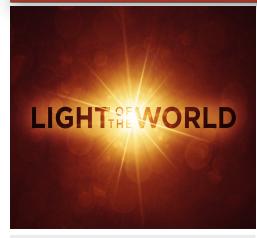
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SHERMAN, TX



WELCOME to Trinity, where everyone is a friend! If you are visiting today, we would love to get to know you better. Please stop by the Welcome Table or check in at: www.tlc-sherman.org/connect

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SMILE! This worship service is being recorded. Watch the service LIVE on our YouTube page, and find past services cataloged.

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TOLLING THE WORSHIP HOUR

PRELUDE

"Praise His Greatness"

M. Hayes

Welcome | Announcements

SHARING THE PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin. whose mercy endures forever.
- **G** Amen
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **9** Amen
- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is observed for reflection.

- **P** Most merciful God,
- we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 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 God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith,

Amen

OPENING HYMN "Waymaker" Michael W. Smith

LYRICS WILL APPEAR ON SCREENS

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- And also with you.

KYRIE

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- **②** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- Amen



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word.
 By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen

CHOIR

"Crying in the Chapel"
LYRICS WILL APPEAR ON SCREENS

Elvis Presley

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children (Pre-K thru 4th) are invited to the Kid's Room for a Bible story and craft.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jeremiah 31:7-14

L A reading from the thirty-first chapter of Jeremiah.

God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path where they shall not stumble, for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

- The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.
- Let us read the Psalm responsively with the congregation reading the bold print.

Psalm 147:12-20

- Extol the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
- For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.
- L He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.
- ☑ He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

- L He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.
- He hurls down hail like crumbs who can stand before his cold?
- L He sends out his word and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.
- **9** He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.
- L He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances.
- Praise the Lord!

Please stand as you are able.



P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

John 1:1-18

G Glory to you, O Lord.

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'")

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

MEDITATION Pastor Adam Stockton

HYMN (songsheet)

"Be Thou My Vision"

tr. Mary E. Byrne

- Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me, save that thou art Thou my best thought Both by day and by night Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
 Thou my soul's shelter
 And thou my high tow'r
 Raise thou me heav'nward
 O Pow'r of my pow'r
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise Thou mine inheritance, now and always Thou and thou only, the first in my heart Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art
- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won
 May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
 Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

Please stand as you are able.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

- **A** Let us profess what we believe:
- **G** 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

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

⚠ Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

- O God, you reveal yourself wherever two or three are gathered in your name. Be with us now, not only in the infant Jesus and resurrected Christ, but in the beloved people of this assembly. Hear us, O God.
- Your mercy is great.
- A You reveal yourself in the waters of the womb; in brooks, ponds, and oceans; and in the waters of baptism. Grant us wisdom to tenderly care for the earth as a garden watered by your grace. Hear us, O God.
- Your mercy is great.
- A You reveal yourself in blessed diversity. Help us to look for you in people near and far, in bodies of all kinds, and in kindred young and old. Let us seek you in many places, praising you in many tongues. Hear us, O God.
- Your mercy is great.
- A You reveal yourself in new life. Support those beginning a new job, a new relationship, or a new living situation, especially those displaced because of tragedy or loss. Be with all others who need your life-giving touch this day *especially for ... and those whom we name now*. Hear us, O God.
- Your mercy is great.
- A You reveal yourself in holy communion. Sustain all who provide food and fellowship in this congregation and in the wider community. Make our tables signs of your welcoming presence among us. Hear us, O God.
- Your mercy is great.
- A You promise to turn mourning into joy and to comfort those who weep. We remember those who have died and look to being united with them in your glory. Hear us, O God.
- Your mercy is great.
- Mith the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- Amen

Please be seated.

OFFERING

"Shall We Gather at the River/Near to the Heart of God"

M. Hayes

Please stand as you are able.



OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray: God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow.

Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **Q** It is right to give God thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh. ▶

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

- **P** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
- Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

- Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

- Come, Holy Spirit.
- All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.
- Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever, Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. All are welcome at God's table.

Please be seated.

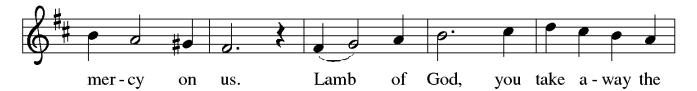




Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have





COMMUNION SONGS

"Holy Is the Lord"

Lyrics Will Appear on Screens

Marantha! Music

(songsheet)

"What Feast of Love"

Deloris Dufner

- 1 What feast of love is offered here What banquet come from heaven? What food of everlasting life What gracious gift is given? This, this is Christ the king The bread come down from heaven Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!
- What light of truth is offered here What covenant from heaven? What hope of everlasting life, What wondrous word is given? This, this is Christ the king The sun come down from heaven Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

Instrumental music will follow the hymns as time allows.

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- **G** Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Incarnate God, you are among us at this table.

 May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence.

 Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.
- **G** Amen

BLESSING

- The triune God,
 glorious Mystery,
 holy Incarnate One,
 abiding Comforter,
 + bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy,
- Amen

SENDING SONG

"Shout to the Lord"
Lyrics Will Appear on Screens

BENEDICTION

- **A** Glory to God in the Highest!
- And peace to God's people on earth!
- **A** Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.
- **☑** Thanks be to God, and we will!

FAMILY BLESSING PRAYER

Four prayer stations are available for your family (or group of friends) to receive a blessing for the New Year.

Once a station opens, please come forward.

POSTLUDE "When We All Get to Heaven" M. Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH - CHILI COOK-OFF!!!

On Sunday, Jan. 11th immediately following worship we will have a **Chili cook-off lunch!** We need **5 - 6 volunteers** to bring a **pot of chili** for the congregation to judge. Additionally, we need volunteers to bring either toppings, a side dish or dessert. A **sign-up sheet** is in the fellowship hall. Let's get ready for a little friendly competition!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on *Sunday, January 18, 2026* following worship. The proposed **2026 Mission Strategy** is posted in the fellowship hall and emailed to you for your review. Please contact *Council President, Charles Meyer* with questions.

RESEARCH STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Pastor Adam is beginning his **doctoral research study**, and needs **15 volunteers** to participate in interviews talking about your experiences of belonging. A consent form is required. If you are interested, please send Pastor Adam an *email or text*.

CANS AND COINS

Sunday is the **first Sunday of the month**, so gather your **aluminum cans** and **spare change** and bring them with you to worship. The cans are recycled and benefit our youth ministries; the spare change is donated to Lutheran World Hunger. Thank you for your amazing generosity!

EVANGELISM MEETING IS TODAY

The **Evangelism Team** will meet *at 11:50 am on Sunday* in the Gardenview room.

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

The **Women's Luncheon Bible study group** will meet at *noon on Wednesday, Jan. 14th* in the fellowship hall. Bring your lunch, strengthen your faith and build friendships!

GAME DAY!

Wednesday, Jan. 14th at 1:30pm in the fellowship hall, we're having Game Day! Everyone is welcome! Popcorn will be provided, but bring yourself a drink and a snack, along with your favorite board game, cards, dice or dominos. Get ready for an afternoon of fun and bring a friend!

HELPING HANDS THANK YOU!

In the month of *December*, through our **Helping Hands fund**, ``8 families were blessed. We gave assistance in the form of 6 utility bills and 2 rental assistances. This was all possible because of your generosity!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

The "Evenings with Jesus" online ZOOM Bible study will resume meeting this *Wednesday, January 7, 2026* at 7pm. Weekly lessons come from The Wired Word, which uses Scripture to provide light on an event that has happened in the news during the past week or so. Join us as we dig deeper into our faith.

MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

The **Men's Coffee group** meets *every Wednesday at 10am* in the fellowship hall. Hope you can join us!

MARKET DEPOT NEEDS

The **Market Depot** food pantry needs **canned chicken & tuna, and chicken noodle soup**. Please pick some up on your next grocery run and bring them to the church. We will deliver them for you.

	2025	2025	2026
OUTFLOWS OF CASH	Approved	Estimated	Proposed
Pastor's Compensation		65.715	89.750

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	Social Security		5,018	6,866
	Housing Allowance			
	Medical/Pension		23,872	33,730
	Auto Allowance			1,000
	Continuing Education			250
	Prof. Allowance			200
	Interim Pastor		13,500	
	Total Pastor's Compensation	135,000	108,105	131,796
	Payroll Expenses			
	Office Manager	34,972	34,972	36,720
	Office Manager Retirement	3,400	3,400	3,400
	Office Manager- Health Ins. Stip	end		3,600
	Organist/Pianist	11,982	11,982	12,600
	Youth Leader			2,880
	Nursery			1,560
	Supply Pastor	1,400	990	2,200
	Cleaning Services	6,500	6,500	6,500
D.	Supply Organist	700	700	700
	Payroll Taxes	3,600	3,702	4,000
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tr	Total Payroll Expenses	63,054	62,569	74,760
Aission Strategy	Building Expenses			
	Building Insurance	14,019	13,345	15,200
Ž	Security	416	430	445
ic	Yard Care	4,000	4,000	4,375
S	Maintenance	6,000	2,477	6,000
S	Background Check Expense	50	-	100
	Total Building Expenses	24,485	20,252	26,120
2	Utilities			
	Electricity	10,000	8,662	10,000
()	Water	2,000	2,556	2,500
3(Gas	2,000	2,873	3,000
Ö	Telephone	475	420	475
)(Internet	720	640	720
7	Trash	667	700	750
7	Total Utilities	15,863	15,851	17,445
2026 Proposed	Church Supplies			3.500
10	Copier	3,300	3,395	3,700
26	Postage	150	389	200
)[Office Supplies	500	454	400
2(Worship Supplies	600	580	650
	Cleaning Supplies	500	250	250
	Copyrights & Subscription	4,500	4,450	4,500
	Kitchen Supplies	800	583	1,000
	Total Church Supplies	10,350	10,101	10,700

OUTFLOWS OF CASH	2025 Approved	2025 Estimated	2026 Proposed
Other Expenses	ripprovod	Lournated	Тторососа
Education	550	197	450
Convention	750	432	650
Fellowship	1,200	686	3,000
Evangelism			4,000
Technology			3,000
Total Other Expenses	2,500	1,315	11,100
Total Operating Outflows	251,251	218,193	271,921
SYNOD BENEVOLENCE	9,426	9,803	10,200
TOTAL MISSION STRATEGY	260,677	227,996	282,121
Offerings/Anticpated Offerings	235,643	245,063	253,500
Excess Income(Expenses)	(25,034)	17,067	(28,621)
Carryover Fund	25,033.87		

^{*} Anticipated Pledges: 45 Pledges, 22 estimations

Sunday School Leader / Facilitator Adults
Worship Leaders Presiding Minister
Remember these people with prayers, phone calls, and cards.
Mabel Bauer (healing) Eileen Burrus (comfort/healing & cancer) Barbara Case (strength/healing) Jim Hughes (healing) Muriel Johnson (stroke/healing) Tammy Kvale (healing) Kathy Manning (healing) Mark Peippo (healing) Billy Pfeiffer (healing) Ken Powers (rehab/pain relief/healing) Bill Quick (healing) Ron & Lois Richardson (healing) Sherrill Snider (healing) Theresa Spurgeon (healing) Paul Wasmund (healing)
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Abby (healing) friend of Wayne Ledger

Deanna Compton (lupus/healing)

Kathy Manning

Tori (high-risk pregnancy/genetic) daughter of

Sunday, January 4, 2026 9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal & Fellowship10:30 am Worship & Children's Church

11:50 am Evangelism Meeting

Monday, January 5th

CALENDAR

7:00 pm Al-Anon

Wednesday, January 7th

10:00 am Men's Coffee Group

Sunday, January 11th - Second Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal & Fellowship 10:30 am Worship & Children's Church

11:30 am Chili Cook-off!

Thanks for your continued generosity and commitment to the mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Week of Sunday, December 28, 2025

Christmas Eve YouTube Online144
TOTAL MONTH INCOME:
General Offering\$19,458.25
Expense Goal\$20,101.92
Designated Offerings
Fellowship Reimb\$10.00
Helping Hands: Christmas Eve\$1,322.00
Market Depot\$40.00
Memorials: Curtis Burrus\$100.00
NTNL\$50.00
Retirement Fund: Kathy Manning\$100.00
World Hunger\$94.53

Total.....\$1,716.53