

# 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.*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**The Service**

**8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

**December 22, 2024**

## GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*"My Soul Now Magnifies The Lord"*

-setting by Jacobus Kloppers

\*The Confession & Forgiveness

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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.**



## Psalmody Luke 1:46b-55

(sung responsively)

My soul proclaims the greatness <sup>1</sup> of the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>my spirit rejoices in <sup>1</sup> God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your <sup>1</sup> lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will <sup>1</sup> call me blessed:**

<sup>49</sup>you, the Almighty, have done great <sup>1</sup> things for me  
and holy <sup>1</sup> is your name.

<sup>50</sup>**You have mercy on <sup>1</sup> those who fear you,  
from generation to <sup>1</sup> generation.**

<sup>51</sup>You have shown strength <sup>1</sup> with your arm  
and scattered the proud in <sup>1</sup> their conceit,

<sup>52</sup>**casting down the mighty <sup>1</sup> from their thrones  
and lifting <sup>1</sup> up the lowly.**

<sup>53</sup>You have filled the hungry <sup>1</sup> with good things  
and sent the rich <sup>1</sup> away empty.

<sup>54</sup>**You have come to the aid of your <sup>1</sup> servant Israel,  
to remember the prom- <sup>1</sup> ise of mercy,**

<sup>55</sup>the promise made <sup>1</sup> to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his chil- <sup>1</sup> dren forever.

\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung responsively)

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

*Alleluia.* (Luke 1:38)

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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**

**One-Combined Worship Service, Worship Assistants, December 29**

10:00 a.m.

Acolytes Cathy Rudisill  
Lectors Jane Potter

December 29	One-Combined Worship (Sanctuary) No Sunday School or Potluck meal	10:00 a.m.
January 1	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) Choir Practice	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
January 2	Dining Divas (La Fogata Mexican Restaurant)	6:00 p.m.
January 5	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Early Choir Practice (After Worship) Children’s Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room - Education Building) Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a. m.
January 8	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall) Choir Practice	10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
January 12	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Early Choir Practice (After Worship) Children’s Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room - Education Building) Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) Worship Service (Sanctuary) Worship & Music Meeting after the Late Service	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a. m.
January 13	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
January 15	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) Choir Practice	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
January 16	Luther’s Ladies Circle Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.

**“Dining Divas”**

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**6:00 p.m.**

**La Fogata Mexican Restaurant  
1475 Pearman Dairy Rd. #A  
Anderson, SC**

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(we stand)

\*The Hymn

*“Savior of The Nations Come”*

**Hymn #263**

\*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 binds us, that we may receive You in joy and serve You always, 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 1-4

**Hymn #257**

The First Lesson (Micah 5:2-5a)

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Psalmody (Luke 1:46b-55)

Inside Cover

The Second Lesson (Hebrews 10:5-10)

Outside Cover

\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung responsively)

*Alleluia. Here I am, the servant ' of the Lord; let it be with me according ' to your word.*  
*Alleluia.* (Luke 1:38)

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

\*The Holy Gospel (Luke 1:39-45[46-55])

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*After the reading:* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**  
Sermon **“MARY, ELIZABETH, AND US”**

\*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.**

Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer  
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson  
Acolyte.....(E) Jay Bannister (L) Brady West  
Lector.....(E) Pamela Michalski (L) Rev. Stephen Roehrs  
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell/Mike Oates  
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  
December 22 – December 28**

**TODAY**

8:45 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
Early Choir Practice  
10:00 a.m. Children’s Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room - Education Building)  
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
5:00 p.m. Congregational Christmas Chili and Caroling

**TUE.**

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

**WED.**

**CHRISTMAS DAY - OFFICE CLOSED**

**THURS.**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**ATTENDANCE**

Sunday Worship Services – December 15 – 8:45 a.m. (32) 11:00 a.m. (98)  
Mid-Week Advent Service - December 18 (36)

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

December 15- Operating Fund \$27,103.68, A.I.M. Fund \$200.00, Advent Offerings \$346.00, Use of Facilities Fund \$151.00, Poinsettias \$104.00, Endowment Fund \$75.00, Angel Tree Fund \$100.00

## 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  
Danny Rouse  
Laura Wagner  
Sue Walthall  
Nina & Larry Sherman  
Gretchen Fant

### 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.

Note: there will be Candle lighting at both services.

### Sunday, December 29

One-Combined Worship

10:00 a.m.

No Sunday School or Potluck Meal.

## **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.

\*The Peace Is Shared

## SPONSORS

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The Offering Is Received

Anthem 8:45 a.m. **“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”** - arr. Ralph V. Williams

Soloist – Lucy Roehrs

Choir Anthem 11:00 a.m. **“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”** - arr. Ralph V. Williams

My soul proclaims Your greatness, Lord; I sing my Savior’s praise!

You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.

Now ev’ry land and ev’ry age this blessing shall proclaim

Great wonders You have done for me, and holy is Your name.

To all who live in holy fear Your mercy ever flows.

With mighty arm You dash the proud, their scheming hearts expose.

The ruthless You have cast aside, the lowly throned instead;

The hungry filled with all good things, the rich sent off unfed.

To Israel, Your servant blest, Your help is ever sure;

The promise to our parents made their children will secure.

Sing glory to the Holy One, give honor to the Word,

And praise the Pow’r of the Most High, one God, by all adored.

\*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                      ***“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”***                      **Hymn #254**

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

The Dismissal

Postlude                      ***“Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending”***                      -Thomas Olivers

\*Congregation Stands

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

**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.

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The 2025 offering envelopes are in the Narthex; please ask the usher for your box of envelopes.

All offerings to be credited to 2024 must be received by December 31<sup>ST</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup>. All 2024 Committee Chairs are to turn in a report to the church office.



Congratulations to Lauren Guthre and Patrick Sayers who were united in Holy Matrimony on December 14, 2024. We pray for God’s blessings to be upon them in their new life together.

**PRAYER LIST**

- 12/15 Matthew Vinson
- 12/8 Ann Blair
- 12/8 Terry & Rose Schalk
- 12/8 Ben Blanks
- 12/8 The Family of Kathy Isbell
- 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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