



TRINITY 14 December 2025

ABOUT TRINITY

Trinity is a growing Anglican Church in Lafayette. Our mission is to live the gospel through worship, friendship, and scholarship.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We welcome children in the sanctuary – their sounds are the sign of a growing church!

COVER ART: *Anderson Carman*

Weekdays	Day & Time	Location
Women's Bible Reading Group	On Break until January 13	
Men's Bible Study	Wednesday @ 7 AM	La Madeleine
Youth Choir & Folk Dance	Thursday @ 4 PM	Sanctuary
Morning Prayer Meeting	Friday @ 11 AM	Sanctuary
Prayer Group	Friday @ 3 PM	Library
Trinity Scholars	On Break	
Sundays		
Coffee & Catechism	Sunday @ 9 AM	Family Center
Communion Service	Sunday @ 10 AM	Sanctuary

Ornament Making & Hot Cocoa ~ Today after service in the Family Center!

Children's Christmas Concert ~ Everyone is invited to a special Christmas Concert presented by the Trinity Children's Choir on Thursday, December 18 at 5PM.

December Diaper Drive ~ Bring diapers (**sizes 4+ only**) to put under our Christmas Tree to benefit the Diaper Collective of Louisiana and pregnancy centers in our area.

Advent Schedule:

Thursday, December 18	5:00 PM	Children's Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 21	10:00 AM	Children's Pageant (during Morning Service)
Wednesday, December 24	5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Thursday, December 25	10:00 AM	Christmas Morning Communion Service
Wednesday, December 31	2 - 4 PM	New Year's Eve Dance at the Atwi Home
Sunday, January 4	5:00 PM	Twelfth Night Bonfire

	Old Testament	Responsive Reading	New Testament
<i>This Week</i>	Pat Briney	Riley George	Donna Guillory
<i>Next Week</i>	Eric Carlson	Shawn Howren	Lisa Frugé

All stand and sing the **THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
Who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.**

***Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law,
In cloud and majesty and awe. (*Refrain*)**

**O come, thou Rod of Jesse free,
Thine own from Satan's tyranny.
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave. (*Refrain*)**

**O come, thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path of misery. (*Refrain*)**

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight. (*Refrain*)**

**O come, Desire of Nations, bind,
In one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid thou our sad divisions cease
And be thyself our King of Peace. (*Refrain*)**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear. (*Refrain*)**

THE ACCLAMATION

Priest The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand.

People **We will repent and believe the good news.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto 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 thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All kneel or sit for THE PRAYERS

Deacon We pray to thee, Lord Christ.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our bishops and clergy, and all congregations of the faithful, that they may preach the pure Word of God and duly minister the sacraments, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For our elected officials and all public institutions, that they may govern according to thy truth, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may know the peace of God, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who do not believe, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, and be born again to new life, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those requesting prayer: _____, and others we now name silently or aloud _____, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For ourselves and all who have died, that by faith in Christ we may be delivered on the Day of Judgment, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

We take a moment of silence for repentance.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee, by thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy name. Amen.

Priest 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. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Jesus says to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only,
but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

All stand for **THE NICENE CREED**

Deacon Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere;
True man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,
And share our every load.

All sit for **THE WELCOME**

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord's anointed is before him.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.” Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.” And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 10:20-23, 11:1-16

In that day the remnant of Israel and the survivors of the house of Jacob will no more lean on him who struck them, but will lean on the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.

For though your people Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will return. Destruction is decreed, overflowing with righteousness. For the Lord God of hosts will make a full end, as decreed, in the midst of all the earth.

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

**And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.**

And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

**He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.**

Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

**The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.**

**The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.**

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

**They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;**

for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

**In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the
peoples— of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place
shall be glorious.**

In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the
remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros,
from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of
the sea.

**He will raise a signal for the nations
and will assemble the banished of Israel,**
and gather the dispersed of Judah
from the four corners of the earth.

**The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart,
and those who harass Judah shall be cut off;**
Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah,
and Judah shall not harass Ephraim.

**But they shall swoop down on the shoulder of the Philistines in
the west, and together they shall plunder the people of the east.**
They shall put out their hand against Edom and Moab,
and the Ammonites shall obey them.

**And the Lord will utterly destroy
the tongue of the Sea of Egypt,**
and will wave his hand over the River with his scorching breath,
**and strike it into seven channels,
and he will lead people across in sandals.**

And there will be a highway from Assyria
for the remnant that remains of his people,
**as there was for Israel when they came
up from the land of Egypt.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 11:5-24

So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, as it is written, “God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day.”

And David says, “Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them; let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and bend their backs forever.”

So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you were cut from

what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand for **THE SEQUENCE HYMN**

**Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!**

THE GOSPEL

John 12:20-28

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

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SERMON NOTES

MR. ERIC CARLSON

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THE OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY



+ *“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)*

+ *Use this QR Code to give from your phone.*

+ *Visitors should feel no obligation to give.*

All stand to sing

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE COMMUNION PRAYERS

Priest The Lord be with you

People **And with thy spirit**

Priest Lift up your hearts

People **We lift them up unto the Lord**

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God

People **It is meet and right so to do**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, forever praising thee and singing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

All sit or kneel

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou did give thine only son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world, and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

Here the Priest circles the altar and faces the people

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

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, Lord Jesus, according to thy commandment, we with these gifts make that memorial; remembering thy blessed passion and precious death, thy mighty resurrection and glorious ascension.

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Come thou, Holy Spirit, descend upon us and fill this place, that we who in faith receive these gifts of bread and wine may partake of the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Here we present unto thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice, that dying to ourselves, we might live in Christ.

By Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be thine, Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

Priest In the words that Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

People **We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

+ *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

+ *Wine is distributed, grape juice is on the pedestal.*

+ *To receive a blessing instead of communion, cross hands in front of chest.*

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Lord Most High!"**

EVEN SO, COME

All of creation, all of the earth

Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord.

Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint

Let every nation, shout of Your fame.

Jesus is coming soon.

***Refrain:* Like a bride waiting for her groom,**

We'll be a church ready for You.

Every heart longing for our King,

We sing – even so come, Lord Jesus come.

There will be justice, all will be new,

Your name forever, faithful and true.

Jesus is coming soon.

Refrain

So we wait, we wait for You.

God we wait, you're coming soon.

Refrain

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank thee for feeding us with the spiritual food, of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of thy Son, and heirs of thine eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work thou hast given us to do, to love and serve thee as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to thee, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

All stand to sing **WHAT CHILD IS THIS**

**What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?**

***Refrain:* This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!**

**Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.**

Refrain

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.**

Refrain

THE PEACE AND THE BENEDICTION

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your Spirit.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Priest May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope: and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

As we go, we share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Friedrich Nietzsche, who was not exactly a godly man, stated “that which doesn’t kill me makes me stronger.” How compatible with Scripture is this concept? What biblical character (or characters) exemplified this insight? (Of course, the Bible asserts that even death can make us stronger. Job: “Though he slay me, yet will I praise him.” Paul: “For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.”)
2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of strong emotion being associated with Christian regeneration?
3. How does one negotiate the correct balance between a spiritually helpful resting in the promises of Christ . . . and an inappropriate passivity? Or between a spiritual emphasis on good works as part and parcel of our sanctification . . . and the false idea of good works as an attempt to earn favor with God?
4. Take time to pray for family, friends, our church, and our denomination, for both greater discipline to God’s way, and also for structural reform where necessary.

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