. Adam; Arr. Martin Green  
*Joan Egeland on Organ and Judy Hall on Piano*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**[Please stand]**

# OPENING HYMN

## "PRAISE THE ALMIGHTY"

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1 Praise the Al-might-y, my soul, a-dore Him!  
 2 Trust not in rul-ers; they are but mor-tal;  
 3 Bless-ed, oh, bless-ed are they for-ev-er  
 4 Pen-i-tent sin-ners, for mer-cy cry-ing,  
 5 Praise, all you peo-ple, the name so ho-ly

Yes, I will laud Him un-til death; With songs and  
 Earth-born they are and soon de-cay. Vain are their  
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal-  
 Par-don and peace from Him ob-tain; Ev-er the  
 Of Him who does such won-drous things! All that has

an-thems I come be-fore Him As long as  
 coun-sels at life's last por-tal, When the dark  
 va-tion can noth-ing sev-er, And who in  
 wants of the poor sup-ply-ing, Their faith-ful  
 be-ing, to praise Him sole-ly, With hap-py

He al-lows me breath. From Him my life and  
 grave en-gulfs its prey. Since mor-tals can no  
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in  
 God He will re-main. He helps His chil-dren  
 heart its a-men sings. Chil-dren of God, with

all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho-ly name.  
 help af-ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun-sel now af-ford.  
 in dis-tress, The wid-ows and the fa-ther-less.  
 an-gel host Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost!

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

## 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

### ADVENT PROPHECY – *Isaiah 7:10-17*

**P** Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin will conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah – the king of Assyria!”

**P** This is the word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** As we light the fourth 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.

**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.  
The 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** In the middle of the darkness of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome the light of God's forgiveness. Mary accepted the call to be the mother of Jesus.

**C** **Forgive us for our lack of faith and our failure to trust in Your will.**

**P** Jesus was born in the poverty of a stable.

**C** **Forgive us for our often neglecting those who are poor.**

**P** The shepherds left flocks and went to Bethlehem.

**C** **Forgive our selfishness and unwillingness to move beyond our places of comfort.**

**P** The Magi followed the star to find the Savior of the nations.

**C** **Forgive our hesitance to seek You and walk in Your ways.**

**P** The angel said, "You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." With great joy I announce to you that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## ANTHEM – *The Trinity Choir*

### "THE NEWBORN ANCIENT OF DAYS"

Words and Music by: Marty Parks, Arr. by Jay Rouse and Marty Parks

### ++THE WORD++

#### THE EPISTLE

#### *Romans 1:1-7*

**L** Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

(please stand)

## GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 1:18-25**

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

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

**P** 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]**

## HYMN JESUS! NAME OF WONDROUS LOVE

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1 Je - sus! Name of won-drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,  
2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid-en moth - er told,  
3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en of the earth  
4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
Kneel-ing in her low - ly cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.  
For the prom - ise that it gave, "Je - sus shall His peo-ple save."  
When the cup of hu-man woe First He tast - ed here be - low.

5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n  
Under all the mighty heav'n  
Whereby those to sin enslaved  
Burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,  
Human name of God above;  
Pleading only this, we flee  
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

## SERMON

*"Fictions...of Expectations"*

*Matthew 1:21*

*Pastor Jack Mackowiak*

[Please stand]

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father, who creates all that exists and provides everything I need.

I believe in Jesus, the Christ-child prophesied by Isaiah, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, named by Joseph, announced by the angels, worshiped by the shepherds, adored by the Wise Men and celebrated by Simeon and Anna. He grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and people. He fulfilled God's law on our behalf. Though He never sinned, He took on our sin. He suffered, died on a cross, and was laid in a tomb. On the third day He conquered death and the grave and now reigns at His Father's right hand. He will return to receive all who cradle Him in the manger of their hearts. Thanks be to God for His gift too wonderful for words.

I believe the Holy Spirit calls me to the true faith, sustains me in times of great despair, and leads me to the true knowledge of Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. I believe I can experience the love of God through the Word, the Sacraments, prayer, and the loving community of believers. Amen.

[Please be seated]

### OFFERING

#### "CREATE IN ME"

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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

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. The lyrics are: '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'.





### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole church of God and for all people according to their needs. (after each petition:

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

#### December Birthdays

21 - Darlene Spignesi & Chuck Wilt  
24 - Hilda Kovac  
25 - Wendy Davis  
26 - Vita Crain & Sharon Nelson  
27 - Adele Laerz

#### December Anniversaries

21 - Gil & Judi Dahnke (62)  
22 - Cal & Karen Amstein (41)  
23 - Jim & Kay Jacobson (58)  
26 - Peter & Ada Jarmosevich (55)  
27 - Milo & Linda Arneson (57)

**[Please stand]**

### COMMUNION LITURGY

**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.

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PEACE OF THE LORD

**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.

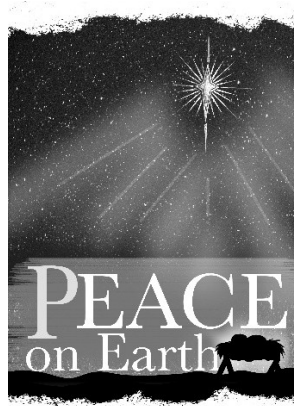
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### **"AND ON EARTH, PEACE"**

Words by: Randy Vader & Rose Aspinall  
Music & Arr. by Jay Rouse

*By The Trinity Choir  
Accompanied by Judy Hall*



# **“O SAVIOR, REND THE HEAVENS WIDE”**

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1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;  
 2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;  
 3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;  
 4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?

Come down, come down with might - y stride;  
 As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.  
 Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.  
 When will You come with com - fort strong?

Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;  
 Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring;  
 Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,  
 O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;

Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.  
 To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.  
 Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.  
 Con - sole us in our vale of woe.

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| <p>5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,<br/>             When will our hearts behold Your dawn?<br/>             O Sun, arise; without Your light<br/>             We grope in gloom and dark of night.</p> | <p>6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;<br/>             Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.<br/>             O come, lead us with mighty hand<br/>             From exile to our promised land.</p> |
| <p>7 There shall we all our praises bring<br/>             And sing to You, our Savior King;<br/>             There shall we laud You and adore<br/>             Forever and forevermore.</p>           |  |

## “O GOD OF GOD, O LIGHT OF LIGHT”

**LSB #810** Text and tune: Public domain

1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and  
 2 For deep in proph-ets' sa-cred page, And grand in po-ets'  
 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in  
 4 Then raise to Christ a might-y song, And shout His name, His  
 King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo-ry bright The song of  
 wing-ed word, Slow-ly in type, from age to age The na-tions  
 hate and scorn—These all are past, and now a-bove He reigns, our  
 mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on  
 praise for-ev-er rings. To Him who sits up-on the throne,  
 saw their com-ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju-de-an night  
 King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might-y gates!  
 earth, your an-them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin-ners slain!  
 The Lamb once slain but raised a-gain, Be all the glo-ry  
 Rang out the song, "Good-will to men!" Sung once by first-born  
 So sang that host be-yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your  
 For-ev-er let the song as-cend! Wor-thy the Lamb, en-  
 He has won, All thanks and praise! A-men, a-men.  
 sons of light, It ech-oes now, "Good-will!" A-men.  
 King a-waits. We lift them up. A-men, a-men.  
 throned to reign, All glo-ry, pow'r! A-men, a-men.

## “THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE”

*All God's People Sing # 237*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
 And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

**Chorus:**  
**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. **Chorus**

We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. **Chorus**

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. **Chorus**

**[Please stand]**

**PRAYER**

**P** God of light, our eyes have seen Your salvation, and in this supper we have feasted on Your grace. Send us into the world to be Your holy people, revealing Your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## CLOSING HYMN

### “COME, THOU PRECIOUS RANSOM, COME”

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1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for  
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and  
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -  
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our

sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!  
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,  
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,  
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scept - er, crown,

O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty  
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es  
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I  
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er

let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.  
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!  
will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.  
we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.



*Thank you to those listed  
below who donated the  
beautiful Poinsettias this  
Christmas Season!*

*Jim & Chris Ahner in memory of our loving parents*  
*Marjorie Anders in memory of Bob & Dorothy Anders*  
*Anonymous to the Glory of God*  
*Anonymous blessings to Patsy Bock from your Prayer Pal*  
*Denise Benlin in memory of my mother Domine Motley*  
*Tom Bossard in memory of Julie Bossard*  
*Bryce Buuck to the Glory of God of God with gratitude to the*  
*Christmas Decorating Committee*  
*Johnny & Betty Byard in memory of our parents*  
*Robert & Vita Crain in memory of our Heavenly Family & Friends*  
*Paul & Sandra Crousore in memory of our Parents, Brothers, Sister & Nephews*  
*Jean Dialoisoi n memory of Family*  
*Bob & Kathy Dowbenko in memory of our Parents*  
*Roy & Joan Egeland in memory of our Family who have gone to Heaven before us*  
*Cherryl Fibish in memory of Mom & Dad Braun, husband Terry,*  
*daughter Sherie, and sisters Carolyn & Patty*  
*Don & Lynn Freese in honor of Our Family*  
*Dorothy Frenz in memory of Vic & Vickie and*  
*in honor of My Great Granddaughter*  
*Barbara Fuehrmeyer in memory of Parents, Husband & Daughter*  
*Phil & Anna Gay in memory of our Parents*  
*David & Paula Hemond in memory of our Parents*  
*Joann Herro in memory of Kenneth Herro*  
*Annie & Jerry Housholder in loving memory of son, David*  
*Glenn & Joanne Huehns in memory of our Parents*  
*Jim & Kay Jacobson in memory of Family & Friends*  
*Peter & Ada Jarmosevich in memory of Peter & Rejeanne Jarmosevich*  
*and George & Hilda Kuiper*  
*Ann K. Johnson in memory of John & Jeanne Kitzmiller*

*Gary & Lorelei Kerr in memory of Parents*  
*Jim & JoAnne Kiger in memory of our Parents*  
*and in honor of Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren*  
*Harold & Alice Kirsch in memory of Loved Ones we have lost*  
*Patricia Kostock in memory of Paul Kostock*  
*Elizabeth Lightfield in memory of My son, Mark Fries, who I miss every day*  
*Joyce Lindstrom In loving memory of Dan Lindstrom and in honor of*  
*Family & Friends*  
*Elaine Loesel in memory of My Loved Ones in Heaven*  
*Carl & Lori Luepnitz in memory of our Parents*  
*Kris MacVoy in memory of husband Raymond*  
*China Menendez in memory of Mom & Dad*  
*Ralph & Donna Munden in memory of our Loved Ones*  
*Sandra Pazitney in thanks for all God's Blessings*  
*Deborah Peach in memory of Daddy & Steve*  
*Steve & Sharon Pruszyński in memory of our Parents*  
*Andy & Sharon Rohweder to the Glory of God*  
*Gerry & Janet Sandaker in memory of Family Members*  
*Gerry Schlak in memory of Mother, Father & Brother*  
*Nancy Schluckbier in memory of my beloved husband, Dick*  
*Bill Schwieger in memory of Schwieger Family and Friends*  
*Don & Sharie Schwieger to the Glory of God*  
*Susan Skalla in memory of Ralph & Marg Skalla,*  
*in memory of John & MaryLou Schneiker*  
*Trudy & John Spyker In memory of Loved Ones*  
*Kenneth & Joan Trainor in memory of Parents, Cliff & Lois Phillips*  
*Fritz & Paula Weigelmann in memory of our Families,*  
*Weigelmann's & Giandalia's*  
*Bonnie Willman in memory of Fred Willman*