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 15
8:30 am Church School in Worship (S)
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S)
5:00 pm Christmas Program

Monday, December 16
1:30 pm Pause Group (MPR)
4:45 pm Brass Ensemble Rehearsal (B)
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)
6:30 pm Women's Book Club (Offsite)

Tuesday, December 17
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)
5:30 pm Capital Campaign Implementation Team Meeting (201)
6:30 pm 49+ Book Club (MPR)

Wednesday, December 18
4:45 pm Brass Ensemble Rehearsal (B)
6:00 pm Church School in Worship
6:00 pm Confirmation (MPR)
6:00 pm Wednesday Night Worship (S)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)

Thursday, December 19
6:30 am Son Seekers - Men's Ministries (CK)
1:30 pm Knitting Group (MPR)
6:30 pm Council Meeting (201)
6:30 pm Men's Group (MPR)

Friday, December 20
No events scheduled

Saturday, December 21
7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)
10:00 am Longest Season Worship & Brunch (S)

Sunday, December 22
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S)

Monday, December 23
No events scheduled

Tuesday, December 24
3:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship (S)
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship (S)
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship (S)

Wednesday, December 25
10:00 am Christmas Day Worship (S)
Office Closed

Holy Trinity Food Pantry

Our food pantry needs applesauce, canned soup, and toilet paper. 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.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

ELCA

Sunday, December 15 • 8:30 & 10:00 am
Wednesday, December 18 • 6:00 pm

Third Sunday In Advent

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.

Reconciling in Christ

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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

Children's Christmas Program Today The congregation is invited to the Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 15, at 5:00 pm.

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.

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

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.

Worship & Brunch on December 29 We will worship on Sunday, Dec. 29, at 10:00 am and gather for brunch afterward. Please bring a side dish to share. There will be no worship at 8:30 am.

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.

Bake Christmas Cookies We need cookies to serve between worship services on December 24. If you are willing to donate cookies, please sign up at bit.ly/htlc-cookies24.

Plan for Your Giving in 2025 The congregation is invited to prayerfully consider how we each support the mission to Share God's Love through our offering. When you make a pledge for giving to the General Fund, it helps us plan our congregation's budget. You may offer your pledges online via Realm at: bit.ly/htlc-pledge2025, or you may pick up a paper copy of the pledge form at the Giving Station in the Narthex.

Christ In Our Home You are welcome to pick up a January through March issue of Christ In Our Home. Copies are at the literature rack by the Welcome Desk.

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

6:00 pm

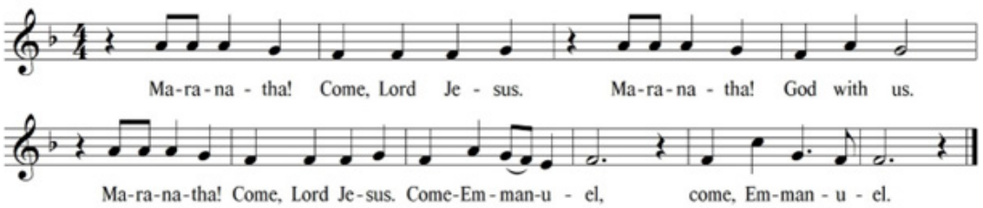
✢ Gathering ✢

Prelude

Invocation and Land Acknowledgment

Gathering Litany

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



Prayer of the Day

✢ Word ✢

Reading • Matthew 20:1-16

Meditation

Hymn of the Day • Fling Wide the Door • ELW 259 • *verses 1, 2 & 4*

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 governance committee
- For those helping with the God's work. Our hands. projects.
- For the musicians involved with music last weekend
- For the children and teachers involved in the Christmas program this weekend

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Ron Strother
- Jerry Brandow

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- Bobbie Strother and Todd Strother & family at the death of Bobbie's husband and Todd's father, Ron
- Ruby Brandow at the death of her husband, Jerry

Remember in Prayer:

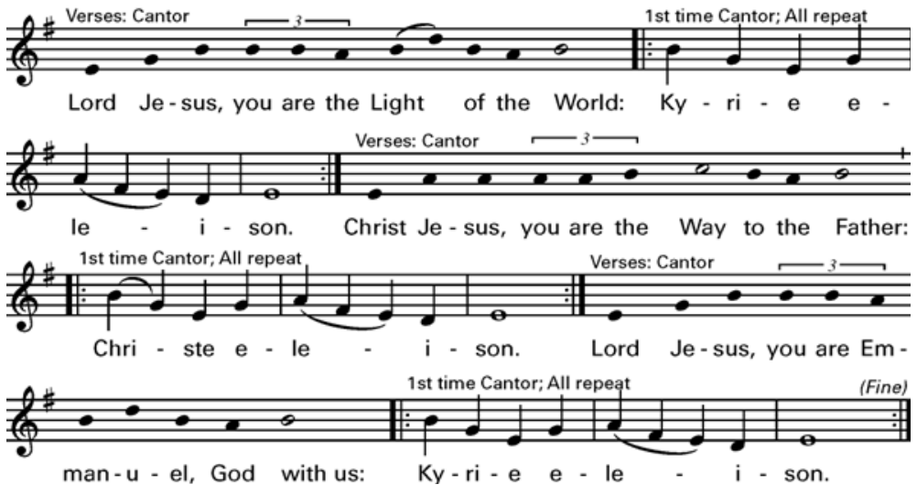
- Andy Adams, brother-in-law of Rick Winegardner
- Teresa Berry, friend of Nicole Hildenbrand-Elgin
- Beth Biedermann Barnett
- Stacy Brown, niece of Sandy & Glen Moretz and cousin of Kelly Heuton
- Annie Carlson, friend of the Egglands
- Dale DeBolt, brother-in-law of Larry & Grace Anderson
- David 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
- Kaley Hepp
- Marv Hitchings, stepfather of Nicole Gade
- Bonnie Holm
- 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
- 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
- Tracy Sabus & LeAnn Stubbs
- Marilyn Schafbuch, cousin of Wayne Shaw
- Olivia Shfits, friend of Charles and Connie Juhl
- June Short, friend of Susan Miller
- Don Smith
- Ann Thye
- Judi & Ed Urbanek, cousin of Wayne Shaw
- Gwen Wiegrefe, mother of Karen Blackmer
- Linda & Paul Wold
- Barry Young, friend of Lewis & Lynn Lowry

Sunday, December 15, 2024

8:30 & 10:00 am

☩ Gathering ☩

Welcome
Announcements
Prelude
Confession & Forgiveness
Gathering Song • Kyrie • *sing as directed:*



Advent Wreath Lighting
Gathering Song • Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn • ELW 242
Prayer of the Day

☩ Word ☩

Readings
Zephaniah 3:14-20
Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel Acclamation • Come Now, O Prince of Peace • ELW 247 • *verses 1-3*
Gospel Reading • Luke 3:7-18
Sermon
Hymn of the Day • On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry • ELW 249
Prayers of Intercession

Peace
Offering • *The offering is received*
On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry • arr. Robert James Lamb • *Handbell Ensemble*

☩ Meal ☩

Thanksgiving at the Table
Lord's Prayer
Communion Music • 'Largo' from Winter • by Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson • *Handbell Ensemble*

☩ Sending ☩

Prayer After Communion
Blessing
Sending Song • Hark, the Glad Sound • ELW 239
Dismissal