



January 4, 2026

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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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Head Elder

8:00am – Bill Schwieger
10:30am – Leonard Bremer

Communion Assistants

8:00 am – Dowbenko/Moore
10:30am – Evans/Soares

Lectors

8:00am – Bev Tibbits
10:30am – Ada Jarmosevich

Keyboard

Joan Egeland

Music Director

Jan Garner



Trinity Lutheran Church Reverend Bryan O'Connor

Our Mission

“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!

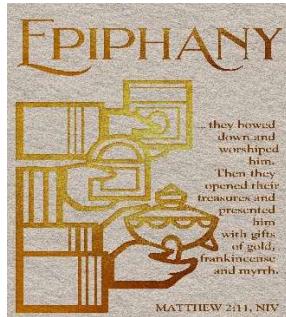
OUR RITE OF FRIENDSHIP:

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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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 4, 2026

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: *Joan Egeland*

“THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR”

Karl Harrington, Arr. Cindy Berry

“LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING”

Traditional Welsh Melody, Arr. Cindy Berry

“WE THREE KINGS”

John Henry Hopkins, Jr., Arr. David Lantz III

SPECIAL MUSIC:

“FROM A DISTANT HOME”

De Tierra Lejana Venimos

“AMEN, AMEN”

Word and Music: African-American spiritual

Sisters in Christ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please stand]

OPENING HYMN "THE STAR PROCLAIMS THE KING IS HERE"

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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.

INVOCATION

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

CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION

P As in the time of Isaiah, there are times when we are walking in darkness..
C **Therefore justice is far from us, and righteousness does not overtake us. We hope for light, and behold, we walk in gloom.**

P This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you: that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

C **If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

P Let us, therefore, confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Lord of light who brightens our darkness, we confess there are times when we enjoy playing in the shadows of darkness where we don't think anyone sees our shame. But You, O Lord, see the darkness of our hearts. You know the sins**

we commit with our thoughts, words, and actions – the things we don't do that we should, as well as the things we do that we shouldn't. Pierce the darkness of our hearts, restore us, renew us, and fill us with the light of Your loving grace. Amen.

P Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Our Lord is present and His forgiving face shines on us. By the command of Christ and the power of the cross, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Let us reflect the light of God's love.

C **So others may live in light.**

[Please be seated]

HYMN OF PRAISE "INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY"

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1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new

Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.

Swift - ly wing - ing, An - gels sing - ing, Bells are ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:

Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

++THE WORD++

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1–6

L The Future Glory of Israel Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around,

and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

¶ This is the Word of the Lord

¶ Thanks be to God

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 3:1–12

¶ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

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¶ Thanks be to God

(please stand)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1–12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

ANTHEM – *Sisters in Christ*

“ALL IS WELL”

Words and Music by Wane Kirkpatrick and Michael W. Smith Arr. by Lloyd Larson

[Please be seated]

HYMN “BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE STARS OF THE MORNING”

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1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Fra - grace of E - dom and of - frings di - vine,
Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.
Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorm - ing,
An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorm - ing,
Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
Mak - er and Mon - arch and Say - ior of all.
Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?
Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
Guide where our in - infant Re - deem - er is laid.

SERMON

“The Mystery of the Wise Men”

Matthew 2:2-12

Pastor Bryan O'Connor

[Please stand]

CONFESSTION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

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

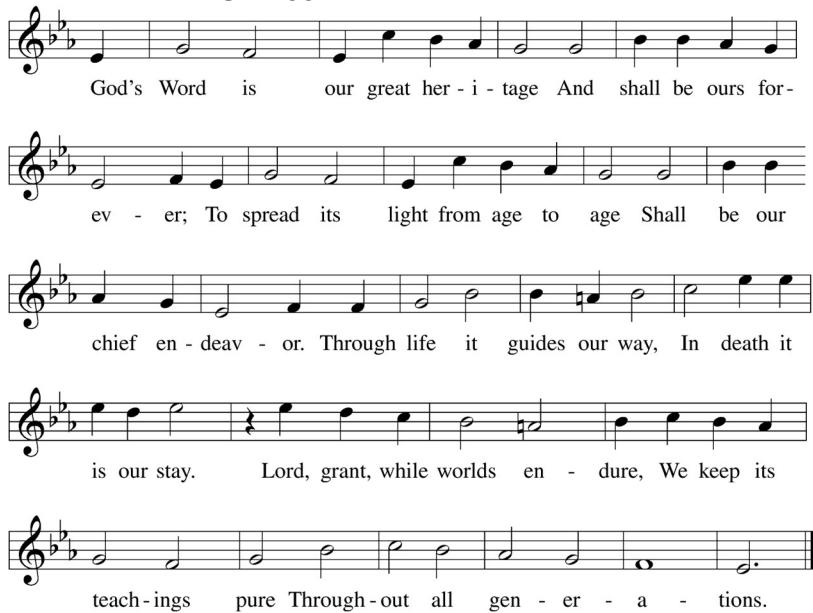
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the 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 “GOD’S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE”

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God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -

ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our

chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it

is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its

teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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.

January Birthdays

4th - Arlene Stackhouse
5th - Bill Meier
6th Susan Murphy and Ginny Norregaard
7th - Rich VanSwol, John Brobson & Ben Benzel
9th - Linda Eckoff

January Anniversaries

6th - Woody & Jane Wood (57)
John & Anne Oliver (1)

[Please stand]

COMMUNION LITURGY

P Our Lord is with us.
C **The light of His presence shatters the darkness.**
P Lift your hearts, voices, and lives in praise.
C **We praise the Lord, the Light of our salvation.**
P Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
C **His mercy endures forever.**
P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:
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 **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

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

"O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT"

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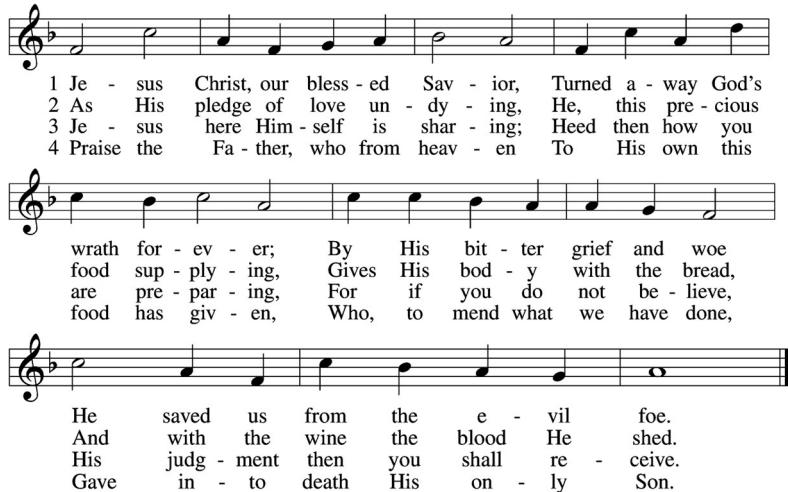
5 O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending! Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story
Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness! We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

“JESUS CHRIST, OUR BLESSED SAVIOR”

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5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken
That this food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed,
By hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Christ says: “Come, all you that labor,
And receive My grace and favor:
Those who feel no pain or ill
Need no physician’s help or skill.

9 If your heart this truth professes
And your mouth your sin confesses,
You will be your Savior’s guest,
Be at His banquet truly blest.

6 Agony and bitter labor
Were the cost of God’s high favor;
Do not come if you suppose
You need not Him who died and rose.

8 “For what purpose was My dying
If not for your justifying?
And what use this precious food
If you yourself were pure and good?”

10 Let this food your faith so nourish
That its fruit of love may flourish
And your neighbor learn from you
How much God’s wondrous love can do.



PRAYER

P Let us pray...O Lord, our light and salvation, whom shall we fear? You are the One who protects us with Your presence. We thank You for giving us the comfort of Your physical presence as You touched our hearts and lives with Your body and blood. Continue to strengthen us, and lead us to walk in Your light all our days; through Jesus Christ, the Light, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Arise! Shine! Your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you!

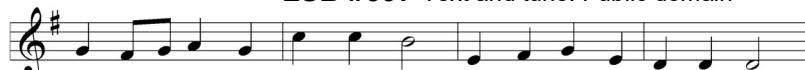
C For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone into our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

P May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

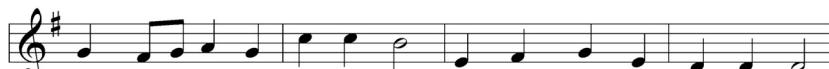
C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD"

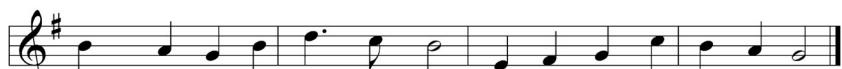
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1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to Thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare At Thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun - try bright Need they no cre - at - ed light;



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,
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;



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.
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.