

Trinity Today

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December 1, 2025

Join Us This Christmas!

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025

4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

(Candlelight service with
pageant and live animals.)

Christmas Day

December 25, 2025

9:00 a.m.

(Festival worship with choir,
brass and Holy Communion.)

December 14, 2025
9:00 a.m.

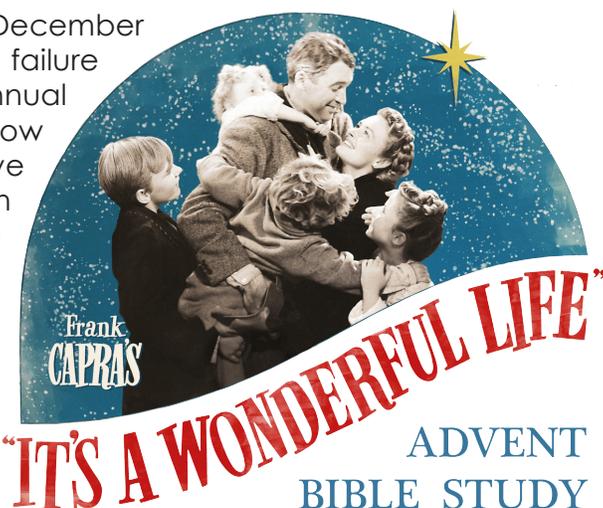


Carols and Bells

Bring a bell and ring along with the music.
Segundo Barrio Children's Chorus will be our guest singers for the service.
Wassail, Coffee and Cookies will be served in the Foyer after the service.

It's A Wonderful Life — Advent Bible Study

Do you pay a visit to Bedford Falls every Christmas? Does December feel incomplete without a reminder that "no man is a failure who has friends"? If George and Mary Bailey are annual guests at your home during the holidays, you already know that *It's A Wonderful Life* is far more than just a festive seasonal film. It's a reflection of what we can be when Christ is at work in us and a reminder that our lives can change everyone around us—for better or worse. Revisit the defining lessons in Frank Capra's 1946 classic, and discover new dimensions of the film you've seen time and again. What can you learn from Mary's quiet contentedness? Does George's selflessness make you rethink your own priorities? And how about Clarence's dogged commitment to his assignment?



Join Pastor Dorn in this close-up look at the characters and themes that shape this beautiful story. You'll be reminded that life's most important work is often the work we never planned to do and that God can use the most unlikely among us to get the job done. This Bible study begins on December 7th, the Second Sunday in Advent, at 10:15 a.m. in Pastor Dorn's Office (Room 123). Popcorn will be served!

A Messiah-Inspired Advent: Daily Video Devotionals!

This Advent season, we invite you to enrich your spiritual journey with a special series of **daily video devotionals**, running **Monday through Saturday!**

While Handel's *Messiah* is a masterpiece of classical music, the true heart of the masterpiece lies in the **powerful biblical texts** that form its foundation. These texts, carefully selected to tell the story of Christ, offer profound messages of **hope, peace, and salvation**—messages that are deeply meaningful for everyone during this time of year, whether or not you enjoy classical music!

- **What:** Daily video devotionals, Monday – Saturday.
- **When:** Throughout the Advent Season, with the first link sent out on **December 1st**.
- **How to Watch:** A link to the daily devotional will be sent out via email **each morning**.
- **Based On:** The timeless biblical texts from Handel's *Messiah*.
- **Bonus:** Each devotional will include a link to the associated piece of music from *Messiah* for those who wish to listen.

Even if you've never heard a note of *Messiah*, these scripture-based reflections will undoubtedly deepen your understanding and appreciation of the Advent and Christmas story.

Featured Presenters

We are blessed to have a variety of voices guiding us through these daily reflections:

- Pastor Michael Dorn
- Pastor Lonnie Gonzales
- Pastor Donald Black
- Pastor Paul Dorn
- Pastor Greg Finke
- DCE Haley Zimmerman

Don't miss this opportunity to prepare your heart for Christmas! Keep an eye on your in-box beginning **December 1st** for the daily link!



Coats and Jackets For the Homeless

We are collecting coats and jackets (new or gently used) to help keep the homeless warm.

Most of the homeless we serve are men who wear large or x-large.

Donations may be placed in the bin located in the foyer.



Calling All Bakers

The popular Carols and Bells worship service is just around the corner (December 14) and we need at least 25 bakers to make 3 dozen cookies each for the reception following the service. Trinity bakers are the best and every cookie, mini-muffin or bar is appreciated. We even accept store bought treats because, this time of year, some may not have the time to bake.

This year we are honored to have 25 members of the talented Segundo Barrio Children's Chorus singing at the service. Their parents will be bringing them so we expect a larger crowd than usual.

Please have your baked goods at the church by 8:45 a.m. on December 14th. If you wish to get your container back, please put your name on the bottom.

A sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Desk. For details email Sharon Balke at s.balke@sbcglobal.net or call her at 713.249.5446.



Poinsettia Donations

We have ordered poinsettias (\$15 each) to adorn our worship area on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If you are interested in donating a plant(s) which may be taken home with you after the Christmas Day service, please order in one of the two ways listed below.

- Complete the form by clicking [here](#) or using the QR code below and submit your payment by mailing a check earmarked for poinsettias to the church office or submit your payment [online](#).
- Write your dedication(s) on the Poinsettia order form available at the Welcome Desk. Insert your check and form in the envelope provided and place in the Poinsettia box.

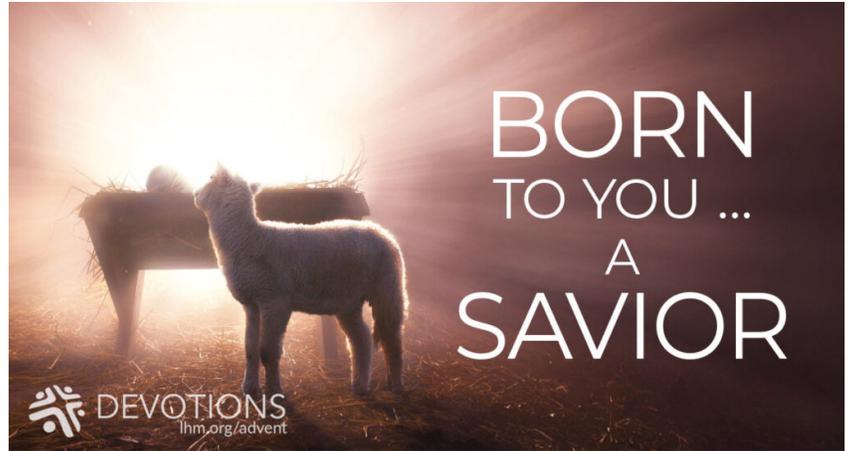
There is no limit on the number of poinsettias you can order. Deadline to order poinsettias and have dedication included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service folder is Monday, December 15.



Born to You ... a Savior - Advent Devotions

God in His incomparable love has made a way for us through the wilderness. He did this by giving us His Son, our Light in the darkness. In *Born to You ... a Savior*, we embrace the Christmas joy and wonder of Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

At Christ's birth, God the Father did a new and everlasting thing in our lives: He gave us His one and only Son for our redemption. In divine humility, Jesus joined us as a human being. Born of a woman, bearing the sins of the world, Jesus comes to us as our Protector, our Deliverer, our Savior.



Daily Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others. Printed devotionals are available in the narthex, foyer and Gathering Space or view or listen to them online at www.lhm.org. Perfect for personal reflection or to share with family and friends, these seasonal meditations will help prepare you to celebrate the true meaning of the season.



Holy Smokers Holiday Meat Sale



The Holy Smokers are cooking Pulled Pork, Sausage Links, Brisket and Turkey Breasts for the holidays.

Orders may be placed at the Welcome Desk. Orders close on December 7th and meat will be available for pick up on December 21st. Proceeds benefit the Harms Behnken Mission Fund.

Contact Mark Anderson for more information - (713) 582-1450.

Christmas Pageant 2025 Reminders & Information

Children's Choir

All students in grades 1st - 6th are welcome to attend and sing the songs they have been practicing during Discipleship Hour. They will need to be fitted for costume, attend the dress rehearsal, and participate in one or both of the services on Christmas Eve. Please contact Rebecca Castillo, rcastillo@trinitydt.org with any questions!



Costume Fittings in Room 209 (next to the Confirmation Room)

Sunday, November 30 • 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 7 • 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Additional times available upon request.

Blocking & Dress Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 21 starting at 11:30 a.m. and ending around 12:30 p.m.

We will walk through the Pageant including placement of the Children's Choir.

Christmas Eve Pageant

Wednesday, December 24 • 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Please arrive by 3:15 p.m. to get into costume. Meet in the Narthex when you are ready or by 3:50 p.m. Dinner will be provided between services in the fellowship hall. For the 6:00 p.m. service please meet in the Narthex by 5:50 p.m.

Ladies Circle Ministries Meeting and Christmas Luncheon

Trinity Ladies Circle Ministries' next meeting is in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, December 4th at 10:00 a.m. with a time of fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Members of the Segundo Barrio Children's Chorus, under the direction of Rebecca Castillo, will be singing for us for our Christmas program. We will celebrate October, November and December birthdays with a hot dish pot luck luncheon. Please bring a main dish, side and or dessert to share.

We are happy to report that the annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale brought in over \$1,800 for the support of Trinity's 2026 VBS and the Segundo Barrio Children's Chorus. Thank you to Thrivent Financial who gave a \$250 grant for baking supplies.

All ladies are welcome. For more information, feel free to reach out to Trudy Mitchell, President, at trudyam99@hotmail.com.





New Year's Eve Service December 31 at Noon

Join us as we offer thanksgiving and praise to God for His protection, guidance and provisions in 2025 and ask for His blessings in 2026.

SING WITH THE
SANCTUARY CHOIR ON

Christmas Eve

DECEMBER

07

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sanctuary Loft
10:15 - 11:15 AM

DECEMBER

21

PAGEANT DRESS REHEARSAL

Sanctuary Loft
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Performances

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH 4 & 6 PM



Ushers & Greeters NEEDED

We need your help! If you are available to help serve at one of our special services: Christmas Eve 4 PM and/or 6 PM, Christmas Day 9 AM or New Year's Eve 12 PM, please send an email to [Rebecca Castillo, rcastillo@trinitydt.org](mailto:Rebecca.Castillo@trinitydt.org)

Executive Director's Corner - November 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son and will call Him Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

Advent begins. A time of waiting, repentance and hope. Please take a few minutes each day during this holy season to pause, pray and reflect with the Advent devotional videos that will arrive in your email beginning December 1st.

As you have probably observed, the installation of our new air conditioning and heating units is taking place in the Family Life Center. We appreciate your flexibility in navigating around the work areas during the week. Work is expected to be completed by mid-December. We will make the first payment of \$286,450 to our vendor, RDI the first week of December and will pay the balance of \$251,465 with bridge funds at completion. We would appreciate your pledge to Project Chill if you have not already submitted one, even if you don't plan to begin contributing until 2026.



For the month of October church operating expenses were 5% lower than budget and YTD are 3% higher than budget. YTD through October church and EC combined deficit is ~ \$116k primarily due to overages earlier in the year, but we have faith that with your help we will close the gap in the remaining two months. Overall expenses this year through October are 6% higher than last year.

Congregational giving YTD through November 19, 2025

Home Treasury Giving YTD (includes Easter Appeal)	\$1,659,929
Home Treasury Budget YTD	\$1,632,321
	+\$27,608
Project Chill received to date	\$224,605
Project Chill pledged to date	\$243,349

Here is a snapshot of our participation as a congregation through October:

	Oct. 2024	Oct. 2025
Average Traditional Worship Attendance	278	227
Average On-Line Worship Attendance	160	150
Total Average Worship Attendance	438	377
Children and Youth Discipleship Hour In-person Attendance	52	45
Adult Discipleship Hour Attendance	114	113
Average Discipleship Hour Attendance as a percent of Sunday In-person Worship Attendance	60%	71%

We continue to be deeply grateful for your gifts of time, talents and treasure which enable Trinity to continue "sharing Christ's saving love with ALL people NOW."

All glory to God as we continue to walk in faith together.

Kim Davis
Executive Director

"She will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins".

Matthew 1:21



Memorials and Honorariums

Memorials and Honorariums are a wonderful way to remember loved ones who are no longer with us and honor special people in our lives. Gifts given help to further ministry. Below are the Memorials given from September 29, 2025 through November 20, 2025.

For those desiring to give memorials or honorariums, packets are available in the narthex, foyer and Gathering Space. The packets include a card to send to the family of the deceased or person being honored as well as an envelope to submit your gift to Trinity. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Avant at aavant@trinitydt.org.



Given by

Vicki Harkrider
Vicki Harkrider
Ellie Mercado
George Horneber
George Horneber
Jean Minsch
Nancy Cevallos

Ministry

Home Treasury
Home Treasury
Home Treasury
Stained Glass Renewal Project
Stained Glass Renewal Project
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Home Treasury

In memory of

Julie May
Pastor Richard Wagner
Adrian Rodriguez
Rollin Cattau
Betty Ann Curtin
Betty Ann Curtin
Raymond Cevallos

Given by

Rachel Voigt

Ministry

Project Chill Capital Campaign

In honor of

Abha Kumari

Governing Board Members and Nominating Committee Elected for 2026

At our annual Congregational Assembly on Sunday, November 16th, Brian Abby, Anthony Fritsche, Mike Gilmore and Mike Sterling were elected to serve on the 2026 Governing Board.

Members elected to 2026 Governing Board



Brian Abby



Anthony Fritsche (Elder)



Mike Gilmore (Elder)



Mike Sterling (Elder)

Members elected to 2026 Nominating Committee



Sharon Balke



Reggie Buford



Rita Dennis



Thomas DeVries



Bo Hopmann



Sherry Johnson



Youth and Children's Ministries Update

November was so much fun!!! Our youth had a great time painting pumpkins and smashing them!

Here are some highlights and favorite memories:

- We all got to smash a pumpkin.
- Sophia Oncken did an AMAZING devotion for our event!
- Playing sardines was a blast!
- The pumpkin art and teamwork was incredible!

Check out some pictures!





Remember deposits are due for youth ministry trips. Click this [link](#) or scan the QR code on the following page to get all the information.

December looks forward to a lot! Check out the information below! Please remember December 28th and January 4th, we do not have Sunday School.

- December 7th: PreK 2nd - 4th grade Kids Christmas Party

We will have our 4th annual Christmas party from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.! This event is for 2 year olds - 4th grade. We will have crafts, games, lunch and probably a movie playing! Parents of 4 year olds and younger, please plan to stay if you can! If you would like to help with crafts, movies, lunch or games please let me know! **Please make sure to RSVP by Thursday, December 4th at 3:00 p.m.** using this [link](#) or the QR code below.

- December 14th : 5th - 12th grade Youth Christmas Party

Join us in the youth room 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. as our youth in 5th - 12th grade will be celebrating Christmas in the basement at Trinity Downtown with a White Elephant gift exchange, gingerbread house competition, and games. Please RSVP by clicking this link: [Christmas Party RSVP](#) or scan the QR code below!

Here are some white elephant guidelines:

- Gifts must be \$15 or less and should be wrapped. I will have extras just in case!
- Aim for Appropriate, silly, giggle provoking, pun-tastic, light-hearted gifts! Here are some ideas from last year's gifts: Beats headphones made out of 2 cans of beets, a screaming goat, light up shower head, and foam swords! If you need inspiration, Google White Elephant gifts, or use Pinterest!
- **If possible please bring your gift with you to church after November 30th so we can put it under the Christmas Tree!**

- December 19th: 9th- 12th Lock-in/Sleepover

Join us for our first High School only lock-in! We will start with dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the youth room then games, challenges, a student led devo and more all night long. Pick up at 9:00 a.m. December 20th. Please have your students bring \$5 for snacks and pizza! Bring your friends! Sign up with this [link](#) or scan the QR code below!

- December 21st: Pageant Rehearsal

Don't forget to join us for our dress rehearsal for Christmas Eve from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. See the article on page 6 for more details!

- December 21st : 7th - 8th Grade Confirmation Christmas Party

Join us to celebrate the Christmas season as a confirmation group (7th - 8th grade). We will be hosted by Pastor Dorn at his home from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Please be prepared that the location may change depending on construction.** Pastor Dorn's address is: 1016 Cheshire Ln., Houston, TX 77018. We will have pizza, play games and exchange ornaments. Let us know you're coming so we can get the correct amount of food by clicking this [link](#) or scan the QR code below!

Thank you to all the volunteers who make all our events happen! Thank you to the congregation for your continued love, support, encouragement and prayers!



Youth Trips



Kids Christmas Party



Youth Christmas Party



Youth Lock-in



Confirmation Party

Blessings,
Haley Zimmerman, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries

Project Chill Capital Campaign

Who would think that you'd have temperatures in the mid-80's in November and need air conditioning? Why, those of us who live and work in Houston! And remember years when those temperatures could even mean Christmas Day in shorts at Galveston? We hope that isn't the case for 2025 and instead we have chilly weather to accompany our holidays. But there are things we don't have to guess – Houston summers are really hot and 30-year old HVAC systems will fail.

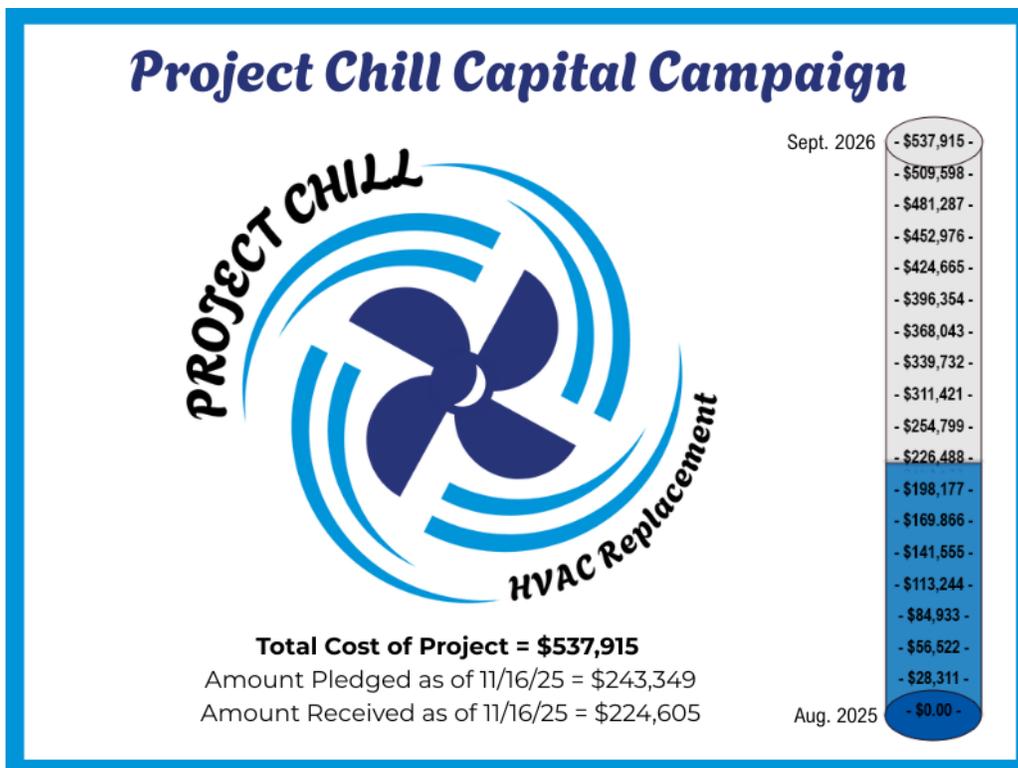


That is why we stepped out in faith this past summer to approve Project Chill and commit to replacing the HVAC units in the Family Life Center even though Trinity did not currently have funding set aside.

To date, the Project Chill campaign has raised \$224,605 of the \$537,915 (+/- 5%) total cost. The entire amount will be due when the contractor completes the work later this month. Bridge funding will allow Trinity to make that payment, but must be repaid by September 2026. Wouldn't it be great if the money was in hand and Trinity didn't have to use bridge funding at all!

In this final month of 2025, please give to Project Chill. If you've already met your pledge, please prayerfully consider giving just a bit more. Designate "Project Chill" on your check or when giving online at trinitydt.org.

~ Project Chill Campaign Committee



Welcome New Members

On November 16th, Trinity Downtown was blessed with five new members. Please join us in welcoming them into our fellowship.



Marilyn Lucas



James, Melissa, Sophie & Scott Santana

Youth Musicians - Lutheran Summer Music!

Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival (LSM) is a faith-based residential music academy for high school students. Students come together from all over the country to immerse themselves in joyful music-making and build a supportive and welcoming community, living together on a Lutheran college campus.

During the day, students receive advanced musical instruction through large ensembles (Festival Choir, Band and Orchestra), chamber music, private lessons with collegiate-level faculty, and elective classes (such as conducting, composition, church music, pipe organ, handbells, jazz ensemble, musical theatre). In the evenings, students attend recitals and evening prayer services, and social events with their friends.

LSM 2026 takes place at St. Olaf College in Minnesota from June 21-July 19 (Full Session) or June 21-July 3 (Half Session) and is open to students who have completed grades 8-12. To learn more, watch this [LSM Experience Video](#) or go to LSMacademy.org/program.



Welcome Desk Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. - Noon and Noon - 3:00 p.m. to answer the phone, greet and open the door for visitors and deliveries. Some Saturday hours may also be available.

Please contact Jean Minsch for more information: jaminsch@yahoo.com.



“Do All for the Love of Him” – Brother Lawrence Men’s Belize Mission Trip 2025

“Practicing the Presence of God” by Brother Lawrence was the primary resource for the men's ministry spiritual formation during the Men's Belize Mission Trip 2025. The theme for the week was “Spiritual Attunement”. Spiritual Attunement is a growing relationship with God that includes the following: Awareness of Him, Alignment with Him, and Responding to Him. By attuning to our relationship with God we are growing a more intimate relationship with Him. It is like a husband-and-wife relationship when a couple can finish each other's statements, or they immediately know how their partner will respond or what they will say in certain situations. This is the growing depth of relationship we are longing to acquire with Jesus through the practice of solitude, silence, and prayer.



Our desire was to connect with the Belizean Mission Team who serve with the LCMS World Missions. Erin Mackenzie, our LCMS World Mission host, helped support our team by making arrangements to meet with the Mission Teams and our accommodations. We are so grateful for her partnership. Three of the mission teams supported us as well. Pastor Burch, Pastor Flores, and Pastor Groth along with their wonderful families made us feel like we were at home with wonderful group meals in their homes and hospitality. In addition, we connected with the community through their ongoing ministry especially alongside Pastor Flores, his congregation Valley of Peace Lutheran Church and their Little Lambs Preschool. We had the privilege of serving with their community including a few of the dads whose children attend Little Lambs Preschool. What a Joy!!!



Our final objective was to construct a playground for Little Lambs Preschool and their community. The Men's mission team were eager to get the project completed and we completed it in less than two workdays. The Preschool teachers now have a new tool to assist them in their preschool instruction and obviously an opportunity for the children to burn energy and experience moments of fun. One comment from one of the missionaries, “We now have a playground that is safe for our families because the one we usually go to often has gang activity in the area.” The playground was dedicated on Wednesday, November 12th at 10 a.m. to the Glory of God!!!

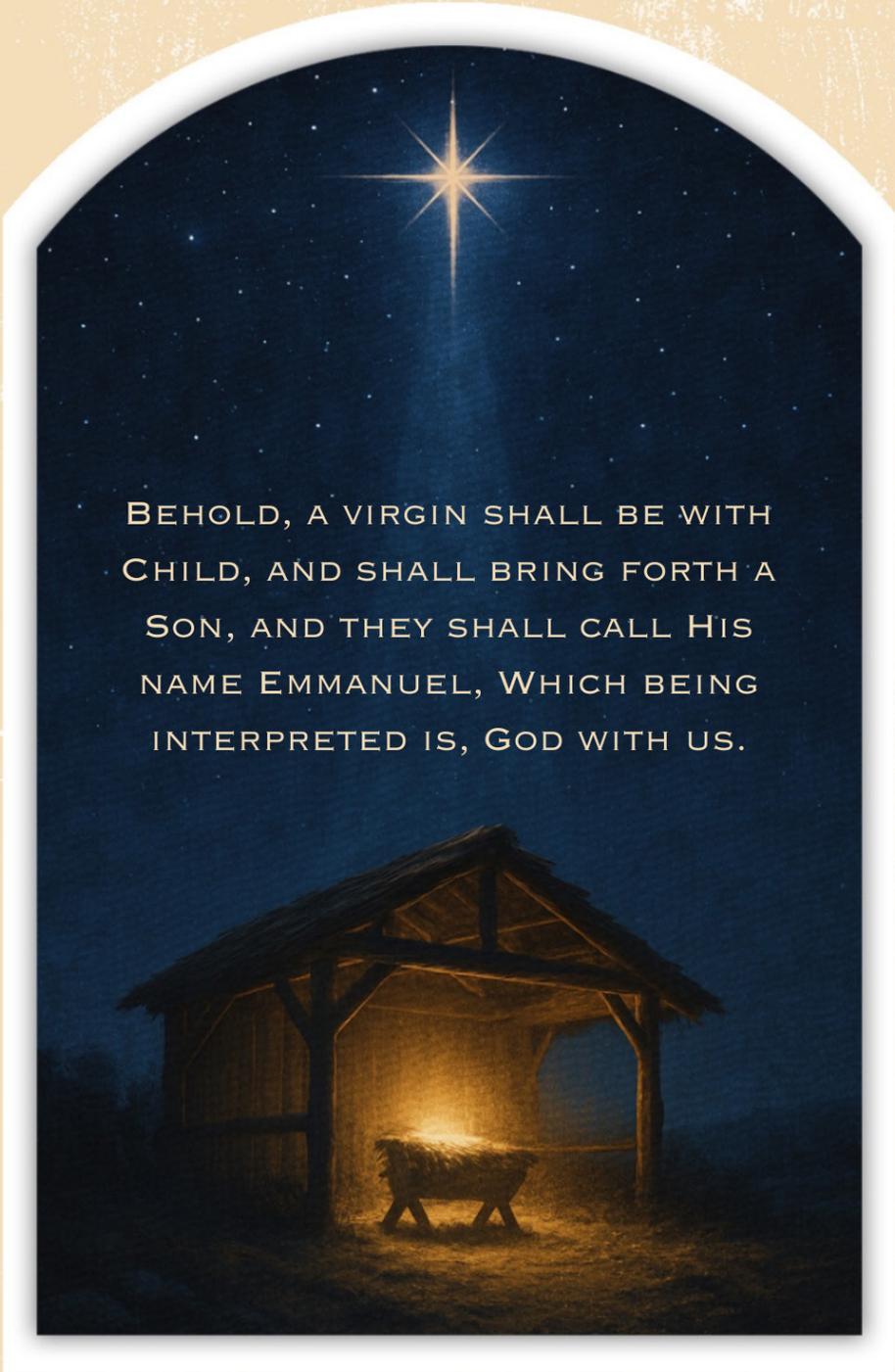
Reflecting on our time in Belize, we truly experienced Brother Lawrence's goal of spiritual formation, "Do all for the love of Him." All three objectives of our trip were done because we love the One who first loved us. We are grateful for our home church Trinity Downtown for all the support, love, and prayers to send us on your behalf to "Do all for the love Him."



Written on behalf of a few good men, the Men's Belize Mission Team!

Men's Belize Mission Team: Zeke Cevallos, Ray Corbett, Gabriel Degollado, Thomas DeVries, Anthony Flaviani, Michael Gilmore, Lonnie Gonzales, Bryan Irvin, Chris Sonneborn





BEHOLD, A VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH
CHILD, AND SHALL BRING FORTH A
SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS
NAME EMMANUEL, WHICH BEING
INTERPRETED IS, GOD WITH US.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and
a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Trinity Downtown Staff

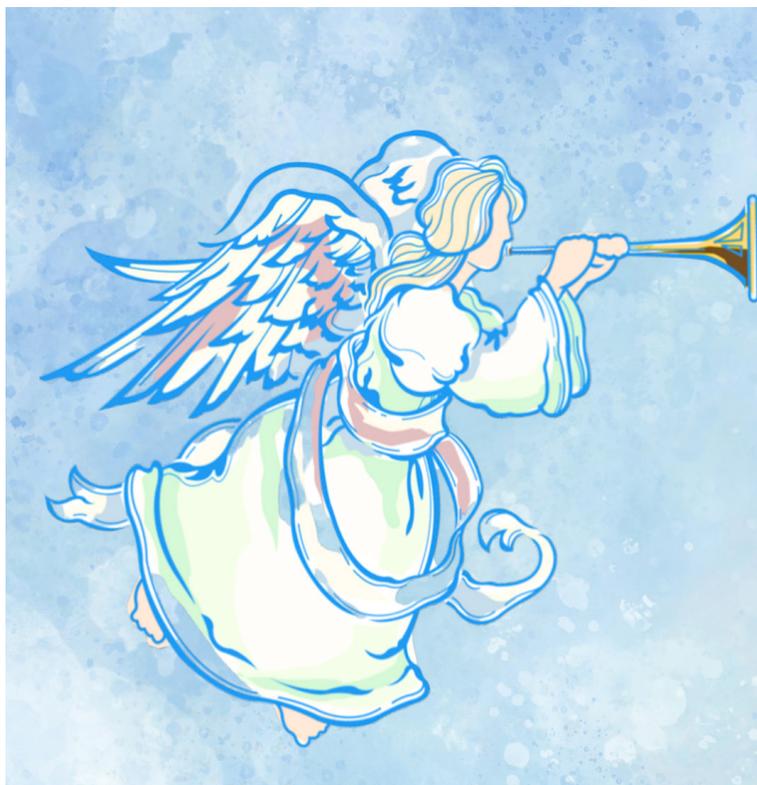
Altar Flowers - Online Sign-up

Donating flowers in honor/memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving for a special occasion or to the Glory of God, is now easier with our online sign-up.

We have an in-house volunteer florist (Sue Clark) who will fulfill the flower orders or you may choose a florist of your choice. If using your own florist, flowers should be delivered before noon on Saturday.

The price and information is as follows:

- We will provide two flower arrangements for \$100.00.
- Any special requests must be made two weeks in advance.
- You can request a preferred color and flower. Our volunteer will do her best to accommodate your requests, but cannot guarantee them.
- Payment can be made via <https://www.trinitydt.org/online-giving/> (use "Flowers for Sanctuary" fund) or submit a check in person or by mail with "Flowers" in the memo line.
- Please sign up and submit your information online by clicking [here](#) or using the QR code.
- You are welcome to take the arrangements home after the service on Sunday. Please only take the liner and leave the vase.
- After Sunday, we will place the arrangements on the chest by the staircase in the foyer.



Glory to God

IN THE HIGHEST,
AND ON EARTH

peace,

GOOD WILL
TOWARD MEN.

LUKE 2:14

Comfort and Joy with Community Sing Along

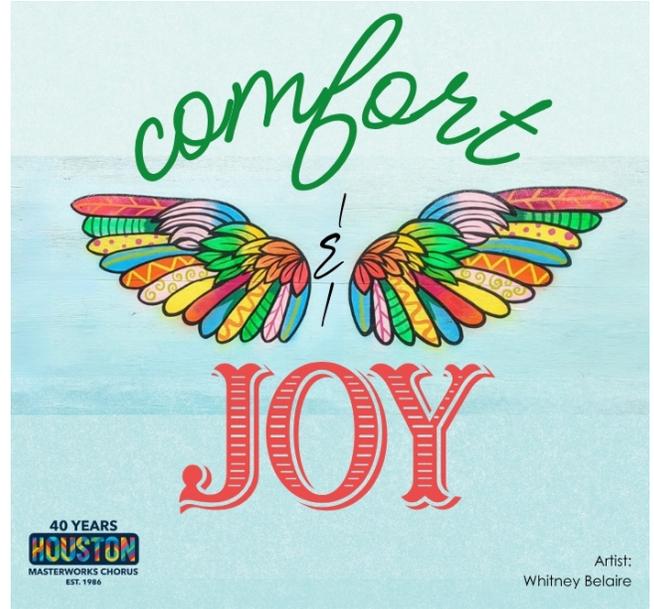
Date: Sunday, December 14, at 4:00 p.m.

Tickets: Pay-What-You-Wish ticketing (\$16 suggested donation)

Location: Trinity Lutheran Downtown, 800 Houston Avenue, Houston, 77007 - Free parking is available.

Houston Masterworks Chorus (HMC) celebrates the magic of the season in a heartwarming Christmas concert, *Comfort & Joy!* Delightful holiday favorites will be performed by the audience along with the chorus and HMC Chamber Ensemble.

A fan favorite returns as we spotlight the winner of this year's Young Singer Competition. Our festive concert promises to fill hearts with holiday cheer and unforgettable musical moments, including a sing-along!



Food Drive: We're partnering with Christian Community Service Center to help families in need this holiday season.

Please bring:

- Hearty soups
- Peanut butter
- Pasta sauce
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables

We look forward to celebrating the holidays with you!

Reach out with questions: office@houstonmasterworks.org

The Joy of Christmas

Friday, Dec 5, 2025
Memorial Lutheran Church
5810 3rd St, Katy
7:30pm

Sunday, Dec 7, 2025
Immanuel Lutheran Church
306 E. 15th St, Houston
4:00pm

Saturday, Dec 6, 2025
Fishers of Men
2011 Austin Pkwy, Sugar Land
7:30pm

HOUSTON LUTHERAN CHORALE
40th Anniversary

2025 GOVERNING BOARD

- Deena Buford
- Lori Dixon
- Pastor Michael Dorn
- Mike Gilmore (Elder)
- Tim Grady (Chair/Elder)
- Philip Kokel
- Brent Laumen
- Cassandra McGarvey (Vice-Chair)
- Mary Oliver
- Michele Oncken
- Chris Sonneborn (Secretary/Elder)
- Mike Sterling (Elder)

Minutes of the Governing Board meetings are available to our members at the Welcome Center.

Matching Gift Challenge for Stained Glass Window Renewal

A member of the congregation has issued a special contribution challenge in honor of Pastor Black. The donor will match gifts given to the Stained Glass Fund up to \$60,000.

Check out the graphic below to see our progress so far for the **north and south windows**.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS RENEWAL PROJECT

<p>FATHER ABRAHAM \$6,100 \$6,100 \$6,100</p> 	<p>KING DAVID \$6,100 \$6,100 \$6,100</p> 	<p>PROPHET ISAIAH \$6,100 \$6,100 \$6,100</p> 	<p>ST. JOHN BAPTIST \$6,100 \$6,100 \$6,100</p> 	<p>ST. JOHN EVANGELIST \$6,100 \$6,100 \$6,100</p> 
<p>ST. PETER \$6,100 \$6,100 \$6,100</p> 	<p>ST. PAUL \$6,100 \$6,100 \$6,100</p> 	<p>ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM \$6,100 \$6,100 \$6,100</p> 	<p>ST. AUGUSTINE \$6,100 \$6,100 \$6,100</p> 	<p>MARTIN LUTHER \$6,100 \$6,100 \$6,100</p> 

TOTAL PROJECT COST FOR NORTH AND SOUTH WINDOWS: \$184,000
AMOUNT RECEIVED THROUGH NOVEMBER 20, 2025: \$145,018

BOARD OF ELDERS - CONTACT INFORMATION

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Mike Sterling	nasasterling@gmail.com	713.299.7238

Children, Youth and Adult Bible Studies

Please consider joining one or more of our Bible studies. It's a wonderful way to begin a new spiritual discipline. Virtual login information is available on Trinity's website www.trinitydt.org. Children and youth classes are in person unless indicated otherwise. Adult classes are either virtual, in person or hybrid.

SUNDAYS - CHILDREN (10:15 - 11:15 AM)

Nursery (Infants - age 2) - Room 234

Kingdom Quest 2 & 3 year olds - Room 233

Kingdom Quest 4 & 5 year olds - Room 232

Kingdom Quest 1st Grade - 4th Grade - Kingdom Hall (basement)

SUNDAYS - YOUTH

Foundations 56 (5th-6th grades) - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 207

Confirmation (7th-8th grades) - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 208

High School (9th-12th grades) - 10:15-11:15 AM - Underground

SUNDAYS - ADULT

Discipleship Bible Study - The Whole Story - Creation to Jesus

Led by Group of Members - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 125 - In Person

This Bible study series covers creation through the redemptive story in the Old Testament. It is perfect for people interested in learning a simple and reproducible model to study Scripture in a group setting. The study is sponsored and facilitated by a committed group of members at Trinity Downtown. Participants can come and go throughout the series.

Living Out Our Faith

Led by Mike and Katherine Gilmore - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 206 - In Person

Join us for an engaging discussion based Bible study focused on applying Christian faith in everyday life. Each session blends thought-provoking videos, insightful book references, and open conversation, helping us explore scripture together and discover practical ways to live as followers of Christ. All are welcome — come ready to share, listen and grow as we endeavor to actively live out our faith.

Short, Sweet and Hard to Beat: the Gospel of Mark

Led by Jim Cleary - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 205 - Hybrid

Join us as we follow Jesus – true Messiah, King of the Jews, and the Son of God. We'll get an up close and personal look at Jesus, and reflect on the difference He makes, in our lives and others. Discussion oriented.

The Bible Alive ... God In Action

Led by John Reisig - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 124 - In Person

In this study, each Sunday offers a single, stand-alone topic. The material covered each week will provide a meaningful experience for regular participants, visitors to Trinity Downtown, and for those simply looking to get back into a routine of attending Bible study. The single topic format ensures that no one will be lost or feel behind during the study, and will feel welcome and encouraged to attend at any time. Bibles will be provided and utilized each week. Providing historical context to the



scriptural message, and modern application of His word, the Bible will "Come Alive," and show that God has been working throughout history, and is still working today out of love for His people.

The Gospel According to Luke

Led by Pastor Paul Dorn - 7:00-8:00 PM - Virtual

Who is Jesus? Who are we? As we read the Gospel of Luke we will be provided with clear and sure answers that create and nourish a relationship with Jesus. Our lives depend on our response to the answers. Our lives depend on HIM.

This class meets virtually for an hour every Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. Please e-mail Paul Dorn (pbdorn6@gmail.com) and he will send you his class notes and a link to the class session on Zoom. You will need a computer, laptop, or phone.

Thessalonians 1 & 2

Led by Steve Maynard - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 201 - Hybrid

The class will look at daily living with the encouragement, strength and guidance of Christ from Saint Paul's Epistles to the Thessalonians.

TUESDAYS - ADULTS

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study - LifeLight: Ezra & Nehemiah

Led by Karen Maynard - 10:00-11:30 AM - Room 205 - Hybrid

This study is part of the LifeLight Bible study series of in-depth studies of Bible books. The goal of LifeLight is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ.

WEDNESDAYS - ADULTS

The Book of Daniel

Led by Mary Oliver - 6:30-7:45 PM - Virtual

Join us for a study of Daniel's exploits, the imagery, and interpretations all speaking to the fulfillment of God's covenant in Jesus. We will meet each Wednesday evening on Zoom from 6:30-7:45 p.m. The link can be found at Trinitydt.org by scrolling down to Adult Bible Studies and clicking the box.

Virtual Midweek Spiritual Check-in

Led by Jim Cleary - 7:00-8:00 PM - Virtual

THURSDAYS - ADULTS

Sonrise Bible Study

Led by Bill Fischer, Pastor Black and individual class members - 7:30-8:30 AM - Virtual

This member-led virtual class primarily discusses the Scripture readings assigned for the following Sunday. The class is open to men and women. For more information contact Bill Fischer at 832.459.3241 or the church office.



**2026
Blood Donor Sundays**

Give Blood...
Save Lives!

Save the Dates
January 18, 2026
March 22, 2026
June 28, 2026
September 20, 2026

Life Quote - December 14

"And every life matters to God. It is impossible to live—even for a few moments on this earth—and not influence somebody in one way or another. We are all always influencing somebody—either for good or for bad. Life matters. Your life matters. Lives of kings and lives of shepherds all matter. We all matter and are important to God."

Dennis D. Nelson, Lutheran CORE – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org.

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