



# “Christmas Fiction”

## ...It’s All Over!?!?

**December 28, 2025**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### Head Elder

8:00am – Bryce Buuck  
10:30am – Chuck Wilt

### Communion Assistants

8:00 am – M. David/Munden  
10:30am – Evans/Soares

### Lectors

8:00am – Bev Tibbits  
10:30am – Gerry Sandaker

### Keyboard

Judy Hall

### Music Director

Jan Garner



# Trinity Lutheran Church

Reverend Jack Mackowiak

### Our Mission STATEMENT

*“To share the good news of Jesus Christ”*



*“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



## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS December 28, 2025

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

**“WHILE BY MY SHEEP”**

By Dr. Th. Baker; Arr. by Hugo Jungst

**“I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY”**

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow; Music by John Baptiste Calkin

*Duet with Joan Egeland on flute and Judy Hall on piano*

**“GESU BAMBINO”**

by Pietro A. Yon

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**[Please stand]**

**OPENING HYMN      "THE WORD MADE FLESH, THE HOLY KING"**  
*(Tune: LSB 348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns)*

1. The Word made flesh, the holy King,  
The virgin Mary's child:  
Such majesty that angels sing  
Of lowly infant mild
2. King David's son, the Promised One  
Foretold from age to age.  
The true Messiah now has come,  
Fulfilling sacred page.
3. Our God incarnate, Jesus Christ,  
Came down to earth to dwell.  
His body broken in the price  
To save us all from hell.
4. Our dear Redeemer's body lay,  
His wounds fresh from the tree.  
Yet in the tomb He would not stay;  
From death He would break free.
5. Son of God, O Son of Man,  
The resurrected King;  
We lift our heads, we raise our hands,  
Our mouths will ever sing.
6. Our risen Savior at the throne  
Will call us to His side.  
Our earthen tombs are not our home;  
We will with Him abide!

**INVOCATION**

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

**CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P      Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto  
God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us  
forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.**

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.**

**C Most merciful God, we confess to You that we have sinned and that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have walked in darkness and sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We have not been honest with ourselves, or with You. We deserve Your punishment, now and forever. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we live in Your light and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P Almighty God in His mercy sent His Son to be born in Bethlehem, to live on this earth and to suffer and die to pay the price for your sins. Because of what Jesus has done for you, as an 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.**

**P Let us pray...O God, grant us the wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair, but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C Amen.**

**[Please be seated]**

**++THE WORD++**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

***Isaiah 63:7-14***

**L I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds**

of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

### **EPISTLE READING**

***Galatians 4:4-7***

L When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

**(please stand)**

### **GOSPEL READING**

***Matthew 2:13-23***

P When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.” But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

P The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

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

**ANTHEM – *The Trinity Choir***

## “MEANT FOR HOLY SCARS”

Words by Roe Aspinal & Randy Vader

Music by Jay Rouse

[Please be seated]

**HYMN**

**“ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID’S CITY”**

**LSB #376** Text and tune: Public domain



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a  
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is  
3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by  
4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His  
5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the

low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her  
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a  
day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and  
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and  
ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in

ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y  
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the  
help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He  
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He  
heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like

was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.  
leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.  
stars His chil - dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

**SERMON**

*Fictions...It's All Over!?*

*Galatians 4:4-7*

*Pastor Jack Mackowiak*

[Please stand]

**CONFession OF FAITH**

P We share together from the explanation of the Second Article of the Creed:

C **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.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

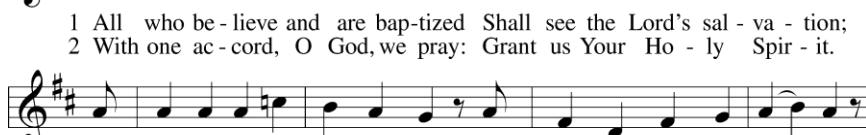
**[Please be seated]**

### **OFFERING “ALL WHO BELIEVE AND ARE BAPTIZED”**

**LSB #601** Text and tune: Public domain



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;  
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.  
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re - demp - tion they shall stand A - mong the glo - rious,  
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav' - n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - 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

28<sup>th</sup> - Donald Freese

29<sup>th</sup> - Joanne Huehns

30<sup>th</sup> - Jean Dialoiso & Tom Bossard

31<sup>st</sup> - Sara Valentine

### January Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup>: Mary Ellen Taylor, Rusty Ryan  
and Ed Norregaard

2<sup>nd</sup> - Marilyn Lembke

3<sup>rd</sup> - Christian Gaynor, Bill Calpin  
and Wayne Herring

**[Please stand]**

## COMMUNION LITURGY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P The shepherds believed the angelic announcement and went to find their Savior.

C **We have also heard the good news and seek our Lord.**

P They found their Savior, the long-promised Messiah, in a stable's manger.

C **And we shall receive him under bread and wine.**

P In thanksgiving for this great gift, we join the saints of all time and say:

## THE SANCTUS

**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”**

*(Tune: LSB #397 As With Gladness Men of Old )*

Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of hosts, by all adored;  
Heav'n and earth cannot contain  
All the glory of Your name!  
With the heav'ly host we sing  
Highest praises to our King!

Hail! Hosanna! Endless fame  
Be to Him who, in God's name,  
Now draws nigh with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hail! Hosanna! Praises be  
To the Lord eternally!

## LORD'S PRAYER

- P Remembering Your divine protection, and the faithfulness of Joseph and Mary, we give You thanks and pray for Your grace and guidance to us today.
- C **Help us to live under Him and to the praise of His glory all the days of our lives.**
- P Hear us as we pray together:
- (Tune: LSB #364 Away in a Manger)*

Our Father in heaven, all praise to Your name!  
Your kingdom among us, Your will done the same  
By mortals and angels. Come, Lord, reign alone;  
O, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.

The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;  
As we forgive others, our sins take away;  
In times of temptation, to lead us be near;  
From evil deliver Your children most dear.

For Yours is the kingdom; o'er all things you reign.  
And Yours is the power; all things you maintain.  
To You be the glory, resounding again  
From all of creation, forever! Amen!

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

- 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.

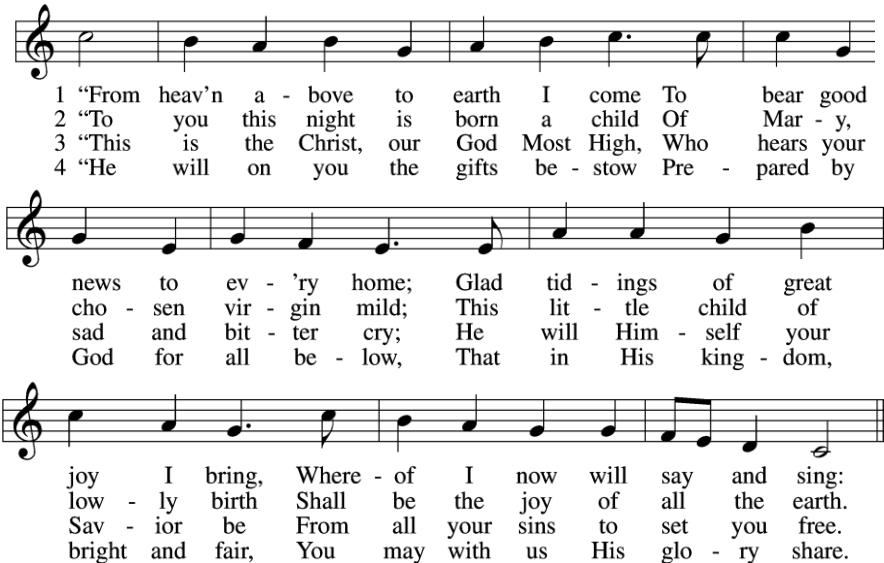
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### “THY WORD IS A LAMP” *Sisters In Christ*

### “FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME”

LSB #358 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,  
3 “This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your  
4 “He will on you the gifts be - stow Pre - pared by

news to ev - ’ry home; Glad tid - ings of great  
cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of  
sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self your  
God for all be - low, That in His king - dom,

joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:  
low - ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.  
Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.  
bright and fair, You may with us His glo - ry share.

- 5 “These are the signs that you shall mark:  
The swaddling clothes and manger dark.  
There you will find the infant laid  
By whom the heav’ns and earth were made.”
6. How glad we’ll be to find it so!  
Then with the shepherds let us go  
To see what God for us has done  
In sending us His own dear Son.
7. Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,  
And see what in the manger lies.  
Who is this child, so young and fair?  
It is the Christ Child lying there.

8. Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,  
Through whom the sinful world is blest!  
You came to share my misery  
That You might share Your joy with me.
9. Ah, Lord, though You created all,  
How weak You are, so poor and small,  
That You should choose to lay Your head  
Where lowly cattle lately fed!
10. Were earth a thousand times as fair  
And set with gold and jewels rare,  
It would be far too poor and small  
A cradle for the Lord of all.
11. Instead of soft and silken stuff  
You have but hay and straw so rough  
On which as King, so rich and great,  
To be enthroned in royal state.
12. And so it pleases You to see  
This simple truth revealed to me:  
That worldly honor, wealth, and might  
Are weak and worthless in Your sight.
13. Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,  
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,  
A quiet chamber set apart  
For You to dwell within my heart.
14. My heart for very joy must leap;  
My lips no more can silence keep.  
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue  
That sweetest ancient cradlesong:
15. Glory to God in highest heav'n,  
Who unto us His Son has giv'n!  
While angels sing with pious mirth  
A glad new year to all the earth.

**[Please stand]**

## **NUNC DIMITTIS – SONG OF SIMEON** *(Tune: God Rest You Merry Gentlemen)*

Lord, let Your servant go in peace,  
Your Word has been fulfilled.  
My eyes have seen the saving work  
Which for the world You willed:  
The glory of Your chosen race  
As light for all revealed.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy!  
O tidings of comfort and joy!

O thank the Lord and sing His praise,  
What He has done proclaim!  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice  
And proudly bear His name  
Who leads His thankful people forth  
His promises to claim.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy!  
O tidings of comfort and joy!

### **PRAYER**

P Let us pray...O Lord God, heavenly Father, You allowed Your dear Son, Jesus the Christ, to become a stranger and a sojourner in Egypt for our sakes, and led Him safely home. We thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We ask You never to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled to serve You constantly; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

P As our heavenly Father provided protection and direction for the Holy Family, so may He guide and protect You, His adopted sons and daughters, throughout Your pilgrimage on earth, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be and abide with you now and forever.

C **Amen.**



**CLOSING HYMN****“THE BELLS OF CHRISTMAS”***(Tune: LSB #399 The Star Proclaims the King is Here)*

1. The bells of Christmas chime once more;  
The heav'nly guest is at the door.  
He comes to earthly dwellings still  
With new year gifts of peace, good will.
2. This world, though wide and far outspread,  
Could scarcely find for You a bed.  
Your cradle was a manger stall,  
No pearl nor silk nor kingly hall.
3. Now let us go with quiet mind,  
The swaddled babe with shepherds find,  
To gaze on Him who gladdens them,  
The loveliest flow'r of Jesse's stem.
4. Oh, join with me, in gladness sing,  
To keep our Christmas with our king,  
Until our song, from loving souls,  
Like rushing mighty water rolls!
5. O patriarchs' Joy, O prophets' Song,  
O Dayspring bright, awaited long,  
O Son of Man, incarnate Word,  
Great David's son, great David's Lord.
6. Come, Jesus, glorious heav'nly guest,  
And keep Your Christmas in our breast;  
Then David's harpstrings, hushed so long,  
Shall swell our jubilee of song.



*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 Benslin 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 Dialoiso 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 Pruszynski 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,  
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*Bonnie Willman in memory of Fred Willman*

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV