

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 29, 2024

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Beth Cribbe

Prelude "ask Sharon"

*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.**



Psalm 148

(Sing responsively)

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD ¹ from the heavens;
praise God ¹ in the heights.

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

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

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

⁵Let them praise the name ¹ of the LORD,
who commanded, and they ¹ were created,

⁶who made them stand fast forev- ¹ er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not ¹ pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD ¹ from the earth,
you sea monsters ¹ and all deeps;

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

⁹mountains ¹ and all hills,
fruit trees ¹ and all cedars;

¹⁰wild beasts ¹ and all cattle,
creeping things and ¹ flying birds;

¹¹sovereigns of the earth ¹ and all peoples,
princes and all rulers ¹ of the world;

¹²young ¹ men and maidens,
old and ¹ young together.

¹³Let them praise the name ¹ of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted,
whose splendor is over ¹ earth and heaven.

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

*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)

LOOKING AHEAD
Worship Assistants, January 5

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Claude Calloway	Katie Fischer
Lectors	Matt Roehrs	Sid Stokes
Assisting Minister	Steven House	Rev. Stephen Roehrs
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.
	Worship & Music Meeting after the Late Service (Fellowship Hall)	
January 13	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
January 15	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
January 16	Luther's Ladies Circle Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
January 19	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 22	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
January 25	Quilters (Quilting Room)	10:00 a.m.

(we stand)

*The Hymn

“Good Christians Friends, Rejoice”

Hymn #288

*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

Shine into our hearts the light of Your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of Your word, that in all things we may think and act according to Your good will and may live continually in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Children’s Sermon
The First Lesson (1 Samuel 2:18-20,26)
Psalm 148
The Second Lesson (Colossians 3:12-17)

***The Gospel Acclamation (sung responsively)**

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

*The Holy Gospel (Luke 2:41-52)

Sermon
*Hymn of the Day *“The First Noel”*

*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 Booher
Hymn # 300**

SERVING YOU TODAY – December 29, 2024

Minister.....The Rev. Booher
Organist.....Sharon Christmas
Acolyte.....Cathy Rudisill
Lector.....Jane Potter
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell, Mike Oates
Tabulators.....Jan House & Sandi Jordan
(E) Mike Cox - Captain, Leslie Cox, Suzie Bannister, Robert Allen, Olin Bell, Tom Adrian
Church Secretary.....Pat Ross
PresidentBeth Cribbe
Vice-President.....Rynde Dial
Treasurer.....Diane Richardson
Council Secretary.....Lauren Guthrie

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK
December 29 – January 4**

TODAY

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

WED.

HAPPY NEW YEAR (CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED)

THUR.

6:00 p.m. Dining Divas (La Fogata Mexican Restaurant)

FUN NIGHT

Our next Family Fun Night will be on Wednesday, January 8th . 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 8th

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

WHAT: THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

“ I Am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods.”

**TODAY IS OUR 5th SUNDAY
ONE COMBINED WORSHIP**

10:00 a.m.

No Sunday School or Potluck meal

REMINDER

All offerings to be credited to 2024 must be received by December 31ST.
Offerings received after this date cannot be credited to 2024.

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

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.

“Dining Divas”

January 2nd

6:00 p.m.

La Fogata Mexican Restaurant

1475 Pearman Dairy Rd. #A

Anderson, SC

Please contact Beth Cribbe (864) 617-6216

or email bcribbe1@gmail.com

**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

“Love Has Come”

- F. Seguin/Ken Bible

Love has come a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; Hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Love is born! Come, share in the wonder, Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

*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 *“Go Tell It On The Mountain”* Hymn #290**

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

The Dismissal

Postlude *“Ask Sharon”* - F. Seguin

***Congregation stands**

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are placed on the altar by Dave & Nancy Korn to the honor and glory of God.

WELCA MEETING

Luther's Ladies

Leader: Beth Fischer
Date: January 16
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Office Conference Room

**LUTHERAN MEN IN
MISSION**

**Supper Meeting
January 27
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.



We are grateful to have Sharon Christmas fill in for Jill today as our organist. Thank you Sharon!!

PRAYER LIST

12/22 The Family of Robert Scribner
12/22 The Family of Jason Wood
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

SPONSORS

Congregation
Bobby & Jessica Wagner
Bob & Jean Vinson
Jill Helgeson
Robert & Vicki Allen
Bob Vinson
Paul Wagner
Michelle Nelson
Donna Dancik
Jamie Corrigan
Congregation
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

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

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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
Brenda McGowan
Paul Wagner
Bob & Susan Straup
Jill Helgeson
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We welcome back Pastor Booher to lead the worship service this morning. After 34 years of parish ministry, Pastor Bruce Booher retired to Seneca, SC in 2016. He served three congregations in Texas and one in Illinois. He and his wife, Penny, a retired marriage and family therapist, have three adult children and five grandchildren. He is chair of the Lutheran Alliance for Faith, Science and Technology. He studied physics and astronomy as an undergraduate at MIT, and loves offering presentations and retreats on the awe and wonder of God's creation. Pastor Booher invites you to visit his web site - www.mysteryandawe.com

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