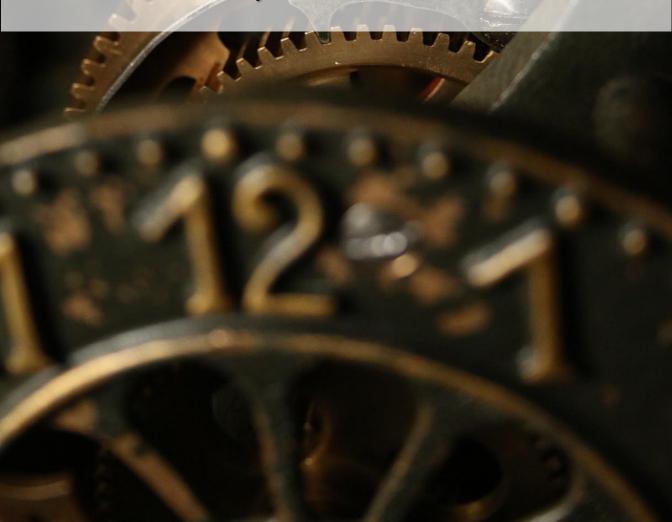


An open & caring, radically Christ-centered, deeply sacramental & sometimes eclectic ministry in the heart of Soulard.



First Weekend After Christmas

Divine Service, Setting 1

December 28th & 29th, 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 1st 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 +

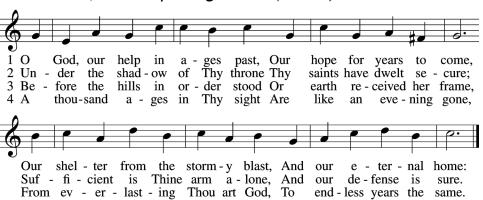
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Hymn ~ O God, Our Help in Ages Past (vv.1-4)

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Call to Worship

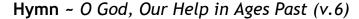
Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Pastor:

People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, Pastor: or as a watch in the night.

People: So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may be Pastor: glad and rejoice all our days.



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Invocation

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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is

not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will

forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(a time for personal reflection)

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have

sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart we have not loved our neighbor as

with our whole heart we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal

punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

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.

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

Old Testament

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

¹⁸ But Samuel was ministering before the Lord—a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. ²⁰ Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, "May the Lord give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to^[c] the Lord." Then they would go home... ...²⁶ And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the Lord and with people.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord,

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes | to the moun*tains* where does my | help come from?
- ² My help comes | from the Lord, the Maker of hea- | ven and earth.
- ³ He will not let | your foot slip he who watches over you | will not slum*ber;*
- ⁴ indeed, he who watches over | Israel will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The Lord watches | over you the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;
- ⁶ the sun will not harm | you by day, nor the | moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord will keep you | from all harm—he will watch o- | ver your life;

⁸ the Lord will watch over your com- | ing and going both now and for- | evermore.

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.

Epistle Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ^[b] ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, ^[c] Father." ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Please Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons." ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

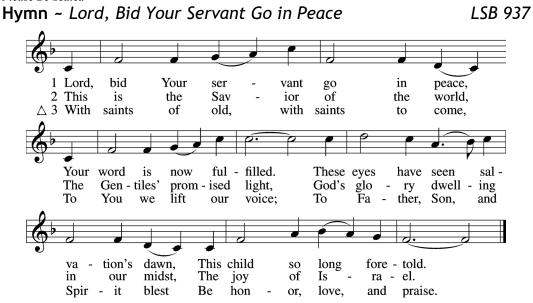
³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

³³ The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause

the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

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

Please Be Seated



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Message ~ The Fullness of Time

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.

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.

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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 https://pushpay.com/g/trinitystlouis.
- 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.

Please Stand

Offertory



Preface and Proper Preface

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

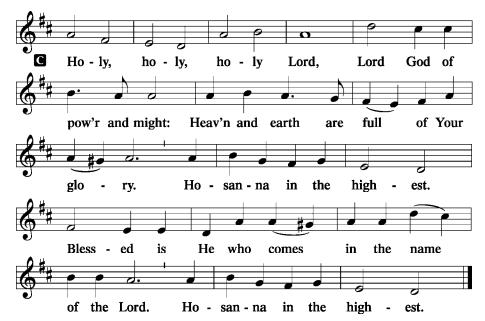
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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



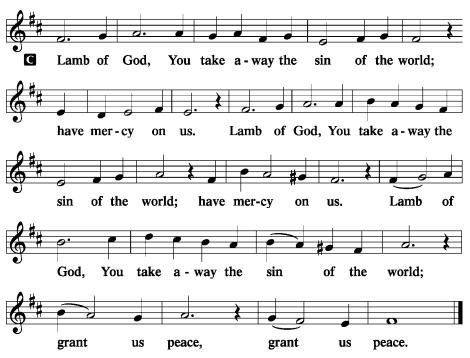
Words of Institution

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

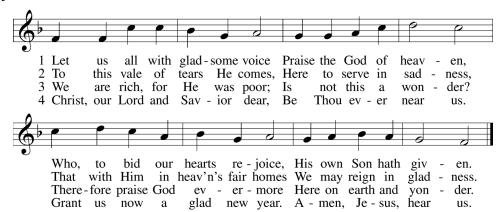




Hymn ~ Once He Came in Blessing



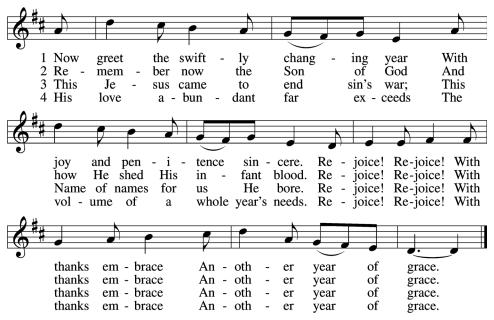
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Hymn ~ Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year

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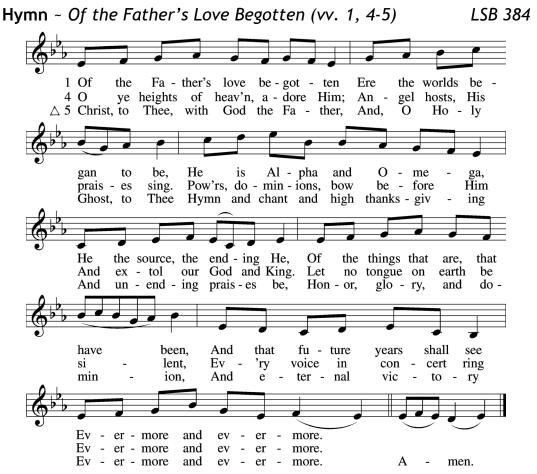
- 5 With Him as Lord to lead our way
 In want and in prosperity,
 What need we fear in earth or space
 In this new year of grace!
- 6 "All glory be to God on high, And peace on earth!" the angels cry. Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace Another year of grace.

△ 7 God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!
To all our pleas incline Your ear;
Upon our lives rich blessing trace
In this new year of grace.

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Worship Leaders



Ministers:

The People of Trinity Lutheran Church

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:15am	Sunday 10:15am
Preacher: Presider: Liturgist: Acolyte:	Steve Albers Steve Albers Steve Albers	Steve Albers Steve Albers Steve Albers	Steve Albers Steve Albers Bob Scudieri
Communion Assistant: Children's Message:	Will Schryver	Ryan Markel	Laura Borstell Grace Dick Steve Meyer Rosalie Wilke Dianne Davis
Lector: Cantor:	Steve Lange	Bo Jarabak	Joshua Blasingame
Organist:	Jeff White	Jeff White	Jeff White
Communion Prep: Livestream Broadcast: Greeter:	Dianne Davis	Annette Carson	Melba Whetmore Johnathan Bening Cathie Albers
Usher: Sunday School Teachers:	Phil Koehr Dianne Davis	Phil Koehr	Dianne Davis Ralph Simon Steve Meyer Alex Moll Katy Moll

December 28th & 29th, 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

Children's Sunday School Parish house 9:15 a.m. The office is closed this week! Happy New Year!

Soup Window Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-10:30 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 inventory items coming into Soup Alley.

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please visit http://treasurer.mo.gov/MOScholars/TaxCredits
or contact Leah at 314-590-6211 or leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org.
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**th!

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 30th, 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)				

^{*} non-recurring donations such as RMD, Thrivent Choice, Memorials

FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Luncheon: Join us on January 5th 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 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the 3rd 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.**

Birthdays ~ December 30th-January 5th

Nathan Bowyer December 30

Elise Guhe December 30

Theo Zaricor December 30

Susan Maul January 1

Eugene Maul January 1

Edwin Park January 1

Tony Schnurr January 1

McKenna Griesman January 3

Mary Marth January 3

Keegan McGinnis January 3

Brian Morrell January 3

Ashley Scarmana January 3

Carl Arnold January 4

Merlyn Bohler January 4

Aubrey Carroll January 4

Dena Conner January 5

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Don & Merlyn Bohler

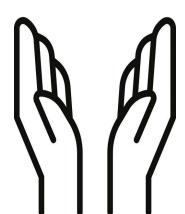
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