

Calendar of HTLC Events

1 & 2 = Basement Rooms 1 & 2 • B = Balcony • CK = Café Koinonia • FH = Fellowship Hall
 MPR = Multi-Purpose Room • N = Narthex • S = Sanctuary • V = Virtual

Sunday, December 1

8:30 am Church School (2)
 8:30 am Worship (S)
 10:00 am Worship (S)



Monday, December 2

10:00 am Rich Kruse visitation (CK)
 11:00 am Rich Kruse funeral and luncheon (S) (FH)
 1:30 pm Pause Group (MPR)
 6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, December 3

9:00 am PPP & Willing Workers (CK)
 10:15 am Staff Meeting (FH)
 12:00-6:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
 1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
 7:00 pm Lydia Evening Bible Study (CK)

Wednesday, December 4

5:15 pm Grades 3-8 Choir Rehearsal (200)
 6:00 pm Church School (2)
 6:00 pm Confirmation (MPR)
 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Worship (S)
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)

Thursday, December 5

6:30 am Son Seekers - Men's Ministries (CK)

1:30 pm Knitting Group (MPR)
 6:30 pm Men's Group (MPR)
 7:00 pm Esther Bible Study (CK)

Friday, December 6

No events scheduled

Saturday, December 7

7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)
 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal - Lessons & Carols (S)

Sunday, December 8

8:30 am Church School (2)
 8:30 am Worship (S)
 10:00 am Worship (S)
 11:00 am High School Hang Out (Offsite)

Monday, December 9

6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Group (MPR)
 6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, December 10

9:00 am PPP & Willing Workers (CK)
 10:15 am Staff Meeting (FH)
 12:00-6:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
 1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
 6:30 pm Prayer Team Meeting (CK)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



Sunday, December 1 • 8:30 & 10:00 am

First Sunday In Advent

Wednesday, December 4 • 6:00 pm



Come Now,
Prince of Peace

Even though we don't know you yet, we already love you.

Your race, gender identity, mental or physical ability, sexual orientation, marital status, financial situation, social standing, education, cultural background, immigration status, or any other category or label cannot separate you from the love of God, nor keep you from being what God calls you to be.



Holy Trinity
 Food Pantry

Our food pantry needs applesauce, canned soup, and toilet paper. We also need holiday baking and cooking items. We need canned meats, paper towels, saltine & oyster crackers, and peanut butter, as well as feminine hygiene products, diapers, and personal care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo). We need frozen meat in 1-pound packages. Place non-perishable donations in the grocery carts by the entrances.

Monetary donations can be made at the kiosk in the Narthex, online at <http://bit.ly/htlc-FoodPantry20>, or placed in the offering basket or mailbox by the north doors.

Tim Olson, Lead Pastor

Travis Segar, Pastor for Care & Community

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Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Our Mission: Share God's Love



Holy Communion

Communion is open to all who are baptized and trust that Christ is present in the meal, regardless of your tradition or affiliation.

- We share communion by intinction: a communion server will give you gluten-free bread to dip in the alcohol-free wine found in the chalice. Return to your seat via the side aisle.
- Children who do not yet receive communion or those who are not baptized are encouraged to come forward for a blessing. Cross your arms in front of you to signal your desire for a blessing.
- If you are not yet baptized, we welcome you to visit with one of the pastors or learn more at our website: bit.ly/htlc-baptisms so you may join in the Lord's Supper.

Welcome!

Names are important to us. Please let us know you're here by checking in at the kiosk in the Narthex or by filling out a paper Welcome Card located on the bulletin stand.

Children & Nursery

Children are invited and encouraged to worship with you.

- A supervised nursery is available for children 4 years and younger if you choose this option for all or part of the worship service.
- Busy Bags are hanging in the Narthex near the welcome desk.

Restrooms

Restrooms can be found on the north & south sides of the Narthex (lobby).

Newborn Ministry

If you have recently added a baby to your family, please let the church office know so we may welcome your little one.

Learn About Holy Trinity

For information about the church, what we believe, and how to become a member, visit <https://bit.ly/htlc-join>.

Prayer Requests

Please write your prayer requests on the back of a Welcome Card located on the stand by the sanctuary doors. You may also submit your prayers at <https://bit.ly/htlc-Prayer-Requests>

Urgent Pastoral Care

If you are hospitalized or have an urgent need for pastoral care, call our main phone line (515-964-4348) and press 1 to be connected to the on-call pastor.

Office Hours

The office is open 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. Friday hours are by appointment.

Announcements

Mission & Ministry Opportunities & Events

Flowers today are provided by Debra, Denise, and Doug in celebration of the 69th anniversary of their parents, Don & Arlene Smith.

Wednesday Night Advent Worship Services Join us for a distinct and intimate 40-minute service of holy communion that differs from Sunday. Worship is at 6:00 pm (no evening worship on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1).

Lessons & Carols Worship Our annual Lessons & Carols service will be held on Sunday, December 8. Worship at both 8:30 and 10:00 am will feature readings of the season and music by the Adult Choir and a small chamber ensemble.

Bake Christmas Cookies We need cookies to serve following the youth Christmas program on December 15 and between worship services on December 24. If you are willing to donate cookies, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/htlc-cookies24>.

Christmas Worship Christmas Eve worship will be held on Tuesday, December 24, at 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 pm. Christmas Day worship will be held Wednesday, December 25, at 10:00 am.

Longest Season Morning Prayer & Brunch Join us on Saturday, December 21, at 10:00 am for a service of Morning Prayer to celebrate the light of Christmas in the midst of the long nights of the season. If the holidays don't seem so happy because of life's struggles, come to pray and share brunch with us. The church will provide the meal.

Advent & Christmas Devotions You are welcome to pick up an Advent devotional booklet in the Narthex. These devotions reflect Advent through the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Help the Food Pantry On Mondays The food pantry needs help unloading and shelving food on Mondays at 10:30 am. Afternoon times vary each week. You may need to lift boxes up to 20 pounds. If you are interested in helping, contact Pamm Cox or sign up at <https://bit.ly/htlc-FP>.

Cards for the Homebound As you're writing Christmas cards this year, order a few extra for our homebound members. Please bring cards to the mailbox at the Red Wall by Dec. 11. If you would like to deliver the cards, contact Lisa in the office.

Holy Trinity Food Pantry Gift Cards Purchase \$10 and \$20 gift cards from HyVee and Fareway to share with our food pantry guests prior to Christmas. Please place gift cards in the offering baskets during worship or give to the church office by Sunday, Dec. 8.

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

6:00 pm

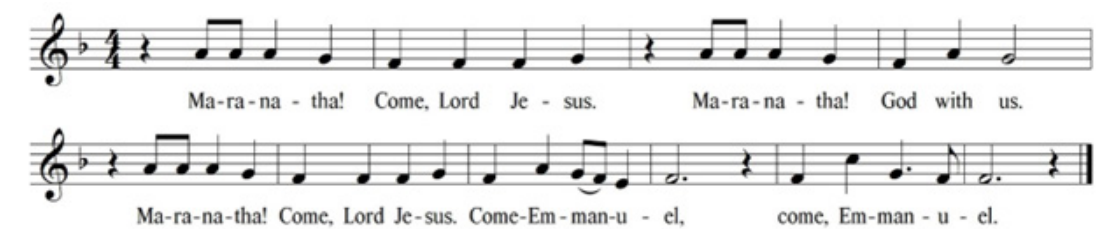
✠ Gathering ✠

Prelude

Invocation and Land Acknowledgment

Gathering Litany

Gathering Hymn • Come, Lord Jesus • *sing as directed:*



Prayer of the Day

✠ Word ✠

Reading • Ephesians 2:4-9

Meditation

Hymn of the Day • In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness • *words projected on screen*

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

✠ Sending ✠

Blessing

Sending Song • He Came Down • ELW 253

Dismissal

Prayer Concerns

We are a praying congregation. Please take your bulletin home and pray for those listed.

Thanksgiving to God:

- For the support and study groups
- For those helping with the God's work. Our hands. projects.
- For the baptism of Thomas James Stallsmith last weekend
- For the birth of Dylan Noelle to Mitchell and Tiffany Wood

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Rich Kruse

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- Lana Kruse at the death of her husband, Rich

Remember in Prayer:

- Andy Adams, brother-in-law of Rick Winegardner
- Teresa Berry, friend of Nicole Hildenbrand-Elgin
- Beth Biedermann Barnett
- Jerry Brandow
- Stacy Brown, niece of Sandy & Glen Moretz and cousin of Kelly Heuton
- Annie Carlson, friend of the Egglands
- Dale DeBolt, brother-in-law of Larry & Grace Anderson
- David Dietz, cousin of Dennis Dietz
- Elaine Ehlers
- Linda Fevold, sister of John Bein
- Nancy Harmon, cousin of Sue Ondler
- Ken Hawcott, friend of Darrel & Patty Cox
- Marv Hitchings, stepfather of Nicole Gade
- Joe, son-in-law of Bruce and Kathy Friest
- Allen Johnson
- Susan Johnson, sister-in-law of Verdel Odgaard
- Jessica Keenan
- Charlotte Kemp
- Georgia Larson
- Dorothy Legel, aunt of Deanna Questad
- Jim & Sandy Little
- Laurel Mader, friend of Deanna Questad
- Bailey Marcuccilli & family, friend of Sarah Boury
- Meggan, friend for Dan & Kathy Ellett
- Corrine Mraz, friend of Pam Schroeder
- Priscilla McFarland
- Ed Meador & family
- Paul & Margaret Meyer
- Dave Olsen, brother of Linda Kayser
- Elliot Punch and family, nephew of Jan Meyer
- Tara Reinhart, friend of Lewis & Lynn Lowry
- Shirley Rod
- Samantha Ruhser, daughter of Debby Witten and granddaughter of Don & Arlene Smith
- Olivia Shfits, friend of Charles and Connie Juhl
- June Short, friend of Susan Miller
- Don Smith
- Ann Thye
- Gwen Wiegrefe, mother of Karen Blackmer
- Linda & Paul Wold
- Barry Young, friend of Lewis & Lynn Lowry

Sunday, December 1, 2024

8:30 & 10:00 am

✠ **Gathering** ✠

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude • Allegretto • by Jose Ferrer • *Scott Smith, guitar*

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Song • Kyrie • *sing as directed:*

Verses: Cantor 1st time Cantor; All repeat

Lord Je - sus, you are the Light of the World: Ky - ri - e e -

Verses: Cantor 1st time Cantor; All repeat

le - i - son. Christ Je - sus, you are the Way to the Father:

1st time Cantor; All repeat Verses: Cantor

Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Lord Je - sus, you are Em -

1st time Cantor; All repeat (Fine)

man - u - el, God with us: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Advent Wreath Lighting

Gathering Song • Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers • ELW 244

Prayer of the Day

✠ **Word** ✠

Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel Acclamation • Come Now, O Prince of Peace • ELW 247 • *verses 1-3*

Gospel Reading • Luke 21:25-36

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending • ELW 435

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering • *The offering is received*

Bagatelle in D Minor • by Fernando Sor • *Scott Smith, guitar*

✠ **Meal** ✠

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn • O Lord, How Shall I Meet You • ELW 241

✠ **Sending** ✠

Prayer After Communion

Blessing

Sending Song • My Lord, What a Morning • ELW 438 • *verses 1 & 3*

Dismissal