



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter

Second Sunday of Christmas
January 5, 2025

Welcome Visitors!

We are both excited and honored that you've joined us for worship today! Please fill out the connection information via the QR code below, and let us know how we might be able to serve and pray for you.

We hope you'll join us again next week at 10:30 for worship. Our Sunday School classes start at 9:30 am if you would like to join in on those.







If you have a smartphone, use your phone's camera or code scanner to scan the code.

Restrooms: Located downstairs under the Sanctuary, the back hallway behind the Sanctuary or in the lobby connector with the Fellowship Hall.


Families with Children: If you wish, a staffed nursery for children aged 0-4 is located in the lower level of the building below the sanctuary. Children also have the option of worshipping in the sanctuary, or attending Children's Church, which begins after the Children's Chat.

If you have more questions about any of the above items or if you have questions about anything else, please feel free to ask an usher.

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 Please stand as you are able where denoted during the worship service.

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

† Confession and Forgiveness

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most Merciful God:

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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.

P: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

† Opening Hymn "Shine Jesus Shine"

Lord the light of your love is shining.
In the midst of the darkness shining.
Jesus light of the world, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me. Shine on me.

CHORUS

Shine Jesus shine,
Fill this land with the Fathers Glory
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow
Flood the nation with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word.
Lord and let there be light.

Lord I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance,
By your blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my
darkness.
Shine on me. Shine on me.

As we gaze on Your Kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from Glory to Glory,
Nearer here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me. Shine on me.

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† Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we might be made to abound in good works. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Chat

First Reading

1 Kings 3: 4-15

- ⁴ The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.
- ⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."
- ⁶ Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.
- ⁷ "Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties.

- ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number.
- ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"
- ¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this.
- ¹¹ So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice,
- ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.
- ¹³ Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings.
- ¹⁴ And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."
- ¹⁵ Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord's covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.

Psalm 119: 97-104

- L: Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.
- C: Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies.**
- L: I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.
- C: I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.**
- L: I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word.
- C: I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me.**
- L: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- C: I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1: 3-14

- ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in

Christ.

- 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love
5 he[a] predestined us for adoption to sonship[b] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—
6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.
7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace
8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,
9 he[c] made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,
10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.
11 In him we were also chosen,[d] having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,
12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.
13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,
14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

† **Scripture Response** “More Precious Than Silver”

Lord You are more precious than silver
Lord You are more costly than gold
Lord You are more beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire compares with you

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† **Response before the Gospel**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 2nd Chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

† **Holy Gospel**

Luke 2: 40-52

- 40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.
41 Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover.

- 42 When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom.
43 After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it.
44 Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends.
45 When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him.
46 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
47 Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.
48 When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”
49 “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”[a]
50 But they did not understand what he was saying to them.
51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.
52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

† **Response following the Gospel**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

“A Look Back at 2024”

† **Hymn of the Day** “This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Hide it under a bushel no, I’m gonna let it shine...
Hide it under a bushel no, I’m gonna let it shine...
Hide it under a bushel no, I’m gonna let it shine...
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Don’t let Satan blow it out, I’m gonna let it shine
Don’t let Satan blow it out, I’m gonna let it shine
Don’t let Satan blow it out, I’m gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Let it shine til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

† Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share the peace of Christ.

† Offering Anthem

Michael Hiskey

† Presentation of the Offering

† Offertory Response "Create In Me"

Create in me a clean heart Oh God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart Oh God
And renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from thy presence oh Lord
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me

† Prayers of the People

† The Lord's Prayer

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† Benediction

† Sending Hymn "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. [Refrain]

3. Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high. [Refrain]

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

5. Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

† Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

† Postlude

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

Prayer Concerns: Elizabeth Nahouse, Emma Sloop, Doris Pless, Duane Ellis, Ron Beaver, Juanita Alexander, Frances Staton, Jan Dixon, MD McKnight's Family.

If you would like to offer **Special Music** during worship services, please let Karen McKnight know. We welcome anyone that would like to share their talents.

Mark your calendars: Events and Meetings Happening This Week

Sunday	Sunday School - 9:30 am Worship Service - 10:30 am Susan Blume & SR Swim Team (FH): 3-7:00 pm Choir - 4:45 pm
Monday	Girl Scouts - 6-7:00pm Zumba - 6:30 pm
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	Barbara Atwell (FH): 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Messages to the Congregation

Dear Trinity family,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the generous Christmas gift. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and truly appreciate the support you give me during the year. Trinity's family is the best! I love you all.

Karen

Council Meeting Reminder: 1/12 at 8:00 am. New Council Members (Amy Bell, Thomas Bost, Karen McKnight, and Pam Gray) to be sworn in that morning.

Ongoing Outreach

Due to the extensive support that is needed to help with WNC, the deadline for healthcare kits has been extended to Jan. 30th. Please view our Amazon Gift registry to view what items are still needed and to help fill in the gaps!

A liver transplant for Elizabeth Nahouse is now imminent, and she, along with Nancy, will remain at Duke Hospital until a suitable liver is found. We are working to assess both their immediate and long-term needs. In the meantime, we would like to offer support by sending gift cards to help them during this difficult time. Gift cards for restaurants, Walgreens, Visa gift cards, or gas cards would be especially helpful right now. Please keep Elizabeth and the Nahouse family in your prayers as they navigate this challenging journey. They truly need our thoughts and prayers at this time. Pastor Candice will be visiting with them on Monday, so please have any donations turned in by Sunday, January 5th.

Thank you,
Susan



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Giving Report for December 29, 2024

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	52	\$2,168	\$4,337.44
Sunday School	27	\$9	
Building Fund		\$100	
Other Funds		\$924.25	

Those Serving Today

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Michael Hiskey	Music
Nick Cherry	Lector
CJ McKnight & Maggie Deal	Acolytes
Adrian Parker	Children's Church
Ashley Cherry	K-5 Sunday School
Adrian Parker	HS Sunday School
Ella Carden, Judy Matthews	Nursery

Those Serving Next Week

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Karen McKnight	Music
Nick Cherry	Lector
Mason Rodgers & Quinn Parker	Acolytes
Remaining TBD	Children's Church
	K-5 Sunday School
	HS Sunday School
	Nursery

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