



# Trinity Lutheran Church

Epiphany  
January 4, 2026



Welcome

## Invocation:

L: Let us worship together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## Confession of Sin and Forgiveness:

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for reflection)

L: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

Hymn: "Christmas Sanctus"

Sing! 745

## Apostles' Creed

### Responsive reading: Psalm 72:1-15

L: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

C: **May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

L: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

C: **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

L: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

C: **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

L: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

C: **May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

L: May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust.

C: **May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

L: May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

C: **For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.**

L: He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

C: **From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.**

L: Long may he live! May gold of Sheba be given to him. May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all day long.

## Children's Story

### God's Word: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

### God's Word: Ephesians 3:8-12

Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

### Hymn:

"We Three Kings" vs 1-3

WOV 646

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

<sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

### Message

Liam Anderson

### Offertory:

Offering will be received at this time

### Prayers of the People:

### Lord's Prayer:

### Benediction:

**L:**     *The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.*

**C:**     **Amen**

**Sending Hymn:**                                “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

**Dismissal**

**L:**     Go in the peace of Christ, you are loved and sent.

**C:**     **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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