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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.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 a.m.

December 15, 2024

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:

"Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

arr. Brenda McGowan

*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.**

(we stand)

LONG TERM PRAYERS

Edmond Pop

Ed Hartshorn

Elanor Dean

Mike Borron

Henri Holmes Adair Baker

Gabrielle Godfrey

Carolyn Culbreath

Abby Barrett & Family

Buddy & Lesley Taylor

Ross King

Willy E. Johnson

Michael Morrison

Pruitt Martin

Joan Stinson

Susan Socha

Robert Scribner

Danny Rouse

Laura Wagner

Sue Walthall

Nina & Larry Sherman

Gretchen Fant

SPONSORS

The Fischer Family

Pat Ross

The Stokes Family

Paul Wagner

The Stokes Family

Brenda McGowan

The Stokes Family

Jay & Suzie Bannister

Marisa Adrian

Cherie Brown

The Stokes Family

Jill Helgeson

Bob Vinson

Brenda McGowan

Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt

Jan House

Brenda McGowan

Paul Wagner

Bob & Susan Straup

Jill Helgeson

Jill Helgeson



PRAYER LIST

12/8 Ann Blair
12/8 The Family of Kathy Isbell
12/8 Ben Blanks
12/8 Terry & Rose Schalk
12/1 Joshua Nelson
12/1 Jim Dancik
12/1 Joby Hefner
12/1 The Family of Barbara Cheatham
12/1 The Family of Anne Landers
11/24 Alma Dupree
11/24 Doug and Cindy Wilson
11/24 The Family of Steve Wyman
11/24 Jean Vinson
11/17 Jessica Wagner
11/17 Judy Jarrett
11/17 Rette Stokes
11/17 The Family of Becky Smoak
11/17 David Burns
11/17 Sherri Bryant
11/10 Jessica Wagner
11/10 The Family of Dr. Ward Watt
11/10 Fred Johnson & Family
11/3 Tom Adrian
11/3 The Family of Frankie Dial
10/27 Cheryl Lane
10/27 Genda Zareei
10/27 Becky McIntosh
10/20 Ann West
10/20 The Family of Fred Rose
10/20 The Family of Eric Rasche
10/20 The Family of Mrs. Laura Morrison
10/20 The Family of Chris Goodwin
10/20 Don Simon
10/20 The Family of Henry Fischer
10/13 Dan Hunnicutt
10/13 Sharon Christmas
10/13 Kaitlin Crenshaw and twins
10/13 Dr. Ward Watt

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Jill Helgeson
Paul Wagner
Bob Vinson
Robert & Vicki Allen
Michelle Nelson
Donna Dancik
Jamie Corrigan
Congregation
Leon Chute
Michael Oates
Robert & Vicki Allen
Bob Vinson
Bobby Wagner
The Fischer Family
Sid Stokes
Congregation
Jill Helgeson
Robert & Vicki Allen
Bobby Wagner
The Stokes Family
Christina Fischer
Congregation
Congregation
Johnnie Hunnicutt
Johnnie Hunnicutt
Bob & Susan Straup
Brenda McGowan
Brenda McGowan
Congregation
Gail Cannon
The Fischer Family
Congregation
The Fischer Family
Johnnie Hunnicutt
Caldwell Family & Congregation
Sandi Jordan
The Stokes Family

*Hymn

“Hark, The Glad Sound!”

Hymn #239

*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 the wills of Your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in Your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Lighting of the Advent Candle - *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* Stanzas 1 - 3 Hymn #257

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 Interlude

“Mary Did You Know?”

arr. Alexander

*The Offertory Hymn

“Let the Vineyards be Fruitful”

Hymn #181

*The Prayer (The congregation responds with AMEN.)

*The Great Thanksgiving (sung responsively)

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.

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*Sanctus (sung by all)

**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.

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*Preface of the Day

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:

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* The Eucharistic Prayer

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*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.

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*The Communion Hymn (sung by all)

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.

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POINSETTIAS for the Christmas Eve services will be provided this year for \$13.00. 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 **TODAY**. 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 Tree



Thank you to all who made the Angel Tree Project successful again this year. We have helped make some children very happy this Christmas Season.

We are grateful today for Brenda McGowan serving as our pianist.

Caroling and Chili

Our Congregational Christmas Caroling and Chili will take place next Sunday. We will begin to gather in Fellowship Hall at 4:45 p.m. and **LEAVE** in carpools promptly at 5:00 p.m. Afterwards, we will return to Fellowship Hall for some wonderful chili and desserts. Come Join us!!!

LOOKING AHEAD
Worship Assistants, December 22

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Jay Bannister	Brady West
Lectors	Pamela Michalski	Rev. Stephen Roehrs
December 22	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Children's Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room - Education Building)	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a. m.
	Congregational Chili and Caroling (Fellowship Hall)	5:00 p.m.
December 24	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.
	No Sunday School or Potluck meal	
January 1	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
January 2	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Dining Divas (La Fogata Mexican Restaurant)	6:00 p.m.
January 5	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Children's Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room - Education Building)	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
January 8	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall)	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
January 12	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Children's Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room - Education Building)	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a. m.

(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 page 135

“Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant”
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
 (we sit)

PAGEANT: DO YOU BELIEVE?

Scene 1:

Older Mary: Will you believe? Will you believe? What God has done for me and you!

He sent His Son to save the world, He came to Bethlehem, it's true
 He sent His son to save us all from Satan's power and the grave.
 For you I bore the Son of God to save the world.

Gabriel appears to Zachariah
 Elizabeth comes to Zachariah

Scene 2:

Older Mary: The angel came to see me, too, with more of what our God would do,
 I was afraid and so surprised, the words I heard changed my life.
 Our God picked me to bear His Son to be the savior of us all,
 I was to bear the Son of God to save the world.

Gabriel Appears to Mary.

Scene 3:

Mary visits Elizabeth
Mary and Older Mary- Magnificat duet

Scene 4: Gabriel appears to Joseph

Older Mary And as God planned, my Joseph came, we made a home began our life,
God gave us strength to plan to raise His son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.
For you I bore the Son of God to save the world.

Scene 5: Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem

Congregation Hymn:

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

Older Mary

A dusty road and dirty feet, a tired body, not much to eat.
How far we've come, we need a place,
In Bethlehem, but there's no space.
No place to birth this baby boy, God's Son and mine, this child divine.
No place to birth the Son of God to save the world.

Animal Solo: Away in a Manger

Scene 6: Angel appears to the shepherds

Choir: **Glory to God in the Highest**

Scene 7: The shepherds go to the manger

Older Mary The shepherds saw inside a stable, Wrapped just as any child would be,
In swaddling clothes, no regal sable, The Son that God had given me.
He gave His Son for us to raise, a perfect child, perfect man.
For you I bore the Son of God to save the world.

Scene 8: The Wise Men appear

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

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Offerings received after this date cannot be credited to 2024.

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

Early reminder, 2024 annual reports are due on or before Sunday, January 5th. All 2024
Committee Chairs are to turn in a report to the church office.

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 & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Mid-Week Advent Meals – 6:00 p.m.

December 18 The Lutheran Church Youth – host

Worship follows at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18 “Witness to Christmas - The Angels”

The Mid-Week offerings received will be donated to the SC Synod Disaster Relief Fund.

Mark your calendars:

Choir Party – December 19 - Helgeson’s Home at 6:30 p.m.

Congregational Chili and Caroling – December 22 at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services – 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

December 15 – December 21

TODAY

8:45 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 Pageant Practice
 Adult Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Congregational Pageant (Sanctuary)

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 (Host – Youth) (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 Choir practice after worship

THUR.

6:30 p.m. Choir Gathering at Helgeson’s Home

SERVING YOU TODAY – December 15, 2024

Minister..... The Rev. J. Chris Fischer
 Pianist.....Brenda McGowan
 Acolyte.....Landen Moody
 Lector.....Mike Metz
 Assisting Minister.....Nancy Korn
 Video/IT Engineers..... Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell, Mike Oates
 Tabulators.....Claude Calloway & Amy Goodson

Ushers:
 (L) Mike Oates - Captain, Dave Korn, Sandi Jordan, Cherie Brown, Kristie Evans, Chad Evans

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

ATTENDANCE Sunday Worship Service – December 8 – 8:45 a.m. (58) 11:00 a.m. (49)
 Advent Mid-Week Service – December 11 - 7:00 p.m. (43)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED – December 8, 2024 Operating Fund \$4,456.00, Poinsettias Fund \$195.00, Mid-Week Advent Donations \$265.00, Utilities Fund \$140.00, Columbarium Fund \$1,200.00

Angel Solo The wise men seeing him so fair, bow low before him, and with prayer
 Their treasured eastern gifts unfold, Of incense, myrrh, and royal gold,

 The golden tribute calls him king, but frankincense to God they bring,
 And last prophetic sign with myrrh, they shadow forth his sepulcher.

 O Jesus, whom the Gentiles see, With Father, Spirit, One in Three.
 To you O God be glory giv’n, By saints on earth and saints in heav’n.

Finale: Cast, Choir and Congregation

Mary My Lord and God, You’ve given me This child, your Son, our Savior.
 This precious gift, eternal life, If only you believe.

Older Mary Do you believe? do you believe? What God has done for me and you.
 He sent His Son to save the world He came to Bethlehem, it’s true.
 He sent his Son to save us all from Satan’s power and the grave.
 For you I bore the Son of God to save the world.

Cast We do believe, we do believe, What God has done for me and you.
 He sent His Son to save the world, He came to Bethlehem, it’s true.
 He sent His Son to save us all from Satan’s power and the grave,
 You bore for us the Son of God to save the world.

**Congregation We do believe, we do believe What God has done for me and you.
 He sent His Son to save the world, He came to Bethlehem, it’s true.
 He sent His Son to save the world from Satan’s power and the
 grave.
 You bore for us the Son of God to save the world!**

Cast He came to save us ALL!

*The Dismissal
Cast: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive its
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em -
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow Nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 ground; He comes to make his bless - ings
 prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 ness And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing,
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

*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.**

Postlude

"Wake, Awake"

-arr. Carter

(*) "Indicates congregation to stand"

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jay and Suzie Bannister to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of the birthday their son, Julian, on December 12th.

ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are now available in the Sound Room. Please see an usher to inquire about their use.

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 pews. Please place these in the offering plate. Names will be listed in next week's bulletin.

Pageant Cast

Elder Mary	Beth Cribbe
Younger Mary	Lauren Guthre
Inn Keeper	Sydney Moody
Zach	Paul Wagner
Elizabeth	Christina Fischer
Gabriel	Joshua Fischer
Shepherds	Ben Fortner, Christopher Caldwell, Robert O'Connor, Chad Evans
Priests	Mike Oates, Kenny Ossenfort
Herod	Richard Caruso
Old Wise Man	Sid Stokes
Less Old Wiser Man	Lee Moody
Much Less Old Wise Man	Landen Moody
Angels	Michelle Nelson, Sue Rashe, Lucy Roehrs, Kate Roehrs, Diana James, Whitney Moody, Jay Bannister, Virgil Hobbs, and Michael Oates
Animals	Daisy Roehrs, Abigail Caldwell, Lydia Caldwell, Owen Oates

Author: Brenda McGowan
 Director: Virgil Hobbs
 Costumes: Kris Yon

CHRISTMAS EVE

WORSHIP SERVICES – December 24th

Worship Service w/Communion Lessons and Carols – 4:00 p.m.
A nursery will be provided.

Christmas Eve Liturgical Worship Service w/Communion - 11:00 p.m.

Note: There will be candle lighting at both services.

DECEMBER 29

One – Combined Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Note: There will be no meal or Sunday School Classes.

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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.

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