



“Christmas Fiction” ...Position

December 7, 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 – Jim Moore

10:30am – Will Evans

Communion Assistants

8:00 am – Dowbenko & Kirsch

10:30am – Kalbach & O'Connor

Lectors

8:00am – Kriss Loffler

10:30am – Roy Egeland

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!**

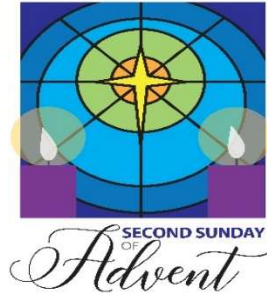
OUR RITE OF FRIENDSHIP:

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 7, 2025

PRELUDE – *Judy Hall*

“GOOD KING WENCESLAS”
14th century

“IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR”
Richard S. Willis; Arranged by Martha Mier

“CHRISTMAS FANTASIA”
by Carl F. Mueller

SPECIAL MUSIC – *Sisters in Christ*

“THE HOLLY AND THE IVY”
Traditional English Carol

“SOMEBODY BUILD A MANGER”
Joel Raney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please stand]

OPENING HYMN "GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY"

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1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His
2 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But
3 His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, Un -
4 Blind un - be - lief is sure to err And
5 You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The

won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps
trust Him for His grace; Be - hind a frown - ing
fold - ing ev - 'ry hour; The bud may have a
scan His work in vain; The God is His own in -
clouds you so much dread Are big with mer - cy

in the sea And rides up - on the storm.
prov - i - dence Faith sees a smil - ing face.
bit - ter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.
ter - pret - er, And He will make it plain.
and will break In bless - ings on your head.

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

[Please be seated]

ADVENT PROPHECY

Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand

on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples – of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

P As we light the second candle on our Advent wreath, we hear Isaiah's words of hope for the future – a future where the Messiah will calm the wild and help the weak. He can only be righteous. He can only be Jesus, remembering Jesse is the father of David and both are ancestors of Jesus.

C **Our hope does not end in a manger, but is rooted in our living Lord. Praise God for the gift of eternal hope.**

SONG – “WE LIGHT THE CANDLE”

We light the candle of HOPE, We light the candle of HOPE.
The candlelight burning bright, reminds us that Christ brings HOPE.
We light the candle of HOPE, We light the candle of HOPE.
He's coming soon Emmanuel: Jesus will bring us HOPE.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P God of Advent, Christmas, and Easter, come to us and bring Your peace to reign among us. Hear our prayers of confession:

C **We live in a world that seems out of control. Sin has shattered Your intentions and purposes for Your creation. Hearts are cold and hardened to Your purposes. We confess our sinful part in that broken and shattered world. Forgive us.**

P In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

ANTHEM

The Trinity Choir

“THE COMING OF THE KING PROCESSIONAL”

Randy Vader and Rose Aspinall; Music: Traditional French Carol

++THE WORD++

THE EPISTLE

L This is the Word of the Lord.

Romans 15:4-13

C **Thanks be to God!**

(please stand)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 3rd chapter.

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

[Please be seated]

HYMN

“ONCE HE CAME IN BLESSING”

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1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -
dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,
Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -
save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

SERMON

“Fictions...of Position”

Matthew 3:9

Pastor Jack Mackowiak

[Please stand]

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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

9th Tom Campanelli
10th Karen Early, Russ Petro,
Bob Walther & Dick Merkling
11th Bonnie Willman & Marilyn Barz
13th Jim Ahner & Carol Bach

December Anniversaries

N/A

[Please stand]

COMMUNION LITURGY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **He is the Son of David from the root of Jesse.**

P On Him rests the Spirit of the Lord; the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, power, knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

C **He comes bringing righteousness and justice.**

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 until He comes again.

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

“FREELY, FREELY”

Words and Music by Carol Owens

By: Sisters in Christ

“IF THOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE THEE”

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1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in
2 What can these anx - ious cares a - vail thee, These nev - er -
3 Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure In cheer - ful
4 God knows full well when times of glad - ness Shall be the
Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what - e'er be -
ceas - ing moans and sighs? What can it help if thou be -
hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's
need - ful thing for thee. When He has tried thy soul with
tide thee, And bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
wail thee O'er each dark mo - ment as it flies? Our cross and
plea - sure And His dis - cern - ing love hath sent, Nor doubt our
sad - ness And from all guile has found thee free, He comes to
God's un - chang - ing love Builds on the rock that naught can move.
tri - als do but press The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.
in - most wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.
thee all un - a - ware And makes thee own His lov - ing care.

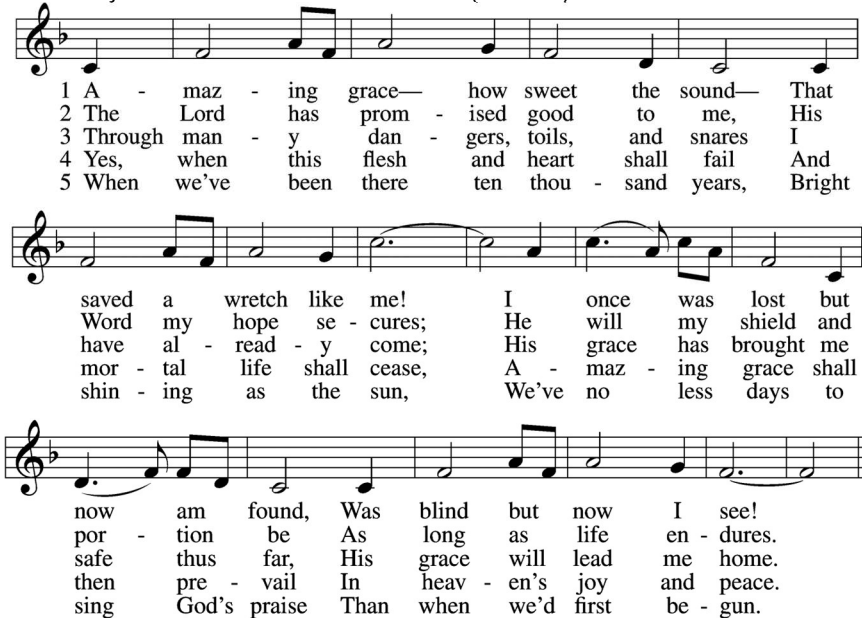
5 Nor think amid the fiery trial
That God hath cast thee off unheard,
That he whose hopes meet no denial
Must surely be of God preferred.
Time passes and much change doth bring
And sets a bound to ev'rything.

7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,
Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word; though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

6 All are alike before the Highest;
'Tis easy for our God, we know,
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,
To make the rich man poor and low.
True wonders still by Him are wrought
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

"AMAZING GRACE"

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1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

"LAMB OF GOD"

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1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have

sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and

sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!

O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

[Please stand]

PRAYER

P In this sacrament You unite us as the body of Christ. You bring a new kind of peace that beats swords into plowshares and transforms hate into love. You nourish and sustain us in love for You and one another. Thanks be to God who gives light to the whole world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Go and prepare the way for the One who is coming. Go and reflect the character of God in your living. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Amen. Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN "WHAT HOPE! AN EDEN PROPHESED"

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1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,
3 As ban - ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.



Mid-week Advent Services

Wednesday, December 3 & 10

@ 4pm

Fellowship Dinner @ 5pm

Christmas Cantata

Wednesday, December 17 @ 5pm

Dinner to follow in Fellowship Hall

@6:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24 @ 4pm

Christmas Day Service

Thursday, December 25 @ 10am