



**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, January 4, 2026**  
**2nd Week of Christmas**  
**Jesus Says Come and See**

\*Indicates please stand as you are able

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*"What Star is This, with Beams so Bright"*

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**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS\***

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Reconciling God,

C: **we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.**

**Amen.**

P: God's grace upon grace flows over you. † Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

C: **Amen.**



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
heav'n-ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

**\*INVOCATION\***

P: May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy, and justice of God, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

**\*KYRIE\***

ELW pgs. 175-176



Lord, . . have mer-cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



mer-cy. *Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -*



*dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.*



Christ, . . have mer-cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .



mer-cy. *Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -*



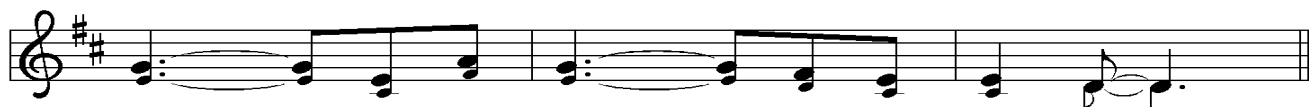
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**\*SONG OF PRAISE\***

ELW pgs. 176-177



Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!



And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra\_a-que-llos que\_a-ma\_el Se - ñor.

**\*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.

**KID'S SERMON & OFFERING**

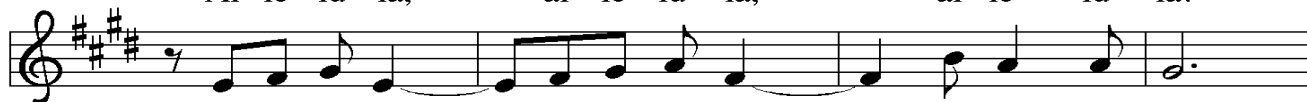
Pastor Kaari

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION\***

ELW pg. 179



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!

## **\*GOSPEL READING\***

**JOHN 1:35-51**

**L:** The good news according to John 1

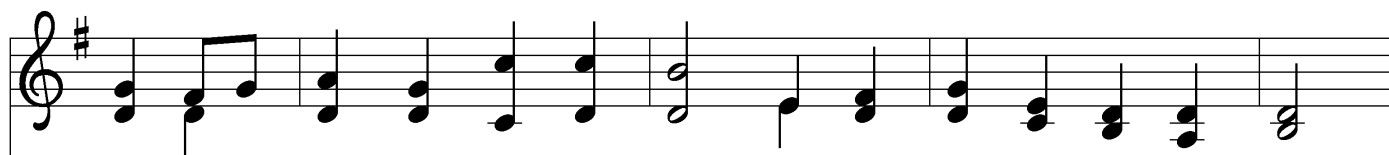
<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following,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

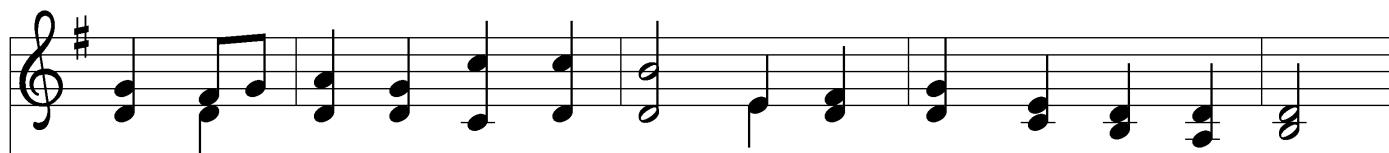
**Pastor Kaari**



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;

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;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;

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



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.

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.



## **\*IMMIGRANT'S CREED\***

I believe in Almighty God,  
who guided the people in exile and in exodus,  
the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,  
the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ,  
a displaced Galilean,  
who was born away from his people and his home,  
who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger,  
and returning to his own country suffered the oppression  
of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power,  
who then was persecuted, beaten, and finally tortured,  
accused and condemned to death unjustly.  
But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead,  
not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us,  
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries,  
and reunites all races.

I believe that the church is the secure home  
for the foreigner and for all believers who constitute it,  
who speak the same language and have the same purpose.  
I believe that the communion of the saints begins  
when we accept the diversity of the saints.

I believe in the forgiveness of sin, which makes us all equal,  
and in reconciliation, which identifies us more  
than does race, language, or nationality.

I believe that in the resurrection  
God will unite us as one people  
in which all are distinct  
and all are alike at the same time.

Beyond this world, I believe in life eternal  
in which no one will be an immigrant  
but all will be citizens of God's kingdom,  
which will never end. Amen.

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## **\*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 glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow.  
Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may  
rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING\***

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

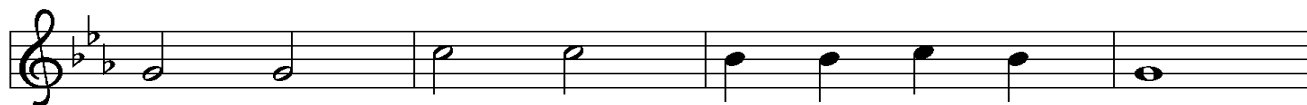
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*PREFACE\***

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY\***

ELW pg.181



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,



God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

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San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to es el Se - ñor,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to es el Se - ñor.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

earth. . . . Blest is he who comes in the

name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na en el

cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.

### \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION\*

P: In the night...

...gave it to the disciples, saying:

**C: Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

P: ...gave it for all to drink, saying:

**C: This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.**

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER\*

ELW pg. 112

Our Father 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 HYMN\***

*"Lamb of God"*

ELW pg. 182-183

O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

*Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*

*ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.*

O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

**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\***


Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. Amen.

**\*BLESSING\***


P: The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, † bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

C: Amen.

*Refrain*  
All




Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,




wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the wa - ter.

Leader All



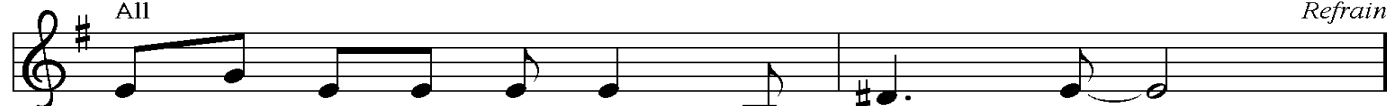
1 See that host all dressed in white,  
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the  
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?  
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.  
looks like the band that . . Mo - ses led.  
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.  
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All *Refrain*



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

\*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\*

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

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# Prayer List

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## Friends & Family

Amy Oduor, daughter of Clinton Ellerbe  
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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.

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

### **Wednesday (January 7)**

5:15 pm Bells of Trinity-Room1  
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

## In Ministry Today

**Worship Assistant:** Katie Barron

**Welcome Table Host:**

**Fellowship Host:** Cheryl & Ron Smith

**Bread Baker:** Dan Merz

**Prayer Writer:** Jo Anne Gearhart

**Communion Team:**

**Flower Arrangement:** Volunteers of St Paul's Episcopal

## Trinity's Clergy Leader:

Pastor Rick Reiten & Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt

## Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	<b>Music Coord. &amp; Organist</b>
Tessa Espinosa	<b>Chancel Choir Director</b>
Clinton Ellerbe	<b>Saturday Worship Leader</b>
Austin Naylor	<b>Bells of Trinity Director</b>
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Deana Andrist	<b>Office Administrator</b>
Amanda Backsen	<b>Director of Communications/ Volunteer Coord.</b>
Claire Pickerel	<b>AV Technician</b>
Jennifer Reeve	<b>Shared Children's Minister</b>
Tiffany Klijewski	<b>Nursery Coord.</b>
Zoe Klamann	<b>Nursery Attendant</b>

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



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