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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.*

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

8:45 a.m.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Prepare The Royal Highway"

J. William Greene

*The Confession & Forgiveness

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

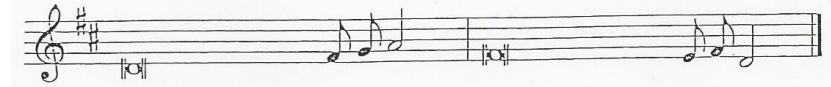
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**
(we stand)



Psalm 85

You have been gracious to your ¹ land, O LORD;
you have restored the good for-¹ tune of Jacob.

²You have forgiven the iniquity ¹ of your people
and blotted out ¹ all their sins.

³I will listen to what the LORD ¹ God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their ¹ hearts to you.

⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to ¹ those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell ¹ in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have ¹ met together;
righteousness and peace have ¹ kissed each other.

¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up ¹ from the earth,
and righteousness shall look ¹ down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed ¹ grant prosperity,
and our land will ¹ yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go be- ¹ fore the LORD
and shall prepare for ¹ God a pathway.

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DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER WE ARE COLLECTING NEEDED ITEMS FOR GOOD NEIGHBOR CUPBOARD. - 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

**December 10, 2023
Worship Assistants**

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Lucy Roehrs	Landen Moody
Lectors	Robert Allen	Sandi Dickson
Assisting Ministers	Steven House	Sandi Dickson
December 17	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Early Choir Practice (After Worship) Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room) Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) Worship Service (Sanctuary) Congregational Christmas Chili and Caroling (Fellowship Hall)	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
December 19	Women's Bible Study (Pairs and Spares)	6:00 p.m.
December 20	Advent Meal (host – Youth) (Fellowship Hall) Advent Service (Sanctuary) Choir Practice after worship	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
December 22	Choir Christmas Gathering (Helgeson Home) with heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts.	6:30 p.m.
December 24	One-Combined Worship (Sanctuary) Christmas Eve Worship w/Communion Lessons and Carols Christmas Eve Liturgical Worship w/Communion	10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.
Both services will have Holy Communion and candle lighting		
December 31	One-Combined Worship (Sanctuary)	10:00 a.m.

The 2024 offering envelopes are in the Narthex; please ask the usher for your box of envelopes.

All offerings to be credited to 2023 must be received by December 31ST.

Offerings received after this date cannot be credited to 2023.

With the New Year approaching, we will be working on the Annual Report.

Early reminder, 2023 annual reports are due on or before Sunday, January 7. All 2023 Committee Chairs are to turn in a report to the church office.

“Prepare The Royal Highway”

Hymn #264

*Hymn

*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.**

*The Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of Your only Son. By His coming strengthen us to serve You with purified lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Children's Sermon

Lighting of the Advent Wreath **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”** Stanzas 1& 2 **Hymn # 257**

The First Lesson (Isaiah 40:1-11)

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Psalm 85

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The Second Lesson (2 Peter 3:8-15a)

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*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all) **Alleluia. Prepare the way ' of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salva ' tion of God. Alleluia.** (Luke 3:4,6)

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

*The Holy Gospel (Mark 1:1-8)

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

Sermon

“EXPECTANT LIVING”

*Hymn of the Month

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

Hymn # 247

SERVING YOU TODAY – December 10, 2023

*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,
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
And became truly human.
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,
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
Who 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.**

Minister..... Pastor Chris Fischer
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
Acolyte..... Claude Calloway
Lector..... Jan House
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell
Tabulators.....Robert & Vicki Allen

(E) Chris Caldwell (Captain) Christopher Caldwell, Connor Caldwell, Kevin Lockhart,
Leon Chute

Church Secretary.....Pat Ross
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Council Secretary.....Connor Caldwell

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

December 10 – December 16

TODAY

8:45 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 Pageant Practice after worship
11:00 a.m. Worship Service w/**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

TUES.

6:00 p.m. Women’s Group Bible Study (Pairs and Spares Room)

WED.

10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)
6:00 p.m. Advent Meal (Fellowship Hall) (Host – Katie’s Ladies)
7:00 p.m. Advent Service (Sanctuary)
 Choir Practice after worship

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5:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Gathering (The Goodson Farm)

ADVENT SCHEDULE

Advent Meals – 6:00 p.m.

December 13 Katie's Ladies - host

December 20 The Lutheran Church Youth – host

There will be a free will offering received.

Advent Worship Services to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13 Sermon Message: “The Right Train, But...”

Wednesday, December 20 Sermon Message: “Reunions”

All Advent donations will go to The Salvation Army of Anderson.

Mark your calendars:

Christmas Pageant – December 10

Annual Christmas Pageant will take place during the 11:00 a.m. service today.

Youth Christmas Party – December 16 5:00 p.m. at the Goodson farm.

Chili and Caroling – December 17

Congregational Christmas Caroling and Chili 5:00 p.m.

Choir Gathering – December 22 at the Helgeson home 6:30 p.m.

with heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

ATTENDANCE Sunday Worship Services – December 3 – 8:45 a.m. (67) 11:00 a.m. (40)

Advent Mid-Week Service – December 6 – 7:00 p.m. (34)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED November 26 – Operating Fund \$14,435.19, Endowment Fund \$170.00, Angel Tree Fund \$300.00, Poinsettias Fund \$187.50, WELCA Fund \$50.00, AED Fund \$71.00, Christmas Offering \$50.00

*The Peace Is Shared
The Offering Is Received

The Offertory Anthem *“On Jordan’s Banks The Baptist’s Cry”* European Tune

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry announces
that the Lord is nigh; awake the hearken,
for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev’ry life from sin; make straight the
way for God within, and let us all our
hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge
and our great reward; without your grace we
waste away like flow’rs that wither and decay.

All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent
has our freedom won, whom with the Father
we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

*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

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.**

*Closing Hymn

“Hark, The Glad Sound!”

Hymn #239

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

The Dismissal

Minister: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

-William Jones

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are placed on the altar by Jay & Suzie Bannister to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of the birthday of their son, Julian, on December 15th

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 Narthex and Sacristy. Please place these in the offering plate. Names will be listed in the next week’s bulletin.

A REMINDER THAT DURING ADVENT

-The blue paraments symbolize the hope that comes to the world in the birth of the Christ Child.

-We omit the Hymn of Praise.

-Each week we light an additional candle on the Advent wreath and sing an additional stanza of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.”

-The Prayer of the Day begins “Stir up....”

-We use the Nicene Creed.



POINSETTIAS for the Christmas Eve services will be provided this year for \$12.50. Donors will be listed in the worship bulletin for the Christmas Eve services. If you would like to place an order for one or more, please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or send to the Church office. The **deadline** is Sunday, December 17th. Payment must accompany your order. Plants may be picked up after the 11:00 p.m. service Christmas Eve. (Please leave the three white poinsettias in the manger.)

Enclosed is _____ for _____ poinsettias.

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

OTHER (To the Glory of God) _____

Given by _____

Sunday, Morning Worship December 24

One-Combined Service

10:00 a.m.

No Sunday School or Potluck Meal

Christmas Eve, December 24

Lessons and Carols w/Communion – 4:00 p.m.

A nursery will be provided.

Liturgical Worship Service w/Communion – 11:00 p.m.

Candle lighting at both services.

Sunday, December 31

One-Combined Worship

10:00 a.m.

No Sunday School or Potluck Meal

PRAYER LIST

12/3 The Family of Coach Dennis Patterson
12/3 Family/Friends/Teachers of Nate Gabriel
12/3 Ruth Teagle
11/26 Coyann Gray Lee
11/26 Whitney Moody
11/26 Martha Padgett
11/26 The Family of Allan Cole
11/19 Richard Straup
11/19 Ron Naumann
11/12 Deputy Lucas Watts
11/12 Marijane Coggins
11/12 The Family of Ardy Armen
11/12 The Family of Gail Williams
11/12 Ben Emanuel
11/12 Carole Anne Cantey
11/12 Nora McClendon
11/12 Scott Smith
11/12 James Maxwell
11/12 Denise Ludlow
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 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

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Pat Ross
Tamara Polsdorfer
Rette Stokes
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Johnnie Hunnicutt
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LONG TERM PRAYERS

Henri Holmes Adair Baker
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Gabrielle Godfrey
Richard Benedict
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Abby Barrett & Family
Chris Goodwin
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Congratulations to Chelsea Nicole Drennan and Trevor Reed Rowland who were united in Holy Matrimony yesterday in Greenville, S.C.