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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

December 14, 2025

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Oh Come, Oh Come Emanuel"

arr. Bock

*The Confession & Forgiveness

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.

Silence is kept for reflection. (We kneel.)

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.**
(we stand)



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.

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.

*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.**

(we sit)

PAGEANT: God's Puzzle

Congregation Hymn

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

Hymn #241

**O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my home, my heart's delight.
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy, your lamp within my breast.
To do in spirit lowly, all that may please you best.**

Scene 1 Entire Cast

I am one piece of God's puzzle,
I play a small part in His plan.
Each of us in one of God's children,
And we have a choice, We have a voice.
Some of us choose to obey, Some may fall away,
May we hear Your voice as we pray,
And do what you want us to do each day.

Scene 2 Zechariah and Elizabeth

Zechariah: How can I tell, What can I say?
I'm one piece of God's puzzle,
But he took my voice away.
Elizabeth: I will tell you what happened.
He doubted Gabriel
Zechariah: Yes, I did, but
Both: God still gave us a son!
Elizabeth: I'm one piece of God's puzzle,
And He gave me, John, my son.
Both: God gave us our son so he could
Lead us to the One who would
Save the whole world!

SERVING YOU TODAY – December 14, 2025

Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
Acolyte.....Landen Moody
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell/Mike Oates
Tabulators.....Dave & Nancy Korn
Ushers..... Sid Stokes - Captain, John Lybrand, Harry Coggins, Robert O'Connor

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



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, December 24

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

A nursery will be provided.

Liturgical Worship Service w/Communion – 11:00 p.m.

Candle lighting at both services.

The 2026 offering envelopes are in the Narthex; please ask the usher for your box of envelopes.

All offerings to be credited to 2025 must be received by December 31ST.

Offerings received after this date cannot be credited to 2025.

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

Scene 3 Mary and Joseph

Mary:

My soul magnifies the Lord,
And my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior,
My soul, magnifies the Lord.
For the Mighty One has done great things for me.
And holy is His name.
His mercy is on those who fear Him
And He shows strength with His arm.
He has filled the hungry with good things
And sent the rich away, empty.
He has helped His servant, Israel,
In remembrance of His mercy.
My soul magnifies the Lord.
My soul magnifies the Lord.

Joseph:

Refrain:
Not much is said of the part I played,
Yet, what God gave me to do,
Would be hard for anyone...even you!

After I was told Mary was with child,
An angel came and said to me,
Take her as your wife.
She's bearing God's Son,
She will give Him life,
And when He is grown,
He will take all our sin as His own.
Refrain:

Scene 4 Innkeeper and Sister

Innkeeper:

Sweep and clean! Cook and feed!
Caesar Augustus, How you do disgust us!
Did you really need to count?
What will you find out?
I guess you just want more denarii!
From one, such as I...AM!

Sister:

Wow! You're in a bad mood!

Innkeeper:

I'm just tired, Overworked!
Mucking out the stalls is hard for me to do.

Sister:

Tell me one time YOU mucked out the stalls!
Look! we're getting more guests.

Innkeeper:

No! No! No more guests!
No! No! There's no room!
No room in my inn at all!

Congregation Hymn

“Once in Royal David’s City”

HYMN #269

**Once in royal David’s city
Stood a lowly cattle shed.
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,**

**Jesus Christ her little child.
He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all.
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and meek and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.**

Scene 5 The Manger

Mary and Joseph Duet

Refrain

Oh, sweet child, Son of God,
You are our baby to raise.
Joseph and I will be tending to You.
As you grow to fulfill God’s will.

Oh, my Son, You are the one,
God has promised to send us.
You will grow strong, and defend us,
Save us as prophets foretold.
Refrain

Congregation Hymn

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Hymn #275

**Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Once you sang creation’s story;
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.**

9/28 Dave Rasche
9/28 The Family of Officer Mark Garrett
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

Sue Rasche
Matt Roehrs
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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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 Wormer, 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.

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 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

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
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

Scene 6 The Shepherds and the Angels

Little Angel: Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Angels: Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Scene 7 The Manger

Animals: In the Bible it says
All creatures praise God night and morn.
Imagine how we praised Him
On that starry night,
When Christ was born.
Sleep little baby, You need your rest,
You've come to save us all,
Our whole world is blessed.
Sleep, baby Jesus, You need your rest.
You've come to save us all,
Our whole world is blessed,
Our world is blessed by You!

Scene 8 Wise Men and Herod

Wise Man: See that star! So bright in the sky!
Don't know where we're going,
Just keep moving on,
I'm so weary, but we must not tarry,
The prophets have said that a king
Has been born.
Herod: Why are you here? Why have you come?
You are so far from your home!
What makes you think that a king has been born?
(spoken) Whose throne?
Who's to ascend to a throne?
Go find this boy, then come to me!

Congregation Hymn

"What Child is This?"

Hymn #296

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby,
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary.**

Scene 10 Finale

Herod and
Innkeeper: I was one piece of God's puzzle,
I played a small part in His plan,
Each of us is one of God's children,
Herod: And I had a choice,
Innkeeper: I had a voice.
Both: Some of us will choose to obey,
Some may fall away.
May we hear your voice as we pray,
And do what You want us to do each day.

Congregation

"God's Puzzle"
**I am one piece of God's puzzle,
I play a small part in His plan.
Each of us is one of God's children,
And we have a choice, We have a voice.
Some of us choose to obey,
Some may fall away,
May we hear Your voice as we pray,
And do what you want us to do each day.**

Congregation Hymn

"Joy to the World" **Hymn #267**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let ev'ry heart, prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.**

SENDING

The Blessing
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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

*The Dismissal

Cast: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

(As you leave you may pick a piece or two of God's Puzzle to remind you of your place in God's Plan.)

Postlude

"Joy to the World"

arr. McGowan

PAGEANT CAST:

Zechariah: Paul Wagner
Gabriel: Paul Rummage
Elizabeth: Amy Goodson
Mary: Lucy Roehrs
Joseph: Jay Bannister
Innkeeper: Beth Cribbe
Sister: Suzie Bannister
Shepherds: Sid Stokes, Landen Moody, Sydney Moody
Little Angel: Mara Weeks
Angels: Nancy Korn, Amy Goodson, Jill Helgeson, Paul Wagner, Sue Rasche, Bob Straup
Cow: Daisy Roehrs
Animals: Abi Caldwell, Lydia Caldwell, Lilian Ruth Bannister
Herod: Richard Caruso
Wise Men: Robert O'Connor, Chad Evans, Virgil Hobbs
Narrators: Katie Fischer, Kathleen Dial

Bulletin Art: Mara Weeks

Composer: Brenda McGowan
Director: Virgil Hobbs
Production Assistants: Gabe Patterson
Kati Smith
Pamela Michalski
Costumes: Kris Yon

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.

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 Narthex and Sacristy. Please place these in the offering plate. Names will be listed in the next week's bulletin.

ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are available in the Sound Room. Please see an usher to inquire about their use.



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 17th. 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 _____

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

The start of the New Year is always a great time for resolutions, and this year we are inviting all adults at Holy Trinity to prayerfully consider a “weekly walk through the Bible” in a proposed new adult Sunday School.

Starting Sunday, January 4th, Lauren Sayers and Jane Cahaly will be leading this new venture and will be using two books as guides: *“The Whole Story”* by Dr. David Jeremiah and *“Thirty Days to Understanding the Bible”* by Max Anders.

Our motivations for this new class are as follows:

- To build an adult Sunday school class for those not already participating in the current adult class during the 10 o’clock hour
- to build relationships between individuals worshipping in the early service and the late service
- to promote the idea of individual and/or family Bible study on a weekly basis.

We will be meeting in the “Pairs and Spares” room during the month of January. At the end of that month, we will pray for guidance to see if there is interest in continuing. It is not necessary to sign-up in advance but if you are interested in exploring this opportunity or have questions, please text Lauren at 215-589-9647 or Jane Cahaly at 864-314-2561. We look forward to hearing from YOU!

