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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.*

### THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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

January 7, 2024

### GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"O Lord, Look Down From Heaven, Behold"* - Johann Pachelbel

\*The Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (we kneel)

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



## Psalm 29

Ascribe to the <sup>1</sup>LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo-<sup>1</sup>ry and strength.  
<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory <sup>1</sup>due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beau-<sup>1</sup>ty of holiness.  
<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of <sup>1</sup>glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the <sup>1</sup>mighty waters.  
<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a pow-<sup>1</sup>erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a <sup>1</sup>voice of splendor.  
<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the <sup>1</sup>cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce-<sup>1</sup>ders of Lebanon;  
<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip <sup>1</sup>like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a <sup>1</sup>young wild ox.  
<sup>7</sup>The voice <sup>1</sup>of the LORD  
bursts forth in <sup>1</sup>lightning flashes.  
<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD <sup>1</sup>shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder-<sup>1</sup>ness of Kadesh.  
<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the <sup>1</sup>forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are <sup>1</sup>crying, "Glory!"  
<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned a-<sup>1</sup>bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for-<sup>1</sup>evermore.  
<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength <sup>1</sup>to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless-<sup>1</sup>ings of peace.

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**SERVING YOU TODAY – January 7, 2024**

Minister..... Pastor Fischer  
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson  
Acolytes.....(E) Jack Roehrs (L) Leigh Freeman  
Lectors.....(E) Virgil Hobbs (L) Nancy Korn  
Assisting Ministers.....(E) Virgil Hobbs (L) Nancy Korn  
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell  
Tabulators..... Mike & Leslie Cox

**Ushers:**

(E ) Mike Cox - Captain, Leslie Cox, Suzie Bannister, Robert Allen, Olin Bell, Tom Adrian  
(L) Mike Oates - Captain, Dave Korn, Sandi Jordan, Cherie Brown, Kristie Evans, Chad Evans

Church Secretary.....Pat Ross  
President .....Beth Cribbe  
Vice-President.....Rynde Dial  
Treasurer.....Diane Richardson  
Council Secretary.....Lauren Guthre

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK  
January 7 – January 13**

**TODAY**

8:45 a.m. Worship Service (In Sanctuary)  
Early Choir Practice  
10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Church School Class (Fellowship Hall)  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (In Sanctuary)

**TUES.**

2:00 p.m. Katie’s Ladies (Office Conference Room)

**WED.**

10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)  
5:30 p.m. Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

**ATTENDANCE**

One-Combined Worship Service – December 31 – 10:00 a.m. (59)

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

December 31 - Operating Fund \$2,696.00, Utilities Fund \$70.00, Advent Offering \$30.00,  
Endowment Fund \$200.00, A.I.M. Fund \$200.00

(we stand)

\*The Hymn

***“Baptized and Set Free”***

**Hymn #453**

\*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.**

\*Canticle 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

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, Your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in Your grace, and transform us by Your Spirit, that we may follow after Your Son, 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

The First Lesson (Genesis 1:1-5)

Psalm 29

The Second Lesson (Acts 19:1-7)

\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)

*Alleluia. A voice from heaven said “This is my Son, ' the Beloved, with whom I ' am well pleased. Alleluia.* (Matthew 3:17)

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

\*The Holy Gospel (Mark 1:4-11) Bulletin Cover

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

Sermon **“CLAIMED BY GOD”**

\*Hymn of the Day **“This Is The Spirit’s Entry Now”**

\*The 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**

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**Hymn # 448**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday Morning Worship January 14, 2024  
Worship Assistants**

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	
Acolytes	Claude Calloway	Michael Caruso	
Lectors	Gail Cannon	Sandi Jordan	
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 (Fellowship Hall)		12:15 p.m.
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 23	Service Committee Meeting (Office Conference Room)		2:00 p.m.
January 24	T.O.P.S. Meeting (Pairs and Spares Room)		10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice		7:00 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.
January 31	T.O.P.S. Meeting (Pairs and Spares Room)		10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice		7:00 p.m.



**Reminder, all 2023 annual reports are due today, January 7.**

## **FUN NIGHT**

Our next Family Fun Night will be on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup>

**5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

**WHAT:** "THE THREE WISEMEN"

## **NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

Semi-Annual meeting of the congregation will be held Sunday, February 11<sup>TH</sup> at 9:50 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. At this meeting the officers of the congregation, staff, committee chairs, organization presidents/leaders will present a brief report highlighting the accomplishments of the previous ministry year. There will be a light breakfast provided.

### **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**

## **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.

**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 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 Leader concludes each petition with "Lord In Your Mercy," and the response is, "Hear our Prayer."*

\*The Peace Is Shared

### **MEAL**

The Offering Is Received

Offertory Anthem

*"When Jesus Came To Jordan"*

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,

He did not come for pardon but as the Sinless One.

He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,

To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss

For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.

So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,

The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;

This very day invade us, and ev'ry bondage break.

Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:

To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

\*The Offertory Hymn      **“Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful”**      **Hymn # 181**

\*The Prayer (The congregation responds with AMEN.)

\*The Great Thanksgiving (sung responsively)      page 129

- L. The Lord be with you.
- C. **And also with you.**
- L. Lift up your hearts.
- C. **We lift them to the Lord.**
- L. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

\*Preface of the Day      page 130

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise (Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding) ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

\*Sanctus (sung by all)      page 130

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

\*The Words of Institution      page 130

\*The Lord's Prayer

**C. 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.**

\*The Communion Hymn (sung by all)      page 135

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

(we sit)

**The Communion** (Continuous method-Please follow the directions of the ushers.)  
*Invited to commune at this altar are all baptized believers. Children not yet receiving Holy Communion are invited to come with their families to receive a blessing. On the way up, you are to pick up a cup and bring it to the altar. Prefilled cups in the center of the tray contain grape juice; otherwise wine will be dispensed at the altar into empty cups. Gluten free wafers are available as needed. Please notify the Pastor. To have the elements brought to you for communion, please notify an Usher. It would be helpful if you would sit on the front pew or on the aisle. As you go to the altar for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers into the water of the Baptismal Font and make a sign of the cross on your forehead in remembrance of your baptism.*

\*The Communion Blessing      Pastor Fischer

\*Post Communion Hymn      **“Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant”**      page 135

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled,  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared  
In the sight of ev'ry people: a light to reveal you to the  
Nations and the glory of your people Israel.**

\*Prayer after Communion (The congregation responds with AMEN.)      page 136

**SENDING**

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn      **“Christ When For Us You Were Baptized”**      **Hymn #304**

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

The Dismissal      page 137

Postlude      **“All Who Believe and Are Baptized”**      - Wittenburg, 1524

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(\* ) “Indicates congregation to stand (L) Leader (C) Congregation

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Sandi Jordan to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of the birthday of her Grandma Daisy Freeman.

**PRAYER LIST**

12/31 The Family of Ruth Teagle  
 12/31 The Family of Mary Jo Slice  
 12/31 The Holmes Family  
 12/31 The Family of Shirley Brown  
 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  
 12/10 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  
 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

**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

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 Johnnie Hunnicutt  
 Kati Smith  
 Robin Sandwick  
 Jill Helgeson  
 Anna Caldwell  
 Brenda McGowan  
 Lee Moody  
 The Lybrand & Stokes Families  
 Congregation  
 Bob & Susan Straup  
 Kim Hill  
 Pat Ross  
 Congregation  
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 Sandy Matlack Forrest  
 Sue Walthall  
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**The 2023 offering envelopes are in the Narthex; please remember to pick yours up if you have not already done so.**