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 22
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S)

Monday, December 23
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

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

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

Thursday, December 26
Office Closed

Friday, December 27
5:00 pm Eggland/Christen Wedding Rehearsal and Dinner (S/FH)

Saturday, December 28
7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)
4:00 pm Eggland/Christen Wedding (S)

Sunday, December 29
10:00 am Worship (S)
11:00 am Congregational Brunch (FH)

Monday, December 30
No events scheduled

Tuesday, December 31
9:00 am Paint, Pound & Praise & Willing Workers (CK)
12:00-4:00 pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, January 1
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 22 • 8:30 & 10:00 am — Fourth 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

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

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.

Wednesday Night Worship There will be no Wednesday evening worship on December 25 and January 1. Wednesday worship will resume January 8 at 6:00 pm.

Worship & Brunch on December 29 We will worship on Sunday, December 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.

Church Office Closed The church office will be closed on December 25 & 26 and January 1.

Food Pantry Holiday Hours The Food Pantry will be closed on December 24. It will be open on December 31 from Noon to 4:00 pm.

Christ In Our Home The January to March issue of Christ In Our Home devotional booklets are available in the Narthex in the literature rack.

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.

Help Needed: Funeral Luncheon Coordinator Do you have a passion for hospitality? Do you feel a call to comfort those who are facing grief and loss in their lives? If you said, "Yes," then God may be calling you to work as a volunteer Funeral Luncheon Coordinator for the congregation. Coordinating the luncheon served for a funeral is more than a simple provision of food. It is an essential part of how the community supports people as they grieve. Contact the pastors for more information.

Help Needed: Property Team Coordinator Are you interested in seeing that our building and grounds are well maintained and welcoming? Do you feel called to help the congregation be good stewards of what God has given? God may be calling you to serve as the volunteer Property Team Coordinator. This position works with staff, the Property Team, and the Paint, Pound, and Praise Service Group to make sure the building and grounds are well maintained and welcoming. Contact Pastor Tim for more information.

Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, Dec. 24
3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship

Wednesday, Dec. 25 at 10:00 am
(no evening worship)

Worship & Brunch

Sunday, Dec. 29
10:00 am worship and brunch afterward
(no worship at 8:30 am)

Prayer Concerns

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

Thanksgiving to God:

- For the musicians and choirs
- For those helping with the God's work. Our hands. projects.
- For the birth of Anna Marie to Tyler & Cortney Delaney
- For the children and teachers involved in the Christmas program last weekend

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Ron Strother
- Bonnie Holm

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- Bobbie Strother and Todd Strother & family at the death of Bobbie's husband and Todd's father, Ron
- The family and friends of Bonnie Holm

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
- Joe, son-in-law of Bruce and Kathy Friest
- Allen Johnson
- Bill Johnson, nephew of Annette Doman
- Susan Johnson, sister-in-law of Verdel Odgaard
- Jessica Keenan
- Charlotte Kemp
- Georgia Larson
- Jim & Sandy Little
- Laurel Mader, friend of Deanna Questad
- Meggan, friend for Dan & Kathy Ellett
- Corrine Mraz, friend of Pam Schroeder
- Priscilla McFarland
- 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
- 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 22, 2024

8:30 & 10:00 am

☩ Gathering ☩

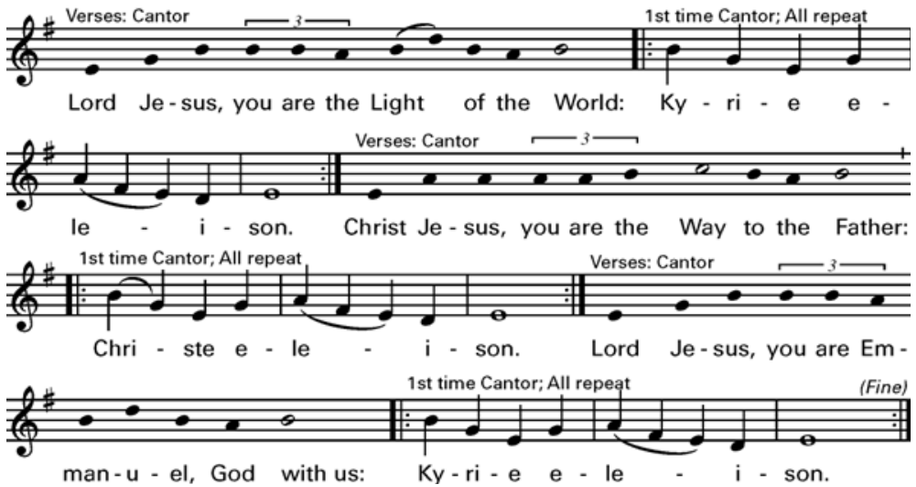
Welcome

Announcements

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Song • Kyrie • *sing as directed:*



Advent Wreath Lighting

Gathering Song • Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah • ELW 240

Prayer of the Day

☩ Word ☩

Readings

Micah 5:2-5a

Hebrews 10:5-10

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

Gospel Reading • Luke 1:39-55

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. Linda Lamb • *Krista & Abby Gerth, bells*

☩ Meal ☩

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Communion Music • I Saw the Path of Angels • arr. David Lanz • *Adam Schafer, piano*

☩ Sending ☩

Prayer After Communion

Blessing

Sending Song • Hark, the Glad Sound • ELW 239

Dismissal

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