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*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a family of Christians saved by God's grace
to proclaim the good news to our community and to the world by word and action.*

VETERAN'S SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

November 12, 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of our Military Veterans

Prelude *"Deck Yourself, My Soul, With Gladness"*

- arr. Gerard Krapf

*The Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God, who forgives all our sin whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to 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 your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection. (We kneel.)

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of (+) Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**



Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to de-^liver me;

O LORD, make ^lhaste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame ^land confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and ^lbe disgraced.**

³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat ^lover me
turn back because ^lof their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be ^lglad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great ^lis the LORD!"**

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick-^lly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, ^ldo not tarry.

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DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER WE ARE COLLECTING NEEDED ITEMS FOR A.I.M. - ITEMS INCLUDE: Peanut Butter, rice, dried beans, pasta, canned meat, canned fruit, canned soup, oatmeal, grits, flour, sugar, cereal, cooking oil—cleaning/personal hygiene list: bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, laundry soap, bleach, cleaning solutions (Lysol, Mr. Clean for example). Please note: perishables are not included.

LOOKING AHEAD

November 19, 2023
Worship Assistants

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Lucy Roehrs	Katelin Passow
Lectors	Jane Potter	Jane Cahaly
Assisting Ministers	Suzie Bannister	Harry Coggins
November 19	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
November 21	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
November 22	T.O.P.S. Meeting (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
November 26	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
November 29	T.O.P.S. Meeting (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
December 3	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
December 5	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
December 6	T.O.P.S. Meeting (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Advent Meal host – Luther's Ladies (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
	Advent Service (Sanctuary)	7:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice after service	
December 10	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Pageant Practice	
	Worship Congregational Christmas Pageant	11:00 a.m.

(we stand)

*Hymn

“Eternal Father, Strong To Save”

Hymn #756

*The Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*The Kyrie (sung responsively)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise (sung by all)

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(Refrain)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. (Refrain)

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. (Refrain)

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. (Refrain)

*The Prayer of the Day

O God of justice and love, You illumine our way through life with the words of Your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

The Children's Sermon

The First Lesson (Amos 5:18-24)

Psalm 70

The Second Lesson (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

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*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all) **Alleluia. Keep awake ' and be ready, for you do not know on what day your ' Lord is coming. Alleluia.** (Matthew 24:42 & 44)

The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*The Holy Gospel (Matthew 25:1-13)

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After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon **"DECISIONS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE"**

*The Hymn of the Month **"What God Ordains Is Good Indeed"**

HYMN #776

***Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven
He is seated at the right hand of the Father
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Today at our semi-annual Congregational Meeting, we will be electing four of the eight following nominees to serve a three-year term on Church Council.

Chris Caldwell, Member since 1988. **Occupation:** Sr. Business Manager-Retail Odyssey/Daymon Worldwide. **Family Church Members:** wife Anna, son Connor son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Rachel grandchildren Abigail and Lydia. **Church Activities:** Usher Captain, Adult Sunday School Leader, Offering Tabulator, Playground Committee, Columbarium Committee, former Council member.

Jane Cahaly, Member since 2006. **Occupation:** Retired Educator and current President of the Salt & Light Foundation, Inc. **Family Church Member:** husband Phil. **Church Activities:** Bible Study presenter, Lector, former Council member.

Leon Chute, Member since 2020. **Occupation:** Retired Boeing Manager. **Church Activities:** Saturday Servants, SnackPack, Lutheran Men In Mission.

Rynde Dial, Member since 2007. **Occupation:** "semi-retired" Educator. **Family Church Members:** husband Bill and children Drake & Kathleen. **Church Activities:** Endowment Committee, Support Committee, Personnel Committee, Lector, Assistant Minister, Luther's Ladies Circle, Offering Tabulator, choir member, former Council member and Council president.

Lauren Guthre, Member since 2021. **Occupation:** Technical Recruiter, TRS Staffing. **Church Activities:** Choir Member. Luther's Ladies Circle, Personnel Committee, Support Committee. Women's Bible Study leader.

Jan House, Member since 1994. **Occupation:** retired Computer programmer/analyst at Clemson University. **Family Church Member:** husband Steven, **Church Activities:** Worship & Music Committee Chair (present), Lector, Assistant Minister, Offering Tabulator, Adult Sunday School Leader, Needlepoint Committee.

Sid Stokes, Member since 1957. **Occupation:** Sales representative for Carolina Hose & Hydraulics. **Family Church Members:** wife Rette and daughters Blair Stokes and Whitney Moody; **Church Activities:** Lector, Lutheran Men In Mission, Usher, former Council member and Council president.

John Trent, Member since 2021. **Occupation:** Retired J. & B. Finishers, bindery; Current owner of Best Badges Plus, Anderson. **Family Church Members:** wife Barbara; **Church Activities:** Lector, Lutheran Men In Mission, Family Fun Night.

SERVING YOU TODAY – November 12

Minister..... The Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
Acolytes.....(E) Claude Calloway (L) Brady West
Lectors.....(E) Pamela Michalski (L) Phyllis Barnette
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell
Tabulators.....Jan House & Sandi Jordan
Ushers
(E) Bob Straup - Captain, Susan Straup, Skip Knight, Terry Cribbe, Beth Cribbe,
Claude Calloway
(L) Sid Stokes - Captain, Ernie Thoms, John Lybrand, Harry Coggins
Church Secretary.....Pat Ross
PresidentBobbi Metz
Vice-President.....Beth Cribbe
Treasurer.....Diane Richardson
Financial Secretary.....Jane Potter
Council Secretary.....Connor Caldwell

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

November 12 – November 18

TODAY

8:45 a.m. Worship Service **VETERAN’S SUNDAY** (Sanctuary)
9:50 a.m. Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service **VETERAN’S SUNDAY** (Sanctuary)

MON.

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

TUES.

6:00 p.m. Women’s Group Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

WED.

10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

THUR.

6:00 p.m. Luther’s Ladies Circle Meeting (Office Conference Room)

ATTENDANCE Sunday Worship Services – November 5 – 8:45 a.m. (40) 11:00 a.m. (48)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED November 5 – Operating Fund \$6,857.00, World Hunger Fund \$50.00, Endowment Fund \$500.00

*The Peace Is Shared
The Offering is Received

The Offertory Anthem **“Hold Me In Life”** -Marty Haugen

**Hold me in life for you are my safety,
Always my eyes are looking for you.**

**Because you are just who you are,
Don’t pass me by, but show me your mercy:
I will wait for you all my life.**

**Are you the one who is to come,
Or must we wait and follow some other?
Lord, my God, I am certain of you.**

**You gave your word to this, our world:
You are my song, the God of my gladness,
My desire goes out to you.**

**Hold me in life for you are my safety,
Always my eyes are looking for you.**

*The Offertory Hymn **“Create In Me”** **Hymn # 186**

The Prayers of Intercession
With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation. (We kneel.)
The Minister concludes each petition with “Lord In Your Mercy,” and the response is, “Hear our Prayer.”

The Lord’s Prayer (we remain kneeling)
L. Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
**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, and the power, and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

The Blessing
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*The Recessional Hymn *“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”*

**My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing; land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside Let freedom ring!**

**My native country, thee, Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and
templed hills; my heart with rapture thrills, like that above.**

**Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song; let mortal tongues awake let all that
breathe partake; Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.**

**Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty,
To thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With freedom's
holy light. Protect us by they might, Great God our king**

(Silence is observed for meditation as candles are extinguished.)

*The Dismissal
Minister: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *“All My Hope On God Is Founded”* -Herbert Howells

(*) “Indicates congregation to stand”

LONG TERM PRAYERS

Ruth Teagle
Gabrielle Godfrey
Richard Benedict
Carolyn Culbreath
Abby Barrett & Family
Chris Goodwin
Buddy & Lesley Taylor
Jean Vinson
Kathy Weeks
Linda Rikard
Judy Jarrett
Ross King
Willy E. Johnson
Donna Welborn
Michael Morrison
Pruitt Martin
Kenneth
Joan Stinson
Susan Socha
Robert Scribner
Danny Rouse
Sandy Matlack Forrest
Laura Wagner
Sue Walthall
David Lane
Nina & Larry Sherman

SPONSORS

Jan House
Brenda McGowan
Dave & Sue Rasche
The Stokes Family
Jay & Suzie Bannister
The Fischer Family
Marisa Adrian
Bob Vinson
Tom Weeks
Bob & Susan Straup
The Fischer Family
Cherie Brown
The Stokes Family
The Stokes Family
Jill Helgeson
Bob Vinson
Jay & Suzie Bannister
Brenda McGowan
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Jan House
Brenda McGowan
Jill Helgeson
Paul Wagner
Bob & Susan Straup
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Jill Helgeson

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Claude Calloway to the honor and glory of God and in honor of the birthday of his daughter, Shelley Carroll.

WARM GREETINGS AND LOVE IN CHRIST are extended to all members and visitors. We trust that you will experience the warmth of Christian fellowship and the inspiration of God's presence here today. Prayer Request Cards (yellow cards) are located in the pews. Please place these in the offering plate. Names will be listed in next week's bulletin.

PRAYER LIST

11/5 Richard Polsdorfer
11/5 Ashley Williams
11/5 The Family of Anne Willis Inman
11/5 Susan McIntyre
11/5 The Family of Lewis Zeigler
10/29 Karen Cromer
10/29 Suzie Bannister
10/29 The Family of James Adams
10/29 Jean Vinson
10/29 Madison Dunn
10/29 Marisa Adrian
10/22 Allan Cole
10/22 Ashleigh Drennan Craft
10/15 Barbara Thomas
10/8 Anita Roehrs
10/8 Robert Scott
10/8 Debra Smith
10/8 The Family of Judy Warncke
10/1 Henry Adair
9/24 Paul Brill
9/24 Doni Whitley
9/17 Charlene Kelly
9/17 Jimmy Burdette
9/10 Sam Burroughs
9/10 Tamara Polsdorfer
9/3 The Family of Tina Haynes Dulaney
9/3 Marilyn Shereda
8/27 Kendall Collins
8/27 Kenny Leisure
8/27 The Family of John Ferguson
8/27 The Family of Donald Campbell
8/27 The Family of Bob Dawes
8/27 Owen Oates
8/27 Steve H.
8/27 The Family of Deanna Denker
8/27 Bill Welborn
8/20 Mandy Wood
8/20 Melissa Bell
8/20 The Kem Oliver Family
8/20 Dr. Cindy Lee
8/20 Lori Sanders

SPONSORS

Tamara Polsdorfer
Rette Stokes
Jill Helgeson
Johnnie Hunnicutt
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Suzie Bannister
Jay Bannister
Congregation
Bob Vinson
Nancy Scalf
Tom Adrian
Chris & Anna Caldwell
Cathey Sale
Congregation
Rev. Stephen Roehrs
Janice Davenport
Jane Potter
Jan House
Chris & Anna Caldwell
Ben & Bonnie Emanuel
Brenda McGowan
Amy Compton
Jane Potter
Brenda McGowan
Beth Cribbe
Jill Helgeson
Jane Potter
Connor Caldwell
Sid Stokes
Sid Stokes
Paul Wagner
Bob Vinson
Michael & Amber Oates and Mike & Sherri Oates
Robert & Vicki Allen
Robert & Vicki Allen
Mike Oates
Rita Bell
Rita Bell
Andy & Sharon Christmas
The Stokes and Moody Families
Sid & Rette Stokes

Activity Bags are available in the Narthex for children who are attending service; please return them after the service.

Holy Trinity celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month and all major festivals of the church.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Every Tuesday, the women of HTLC will meet from 6:00-7:00 p.m. to join together in studying the Bible! This Women's Bible Study group is open to women of all ages, members and non-members, and is intended to be an informal setting in which the women of our congregation can come together in discipleship to learn about the joys our Lord has brought to us through His Word! No prior "experience" or formal bible study "training" is required! All women are encouraged to attend as you are able.

This group will begin with looking into the ways in which we approach Bible Study and how to make sure we are getting the most from our time spent with God's Word. After that we will dive right in to some New Testament books and begin utilizing our new skills to discuss the knowledge the Lord reveals to us through our studies!

For more information or to sign up for email alerts regarding the start of our Women's Bible Study group, please contact Lauren Guthre at leguthre@yahoo.com OR send a text or call (215) 589-9647. We hope to see you there!

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

Today we have our Congregational Meeting, at (9:50 a.m.) in Fellowship Hall. A light breakfast will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. At our meeting we will be:

- 1) Electing four new Council Members for a 3-year term and
- 2) Approving the 2024 Church Budget.

Please Note: as per our Church Constitution, absentee ballots are not permissible.

Today, on Veteran's Sunday, we recognize the following members of Holy Trinity who have served in the military. We thank you for your willingness to serve our country!

Dock Bell
Claude Calloway
Harry Coggins
Ben Emanuel
Jacob Fischer
Amy Goodson
Steven Goodson
Virgil Hobbs
Dan Hunnicutt
Sandi Jordan
Dave Korn
Warren Lutz
Richard Mason
Mike Metz
Paul Rummage
Robin Sandwick
Don Simon
Ernie Thoms
Tom Weeks



“A veteran is someone who wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including their life.”

CONGREGATIONAL ADVENT EVENT

Advent Family Event

Although the world has already started stocking shelves with Christmas décor, airing Christmas commercials and blaring Christmas music over the radio, Lutheran Christians know that before Christmas comes Advent. The definition of the word Advent is, “the arrival of a notable, person, place or event.” It is during this first season of our liturgical calendar, that we prepare for the Christmas coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

This year, the Learning Committee will once again be sponsoring an event to begin our Advent journey with a craft project. This event is for all families and individuals who would like to participate. This project will help us keep our focus on the true meaning of the season.

WHEN: Sunday, December 3 at 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

WHO: Everyone. A signup sheet will be in the narthex to help plan for materials.

WHAT: Advent Family Event

Angel Tree

Holy Trinity will again have the Angel Tree in the Narthex this year. Families will be chosen by AIM and given to us for Christmas giving. The tree will be up sometime in December. In addition to selecting names from the Angel Tree in-person like we usually do, you also will have the option of making a donation and someone from WELCA will do the shopping for you. Simply make out a check to Holy Trinity with “Angel Tree” in the memo or contact Nancy Scalf or Beth Fischer.

The Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 10th, during the Late Service. All ages are needed to participate in this year's program. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this delightful Christmas tradition! We will again be using a script created by Brenda McGowan.

Practices will be determined later.

A full dress-rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 9th at 9:00 a.m. Our final rehearsal will be Sunday, December 10th following the Early Service.