

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.*

5th Sunday

One-Combined Worship

10:00 a.m.

December 31, 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Bobbi Metz

Prelude "Love Came Down At Christmas" - setting by Gerhard Krapf

*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.**



Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD¹ from the heavens;
praise God¹ in the heights.

²Praise the LORD,¹ all you angels;
sing praise, all you¹ hosts of heaven.

³Praise the LORD,¹ sun and moon;
sing praise, all you¹ shining stars.

⁴Praise the LORD, heav-¹ en of heavens,
and you waters a-¹ bove the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD,
who commanded, and they¹ were created,

⁶who made them stand fast forev-¹ er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not¹ pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD¹ from the earth,
you sea monsters¹ and all deeps;

⁸fire and hail,¹ snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do-¹ ing God's will;

⁹mountains¹ and all hills,
fruit trees¹ and all cedars;

¹⁰wild beasts¹ and all cattle,
creeping things and¹ flying birds;

¹¹sovereigns of the earth¹ and all peoples,
princes and all rulers¹ of the world;

¹²young¹ men and maidens,
old and¹ young together.

¹³Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted,
whose splendor is over¹ earth and heaven.

¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people
and praise for all¹ faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near
the LORD.¹ Hallelujah!

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LOOKING AHEAD

**Sunday Morning Worship January 7, 2024
Worship Assistants**

Acolytes	8:45 a.m. Jack Roehrs	11:00 a.m. Leigh Freeman
Lectors	Virgil Hobbs	Nancy Korn
Assisting Ministers	Virgil Hobbs	Nancy 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)	2:00 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 (Fellowship Hall)	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.
	Support Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	3:00 p.m.
January 22	Lutheran Men In Mission supper meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
January 27	Quilters (Quilting Room)	10:00 a.m.
January 28	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.

(we stand)

*The Hymn

"The First Noel"

Hymn #300

*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.**

*Hymn of Praise (sung by all)

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(Refrain)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God 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

Almighty God, You wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and You more wonderfully restored it. In Your mercy let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Children’s Sermon
The First Lesson (Isaiah 61:10-62:3)
Psalm 148
The Second Lesson (Galatians 4:4-7)

*The Gospel Acclamation (sung responsively)

Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule ' in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell ' in you richly. Alleluia. (Colossians 3:15,16)

*The Holy Gospel (Luke 2:22-40)

Sermon
*Hymn of the Day *“What Child Is This?”*

*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.**

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Pastor Johnson
Hymn # 296

SERVING YOU TODAY – December 31, 2023

Minister.....The Rev. Gordon Johnson
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
Acolyte.....Katelin Passow
Lector..... Dave Korn
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell
Tabulators.....Claude Calloway & Paul Rummage
(E) Chris Caldwell (Captain) Christopher Caldwell, Connor Caldwell, Kevin Lockhart,
Leon Chute
(L) Mike Oates (Captain) Mike Metz, Bobbi Metz, Michael 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 31 – January 6**

TODAY

10:00 a.m. One – Combined Worship (Sanctuary)
No Sunday School or Potluck Meal

MON.

HAPPY NEW YEAR (CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED)

WED.

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

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Worship Services – December 24 – 10:00 a.m. (66)
Christmas Eve Services – 4:00 p.m. (87) and 11:00 p.m. (65)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

December 24- Operating Fund \$8,614.70, Memorial Fund \$10.00, Initial Offering \$10.00, Utilities Fund \$70.00

FUN NIGHT

Our next Family Fun Night will be on Wednesday, January 10th . We will meet in Fellowship Hall for a time of **Food, Fun & Fellowship** around a Biblical theme. Adults and Kids of all ages are invited to join us! There will be crafts, games, and song. The meal will be provided.

WHEN: Wednesday, January 10th

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

WHAT: "THE THREE WISEMEN"

REMINDER

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.

TODAY IS OUR 5th SUNDAY ONE COMBINED WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

No Sunday School or Potluck meal

DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 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.

We welcome today Reverend A. Gordon Johnson and his wife, Pastor Marie. Pastor Johnson was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota, where he graduated from Albert Lea Senior High School and then St. Olaf College. He was commissioned as an officer and served in the US Air Force as a pilot for ten years. He attended Luther Theological Seminary in St Paul, MN and was ordained in 1968, returning to duty in the Air Force as a chaplain. Assignments included Japan, Germany, Alaska and numerous stateside bases. Following retirement in 1984, he served as lead pastor at Central Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, then as EWA-ID Synod interim pastor for five years before being called to Resurrection Lutheran Church, Juneau, AK. He was Executive Director of Catholic Charities in Juneau when called to serve as pastor pilot and Executive Director of Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP) in Canada, serving as pastor/mentor for native communities for five years. Married to Reverend Marie-Claude Herrenschildt in 2001, they were called to a 4- congregation parish in northern Montana for four years, retiring in 2007. Living in Granbury, TX for 14 years they served interim ministry several times before moving to Liberty, SC at the invitation of his youngest daughter and her husband. Pastor Johnson and Pastor Herrenschildt are currently members of University Lutheran Church in Clemson.

Pastor Fischer will be returning from vacation and will be back in the office on Tuesday morning.

**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

Anthem

“That Boy Child of Mary”

- Malawi traditional

Refrain

**That boy child of Mary was born in a stable,
A manger His cradle in Bethlehem.**

What shall we call Him, child of the manger?
What name is given in Bethlehem?
His name is Jesus, God ever with us,
God given for us in Bethlehem. **Refrain**

How can He save us, how can He help us,
Born here among us in Bethlehem.
Gift of the Father, to human mother,
makes Him our brother in Bethlehem. **Refrain**

One with the Father, He is our Savior,
heaven-sent helper in Bethlehem.
Gladly we praise Him, love and adore Him,
give ourselves to Him in Bethlehem. **Refrain**

*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

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

Hymn #289

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

The Dismissal

Postlude

“Love Has Come”

- F. Seguin

* Congregation Stands

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are placed on the altar by Bill & Chris Dafoe to the honor and glory of God and in loving remembrance of the Humyn and Dafoe Families.

WELCA MEETINGS

Katie's Ladies

Leader: Beth Cribbe

Date: January 9

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Office Conference Room

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Luther's Ladies

Leader: Beth Fischer

Date: January 18

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Office Conference Room

**LUTHERAN MEN IN
MISSION**

Supper Meeting

January 22

6:00 p.m.

in

Fellowship Hall

HELPFUL HINT

Could you give me some more information about the church bulletin?

You may not be aware of it but the bulletin covers come preprinted from Augsburg Fortress, our Lutheran publishing company, on a quarterly basis. One side is blank for our use while the other side has the scripture readings and the front cover design that you see on Sunday morning.

Each week Pat, our secretary, and the pastor, create the material to be included in our Sunday bulletins. Each Thursday morning, the bulletins are printed at 9:00 a.m. so please keep this in mind when submitting articles and prayer requests. Items can be submitted for the bulletin by calling or emailing Pat in the church office. After printing, volunteers come in to assist in the bulletin assembly. We are grateful for Vicki Allen who assembles the bulletins.

You are encouraged to take your bulletin home with you after the worship service to keep up with the activities that will take place that week. If there is a Sunday when you and your family will be out of town, the ushers have been instructed to leave several bulletins after the worship service in the narthex so that you may come by the church at your convenience and pick one up, if so desired.

Long Term Prayer List Continued

Sandy Matlack Forrest

Laura Wagner

Sue Walthall

David Lane

Ann Willis Inman

Nina & Larry Sherman

Jill Helgeson

Paul Wagner

Bob & Susan Straup

Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt

Jill Helgeson

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Names listed for the dates of 11/5 thru 10/1 will be removed from the prayer list next week. If a name from this date is being removed that you would like to stay on, please resubmit it.

PRAYER 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
 12/10 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
 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

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 Congregation
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 Kim Hill
 Pat Ross
 Congregation
 Jill Helgeson
 Jill Helgeson
 Bonnie Emanuel
 The Stokes Family
 The Stokes Family
 Andy & Sharon Christmas
 Andy & Sharon Christmas
 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

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
 Joan Stinson
 Susan Socha
 Robert Scribner
 Danny Rouse
 Sandy Matlack Forrest
 Sue Walthall
 David Lane
 Nina & Larry Sherman
 Kenneth
 Patty Norman
 Joan Stinson
 Susan Socha
 Robert Scribner
 Danny Rouse

Janice Davenport

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