

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Divine Service, Setting 1

December 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 5:00 + 8:15 + 10:15



No matter who you are or what you're going through;
No matter where you've been or what brought you here.
We want you to feel welcome in this House of Worship.
So relax, make yourself at home. Follow along as best you can.
And don't be afraid to ask questions.
We're really glad you're here!

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** - Live Captioning is located on the TV found in-front on the south wing of the Sanctuary. Also available are personal assisted listening devices, please see an usher for a headphone.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PRAYER** spoken in the worship service or placed on our prayer chain, fill out a yellow Prayer Request card located in the pew rack and prepare to hand it to the aisle during the sermon hymn.

**DEAR PARENTS WITH LITTLE KIDS,** We know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your kids to church. Your family — with all its noise, struggle, commotion and joy - aren't just tolerated, you're a vital part of the community gathered in worship. We're glad you're here!

**THERE IS AN UNSTAFFED NURSERY** located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Parish House found through the door located in the front of the Sanctuary. Audio from today's worship is piped in through our speaker system so you can still participate. Ask ushers for assistance.

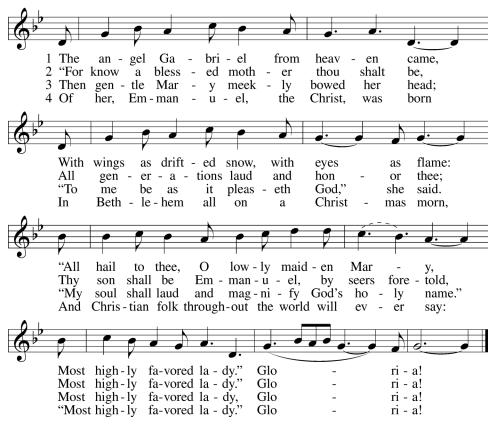
#### Prelude

Ringing of the Bells

## + Service of Preparation +



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Text and tune: Basque, c. 18th cent

#### Call to Worship & Invocation

(Rooted in Psalm 16)

Pastor: Enwombed One! Dependent One! People: Triumphant One! Mighty One!

**Pastor:** Toppling-Expectations-One!

People: Magnifying One! Satisfying-With-Justice-One!

**Pastor:** We hunger and thirst for your presence;

People: Fill us with that which is good; eternal things that satisfy the soul.

**Pastor:** All are welcomed in this House of the Living God; to sing of God's

Name and to be refreshed by God's goodness;

People: And none are turned away.

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

#### Confession & Absolution

**Pastor:** Almighty God, we make enemies of the weak and poor; leaving them

to fend for themselves.

People: Loving Christ, make us mindful that you were poor as well.

**Pastor:** Redeeming God, we are caught up in vicious cycles of anger, not

internalizing the fullness of mercy. Even our prayers are vengeful.

People: Loving Christ, teach us to pray.

**Pastor:** Everlasting God, the many challenges we've faced have left us

fearful. We have allowed these fears to overwhelm our trust in you.

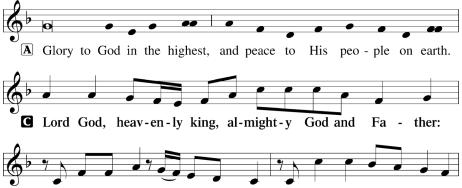
People: Faithful Christ, we believe. Help our unbelief.

**Pastor:** In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given... ...in

the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

#### Gloria in Excelsis



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



#### Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives

and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit; one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## + Service of the Word +

Please Be Seated

#### Children's Message

<sup>5</sup> Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup> with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, my God.'"[a]

<sup>8</sup> First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"—though they were offered in accordance with the law. <sup>9</sup> Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord,

**People: Thanks be to God!** 



Psalm Psalm 80

<sup>1</sup> Hear us, Shepherd of | Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock.

You who sit enthroned between the | cherubim, shine forth <sup>2</sup> before Ephraim, Benjamin | and Manasseh.

Awaken your might; | come and save us.

- <sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we | may be saved.
- <sup>4</sup> How long, Lord God Almighty, will your | anger smol*der* against the prayers | of your people?
- <sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the | bread of tears; you have made them drink tears | by the bowl ful.
- <sup>6</sup> You have made us an object of derision | to our neigh*bors*, and a source mockery to our | enemies.
- <sup>7</sup> Restore us, | God Almigh*ty;* make your face shine on us, that we | may be saved.
- D Glory be to the Father and to the + Son and to the | Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will before, | A-men.

Please Stand

## Holy Gospel Luke 1:39-45

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

<sup>39</sup> At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, <sup>40</sup> where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! <sup>43</sup> But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

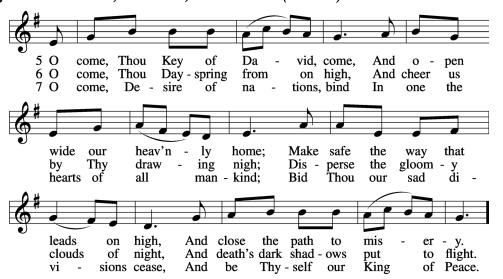
Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ!



Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: French, 15th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

## Message

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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.

#### Prayer of the Church

After Each Petition

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy; People: Hear our prayer.

Please Be Seated

Offering Ways to Give

Giving a portion of the gifts God has given is, at its heart, an act of worship.

- Place your giving in the basket during offering.
- Text to Give, simply text "Give" to 1-877-618-0062
- Online giving at <a href="https://pushpay.com/g/trinitystlouis.">https://pushpay.com/g/trinitystlouis.</a>
- Scan the QR code
- Mail your giving to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Soulard St., St. Louis, MO 63104.



#### **Connect with Your Church & Community!**

If you're new to our neighborhood, worshipping community, or a regular attender, we invite you to connect with our ministry by filling out our online Connection Card. Snap the QR Code to be taken to our online welcome, or navigate to the following URL to connect... "trinitystlouis.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/107/responses/new"

#### + Service of the Sacrament +

We believe that in this Sacrament we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith.

All who wish to receive the sacrament with this understanding are invited to come forward to receive the unending forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

Children and those who would prefer not to receive the sacrament are welcome at the altar to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

#### Offertory



#### **Preface and Proper Preface**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

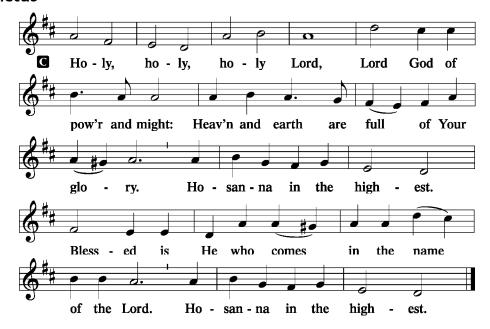
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right and proper... ... evermore praising You and

singing:

#### Sanctus



#### Lord's Prayer

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.

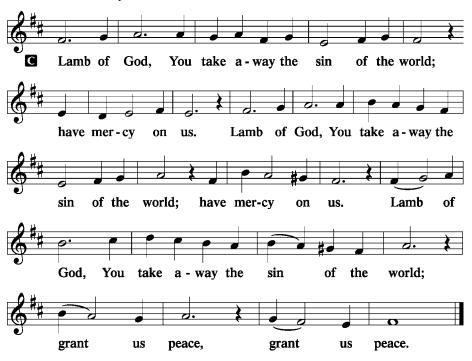
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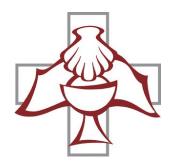
#### The Peace

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

## Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God





#### Hymn ~ O Little Town of Bethlehem



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#### Prayer

#### **Benediction**



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# **Worship Leaders**



Ministers:

The People of Trinity Lutheran Church

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:15am	Sunday 10:15am
Preacher: Presider:	Travis Scholl Travis Scholl	Travis Scholl Josh Hatcher	Travis Scholl Josh Hatcher
Liturgist: Acolyte:	Travis Scholl	Josh Hatcher Nora Hertel	Josh Hatcher Ian Drescher
Communion Assistant: Children's Message:	Allen Helms	Keith Suedmeyer	Chris Armstrong Rick Burk Marti Fruend Bo Jarabak Josh Hatcher
Lector: Cantor: Organist: Communion Prep: Livestream Broadcast: Greeter:		Ryan Markel Nicole Heerlein Jeff White Dianne Davis	Rosalie Wilke Nicole Heerlein Jeff White Dianne Davis John Carroll Melba Whetmore
Usher: Sunday School Teachers:	Phil Koehr Dianne Davis	Phil Koehr	Ken Horvath Kay Weber John Carroll Kay Weber Paula Wike

## December 21st & 22nd, 2024

## TRINITY TODAY

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We pray that your time with us is uplifting and encouraging as we follow Christ together.

Our ministry team and community of faith are here to help you connect with Christ Jesus, with our ministry, and with each other. If we can be of help to you in any way, please don't hesitate to let us know.

#### **WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS**

Saturday service: 5:00 p.m. Sunday services: 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

SUNDAY

#### **WEEKLY**

#### MONDAY-THURSDAY

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	Hymnody Bible Class	The office is closed
	9:20 a.m10:00 a.m.	this week! Merry
		Christmas!
	Children's Sunday	Soup Window
	School	Monday-Tuesday,
	Parish house	Thursday-Friday
	9:15 a.m.	9:30 a.m10:30 a.m.
		Groceries on Fridays!

#### **COMMUNITY CARE**

**Humboldt Toy Drive was a success!** Thank you to everyone that donated and to the Women's Bible Study for wrapping gifts!

**Soup Alley Food:** 993 meals served plus we were able to give away 7 grocery bags over 21 days of being open at Soup Alley for the month of November! -Daily average of 47 meals.

Please consider how you can help, donate, or serve. Meals are served Monday-Friday 9:30 -10:30 a.m. for our unhoused and hungry neighbors.

- PB&J or Meat Sandwiches
- Mustard and mayo packets
- Bottled water
- Fruit (small oranges or bananas preferred)
- Chips/Pre-packaged snacks
- Pre-packaged snack cakes, desserts, etc.
- New Men's M and L Underwear
- Men's sweatshirts and long sleeve t-shirts size L and XL
- NO Women's or Children's clothing at this time
- NO toiletries at this time

#### Thank you for your generosity!

Donation drop off days are Mondays and Thursdays between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. by appointment. Email office@trinitystlouis.org to schedule a time to stop

Community Care Donation Bins: Please place your Saturday/Sunday donations for Community Care in the marked bins in the "museum room". This will help us invent tory items coming into Soup Alley.

#### **GIVING**

**Online giving:** To give online one time or to set-up recurring giving go to https://pushpay.com/g/trinitystlouis.

Text to Give: Text "Give" to 1-877-618-0062

**In Person:** Gifts of cash or check payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church" can be given in all worship services.

Mail: You can send your gift to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Soulard

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If you pay tax to the state of Missouri, consider reserving tax credits through the MOScholars online system to help fund scholarships for MO LCMS students. You'll receive a tax credit to help offset your MO tax liability and help students receive excellent education. For more information,

please visit <a href="http://treasurer.mo.gov/MOScholars/TaxCredits">http://treasurer.mo.gov/MOScholars/TaxCredits</a> or contact Leah at 314-590-6211 or <a href="leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org">leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org</a>. You may also talk to Ralph Simon about questions.

#### STUDENT MINISTRY

**Sunday School:** Sundays, 9:15 am in the Parish House, 1st floor, for all children three years to 4th grade. Join us as we journey through the <u>Bible in One Year</u>. The morning lesson and craft will be from 9:15-9:45 and music with Katy Moll and Rebecca Carroll will be from 9:45-10:00. All children are welcome!

**Confirmation:** Sundays from 9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m. in the Parish House, 3rd floor meeting room. This confirmation class is for children in 5th grade and older. To attend, please contact Pastor Hatcher/Dianne. **Confirmation will resume January 12**<sup>th</sup>!

**LCMS Youth Gathering:** The LCMS youth gathering will take place July 19-23, 2025 in New Orleans. The youth gathering is open to students ages 14-19 or that begin 9th grade the 2025-2026 school year. Registration begins in October. Please see Dianne Davis or Pastor Hatcher for more information.

#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of November 30<sup>th</sup>, Church income is below budget, but is 2.9% higher than income for the comparable period ended November 2023. The current year net loss is \$10,479. The primary drivers for why expenses are less than budget are: staffing changes occurred later than anticipated and certain expenses that do not occur evenly throughout the year, but are budgeted as if they do.

	2024 YTD Actual	2024 Budget	Variance	2023 YTD
Member	\$497,212	\$540,320	\$(43,108)	\$511,860
Contributions				
Community	\$14,149	\$40,572	\$(26,423)	\$9,146
Care				
Other	\$28,290	\$0	\$28,290	\$3,354
donations*				
TOTAL	\$539,651	\$580,892	\$(41,241)	\$524,360
INCOME				
TOTAL	\$550,130	\$580,892	\$(30,762)	\$624,431
EXPENSE				
Net Income	\$(10,479)	\$0	\$(10,479)	\$(100,071)
(loss)				

<sup>\*</sup> non-recurring donations such as RMD, Thrivent Choice, Memorials

## **UPCOMING HOLIDAY SERVICE INFORMATION**

Christmas Eve Services
3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve

Christmas Day Service 10:15 a.m. on Christmas Day

## **FELLOWSHIP**

**Sunday Luncheon:** Join us on January 5<sup>th</sup> at McGurk's for our next outing!

**New Year, Happy Hour:** Join the Fellowship Committee for drinks and hors d'oeuvres to celebrate God's gift of a new year and new friendships. January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room of the Parish House.

#### **ADULT BIBLE STUDIES**

Tuesday Women's Bible Study: The Women's Bible Study will resume on January 7th at 9:45 for socializing and begin the study at 10:00 a.m.

Our next study is called "Learning to Love, Loving to Learn" the study of the book of James by Jean McCain (Marti Fruend's aunt).

If you have not studied with us recently, please know you are always welcome.

**Wednesday Bible Study:** Recurring Wednesdays, will meet from 10:00 a.m., On the 3rd floor Parish House, led by Pastor Albers. **We will resume meeting in mid-January.** 

**Hymnody Bible Class:** December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting from 9:20 a.m.-10:00 a.m. with Tom Leeseberg-Lange.

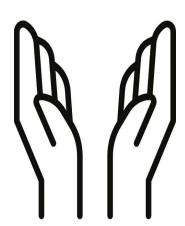


#### Birthdays ~ December 23rd-29th

Jakob Aagard December 24 Paula Wike December 24 Rory Moehlman December 25 Melissa Brown December 26 Alex Castro December 27 Joshua Dehne December 27 December 27 Quincy Johnson December 27 Paige Shaffer December 28 Kennedi Bartels December 28 Dorothy Brents December 28 Sienna Harr December 28 Darrow Washington Emerson Guidry December 29

#### **Parish Community**

Joshua Blasingame Candace & Fred Bleeke Kristin, Zachary, Teddy, & Quintin Bodendieck Lee Bodendieck Loren & Christine Bodendieck Timothy & Heidi Boeser



## CHURCH COUNCIL & CABINET



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