

## **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 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

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

**January 12, 2025**

#### **GATHERING**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Jesus Loves Me"*

- William Bradbury/arr. David Paxton

\*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 29**

(sung responsively)

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> dars 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.

\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung responsively)

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

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**LOOKING AHEAD**  
**Worship Assistants, January 19**

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes		Brady West
Lectors	Susan Straup	Joshua Fischer
Assisting Minister	Susan Straup	Joshua Fischer
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.
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.
	Service Committee Meeting (Office Conference Room)	2:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
January 25	Quilters (Quilting Room)	10:00 a.m.
January 26	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 and Music Committee Meeting after Late Service (Fellowship Hall)	
January 27	Lutheran Men In Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
January 29	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.

(we stand)

\*The Hymn

*“Baptized In Water”*

Hymn #456

\*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's 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 anointed Jesus at His baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in Your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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 (Isaiah 43:1-7)

Psalm 29

The Second Lesson (Acts 8:14-17)

\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung responsively)

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*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 Luke. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

\*The Holy Gospel (Luke 3:15-17, 21-22)

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

Sermon

**“WASHING AWAY THE JUNK”**

\*Hymn of the Day

8:45 a.m.

**“Praise And Thanksgiving Be To God”**

**Hymn #458**

11:00 a.m.

**“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”**

**Hymn #443**

\*Nicene Creed [8:45 a.m.]

**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**

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**SERVING YOU TODAY – January 12, 2025**

Minister..... Pastor Fischer  
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson  
Acolytes.....(E) Lucy Roehrs (L) Landen Moody  
Lectors.....(E) Bob Straup (L) John Trent  
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell, Mike Oates  
Tabulators.....Dave & Nancy Korn  
(E) Chris Caldwell – Captain, Christopher Caldwell, Connor Caldwell, Kevin Lockhart,  
Leon Chute  
(L) Mike Oates – Captain, Richard Caruso, Mike Metz, Bobbi Metz, Michael Oates,  
Randy Passow  
Church Secretary.....Pat Ross  
President .....Beth Cribbe  
Vice-President.....Rynde Dial  
Treasurer.....Diane Richardson  
Council Secretary.....Lauren Guthre

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK  
January 12 – January 18**

**TODAY**

8:45 a.m.

Worship Service (In Sanctuary) - Baptism of Our Lord Sunday  
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) - Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

**MON.**

7:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**WED.**

10:00 a.m.

T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

**THUR.**

6:00 p.m.

Luther’s Ladies Circle Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**ATTENDANCE**

Worship Services Attendance – January 5 - 8:45 a.m. (57) 11:00 a.m. (43)

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

January 5 - Operating Fund \$10,564.00, World Hunger Fund \$50.00, Initial Offering 100.00,  
Endowment Fund \$100.00

**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.

**He suffered death and was buried.  
And became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
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.**

The Rite of Holy Baptism [11:00 a.m.]  
\*Apostles' Creed [11:00 a.m.]

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\*The Peace Is Shared  
The Offering Is Received

Offertory Anthems  
8:45 a.m. ***"To Jordan Came The Christ, Our Lord"*** M. Luther/J. Walther

To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord, to do His Father's pleasure;  
Baptized by John, the Father's Word was given us to treasure.  
This heav'nly washing now shall be a cleansing from transgression  
And by His blood and agony release from death's oppression.  
A new life now awaits us.

These truths on Jordan's banks were shown by mighty word and wonder.  
The Father's voice from heav'n came down, who we do well to ponder;  
"This man is My Beloved Son, in whom My heart has pleasure.  
Him you must hear, and Him alone and trust in fullest measure  
The word that He has spoken."

**LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION**

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

**"Dining Divas"  
February 6  
6:00 p.m.**

**Boondocks Restaurant  
3819 N. Highway 81  
Anderson, SC**

**Please contact Beth Cribbe (864) 617-6216  
or email [bcribbe1@gmail.com](mailto:bcribbe1@gmail.com)**

**NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

Our Semi-Annual meeting of the congregation will be held February 9<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.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY**

Souper Bowl Sunday is **February 9<sup>th</sup>**. The LCY will once again be participating in Souper Bowl Sunday. On Super Bowl Sunday, the biggest eating day in the US, we will be focusing on hunger in our own community. The youth will be in the back of the church after both worship services with large soup pots to collect funds which will go to

AIM. Your generosity is appreciated.  
Following the 11:00 worship service that day, the LCY will meet in the Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting and a Super Bowl party of their own.



There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us extending;  
The Holy Spirit like a dove upon the scene descending;  
The triune God assuring us with promises compelling,  
That in our baptism He will thus among us find a dwelling  
To comfort and sustains us.

11:00 a.m.

***“The Grace Divine”***

-arr. Roger Price

Come, let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord,  
In a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord;  
Give up ourselves thru Jesus' pow'r, His name to glorify;  
And promise in this sacred hour, for God to live and die.

The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind;  
We will no more our God forsake, or cast these words behind.  
We never will throw off the fear of God who hears our vow;  
And if Thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.

Thee, Father, Son, And Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive,  
Present with Thy celestial host the peaceful answer give;  
To each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away,  
And register our names on high and keep us to that day!

\*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

***“We Know That Christ Is Raised”***

**Hymn #449**

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

The Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

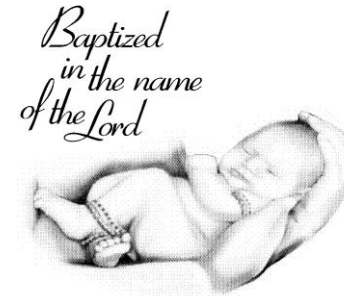
***“All Who Believe And Are Baptized”***

-Wittenburg, 1524

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**\*Congregation stands**

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



***WITH JOY WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER INTO HOLY  
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH TODAY***

***Lilian Ruth Bannister***

***Joining through Baptism:***

**Baptism Sponsors:**

Christopher and Rachel Caldwell

10/20 The Family of Fred Rose  
10/20 The Family of Eric Rasche  
10/20 The Family of Mrs. Laura Morrison  
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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  
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**PRAYER LIST**

1/5 Paul Wagner  
1/5 Susan Weeks  
1/5 Drake Dial  
1/5 The Family of Heather Meenech Strode  
1/5 Mason and Ryan Boggs  
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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