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

Sunday, December 17
8:30 am Church School in Worship (S)
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S & Online)
5:00 pm Christmas Program (S)

Monday, December 18
1:30 pm Pause Group (MPR)
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)
6:30 pm Women's Book Club (CK)

Tuesday, December 19
9:00 am Willing Workers and Paint, Pound & Praise (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (Offsite)
12:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)

Wednesday, December 20
10:00 am Jim Schmadeke Visitation (N)
11:00 am Jim Schmadeke Funeral & Luncheon (S)
6:00 pm 9th Grade Small Group (201)
6:00 pm Confirmation All Groups (FH)
6:00 pm Wednesday Night Worship (S)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)
7:00 pm High School Cookie Decorating & Christmas Fun (CK)
7:05 pm Adult Learning (MPR)

Thursday, December 21
6:30 am Son Seekers - Men's Ministries (CK)
1:00 pm Knitting Group (MPR)
6:30 pm Council Meeting (201)

Friday, December 22
No events scheduled

Saturday, December 23
7:30 am Men's Bible Study (Virtual)
10:00 am Longest Night Morning Worship & Brunch (S & FH)

Sunday, December 24
1:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship (S)
2:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (200)
3:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship (S)
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship (S)

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

Tuesday, December 26
Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27
1:00 pm Care & Compassion Group (Virtual)
3:30 pm Mill Pond Worship (Offsite)

Holy Trinity Food Pantry

Our food pantry needs canned fruit! It also needs canned meats, canned soup, paper towels, saltine & oyster crackers, and peanut butter, as well as feminine hygiene products, diapers, and personal care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, shaving products). We also 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 17, 2023 • 8:30 & 10:00 am
Wednesday, December 20, 2023 • 6:00 pm

3rd Week of 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

517 SW Des Moines St., Ankeny, IA, 50023 • 515-964-4348 • www.holytrinityankeny.org

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Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Our Mission: Share God's Love

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

Face masks are optional during periods of low and moderate Covid transmission, per CDC guidance. Masks are available in trays in the Narthex if you wish to wear one.

Holy Communion is open to all who are baptized and trust that Christ is present in the meal, regardless of your tradition or affiliation. Pastors are available to talk about Holy Baptism if you desire to join in the Lord's Supper.

- We share communion by intinction: a communion server will give you bread to dip in the alcohol-free wine found in the chalice. Return to your seat via the side aisle..
- Gluten-free bread is available at the table in front of the baptismal font. Remove a wafer from the bowl, then step forward to hear the words "given for you" and receive the wine.
- 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.

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

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 balcony steps.

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.

Staff Directory

Staff Member	Title	email @holytrinityankeny.org	Extension
Timothy V. Olson	Lead Pastor for Mission & Vision	tolson	206
Travis Segar	Pastor for Care & Community	tsegar	205
David Fandrich	Minister for Worship & Music	dfandrich	210
Ellen Rothweiler	Minister for Learning	erothweiler	207
Becky Dieleman	Hospitality Ministry Associate	bdieleman	215
Deb Hopkey	Children's Ministry Coordinator	dhopkey	222
Krista Gerth	Worship & Operations Administrator	kgerth	212
Kristi O'Connor	Communications Director	koconnor	202
Kelsey Sissel	Mission & Learning Ministry Administrator	ksissel	203
Lisa Strnad	Pastoral Ministry Administrator	lstrnad	201
Tammy Walls	Finance & Human Resources Director	twalls	204

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Matters! Please take your bulletin home and pray for those listed.

Thanksgiving to God:

- For the students and teachers involved with this Sunday's Church School Christmas Program
- For those helping with the *God's Work. Our Hands*. projects

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Jim Schmadeke
- Nicole Young

Remember in Prayer:

- David Anderson, friend of Rex & Sue Ondler
- Dorothy Barhite, mother of Diane Hamilton
- Amy Benson, sister of Ann Wicks
- Beth Biedermann Barnett
- Eric Biedermann
- Ray Boll, brother-in-law of Annette & Walt Doman
- Judy Comstock
- Kent Corbin, friend of Rex Ondler
- Dave, friend of Melanie Hartman
- Richard Dvorak, father of Laine Dvorak
- Elaine Ehlers
- Arlene Hamilton, mother of Scott Hamilton
- Harold Heeren, friend of Pastor Tim
- Connie Heuton, relative of Jen Topp-Segar
- Annie Hillman & family, great-niece of Joan Dietz
- Marv Hitchings, stepfather of Nicole Gade
- Carleton Jackson
- Robert & Debbie Kem, friend of Tim Olson
- Rich Kruse
- Jim & Sandy Little
- The Derek Lyons family
- Amy M., friend of Skylah
- Bill Marrison, friend of Jan Meyer
- Marti & Carolyn, cousins of De Tapper
- Cheryl Murphy, friend of Sue Ondler
- Mark Murphy
- Matt, friend of Melanie Hartman
- Michelle, cousin of De Tapper
- The Na family, friends of John & Nicole Gade
- Cliff Olson, brother of Jerry Olson
- Myrna Prange
- Larry Roberts, friend of Keven & Jill Crawford
- Shirley Rod
- Vicki Schmitz, friend of Kirstin Bourke
- Kevin Showalter, great-nephew of Dennis & Joan Dietz
- Vicki Showalter, niece of Dennis & Joan Dietz
- Cherie Simons
- Carter Smith, grandson of Darwin & Cheryl Smith
- Steve, friend of Bruce & Kathy Friest
- Teresa Thomason, friend of Nicole Hildenbrand-Elgin
- Nick Wimmer, grandson of Anne Knudten
- Linda & Paul Wold
- Nicole Woodley & family
- Fran Young, mother of Erin Medina

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

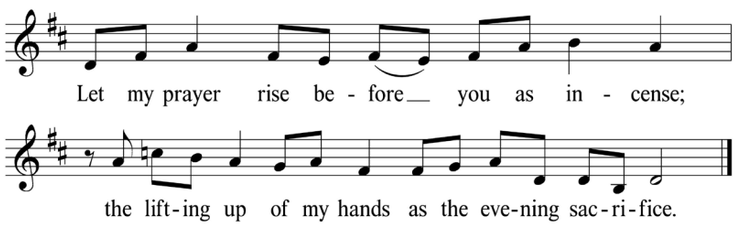
- Nyla and Mark Schmadeke & family at the death of their husband & father, Jim Schmadeke
- Erin Medina & family at the death of her sister, Nicole Young

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

6:00 pm

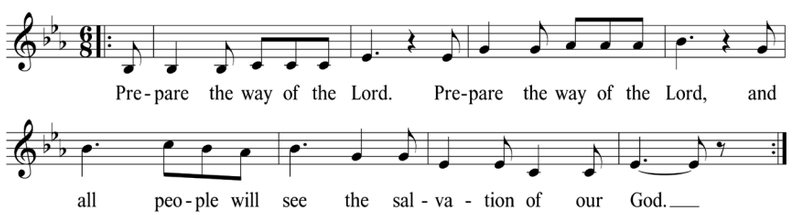
✢ Gathering ✢

Prelude
Welcome
***Opening Dialog**
***Gathering Song** • Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn • ELW 242
***Prayer of the Day**
***Psalmody** • *sing as directed:*



✢ Word ✢

Readings • Isaiah 40:21-31 • Luke 1:26-38
Sermon
***Hymn of the Day**
Wait for the Lord • ELW 262
Prepare the Way of the Lord • *sing as directed*



***Prayers of Intercession**
***Lord's Prayer**

✢ Sending ✢

***Blessing**
***Sending Song** • O Holy Spirit, Root of Life • ELW 399
***Dismissal**

Announcements

Mission & Ministry Opportunities & Events

Worship In-Person or Online! Worship in-person on Sundays at 8:30 & 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. We live-stream the 10:00 am service; the videos can be viewed on our website, HTLC app, Facebook page, and YouTube Channel.

Interested in learning more about Holy Trinity? For information about the church, what we believe, and how to become a member, visit *https://bit.ly/htlc-join*.

The Office will be Closed on Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26.

Advent Devotion Books are available at the Red Wall. Pick up your copy today!

First to the Lord: Plan for Your Giving in 2024. Complete your pledges online at *bit.ly/htlc-pledge2024*, or pick up a paper copy of the pledge form at the Giving Station in the Narthex.

Wednesday Night Advent Worship takes place at 6:00 pm through December 20.

Christmas Worship: Christmas Eve worship will be held on December 24 at 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00 pm. The 3:00 service will be livestreamed. We will not have morning worship on December 24. Christmas Day worship will be held Monday, December 25, at 10:00 am.

Longest Season Morning Prayer & Brunch: Join us on Saturday, December 23, 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.

Christ in Our Home devotion booklets for January-March are available at the wall in the Narthex. Contact Lisa in the office to have one mailed to you.

New Year's Eve Worship & Brunch: On Sunday, December 31, we will only have worship at 10:00 am, followed by a potluck brunch at 11:00 am. We will provide pancakes & sausage - bring something to share!

Pop-Up Choir December 31: If you love to sing, join a pop-up choir to sing for worship on Sunday, December 31. We will rehearse at 9:15 am, then sing for worship at 10:00. All are welcome to join--bring a friend too!

LifeLine Screening will be at Holy Trinity on Thursday, January 18. The assessment includes a package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease, and other chronic conditions. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or go online at *https://llsa.social/HC*. Informational fliers are available at the Welcome Desk.

The Church School Christmas Program will be held this Sunday, December 17, at 5:00 pm. You are invited to come and hear the story of Jesus' birth as told by our Church School students. Cookies will be served in the café following the program. Bring a friend!

Sunday, December 17, 2023

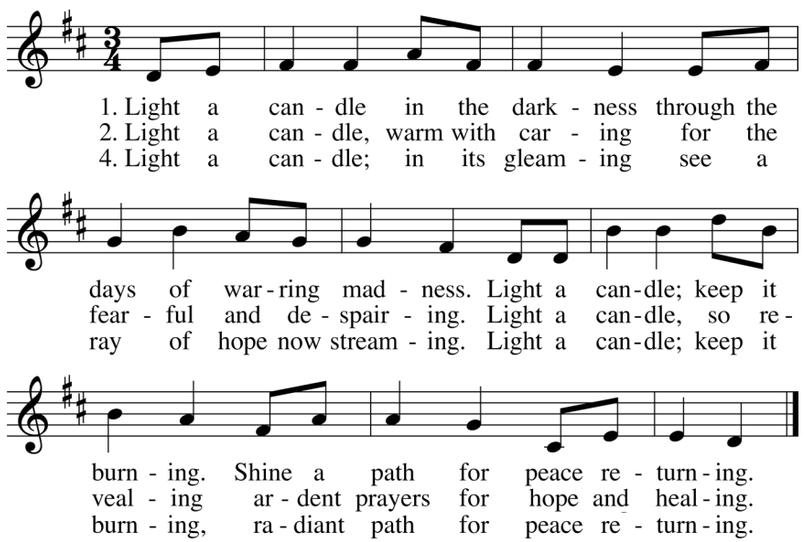
8:30 & 10:00 am

☩ Gathering ☩

Welcome

Prelude

***Confession and Forgiveness** • *sing each verse as directed:*



***Advent Wreath Lighting**

***Prayer of the Day**

☩ Word ☩

Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Romans 16:25-27

***Gospel Acclamation** • Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming • ELW 272 • *verses 1 & 2*

***Gospel Reading** • Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day** • Canticle of the Turning • ELW 723

***Prayers of Intercession**

***Peace**

Offering • *The offering is received*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel • arr. John Netten • *John Netten, piano*

☩ Meal ☩

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

***Lord's Prayer**

Communion Hymn • Creator of the Stars of Night • ELW 245

☩ Sending ☩

***Prayer After Communion**

***Blessing**

***Sending Song** • Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus • ELW 254

***Dismissal**

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