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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.*

Second Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m.

December 14, 2025

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

-arr. Robert J. Powell

*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 146

(sung responsively)

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob ¹ for their help,
whose hope is in the ¹ LORD their God;
⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that ¹ is in them;
who keeps promis- ¹ es forever;
⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to ¹ those who hunger.
The LORD sets the ¹ captive free.
⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who ¹ are bowed down;
the LORD ¹ loves the righteous.
⁹The LORD cares ¹ for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way ¹ of the wicked.
¹⁰The LORD shall ¹ reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout
all generations. ¹ Hallelujah!

*The Gospel Acclamation (sung responsively)

Alleluia. I am sending my messen' ger before you, who will prepare your 'way before you.

Alleluia. (Matthew 11:10)

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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
Third Sunday In Advent
Worship Assistants
 December 21 2025

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

Acolytes	Cathy Rudisill	Brady West
Lectors	Susan Straup	Nancy Korn
Assisting Ministers	Susan Straup	Nancy Korn

December 21	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Children’s Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship w/Communion Lessons and Carols	4:00 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Liturgical Worship w/Communion	11:00 p.m.
	Both services will have Holy Communion and candle lighting	
December 28	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Children’s Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
December 31	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
January 1	OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR	
January 4	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Children’s Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Martin Luther Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
January 7	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall)	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	
January 10	Fellowship Hall (Reserved)	
January 11	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Children’s Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Martin Luther Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.

(we stand)

*The Hymn

“Prepare The Royal Highway”

Hymn #264

*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 the wills of all who look to You, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in Your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in Your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* Stanzas 1-3

Hymn #257

The First Lesson (Isaiah 35:1-10)

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Psalm 146

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The Second Lesson (James 5:7-10)

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*The Gospel Acclamation (sung responsively)

Alleluia. I am sending my messen' ger before you, who will prepare your 'way before you.

Alleluia. (Matthew 11:10)

The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to You, O Lord.

*The Holy Gospel (Matthew 11:2-11)

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

*Hymn of the Month

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

Hymn #241

SERVING YOU TODAY – December 14, 2025

*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.....Ken Earp
Lector.....Pamela Michalski
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell/Mike Oates
Tabulators.....Dave & Nancy Korn
Ushers.....Susan Straup - Captain, Skip Knight, Terry Cribbe, Beth Cribbe, Claude Calloway

Church Secretary.....Pat Ross
PresidentBeth Cribbe
Vice-President.....Rynde Dial
Treasurer.....Diane Richardson
Council Secretary.....Lauren Sayers

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK
December 14, 2025**

TODAY

8:45 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Pageant Practice will follow worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. Martin Luther Adult Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service w/Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary)
5:00 p.m. Congregational Christmas Chili and Caroling (Fellowship Hall)

WED.

10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)
6:00 p.m. Advent Meal (Host – Youth) (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. Advent Worship Service (Sanctuary)
7:40 p.m. Choir practice after worship

SAT.

6:30 p.m. Choir Christmas Party (Helgeson’s Home)

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Worship Services – December 7 – 8:45 a.m. (52) 11:00 a.m. (46)
Mid-Week Advent Worship Service – December 10 - 7:00 p.m. (40)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

December 7 - Operating Fund \$18,087.00, Endowment Fund \$100.00, World Hunger Fund \$50.00,
Advent Offering \$170.00, Poinsettias Fund \$252.00, Angel Tree Fund \$2,000.00, Men In Mission
Fund \$3,000.00



The Christmas Pageant will be today during the Late Service.



Choir Christmas Party

(Bruce & Jill Helgeson's Home)

December 20

6:30 p.m.

(Heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts)

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE

WORSHIP SERVICES – December 24th

Worship Service w/Communion Lessons and Carols – 4:00 p.m.

A nursery will be provided.

Christmas Eve Liturgical Worship Service w/Communion - 11:00 p.m.

Candle lighting at both services.

*Installation of New Council Members

*The Peace Is Shared

The Offering Is Received

Offertory Anthem *"Awake! Awake! and Greet The New Morn"*

-Marty Haugen

*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

"Hark, The Glad Sound!"

Hymn #239

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

The Dismissal

Postlude

"Fling Wide The Door"

-tune German 1704

*Congregation Stands

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jay and Suzie Bannister to the honor and glory of God and in memory of the 34th birthday of their son, Julian.

ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are 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.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Mid-Week Advent Meals – 6:00 p.m.

December 17 The Lutheran Church Youth – host

Worship follows at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17 “Christmas Is...”

The Mid-Week offerings received will be donated to Haven of Rest.

Mark your calendars:

Choir Party – December 20 - Helgeson's Home at 6:30 p.m.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts

Christmas Eve Services – 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Angel Tree



Thank you to all who made the Angel Tree Project successful again this year. We have helped make some children very happy this Christmas Season.



POINSETTIAS for the Christmas Eve services will be provided this year for \$12.50. Donors will be listed in the worship bulletin for the Christmas Eve services. If you would like to place an order for one or more, please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or send to the Church office. The **deadline** is Sunday, December 21st. Payment must accompany your order. Plants may be picked up after the 11:00 p.m. service Christmas Eve. (Please leave the three white poinsettias in the manger.)

Enclosed is _____ for _____ poinsettias.

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

OTHER (To the Glory of God) _____

Given by _____



A CAROLING WE WILL GO

For many years, we have enjoyed this wonderful outreach tradition of the congregation. We will gather in Fellowship Hall to divide into two groups to visit local members as well as those in surrounding assisted living/nursing home facilities as well as Senior Living Communities.

This afternoon **we will be departing at 5:00 p.m.** and ask everyone to arrive a few minutes before this time to arrange carpooling details and

to review the planned stops for the evening. Afterwards, we will return to Fellowship Hall for some delicious homemade chili and sandwiches, provided by members of Holy Trinity. This is an excellent opportunity to wear that Christmas sweater you have been hiding in your closet (or that Santa hat or reindeer antlers). If you still have any questions, please contact Pastor Fischer.

PRAYER LIST

12/7 The Family of Dale Womer
12/7 Carter Boucher
12/7 Bailey Spiers
12/7 Judy Jarrett
12/7 Ben Blanks
12/7 Scott Smith
12/7 Nick Korn
11/30 Jana Rudisill
11/30 The Family of V.R. Nelson
11/30 Neely Thompson
11/30 The Family of Pat Caldwell
11/30 Kathy S.
11/23 Dan Hunnicutt
11/23 Jayson Sanstrum
11/23 The Locke Family
11/23 The Family of Jerry Arp
11/23 Matt Tenry
11/23 George Olbon
11/16 Janice Davenport
11/16 Marjorie Kuhn
11/ 16 Larry Olbon
11/9 Jeanette Thoms
11/9 Kimi Williams
11/9 Neda Kantrowitz
11/2 The Smith Family
11/2 The Roloff Family
11/2 Beth Passow
10/26 The Family of Dave Harrow
10/26 Ken Hanson
10/26 Amanda Martin
10/19 Jaron Thompson
10/19 Judi Earwaker
10/12 Betty Williams
10/5 Jane Potter
10/5 Marisa Adrian
10/5 Margaret Zeigler
10/5 Blair Stokes
10/5 Whitney Stokes Moody
9/28 Paul Wagner
9/28 Dave Rasche
9/28 The Family of Officer Mark Garrett

SPONSORS

Congregation
Diana James
Mike & Bobbi Metz
Beth Fischer
Bob Vinson
Andy & Sharon Christmas
Dave & Nancy Korn
Cathy Rudisill
Congregation
Jane Potter
Congregation
Suzie Bannister
Johnnie Hunnicutt
Emery Sanstrum
Mike & Leslie Cox
Jamie Corrigan
Congregation
Andy & Sharon Christmas
Bob Davenport
Kim Hill
Andy & Sharon Christmas
Ernie Thoms
The Straups
Rette Stokes
Jim & Donna Dancik
Jim & Donna Dancik
Randy Passow
Congregation
Jim & Donna Dancik
Mike Oates
Kati Smith
Jim & Donna Dancik
Connie Adams
Congregation
Tom Adrian
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Sid & Rette Stokes
Sid & Rette Stokes
Diane Wagner
Sue Rasche
Matt Roehrs

9/28 The Family of Shane McVey
9/28 Ronnie Grambrell
9/28 Terrika Hicks & Family
9/28 The Family of Warren Perry Brown, Jr.
9/21 The Family of Dr. Timothy Roehrs
9/21 Susan Straup
9/21 Norman Keasler
9/7 Tim Wood
9/7 Aaron Simmons
9/7 Susan Singleton

Gail Cannon
Gail Cannon
The Stokes Family
The Stokes Family
Congregation
Bob Straup
Bob Vinson
Amber Oates
Michael Oates
Andy & Sharon Christmas

LONG TERM PRAYERS

The Caruso Family
Chris Pracht
Ben Taylor
Robert Cahaly
Edmond Pop
Ed Hartshorn
Elanor Dean
Mike Borron
Henri Holmes Adair Baker
Gabrielle Godfrey
Carolyn Culbreath
Buddy & Lesley Taylor
Willy E. Johnson
Michael Morrison
Susan Socha
Danny Rouse
Nina & Larry Sherman
Gretchen Fant

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Omaira Caruso
Jill Helgeson
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Phil & Jane Cahaly
The Fischer Family
Pat Ross
The Stokes Family
Paul Wagner
The Stokes Family
Brenda McGowan
The Stokes Family
Marisa Adrian
The Stokes Family
Jill Helgeson
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Brenda McGowan
Jill Helgeson
Jill Helgeson

Names listed for the dates of 10/26 thru 9/7 will be removed from the prayer list next week. If a name from this date is being removed that you would like to stay on, please resubmit it.



We extend our Christian sympathy to Lauren Sayer and family upon the death of her grandfather, Dale Womer, who entered the Church Triumphant on December 7th. May God's promises of grace and eternal life give the family peace and comfort in their time of grief.