

Their parents - Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Rasche & Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hannahs
by Dave & Sue Rasche
Their parents – Mr. & Mrs. Denzil Ready and Mr. & Mrs. Walter Lybrand
by John & Vicki Lybrand
Their parents - Joseph O'Connor & Judy Fritsche and Mr. & Mrs. Anton Rudawski
by Robert & Sophie M. O'Connor

TO THE HONOR AND GLORY OF GOD & IN HONOR OF:

Marlys Carlson Hittner by John & Vicki Lybrand
To the Honor and Glory of God by Paula Boller
Their Children and Grandchildren by Dave & Nancy Korn
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To the Honor and Glory of God by Robert & Vicki Allen
To the Honor and Glory of God by Robert & Sophie O'Connor

GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being **4** in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. **8** He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. **9** The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. **11** He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. **12** But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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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.*

LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE (4:00 p.m.)

Christmas Eve

2025

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“How Far Is It to Bethelhem”* Geoffrey Shaw

soloist – Lucy Roehrs

*Entrance Hymn *“O, Come All Ye Faithful”* Hymn #283

***DIALOG**

L: The light shines in the darkness,

C: and the darkness has not overcome it.

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: and we have beheld Christ's glory.

L: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

***OPENING PRAYER**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Children's Message

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jack, Doris, & Evelyn Richardson by Diane Richardson

The Rev. “Jack” Fischer & Mac Thomas by The Fischer Family

Dianne Calloway by Claude Calloway

Dianne Calloway by Shelley Carroll

The Dafoe Family and The Humyn Family by Bill & Chris Dafoe & Family

His wife, Jean Vinson by Bob Vinson

His son, Robert Matthew Vinson by Bob Vinson

Their parents by Robert & Vicki Allen

Their parents by Mike & Robin Mixon

Their children & grandson – Lea, Tara, Corrie & Corbin by Steven & Amy Goodson

John Edward Skelton by Davis & Sarah Ann Bannister

Colin Roberts by Davis & Sarah Ann Bannister

Larry Boller & Eldred Clardy by Paula Boller

Pat Caldwell by Christopher & Rachel Caldwell

Julian Bannister by Jay & Suzie Bannister

George “Beefie” Davis by Davis Bannister

Dick Martley by Betty Martley

Bob Potter by Jane Potter

Bill & Frances Christmas and Bill & Betty Caldwell by Chris & Anna Caldwell

Their parents - Mr. & Mrs. Harold Holmes and Mr. & Mrs. Allen Straup
by Bob & Susan Straup

Their parents - Neal & June Cain and Earl & Lourine Korn
by Dave & Nancy Korn

Presiding Minister - Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist/Music Director - Jill Helgeson
Ushers – Mike Oates, Mike Metz & Claude Calloway
Nursery Keeper – Nancy Korn

Acolyte – Cathy Rudisill

Communion Assistants – Rynde Dial & Beth Fischer

Video/IT Engineer – Christopher Caldwell

NURSERY

A nursery for small children, 3 years of age and younger, is available.

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

TO ALL WORSHIPPERS, MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ALIKE, we extend a cordial welcome to you at this special worship service. May the miracle of God's love, evidenced in the birth of Jesus, bring light to your life, increase your faith, and fill you with great joy and peace!

All offerings to be credited to 2025 must be received or postmarked by December 31ST. Offerings received after this date cannot be credited to 2025.

The 2026 offering envelopes are in the Narthex please ask an usher for your offering packet.

REMINDER

Early reminder, 2025 annual reports are due on or before Sunday, January 4th. All 2025 Committee Chairpersons are to turn in a report to the church office.



Poinsettias may be picked up after the 11:00 p.m. service. (Please leave the three white poinsettias in the manger as they remain in the Sanctuary throughout the Christmas season.)



TO THE HONOR AND GLORY OF GOD & IN MEMORY OF:

Florence Chute

by Leon Chute

Her parents – Al & Ayleen Jordan

by Kati Smith

The Rev. & Mrs. Luther Ballentine

by Mike & Bobbi Metz

Mr. & Mrs. B. L. Metz, Sr.

by Mike & Bobbi Metz

Dan Corrigan

by Jamie Corrigan

LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Song of Prophets Isaiah 9:2-7 Pamela Michalski
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Hymn #282, stanzas 1 and 4

The Song of Bethlehem Micah 5:2-5a Joshua Fischer
O Little Town of Bethlehem Hymn #279, stanzas 1 and 4

The Song of Mary Luke 1:26-38 Bobbi Metz
What Child Is This Hymn #296, stanza 1

The Song of Christ's Birth Luke 2:1-7 Rynde Dial
Away In A Manger Hymn #277, stanzas 1-3

The Song of the Angels Luke 2:8-14 John Trent
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Hymn #270, stanza 1

The Song of the Shepherds Luke 2:15-20 Phyllis Barnette
The First Noel Hymn #300, stanzas 1 and 2

The Song of Christmas John 1:1-14 Rev. Stephen Roehrs
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice Hymn #288, stanzas 1-3

MEDITATION "NO ANGELS, NO SHEPHERDS, NO STAR"
OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY "From Heaven Above To Earth I Come" David Schack

***RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

L: Glory to God in the highest,

C: and peace to God's people on earth.

L: Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

C: Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

L: Blessed are you, son of Mary. You share our humanity.

C: Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

L: Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C: Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world. Amen.

*The Christmas Peace Is Shared

* The Eucharistic Prayer (Lead by the minister with congregational responses.)

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son, Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and

gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of Faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,

full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer

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.

COMMUNION We invite all baptized believers to commune with us today.

Children not yet receiving Holy Communion are invited to come with their families to

receive a blessing. Holy Communion today will be by **intinction** where the wafer is

dipped into the chalice. The first chalice (silver) contains wine and the second chalice

(ceramic) contains grape juice. To have the elements brought to you for communion,

please notify an Usher.

***LIGHTING OF CANDLES** The ushers will light the candles of the first person

in each row. Please pass the light to everyone in the row. Tip unlighted candles into a

flame to pass the light. Please do not tip lighted candles.

***HYMN**

"Silent Night"

See Insert

***THE BLESSING**

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the

angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of

the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and

forever. **C: Amen.**

***THE CLOSING HYMN**

"Joy To The World"

See Insert

(candles are extinguished)

***THE DISMISSAL**

***POSTLUDE**

"He Is Born"

- setting by Lynn A. Koch

(L) Leader (C) Congregation *We Stand

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in - himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

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.

