



TRINITY *7 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	ZOOM
Youth Choir & Folk Dance	Thursday @ 4 PM	Sanctuary
Morning Prayer Meeting	Friday @ 11 AM	Sanctuary
Prayer Group	Friday @ 3 PM	Library
Trinity Scholars	Saturday @ 8 AM	Family Center
Sundays		
Coffee & Catechism	Sunday @ 9 AM	Family Center
Communion Service	Sunday @ 10 AM	Sanctuary

Join us in the Family Center today after service for our St. Nicholas Party!

Trinity Women's Christmas Party ~ Tuesday, December 9 ~ 11am to 1pm

All women are invited to join us for a Christmas celebration! Bring a salad or sweet to share, and bring a friend! We will gather at the Cober Home (107 Nailer Way in Broussard).

Advent Schedule:

Tuesday, December 9	11:00 - 1:00	Trinity Women's Christmas Party
Sunday, December 14	11:00 AM	Ornament Making & Hot Cocoa Thursday,
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

	Old Testament	Responsive Reading	New Testament
<i>This Week</i>	David Brammer	Penn Tompkins	Maura Foret
<i>Next Week</i>	Pat Briney	Riley George	Donna Guillory

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 you, 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.

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME!

Savior of the nations, come!

Virgin's Son make here your home.

Marvel now, both heaven and earth,

That the Lord chose such a birth.

Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child

Of the Virgin undefiled!

Mighty God and Mary's son,

Eager now his race to run!

Thus on earth the Word appears,

Gracing his created spheres;

Hence to death and hell descends,

Then the heavenly throne ascends.

Come, O Father's saving Son,

Who o'er sin the victory won.

Boundless shall your kingdom be;

Grant that we its glories see.

All sit for **THE WELCOME**

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:

Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by

patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast

the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus

Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and

ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 3:1-15

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the Lord
**shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;**
and all the nations shall flow to it,
and many peoples shall come, and say:
**“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,**
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
**For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.**
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
**and 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.
**O house of Jacob, come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT

James 1:16-18

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

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 8:50-58

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

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

Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

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SERMON NOTES

MR. RILEY GEORGE

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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 **LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING**

**Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for our salvation slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him,
Pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears
Cause of endless exaltation
To his ransomed worshippers;
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
Claim the kingdom for thine own.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.**

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. How does seeing Jesus as Adonai—the same Lord who spoke from the burning bush and redeemed Israel—shape the way we understand His authority in our daily lives?
2. God's unchanging nature contrasts with the "mutable idols" we create. Which of the idols mentioned (tradition, aesthetics/emotion, earthly validation, politics), or those not mentioned, is the biggest temptation for you personally, and why?
3. How does the idea that Christ, unchanging and eternal, became human affect your perspective of Christmas? Which specific area of your life feels most changed, unstable, or uncertain right now, and how does the truth of Christ's unchanging nature entering human history speak to that area?
4. Where do you most need to experience Immanuel "God with us" this week? Share a specific situation or struggle where you want the group to pray for God's steady presence and unchanging goodness.

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