



Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday, January 3, 2026
2nd Week of Christmas
Jesus Says Come and See

*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Lewis H Redner
setting by Joel Raney

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GATHER

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: God who shepherds the lost and comforts the afflicted,
C: **Guide our hands to touch the untouchable; Our ears to listen to the hopeless; Our eyes to see the misery of others; Our hearts to feel the pain of prisoners; Empower us to take risks to be channels of healing and mercy; So that this world may be a better place. Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

"Shout to the North"

Martin Smith
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Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete

Chorus

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By His grace again we'll fly

Chorus

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Bridge

We've been through fire
We've been through rain
We've been refined
By the pow'r of His name
We've fallen deeper
In love with You
You've burned
The truth on our lips

Chorus

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Ending

Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all people, You called many by name, asking them to follow Jesus and obey. Call us by name, and help us to follow and obey. Amen.

WORD

KID'S MESSAGE & OFFERING

Pastor Kaari

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 1:35-51

L: The good news according to John 1

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). ⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

L: The gospel of God.

C: Praise be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Kaari

W: John L. Bell

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1. "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
2. "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?
3. "Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
4. "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,

through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

CREED

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world.

Amen.

PRAYERS

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

*If you have a monetary offering, please place in the plate as you leave worship today,
or use this code to give electronically.*



OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God of our offerings, forgive us for our lack of generosity and pursuit of our own wealth. Forgive us when we turn a blind eye to those in need. May we see our gifts at work for the poor and oppressed. May we our compassion move us beyond words to action.

C: **Amen.**

MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Thank you for our farmers who bring the fruits of their labor. These are the products of their struggle. This bread comes from people who sleep without food. Through this wine, we share in their tears. May this bread and wine be the body of our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Let it transform us also to be life for others.

WORDS OF PROMISE

L: In the night before he was betrayed, the Lord took bread in his hand, he took wine and said, this is my body, this is my blood.

C: **Lord, by receiving your body and blood we surrender ourselves to your mission of salvation. Let us, too be a light to others. Amen.**

Christ had died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

L: God giver of life, come to transform the bread and wine that was made by the worker, to be the holy food for your people. Through eating and drinking these elements, renew our hearts, minds and souls, break down the discriminate and social classes made by human, so that we may be made on with Christ in one another. Blessing, honor, glory, and power be yours forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

Creator God, in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Help us grow up to be in the likeness of Christ, let everyone who is thirsty find water from living words, let everyone who is hungry find in You the bread of life, let everyone who is oppressed find comfort in You, let everyone who is in despair find hope in Your promise. AMEN.

SENDING

BLESSING

L: May the One who freed the people from slavery; led them dry-shod through the sea; suffering Empire's torture and execution and defeated the Power – even the Power of death! Free you, lead you, suffer with you, and raise you;

That you may use your weakness to be a blessing, your hope to be a force of change, and your audacious determination to usher in the kin-dom of heaven on earth.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

ELW #659

Richard Gillard;
arr. Betty Pulkingham

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1. Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

SENDING

P: Glory to God in the highest!

C: And peace to God's people on earth!

P: Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

To watch a recorded service, go to <https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranFC>
Or visit our website and click on "To view recorded services click HERE!"

Prayer List

Members

Polly Sersen
Tim Anderson
Eric Biedermann
Jean Purath
Mary Ann Miller
Barb Klamann
Pastor Paul Schairer
Shirley Garvin
Mary Ann Armstrong

Friends & Family

Amy Oduor, daughter of Clinton Ellerbe
Joe Burt, brother-in-law of Clinton Ellerbe
Barrett Knotts, Grandson of Debbie & Gary Schwartz
and Great Grandson of Jimmie & Doris Schwartz
Deborah Stinnett, friend of Dan Merz
Steve Eulberg, friend of Jim & Margaret Frye
Ramona Haeder, sister of Rebecca Roland
Jules Webb, daughter of Martha Webb
Marilu Ritzman, friend of Rob & Aida Schmidt
Douglas Hardie, friend of Rob & Aida Schmidt
David Horton, brother of Sara Mullarkey
Jim Belak, son-in-law of Barbara Baggs
Barbara Pardo, mother of Cheryl Dolan
Jennifer & Dale Barnett, friends of Marilyn Morrissey
Jan Johannes, sister of Jo Anne Gearhart
Susie Kragmeier, daughter of Kate Stieben
Beth Barnett, daughter of Carolyn & Eric Biedermann
Erin Slocum, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse

To all who gather: We are Reconciling in Christ, which means we strive to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and to work for racial equity and to commit to anti-racist work.

We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. God makes no distinction based on race; ethnicity; immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental circumstances; or other life circumstances. God loves and welcomes all people. Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

From Pastor Rick: This community affirms its welcome by accepting me in this place. Diagnosed with Huntington's (HD), my progressing symptoms and neurodiversity are displayed publicly. The uncontrolled movements (chorea) may limit my functionality, or appear in other ways; yet, it is an opportunity to learn and love alongside one another. HD is part of me, but I am not defined by the diagnosis. As for all of us, I am defined as child of God.

Guests and Visitors: All are invited to receive the gluten free bread and wine of Holy Communion (juice is also available). Your offering is your presence in worship. Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Don't forget your 'Sweet Treat' plate from the welcome desk!

Worship Note: The red hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) page numbers are found in the front while song numbers are in the back. If you have any questions about worship or Trinity, our clergy or welcome table hosts are happy to help.

Parents and Caregivers: God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If helpful, please use the Family Break Room outside the worship space or a "Worship Activity Bag" - available near the welcome table. On Sunday, if needed, we offer a fully trained Nursery; staffed by Tiffany K. and Zoe K.

Special needs: Hearing-assistance devices are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those who are unable to come forward. Our Welcome Table Hosts can help with any of these special needs.

In Ministry Today

Worship Assistant: Sherry Albertson-Clark

Communion Prep: Sherry Albertson-Clark

Welcome Table Host:

Fellowship Host:

Prayer Writer: Jo Anne Gearhart

Bread Baker: Dan Merz

Flower Arrangement: Volunteers from
St Paul's Episcopal

Trinity's Clergy Leader:

Pastor Rick Reiten & Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt

Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	Music Coord. & Organist
Tessa Espinosa	Chancel Choir Director
Clinton Ellerbe	Saturday Worship Leader
Austin Naylor	Bells of Trinity Director
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Claire Pickerel	AV Technician
Jennifer Reeve	Shared Children's Minister
Tiffany Klijewski	Nursery Coord.
Zoe Klamann	Shared Nursery Attendant

Staff Emails are available on our website

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Monday (January 5)

9:30 am Trinity Readers-Room 2/Zoom

12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside

1:30 pm 301FP Social Media-Fireside

6:30 pm (5) NoCo Male Spirituality

Tuesday (January 6)

7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Breakfast Club

5:30 pm Soc/Eco Justice-Room Fireside

6:15 pm 301FP Soc/Eco Justice-Fireside

Wednesday (January 7)

5:15 pm Bells of Trinity-Room 1

6:30 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room

Thursday (January 8)

9:30 pm Bible Study-Room Fireside

11 am 301FP Clergy Mtg-Fireside

3:30 pm 301FO Get Together @

4 pm Finance/Stewardship-Zoom

6:30 pm 301FP Co-Op Mtg-Sunroom

Friday (January 9)

10 am Quilting-Room 2

6:30 pm TGIF @ Roland's

Saturday (January 10)

12 pm Sweet Treats

5 pm Worship

Sunday (January 11)

9 am Adult Forum-Room 2

9 am Confirmation-Room 8

9 am Sunday School-Room 3

9 am Youth Group-Room 6

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

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So, how can you learn more about Trinity?

Visit our website at www.trinitylutheranfc.org

Consider joining us for worship or one of our ministry events.

Contact one of our clergy for a chat.

We believe we are not a complete community, and that God is calling new people to join us and to find their place at Trinity.

We invite you join us on the journey of faith!

Saturdays at 5p.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Sundays 10:30 a.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.

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