

Lord's Day Morning Worship Service

December 21, 2025; 11:00 a.m. (Pastor Tom Martin)

When the music begins, please refrain from conversation and prepare for the worship service.

Greeting and Welcome; Announcements

Approaching God

- ▲ Call to Worship & Response **Luke 1:68, 74–75**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people

People: **that we, being delivered
from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.**

- ▲ Salutation & Doxology **Trinity Hymnal 103 (vs. 4)**

**Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name you;
while in essence only One, undivided God we claim you,
and adoring bend the knee, while we sing this mystery.**

- ▲ Prayer of Invocation

- ▲ *As with Gladness Men of Old* **Trinity Hymnal 226**

- ▲ Confession of Sin (*Unison*) **Psalms 119:35, 37–38**

**Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.
Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared. Amen.**

- ▲ Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Old Testament Scripture

Isaiah 60:1–10

Pastoral Prayer

▲ Indicates standing, as able.

Scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version (ESV)

Giving Attention to God's Word

- ▲ *O God, Your Judgments Give ...* **Trinity Hymnal 312**

New Testament Scripture

Matthew 2:1–12

Sermon **WISE MEN**

Matthew 2:1–12

Theme: The exemplary quest of some learned men

1. The wisdom of their expedition (vs. 1–2)
2. The wisdom of their investigation (vs. 3–8)
3. The wisdom of their recognition (vs. 9–12)

Responding to God's Word

- ▲ *What Child Is This* **Trinity Hymnal 213**

- ▲ Confession of Faith **Shorter Catechism Q/A 26**

Leader: How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

People: **Christ executeth the office of a king,
in subduing us to himself,
in ruling and defending us,
and in restraining and conquering
all his and our enemies.**

- ▲ *Gloria Patri* **Trinity Hymnal 735**

Giving & Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

- ▲ Benediction **1 Corinthians 13:14**

- ▲ Doxology **Trinity Hymnal 218 (vs. 5)**

**All creation, join in praising,
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising
To th'eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.**

Next Lord's Day

Pastor Mitch will preach at both services

Morning Sermon **ESCAPING DEATH** (Matthew 2:13–18)

Evening Sermon **UNLAWFUL FOOD** (Leviticus 7:22–27)