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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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

One-Combined Worship

10:00 a.m.

December 24, 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" - arr. Robert J. Powell

*The Confession & Forgiveness page 116

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. (we kneel)

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**



Luke 1:46b-55

My soul proclaims the greatness ¹ of the Lord,
⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in ¹ God my Savior,
⁴⁸for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your ¹ lowly servant.
From this day all generations will ¹ call me blessed;
⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great ¹ things for me,
and holy ¹ is your name.
⁵⁰**You have mercy on ¹ those who fear you,**
from generation to ¹ generation.
⁵¹You have shown strength ¹ with your arm;
and scattered the proud in ¹ their conceit,
⁵²**casting down the mighty ¹ from their thrones**
and lifting ¹ up the lowly.
⁵³You have filled the hungry ¹ with good things,
and sent the rich ¹ away empty.
⁵⁴**You have come to the aid of your ¹ servant Israel,**
to remember the prom- ¹ ise of mercy,
⁵⁵the promise made ¹ to our forebears,
to Abraham and his chil- ¹ dren forever.

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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

**Sunday Morning Worship December 31
Worship Assistants**

10:00 a.m.

Acolyte Katelin Passow
Lector Dave Korn

January 7	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.
January 9	Women's Circle Meeting Katie's Ladies (Office Conference Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
January 10	T.O.P.S. Meeting (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
January 14	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.
	Worship and Music Meeting (after the Late Service)	
January 15	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
January 17	T.O.P.S. Meeting (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
January 18	Luther's Ladies Circle Meeting (Office Conference Room)	6:00 p.m.
January 21	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.
January 22	Lutheran Men In Mission supper meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
January 24	T.O.P.S. Meeting (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

(we stand)

*The Hymn

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

Hymn #241

*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)

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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 Your power, Lord Christ, and come. With Your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct Your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for You live and reign with the Father 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 1,2,3& 4 **Hymn #257**

The First Lesson (2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16)

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Luke 1:46b-55

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The Second Lesson (Romans 16:25-27)

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*The Gospel Acclamation (sung responsively)

Alleluia. Here I am, the servant ' of the Lord; let it be with me according ' to your word.

Alleluia. (Matthew 1:38)

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

*The Holy Gospel (Luke 1:26-38)

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

*Hymn of the Month

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

Hymn # 247

*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.**

*The Peace Is Shared
The Offering Is Received

SERVING YOU TODAY – December 24, 2023

Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
Acolyte.....Brady West
Lector.....Mike Metz
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell
Tabulators.....Claude Calloway & Paul Rummage
Ushers..... Mike Metz and Mike Oates

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
December 24 – December 30**

TODAY

10:00 a.m. One – Combined Worship (Sanctuary)
No Sunday School or Potluck Meal
4:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols Christmas Eve Worship w/Communion and Candle Lighting
Nursery provided
11:00 p.m. Liturgical Christmas Eve Worship w/Communion and Candle Lighting

MON.

MERRY CHRISTMAS !!! (OFFICE CLOSED)

WED.

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

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Worship Services – December 17 – 8:45 a.m. (43) 11:00 a.m. (45)
Mid-Week Advent - Service December 20 (38)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

December 17- Operating Fund \$3,174.93, Endowment Fund \$50.00, Advent Offerings \$170.00,
Poinsettias \$162.50

SENDING

The Blessing

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

*Closing Hymn

“People, Look East”

Hymn #248

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

The Dismissal

Postlude

“The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came”

- Basque Carol

* Congregation Stands; (k) Congregation kneels

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in honor of the Nativity of our Savior and in memory of family members by Dr. Georgia Lou Huff.

PRAAYER LIST

- 12/17 John Shelton
- 12/17 The Family of Josh Owen
- 12/17 The Family of Dicky Anderson
- 12/17 Kathryn Means
- 12/17 Donna Mangubat
- 12/17 Shirley Brown
- 12/17 Miriam Moody
- 12/10 The Family of Susan McIntyre
- 12/10 Barbara Donohue
- 12/10 Heather Bailey
- 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

SPONSORS

- Barbara Thomas
- Jill Helgeson
- Jill Helgeson
- John & Vicki Lybrand
- Beth Fischer
- Beth Fischer
- Stokes & Moody Families
- Johnnie Hunnicutt
- Kati Smith
- Robin Sandwick
- Jill Helgeson
- Anna Caldwell
- Jan House
- Brenda McGowan
- Lee Moody
- The Lybrand & Stokes Families
- Congregation
- Bob & Susan Straup
- Kim Hill
- Pat Ross
- Congregation
- Jill Helgeson
- Jill Helgeson
- Bonnie 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 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

LONG TERM PRAYERS

- Henri Holmes Adair Baker
- Judith Womer
- 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

- The Stokes Family
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- Andy & Sharon Christmas
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- Pat Ross
- Tamara Polsdorfer
- Rette Stokes
- Jill Helgeson
- Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
- Suzie Bannister
- Jay Bannister
- Congregation
- Bob Vinson
- Nancy Scalf
- Tom Adrian
- Cathey Sale
- Congregation
- Rev. Stephen Roehrs
- Janice Davenport
- Jane Potter
- Jan House
- Chris & Anna Caldwell

SPONSORS

- The Stokes Family
- Lauren Guthre
- 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
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- Jill Helgeson
- Bob Vinson
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