

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 21, 2025

WELCOME TO TRINITY We are glad to have you worship with us today!

We ask visitors who wish to participate in Holy Communion to visit with the Pastor or an Elder before the service. Thank you.

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SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE 9:00 A.M.

BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 A.M.

SERMON: *Nothing to Figure Out*

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON HYMN: 357 *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

SERVING TODAY: Elder: Lucas Hoffman

Altar Guild: The Altar Guild

Schedule: **Wednesday 12/24** Children's Program/Candle Light Service 6:30 p.m. **Thursday 12/5** Christmas Divine Service 9:00 a.m.

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Altar Flowers: Are provided by Dan and Summer Ory to the glory of God and in memory of Canyon Hopkins.

Our Prayer Requests:

† Tina Cantrell, daughter of Larry and Diane Cross, receiving treatment for cancer.

† Dennis Brott, recovering from knee surgery.

† Steve Rutz & Bruce Rutz, brothers of Sue Coon, undergoing cancer treatments.

† Marilyn Van Zee, sister of Dennis Smith, for healing.

† Mary Haglaud, cancer, friend of Dennis Smith.

† Linda Marquardt for the trials and tribulations she faces with her MS.

If you have Thrivent, remember to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

KCCI/Channel 8: Watch for Services and Activities Cancellations on Channel 8 or you can check the KCCI Webpage <https://www.kcci.com/weather/closings>

Building Healthy Families: Here's a simple yet challenging Christmas week question for your contemplation: How has the fact that Jesus was born over 2000 years ago impacted the life you're living today? Read aloud the Luke 2 Christmas story together, ponder this question, and encourage your family members to share their answers. From the funny response of a preschooler, the shoulder shrug of a teenager, or the wise words shared by an older person, it will be interesting to see how each individual family member answers. Remember, even those who don't answer are still listening! *“She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21* A Blessed Celebration of Jesus' Birth to you from your partners at **Lutheran Family Service!** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

A Life Thought in the Church Year for December 21 – Advent 4: The birth of the King of Glory (Psalm 24:7) is surrounded by the messiness of human sin and intrigue (Matthew 1:18-25). As we rejoice that our Lord has taken on our human likeness with all its sin and pain, being “descended from David according to the flesh” (Romans 1:3), we can also rejoice that Jesus has sanctified every human life, even those born in circumstances which are surrounded by sin and pain.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: Merry Christmas! On Thursday, December 25th at 10 a.m. CT, Village Lutheran in Ladue, MO will broadcast their Christmas Day service live on KFUE. But the celebration doesn't stop there! Join us as we rejoice in the coming of our Savior during the 12 Days of Christmas! Tune in December 24th-January 6th for special programming and beautiful sacred music in honor of the season!

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CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS: Rita Martens, Madison Ory, & Chelsea Hoffman

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:

Giving Report 12/03/2025: Advent: \$188.00;
Giving Report 12/07/2025: General: \$2518.00; Mission: \$50.00; 5th Sunday Service Opportunity Group: \$75.00
Giving Report 12/10/2025: Advent: \$633.00
Giving Report 12/14/2025: General: To be announce; Mission: To be announce

Attendance 12/10/2025: 28

Attendance 12/14/2025: 32

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