



**December 24, 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

**Christmas Eve 4:00pm**

**Head Elder**  
Roy Egeland

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Joan Egeland

**Music Director**  
Jan Garner



## Trinity Lutheran Church

Reverend Jack Mackowiak

### **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 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.**

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**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE  
December 24, 2025**

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**      *Joan Egeland*

**“AWAY IN A MANGER”**

J.E. Spilman; Arr. by Frances L. Callahan

**“IN SOLUMN STILLNESS”**

Douglas E. Wagner

**“LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE”**

Traditional; Arranged by Michael Mazzatenta

*The Bells of Trinity*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**[Please stand]**

## OPENING HYMN "ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT ALL CHRISTIANS SING"

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1 On Christ-mas night all Chris - tians sing To hear the news the  
2 Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Re-deem - er  
3 When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then life and health come  
4 All out of dark-ness we have light, Which made the an - gels  
an - gels bring, On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing To  
made us glad, Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since  
in its place, When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then  
sing this night, All out of dark - ness we have light, Which  
hear the news the an - gels bring, News of great joy, news of great  
our Re - deem - er made us glad, When from our sin He set us  
life and health come in its place; An - gels and men with joy may  
made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to God and peace to  
mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
free, All for to gain our lib - er - ty?  
sing, All for to see the new - born King.  
men Now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."

### INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

**[Please be seated]**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** The Lord is with us this evening and always! Tonight we remember our Lord who was born in strife to bring us life. We remember His birth, life, death and resurrection for the sins and the salvation of the world. In Him we place all our hope and trust, for He removes our fears. We are sinners in need of a Savior. Let us reflect on and repent of our sins. Let us also rejoice in the One named Jesus, who came to save us from our sins.

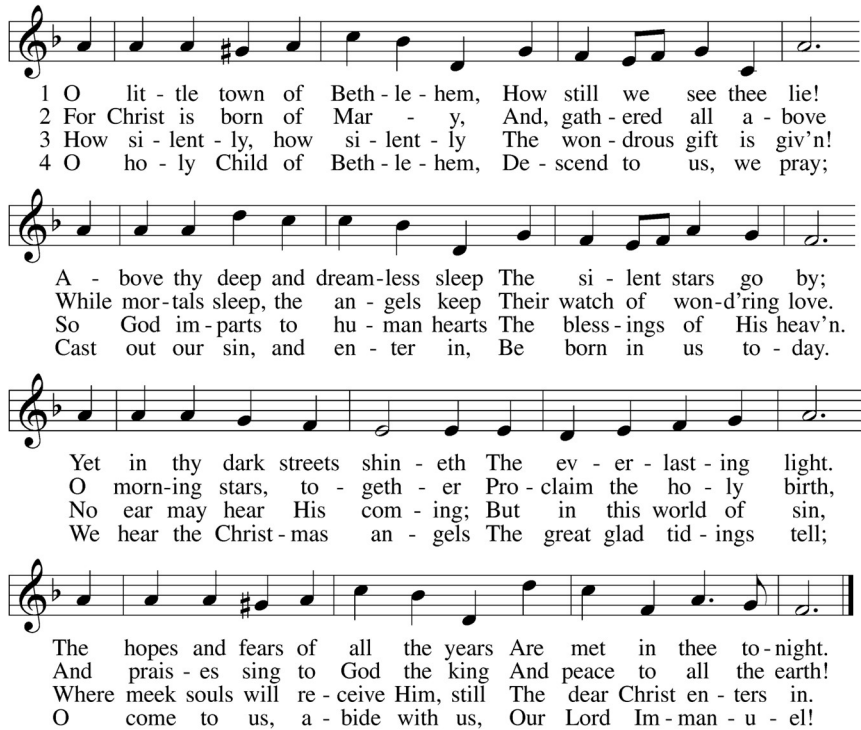
**C** Lord, have mercy on us and hear our prayer. We are lying in the muck and mire of sin. We have not fully placed our trust in You. Yet we are the reason You came to earth. Forgive us for those sins of which we are aware and those known only to You. Forgive us. Save us. Turn us away from our sins to follow in Your perfect ways. Amen.

**P** The name “Jesus” means “Savior.” He was given this name because He comes to save His people from their sins. His word and work have been completed perfectly for you and me. In the stead and at the command of this holy Lamb of God, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN “O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”

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1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!  
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.  
 Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
 No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
 And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!  
 Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

## THE MANGER AND THE CROSS READING, pt.1

- P** To a small, quiet village in the backwaters of the Roman Empire; to a small band of shepherds, tending their flocks, as they had for years, and as others had done before them for centuries; to a time far removed from us and in a place we can only think of in romantic, unreal ways came an event that changed not only that time and place, but all time and every place.
- C** **“An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them.”**
- P** To calm those who are frightened by the idea of God’s drawing close to touch our human lives and to prepare us to welcome so wondrous a gift as Emmanuel, God-with-us,
- C** **The angel said to them, “Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all people.”**
- P** To infuse our hearts with joy and to open us to receive the grace that God showers into our lives,
- C** **The angel said to them, “To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”**
- P** To give direction to those who have lost their way and wandered far from God,
- C** **The angel said to them, “This will be a sign for you: you will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”**
- P** To herald the Good News that God has entered human history and to celebrate the beginning of God’s actions to bring all people into fellowship with Him and with one another,
- C** **Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.”**

## ANTHEM

### **“MARY DID YOU KNOW”**

Words by Mark Lowery; Music by Buddy Greene  
Chora Setting by Jack Schrader

*Sisters in Christ*

## THE MANGER AND THE CROSS READING, pt.2

- P** As we ponder His love and the events of His birth, we also realize that looming in the background of the manger is the shape of a cross. This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against.
- C** **The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.**
- P** He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.
- C** **For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders.**
- P** Surely, He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,
- C** **And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
- P** Yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted.
- C** **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.**
- P** But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.
- C** **In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to his own town to register.**
- P** We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;
- C** **So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.**
- P** The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
- C** **While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.**
- P** He poured out His life unto death and was numbered with the transgressors.
- C** **She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.**

- P** Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen.
- C** **Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?"**
- P** Above His head they placed the written charge against Him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.
- C** **Herod...gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under.**
- P** At that moment, the earth shook and rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life.
- C** **The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.**
- P** They gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole Him away while we were asleep.'"
- C** **And Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and men.**

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

- P** Living together as brothers and sisters, and in trust and hope, we join with the Church throughout the world in confessing our faith:
- C** **I believe in God the Father, Creator of all things, who sent His Son as my Savior.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, announced by angels, worshiped by the wise men; who lived to suffer, die, and rise again to free me from sin, death, and the power of the devil.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in Jesus Christ and by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ my worship, my life, my love; to live under him as my King, both now and forevermore. Amen.**



## HYMN

### “WHAT CHILD IS THIS”

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1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are  
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to  
sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let  
shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the  
Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

## SERMON

### *“The Wrong Gift”*

*Luke 2:14*

*Pastor Jack Mackowiak*

[Please stand]

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(after each petition:)

**P** Lord, in Your mercy;

**C** Hear our prayer.

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

**P** Tonight we celebrate the coming of Christ, the Light of the world. Our candles bear witness to the Light and brighten this time of our celebration. With the coming of God's Son, Jesus, Emmanuel, the Light shines still more brightly.

**C** By the light of God's creating Word, we are led to the brighter light of faith and trust in Him. The Light of our Lord continues to shine as it glows in our lives of Christian love and service, for God has given us His Word.

(As you light your candle, please hold the lit candle upright and tip the unlit candle to receive the light. You may extinguish your candles after the hymn.)

## HYMN

### "SILENT NIGHT"

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1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,  
all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face  
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly  
Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy  
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord's benediction is not a wish. As I speak this blessing of the Lord, the gift is yours. Receive it with joy on this holy night, as the Holy Spirit opens this gift and reveals its truth to you: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

**C** Amen!

## CLOSING HYMN

### “HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING”

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1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”  
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



*Refrain*  
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King!”



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NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR  
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*Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year*



*Thank you all 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 Dialoisoï in 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*



*Trinity invites you to worship with us as we  
prepare for the coming of Jesus.*

*Please join us to worship the birth of our  
newborn King and Savior.*

*Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day  
Communion Service @ 10:00am*

*Thank you so much for joining us this evening!*

