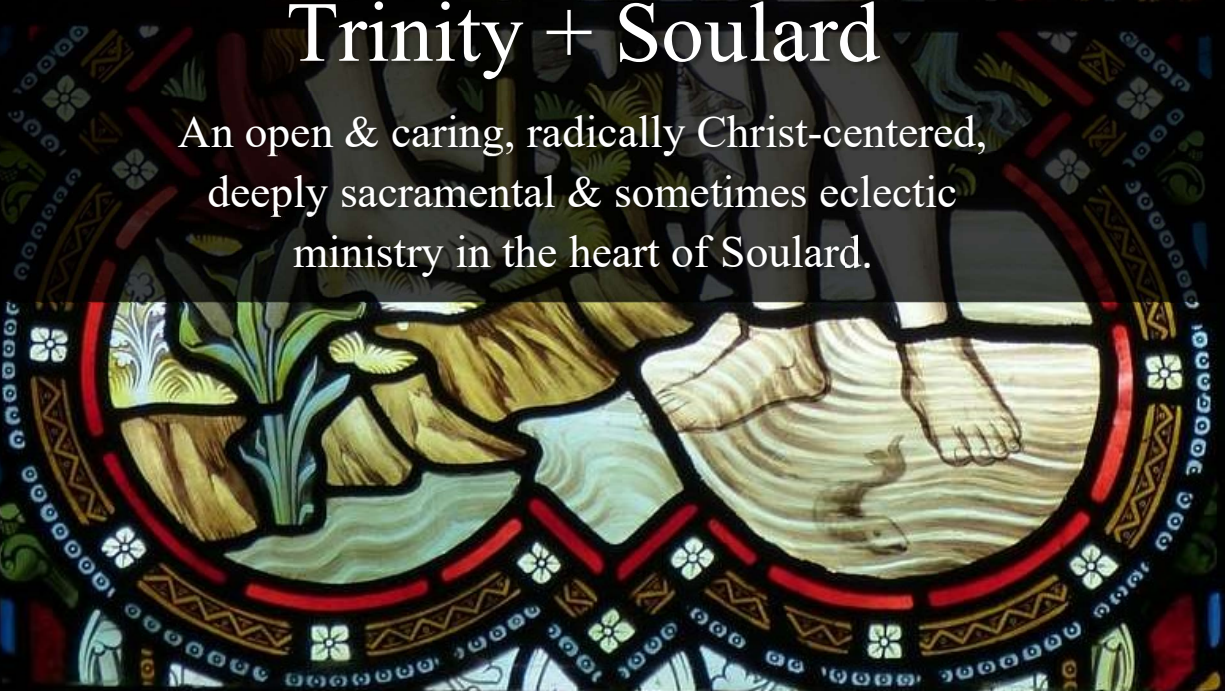


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An open & caring, radically Christ-centered,
deeply sacramental & sometimes eclectic
ministry in the heart of Soulard.



The Baptism of Our Lord

Divine Service 1

January 11th - 12th, 2025

5:00 + 8:15 + 10:15



welcome to trinity

*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

Ringling of the Bells

+ Service of Preparation +

Please Stand

Hymn ~ How Firm a Foundation, O Saints (vv. 1-3)

LSB 728



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!

Text: A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt.
Tune: Genuine Church Music, 1832, Winchester

Call to Worship & Invocation

Pastor: Sisters and brothers, today we commemorate the solidarity of Jesus, who comes with us to the waters of holy baptism.

People: **In baptism, our Creator calls us the Beloved of God, and frees us from the slavery of sin, hatred and death.**

Pastor: In baptism, we are joined with Christ, and with his body, the Church; bound together in unity, recalling the imagery of the St. Paul:

People: **"There is now neither Jew and Gentile, neither Slave nor Free, there is no 'male and female,' for we are all One in Jesus Christ."**

Pastor: In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry, making us signs of divine love. Baptism is the mark of acceptance into the church and the seedling of our Christian faith and discipleship.

People: **And so today, the whole Church, the Body of Christ, remembers and celebrates the solidarity of Jesus, who comes with us to the waters of holy baptism.**

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.**

Prayer of Confession & Absolution

Pastor: Gracious God,

People: **We confess that too often we live more from fear than we live from faith. When we encounter the waters of chaos and confusion, we don't easily pass through them. We obsess about the height of the water instead of the promise on the other side. You promise to walk through rivers with us. Help us believe. Help our unbelief.**

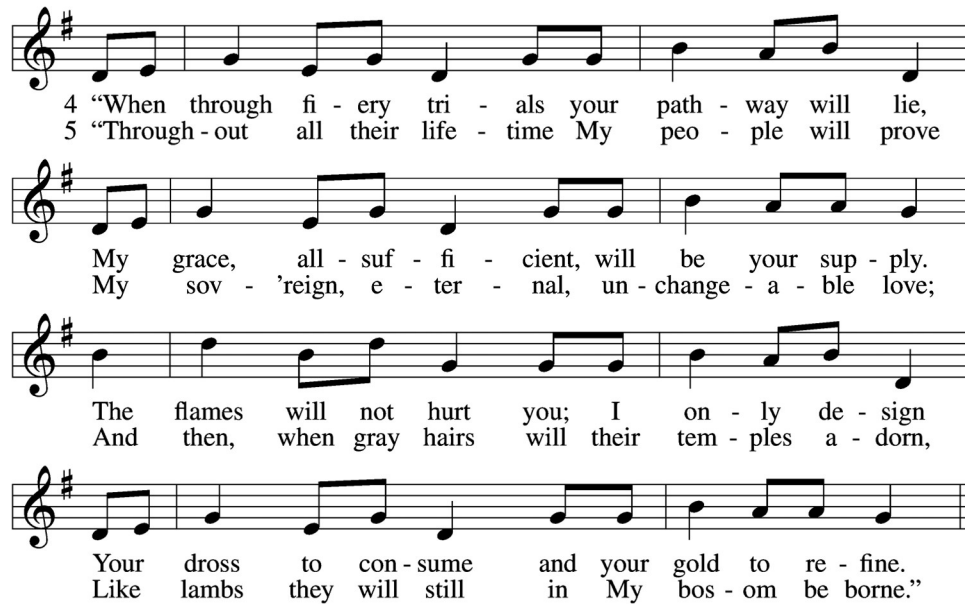
Pastor: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given... ...in the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**



Hymn ~ How Firm a Foundation, O Saints (vv.4-5)

LSB 728



4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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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

Isaiah 43:1-7

- ¹ But now, this is what the Lord says—
 he who created you, Jacob,
 he who formed you, Israel:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
² When you pass through the waters,
 I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
 they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
 you will not be burned;
 the flames will not set you ablaze.
³ For I am the Lord your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;
I give Egypt for your ransom,
 Cush^[a] and Seba in your stead.
⁴ Since you are precious and honored in my sight,
 and because I love you,
I will give people in exchange for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.
⁵ Do not be afraid, for I am with you;
 I will bring your children from the east
 and gather you from the west.
⁶ I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’
 and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’
Bring my sons from afar
 and my daughters from the ends of the earth—
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made.”

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you | heav'nly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.

² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor | of his holiness.**

³ The voice of the Lord is ov- | er the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the | mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the Lord is | powerful;
the voice of the Lord | is majestic.**

⁷ The voice of the Lord strikes with fla- | shes of lightning.

⁹ The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the | forests bare.

And in his temple | all cry, "Glory!"

¹⁰ **The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned
as | King forever.**

¹¹ The Lord gives strength | to his people;
the Lord blesses his peo- | ple with peace.

^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 be forever. | A-men.**

Please Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-23a

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter;

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."....

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” ²³ Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Hymn ~ *To Jordan's River Came Our Lord* (vv. 1, 3-4, & 6) LSB 405

1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own
 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be res - o - lute; This man is
 heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
 voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was
 Christ, our sub - sti - tute! He was bap - tized in
 Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
 His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."
 Jor - dan's stream, Pro - claimed Re - deem - er, Lord su - preme.

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Homily

Remembrance of Holy Baptism

Water is Sprinkled on the Congregation in Memory of God's Baptismal Promise. Jesus taught the Church to make disciples of all nations by first baptizing all people in the name of the Holy Trinity. For those who have not been baptized, we would love to welcome you and/or your children into the life of Christ and of the Church through Baptism. Please speak to one of our pastors after today's worship if this is of interest to you...

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son?

People: **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 and living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **Yes, 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.**

Pastor: Will you be baptized into the Christian faith, into the new life, into the kingdom of God?

People: **We have been! In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, sealed by the sign + of the cross. God has included us in solidarity with Christ Jesus.**

Pastor: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth again through water and of the Spirit, strengthen you with grace unto life everlasting. Peace be with you. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

After Each Petition...

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Please Be Seated

Offering

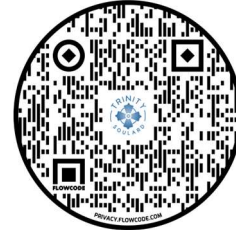
Ways to Give

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

- *Place your giving in the basket when you come forward for communion.*
- *Text to Give, simply text your gift amount ("i.e. \$25" be sure to include the \$ sign) to 314-310-0442.*
- *Online giving at <https://trinitystlouis.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving>.*
- *Mail your giving to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Soulard St., St. Louis, MO 63104.*

Welcome to Trinity!

*If you're new to our neighborhood or worshipping community, 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; to become together what we consume: The Body of Christ in and for the world.

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 ask the pastor at the time of reception if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer.

Please Stand

Preface and Proper Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

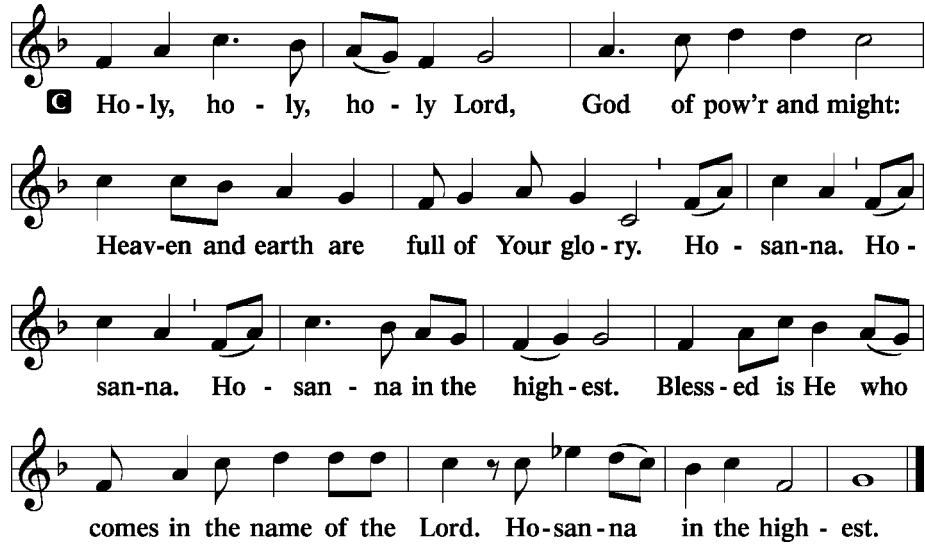
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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... ..evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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.

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*

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Hymn ~ Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

LSB 590



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
 3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
 4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
 child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
 will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
 Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
 The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
 If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
 Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



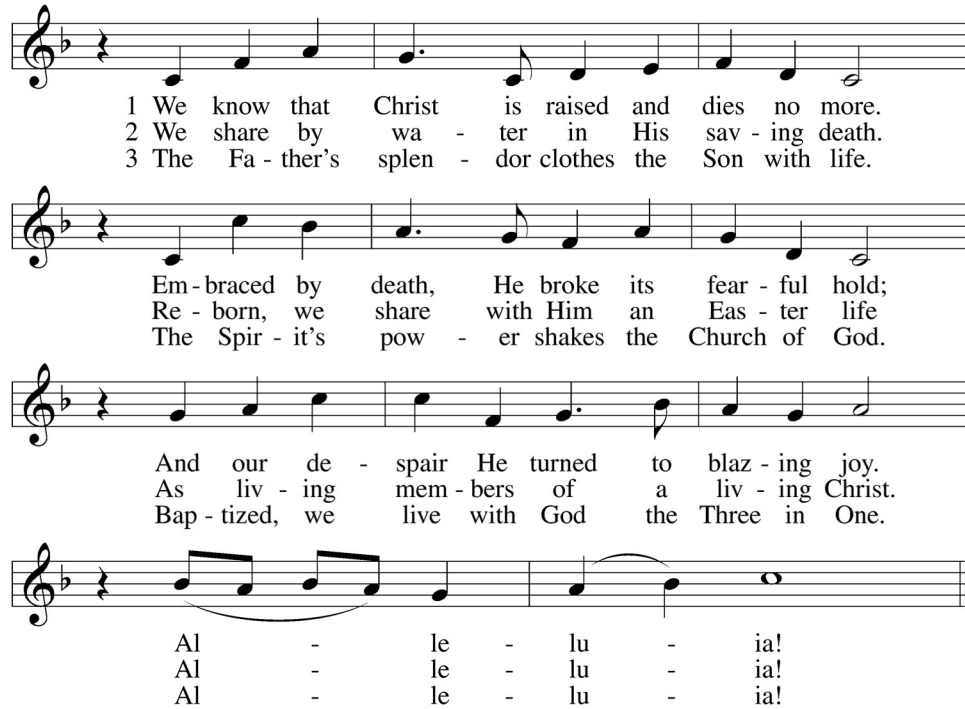
dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
 com - fort me When threat-'ning clouds a - round I see.
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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Benediction

Hymn ~ We Know That Christ is Raised

LSB 603



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.

Em - braced by death, He broke its fear - ful hold;
Re - born, we share with Him an Eas - ter life.
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.

And our de - spair He turned to blaz - ing joy.
As liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.

Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

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Worship Leaders



Ministers:

The People of Trinity Lutheran Church

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:15am

Sunday 10:15am

Preacher: *Josh Hatcher*

Josh Hatcher

Josh Hatcher

Presider: *Josh Hatcher*

Josh Hatcher

Josh Hatcher

Liturgist: *Josh Hatcher*

Josh Hatcher

Josh Hatcher

Acolyte:

Nora Hertel

Communion Assistant: *Steve Lange*

Will Schryver

Marti Freund

Tom Kellerman

Lisa Leifield

Paul Weinhold

Josh Hatcher

Children's Message:

Lector: *Rose Nester*

Jennifer Hertel

Chris Armstrong

Cantor: *Nicole Heerlein*

Nicole Heerlein

Nicole Heerlein

Organist: *Jeff White*

Jeff White

Jeff White

Communion Prep: *Dianne Davis*

Annette Carson

Dianne Davis

Livestream Broadcast:

John Carroll

Greeter:

Joyce Binder

Usher: *Phil Koehr*

Phil Koehr

Dianne Davis

Paul Wike

Paula Wike

Sunday School Teachers:

Lydia Deterding

Amber Johnson

January 11th & 12th, 2025

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.	Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study 3 rd Floor Parish House Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Luncheon McGurk's 11:45 a.m.	Soup Window Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	
Groceries on Fridays!		
Confirmation Class 3d floor Parish House 9:15 a.m.		

COMMUNITY CARE

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.

GIVING

The **2025 Flower Chart** is in the gathering space. If you would like to donate altar flowers at any point this year, please write your name on the chart. If you would like a notation as to the reason behind your donation, please note that as well. Please note that the cost has **increased** this year. The cost is \$30 for each side, \$60 total. Please write "altar flowers" on the memo line of your check place it in the collection plate or mail to the office. You can also donate online and select "altar flowers" from the drop-down menu.

Giving envelopes are out! Feel free to pick up your envelopes, set out alphabetically by last name, on the pulpit side of the Sanctuary located near the narthex. On the lectern side are blank envelopes if you did not receive them this year. If you would like to receive them or would like not to receive them next year, please email Niki Mayer at office@trinitystlouis.com.

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 Street, St. Louis, MO 63104

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 Bible in One Year. 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.

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

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

not occur evenly throughout the year, but are budgeted as if they do.

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

FELLOWSHIP

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. Everyone is welcome to bring a snack or an appetizer if they'd like. Look forward to seeing you there.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Women's Bible Study: The Women's Bible Study will **resume this week 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.-11:00 a.m., On the 3rd floor Parish House, led by Pastor Albers. **We will resume meeting in mid-January, date TBD.**

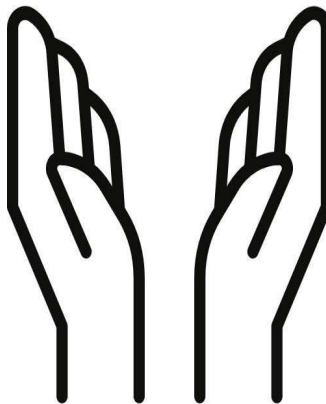
PRAY

Birthdays ~ January 13th-19th

Claire Houck	January 14
Ruth Nolle	January 15
Dominique Brenston	January 16
Lynne Brauch	January 18
Ian Dann-Messier	January 18
Tiffany Hink	January 18
Gary Zucker	January 18
Payton Taff	January 18
Shelby Duessel	January 19
Amanda Henderson	January 19
Taylor VanDyke	January 19

Parish Community

David Brauer
Melanie Braun
Michael Brave
David & Sue Brax
Angela Breeher



OUR MINISTRY TEAM



Rev. Steve Albers
Associate Pastor



Kim Dann-Messier
Community Care Director



Dianne Davis
Congregational Care Director



Heather Forbes
Parish Nurse



Susan Gould
Volunteer Coordinator



Rev. Dr. Josh Hatcher
Senior Pastor



Nicole Heerlein
Cantor



Bob Kurtz
Soup Alley Coordinator



Nicole Mayer
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Sharon Parr
Business Liaison



Rev. Dr. Travis Scholl
Preaching Assistant



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