

## **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.*

### **Second Sunday of Advent**

December 10, 2023

11:00 a.m.

### **GATHERING**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*"The Wexford Carol"*

Philip Maue

Soloist – Amy Goodson

\*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)



### **What is the Congregational Caroling and Chili event that I keep hearing about?"**

For many years, we have enjoyed this wonderful outreach tradition of the congregation. We thought it might be good to remind everyone how this event will work. On December 17, you are invited to participate in a good ol' Christmas Caroling event. We will gather in Fellowship Hall to divide into two groups to visit local members as well as those in surrounding assisted living/nursing home facilities. We are aiming to depart at 5:00 p.m. and ask everyone to arrive a few minutes before this time to arrange carpooling details and to review the planned stops for the evening. Afterwards, we will return to Fellowship Hall for some delicious homemade chili and sandwiches, provided by members of Holy Trinity. This is an excellent opportunity to wear that Christmas sweater you have been hiding in your closet (or that Santa hat or reindeer antlers). If you still have any questions, please contact Pastor Fischer.

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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 17, 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)	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.
	Congregational Christmas Chili and Caroling (Fellowship Hall)	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)	6:00 p.m.
	Advent Service (Sanctuary)	7:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice after worship	
December 22	Choir Christmas Gathering (Helgeson Home) with heavy hors d’oeuvres and desserts.	6:30 p.m.
December 24	One-Combined Worship (Sanctuary)	10:00 a.m.
	Christmas Eve Worship w/Communion Lessons and Carols	4:00 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Liturgical Worship w/Communion	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 31<sup>ST</sup>.

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**

**PAGEANT: ANGEL MESSAGES**

Hymn 270

***“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”***

(remain seated)

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”  
Joyful, all you nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”**

Scene 1: The Angels of God appear, worshiping God.

Scene 2: The prophecy to Zechariah

Scene 3: The prophecy to Mary

Solo: **“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”** Steven House

Scene 4: Joseph’s Dream

Scene 5: Mary visits Elizabeth.

Scene 6: The birth of John the Baptist

Hymn 254 **“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”** (we remain seated)

**Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear desire of ev’ry nation, joy of ev’ry longing heart.**

Scene 7: The animals arrive.

Scene 8: Mary and Joseph journey to Bethlehem.

Scene 9: The angels visit the shepherds.

Hymn 289 **“Angels We Have Heard on High”** (we remain seated)

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Scene 10: The Wise Men seek the Messiah.

Hymn 302 **“As with Gladness Men of Old”** (we remain seated)

**As with Gladness men of old, did the guiding star behold.  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright.  
So, most gracious Lord, may we, evermore be led by Thee.**

Scene 11: The Wise Men bring their gifts to the Messiah.

Solo: **“Blessed Be the God of Israel”** Amy Goodson

**SERVING YOU TODAY – December 10, 2023**

Minister..... Pastor Chris Fischer  
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson  
Acolyte..... Katie Fischer  
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell  
Tabulators.....Robert & Vicki Allen  
(L) Mike Oates (Captain) Mike Metz, Bobbi Metz, Michael Oates  
Church Secretary.....Pat Ross  
President .....Bobbi Metz  
Vice-President.....Beth Cribbe  
Treasurer.....Diane Richardson  
Financial Secretary.....Jane Potter  
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 (Fellowship Hall)

**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

**SAT.**

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

**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.

## 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:**

**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

\*Hymn 267

*“Joy to the World”*

(we stand)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare Him room and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns! Let all their  
songs employ while fields and floods, rocks hills and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrow grow nor thorns infest  
the ground; he comes to make His blessings  
flow far as the curse is found. far as the curse is found  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the earth with truth and grace and makes  
the nations prove the glories of His righteousness  
and wonders of His love and wonders of His love,  
and wonders, wonders of His love.

\*The Peace Is Shared  
The Offering Is Received

Organ Offertory

*“Angels We Have Heard On High”*

-Wilbur Held

\*The Offertory Hymn

*“Create In Me”*

**Hymn # 186**

\*Installation of New Council Members

\*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 15<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**PAGEANT CAST:**

Angels: Jill Helgeson, Beth Cribbe & Lauren Guthre

Narrators: Nancy Korn, Sandi Jordan

Zechariah: Mike Metz

Elizabeth: Bobbi Metz

Mary: Suzie Bannister

Joseph: Jay Bannister

Shepherds: Steven House, Dave Korn & Paul Wagner

Wise Men: Richard & Michael Caruso, Leon Chute

Herod: Jack Roehrs

Priest: Paul Wagner

Animals: Abi Caldwell & Friends

Author: Brenda McGowan

Director: Virgil Hobbs

Costumes: Kris Yon



**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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# ANGEL MESSAGES

## 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



**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**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

**SPONSORS**

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  
The Stokes Family  
The Stokes Family  
Andy & Sharon Christmas  
Andy & Sharon Christmas  
Pat Ross  
Tamara Polsdorfer  
Rette Stokes  
Jill Helgeson  
Johnnie Hunnicutt  
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

**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  
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Danny Rouse  
Sandy Matlack Forrest  
Laura Wagner  
Sue Walthall  
David Lane  
Nina & Larry Sherman

**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  
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Jan House  
Brenda McGowan  
Jill Helgeson  
Paul Wagner  
Bob & Susan Straup  
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt  
Jill Helgeson



Congratulations to Chelsea Nicole Drennan and Trevor Reed Rowland who were united in Holy Matrimony yesterday in Greenville, S.C.