

“FOR
nothing
WILL BE
impossible
WITH GOD.”

Luke 1:37



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Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 76 A Great and Mighty Wonder

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C (spoken) Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C (spoken) who made heaven and earth.
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C (spoken) and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

All: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- P** Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of

our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken) Amen.

P In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

Gloria Patri

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C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

Gloria in Excelsis

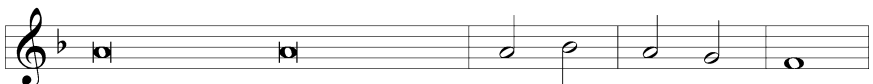
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C Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** (spoken) And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. . .
- C** (spoken) Amen

First Reading

Micah 4:1-7

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days
That the mountain of the Lord's house
 Shall be established on the top of the mountains,
 And shall be exalted above the hills;
 And peoples shall flow to it.
² Many nations shall come and say,
 "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
 To the house of the God of Jacob;
 He will teach us His ways,
 And we shall walk in His paths."

For out of Zion the law shall go forth,
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

³ He shall judge between many peoples,
And rebuke strong nations afar off;
They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁴ But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree,
And no one shall make *them* afraid;
For the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

⁵ For all people walk each in the name of his god,
But we will walk in the name of the Lord our God
Forever and ever.

⁶ "In that day," says the Lord,
"I will assemble the lame,
I will gather the outcast
And those whom I have afflicted;

⁷ I will make the lame a remnant,
And the outcast a strong nation;
So the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion
From now on, even forever.

Responsive Psalm of the Day

Psalm 22:27-28, 30-31

P All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the Lord,
C **And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You.**

P For the kingdom *is* the Lord's,
C **And He rules over the nations.**

P A posterity shall serve Him.
C **It will be recounted of the Lord to the *next* generation,**

P They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born,
C **That He has done *this*.**

Second Reading

Romans 2:1-16

Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.² But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.³ And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you despise the riches of

His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? ⁵But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶who “will render to each one according to his deeds”: ⁷eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, ⁹tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; ¹⁰but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹¹For there is no partiality with God.

¹²For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law ¹³(for not the hearers of the law *are* just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; ¹⁴for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, ¹⁵who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves *their* thoughts accusing or else excusing *them*) ¹⁶in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Alleluia



A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some rests. The lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.' are written below the staff.

C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Apostles' Creed

C 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 there 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.**

Hymn of the Day

*LSB 356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came
(pg. 8 in bulletin)*

Sermon

Luke 1:26-38

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord is with you; blessed *are* you among women!"

²⁹ But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.* ³⁶ Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. ³⁷ For with God nothing will be impossible."

³⁸ Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

The Incarnation Redefines the Impossible

**I: The impossible mother
II: The impossible Son
III: The impossible kingdom**

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Offertory

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*♪ Create in me a clean heart O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen. ♪*

Hymn

WS 715 Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

Offering

Prayer of the Church + the Lord's Prayer

C 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

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn

TLH 95 Savior of the Nations, Come (vv. 1-5, 7)

Silent Prayer

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LSB 356 – The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
 All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
 In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
 Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
 And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:

Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

*Mary was uniquely favored among women—chosen by God to give birth to His Son!
 She responded with firm faith in God's word of promise carried to her by the angel Gabriel.*

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GABRIEL'S MESSAGE
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Luke 1:26–38; Is. 7:14

Welcome to Worship at Trinity!

Please wait to be ushered out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. **Offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the rear of the sanctuary or mailed to the church.

Guest and Visitors, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this morning and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! Because He lives, we shall live also! We invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*, and we hope to see you again!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council – The church council will meet after worship. Councilmen: your reports are in your church mailboxes.

Council Minutes – The minutes for last month’s council meeting are available on the table in the entryway and were sent out in this morning’s email.

Pastor Absence – Pastor Naumann will be away from the parish from Wednesday morning until Saturday evening visiting with friends and family in Seattle. If any emergency should arise during this time, please contact Dennis Lux (info on pg. 1).

Midweek Devotions – In lieu of holding midweek Advent worship this year. We are uploading Advent devotions every Wednesday evening to our YouTube and Facebook page. Please give them a listen as we ponder our Savior’s birth again this year!

Holiday Worship Schedule

- Christmas Eve (12/24) – 6:30pm
- Christmas Day (12/25) – 10:30am
- New Year’s Day (1/1) – 10:30am

Tour Choir 2025 – The Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary tour choir will be visiting us next March to bring us the Gospel in song! In the coming weeks, we’ll be looking for volunteers to help house, feed, and transport the choir members during their stay. Give some thought as to whether you’d be able to help out – more info soon!

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- **Barbara Anderson** is in rehabilitation at Manor Care after suffering from a stroke. Please keep Barbara in your prayers, and may the Lord grant her swift healing by His grace.
- **Dale Johnson** fell, broke his hip, and had surgery the next day to repair it. He is now rehabilitating at Manor Care. Please remember Dale in your prayers that God might spare him and unnecessary pain and restore him to health soon.
- **Connie Estes**, sister-in-law to Randy Estes, is undergoing chemotherapy treatment for kidney cancer. We ask the Lord's blessing on Connie and the whole Estes family during this time and pray for the treatment's success.
- **Stan White** recently had got scans back to gauge how effective his chemotherapy and radiation were to treat the cancer that was discovered this summer. Praise God, the cancer seems to be in remission! May God continue to bless Stan in his recovery.
- **Tom Steger**, a friend of the congregation, continues to recover at home from spinal surgery to remove a tumor and has begun hormone therapy to treat his cancer. May God bless his recovery and treatment.
- **Pastor Timothy Wheaton**, who serves Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Loveland, Colorado, has been diagnosed with a rare form of inoperable and highly aggressive stage-4 thyroid cancer. As his time on earth appears to be drawing to a close, may God give grace a comfort to Pastor Wheaton, his family, and our brothers and sisters at Prince of Peace during this difficult time.
- Molly Bettinger's friend, **Jeanne** (pronounced "Genie"), who has been suffering from glioblastoma had an MRI that shows a more enhanced brain tumor. Please continue to pray for Jeanne that she may be healed if it is God's will. Above all, may the joyful hope of the Gospel comfort her and her family no matter what the future holds.
- Please keep **Pastor John Hein and his family** in your prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. For updates on his care, visit: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein>. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family>.

CALL NEWS

Pastor Del Maas of Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity

Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Pastor George Dummann of Salem Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake, MN has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY		
Date	Attendance	Offering
11/17/24	23	\$480
11/24/24	26	\$660
12/1/24	26	\$3,455
12/8/24	25	\$678

GREETER SCHEDULE	
Next Sunday	Laurie White
12/24	Tom & Molly Bettinger
12/25	Joyce Miller
12/29	Jeanne Helke

DECEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE	
North Entry	White
Sanctuary	Estes
Basement	Helke

