

## 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.*

### THE SERVICE

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

January 5, 2025

### GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*"Of The Father's Love Begotten"*

- Fred Bock

\*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 147

(sung responsively)

Worship the LORD, <sup>1</sup> O Jerusalem;  
praise your <sup>1</sup> God, O Zion,  
<sup>13</sup> **who has strengthened the bars <sup>1</sup> of your gates  
and has blessed your chil- <sup>1</sup> dren within you.**  
<sup>14</sup> God has established peace <sup>1</sup> on your borders  
and satisfies you with the <sup>1</sup> finest wheat.  
<sup>15</sup> **God sends out a command <sup>1</sup> to the earth,  
a word that runs <sup>1</sup> very swiftly.**  
<sup>16</sup> God gives <sup>1</sup> snow like wool,  
scattering <sup>1</sup> frost like ashes.  
<sup>17</sup> **God scatters <sup>1</sup> hail like bread crumbs.  
Who can stand a- <sup>1</sup> gainst God's cold?**  
<sup>18</sup> The LORD sends forth the <sup>1</sup> word and melts them;  
the wind blows, and the <sup>1</sup> waters flow.  
<sup>19</sup> **God declares the <sup>1</sup> word to Jacob,  
statutes and judg- <sup>1</sup> ments to Israel.**  
<sup>20</sup> The LORD has not done so to any <sup>1</sup> other nation;  
they do not know God's judgments. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)

*Alleluia. All the ends ' of the earth have seen the victory ' of our God. Alleluia.* (Psalm 98:3)

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### 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.

**SERVING YOU TODAY – January 5, 2025**

Minister..... Pastor Fischer  
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson  
Acolytes.....(E) Claude Calloway (L) Katie Fischer  
Lectors.....(E) Matt Roehrs (L) Bobbi Metz  
Assisting Ministers.....(E) Steven House (L) Rev. Stephen Roehrs  
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**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

**January 5 – January 11**

**TODAY**

8:45 a.m. Worship Service (In 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 (In Sanctuary)

**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**

Attendance Worship Services – Christmas Eve Services – 4:00 p.m. (93) 11:00 p.m. (52)  
December 29 One-Combined Worship Service (51)

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

December 29 - Operating Fund \$4,970.00, Utilities Fund \$105.00, Christmas Eve \$1,216.00,  
World Hunger Fund \$50.00

(we stand)

\*The Hymn

*“Angels We Have Heard O High”*

**Hymn #289**

\*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

Almighty God, You have filled all the earth with the light of Your incarnate Word. By Your grace empower us to reflect Your light in all that we do, 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

The First Lesson (Jeremiah 31:7-14)

Psalm 147

The Second Lesson (Ephesians 1:3-14)

\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)

*Alleluia. All the ends ' of the earth have seen the victory ' of our God. Alleluia.* (Psalm 98:3)

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

\*The Holy Gospel John 1:[1-9] 10-18

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

Sermon **“AN AWESOME HOMECOMING”**

\*Hymn of the Day

*“The First Noel”*

**Hymn # 300**

\*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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**LOOKING AHEAD**  
**Worship Assistants, January 12**

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Lucy Roehrs	Landen Moody
Lectors	Bob Straup	John Trent
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)	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.
January 19	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. 11:00 a. m.
January 22	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) Choir Practice	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
January 25	Quilters (Quilting Room)	10:00 a.m.
January 26	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. 11:00 a. m.
January 27	Lutheran Men In Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
January 29	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) Choir Practice	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.

**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

*“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

Hymn #270

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

The Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

*“Let Our Gladness Have No End”*

15<sup>th</sup> Century Bohemian Carol

(\*) Indicates congregation to stand

**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.

**FUN NIGHT**

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

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

**WHAT: THE FIRST COMMANDMENT**

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

**LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION**

**Supper Meeting  
January 27  
6:00 p.m.  
in  
Fellowship Hall**

**WELCA MEETING**

**Luther's Ladies**

**Leader: Beth Fischer  
Date: January 16  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Place: Fellowship Hall**

**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 Anthems

8:45 a.m.

*“Bright And Glorious Is The Sky”*

19<sup>th</sup> Century, Danish

Bright and glorious is the sky, radiant are the heavens high

Where the golden stars are shining, all their rays to earth inclining

Beckon us to heav'n above, beckon us to heav'n above.

On that holy Christmas night through the darkness beamed a light;

All the stars above were paling, all their luster slowly failing

As the wondrous star drew nigh, as the wondrous star drew nigh.

Sages from the east afar, when they saw this wondrous star,

Went to find the king of nations and to offer their oblations

To the child, the newborn king, to the child, the newborn king.

Him they found in Bethlehem, yet He wore no diadem;  
There they saw a maiden lowly with an infant pure and holy  
Resting in her loving arms, resting in her loving arms.

And this star, as bright as day, that will never lead astray  
With its message so appealing, is the word of God revealing Christ,  
the way, the truth, the life, Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

11:00 a.m.                      ***“The Glory of The Father”***                      -E. Hovland/Frank Pooler

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.  
We beheld the glory of the Father,  
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God.  
In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.  
He came to His own, and His own, and His own received Him not.

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.  
We beheld the glory of the Father,  
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

\*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

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  
10/13 Dan Hunnicutt  
10/13 Sharon Christmas  
10/13 Kaitlin Crenshaw and twins  
10/13 Dr. Ward Watt

**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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Gail Cannon  
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Johnnie Hunnicutt  
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Sandi Jordan  
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**PRAYER LIST**

12/29 Shelley Carroll  
12/29 The Family of Gloria Harmon  
12/29 The Smith Family  
12/22 Cooper Straup  
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 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

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