Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

ELCA

Christmas Eve • 3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 pm
Christmas Day • 10:00 am
Sunday, December 28 • 10:00 am

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 in the pews. 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.

Prayer Concerns

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

Thanksgiving to God:

- For the birth of Jesus
- For the Holy Trinity Food Pantry

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

Remember in Prayer:

- Larry Anderson
- Ober Anderson, friend of Lee Crawford
- Beth Biedermann Barnett
- Eric Biedermann
- Diane & Ray Boll, sister of Annette Doman
- David Dietz, cousin of Dennis Dietz
- Steve Duffy
- Sheryl Hartman, aunt of Melanie Hartman
- David & Melinda Jackson
- Jim & Sandy Little
- Sharon Mathias, sister of Jan Fredericksen
- Diane McDermott, sister of John Bein
- Priscilla McFarland
- Jean Miller, friend of Lisa Strnad
- Carin Murphy, friend of Lynn Nelson
- Tim & Cyndi Olson
- Ardie Pearson
- Penelope, granddaughter of Vic Anderson
- Shirley Rod
- Jodi Rozendaal, friend of LeeAnn Montz
- Samantha & Benjamin Ruhser, daughter and grandson of Debby Witten and granddaughter of Arlene Smith
- Lois Slobe, friend of Jan Meyer
- Gordy Smith, brother-in-law of Kristi and Dick Spoth
- Chris Thill, nephew of Donna Cottingham
- Denny Wildeman, friend of Bruce & Kathy Friest
- Linda & Paul Wold

Christmas Eve • Wednesday, December 24, 2025

3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 pm

☩ Gathering ☩

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting

Gift of Music

3:00 & 5:00 Still, Still, Still • arr. Joey Hoelscher • *Adult Choir*

7:00 Still, Still, Still • arr. Matthew Weston • *David Fandrich, piano*

Christmas Proclamation

Gathering Carol • On Christmas Night • ELW 274

Prayer of the Day

Gift of Music

3:00 & 5:00 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice • arr. Kevin McChesney • *Adult Choir*

☩ Word ☩

Readings • Isaiah 9:2–7 • Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Carol • Christmastime Alleluia • *sing as directed*

Gospel Reading • Luke 2:1–20

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • God Rest You Merry, Gentlefolk

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Gift of Music

3:00 & 5:00 Noe! Noe! • arr. Mack Wilberg • *Adult Choir & Handbell Ensemble*

7:00 Still, Still, Still • arr. Paul Thompson • *Karlee Nelson, soloist; Pat Zimmer, flute*

☩ Meal ☩

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Communion Music

3:00 & 5:00 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child • arr. Cathy Moklebust • *Handbell Ensemble*

Love Has Come • ELW 292

3:00 & 5:00 Still, Still, Still • arr. Joey Hoelscher • *Adult Choir*

O Come, All Ye Faithful • ELW 283 • *verses 1-3*

☩ Sending ☩

Blessing

Sending Song • Angels We Have Heard on High • ELW 289

Dismissal

Christmas Day • Thursday, December 25, 2025

10:00 am

☩ Gathering ☩

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Carols

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice • ELW 288

O Come, All Ye Faithful • ELW 283 • *verses 1, 3 & 4*

Greeting

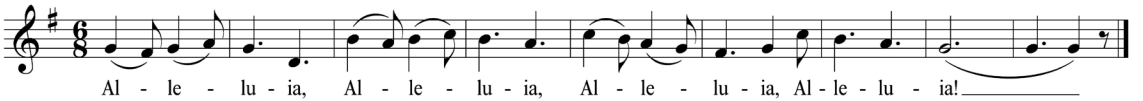
Prayer of the Day

☩ Word ☩

Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-4

Gospel Acclamation • Christmastime Alleluia • *sing as directed:*

Gospel Reading • John 1:1-14

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • Hark! The Herald Angels Sing • ELW 270

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering • *The offering is received*

Jean Murphy & David Fandrich, piano duet

☩ Meal ☩

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Communion Carol • Silent Night, Holy Night • ELW 281

☩ Sending ☩

Blessing

Carol • Joy to the World • ELW 267 • *verses 1, 2 & 4*

Dismissal

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Sunday, December 28, 2025

10:00 am

✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

Carol • Go Tell It On the Mountain • ELW 290

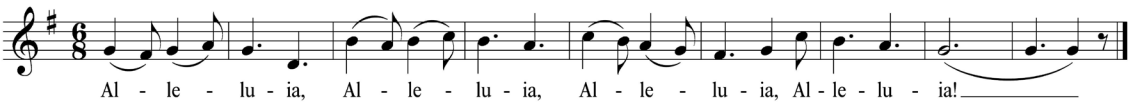
Prayer of the Day

✢ Word ✢

Readings

Isaiah 63:7-9

Hebrews 2:10-18

Gospel Acclamation • Christmastime Alleluia • *sing as directed:*

Gospel Reading • Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • What Child is This • ELW 296

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering • *The offering is received*

Noel, Noel, a Boy is Born • by Natalie Sleeth • *Christmas Choir*

✢ Meal ✢

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Communion Carol • Your Little Ones, Dear Lord • ELW 286

✢ Sending ✢

Blessing

Carol • Love Has Come • ELW 292

Dismissal

Announcements

Mission & Ministry Opportunities & Events

Christmas Day Worship We will gather to worship on Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25, at 10:00 am.

Worship & Brunch on December 28 Join us on Sunday, December 28, for a single worship service at 10:00 am, followed by a festive brunch together. Please bring a side dish to share as we enjoy food and fellowship after worship. (There will be no 8:30 am service.)

First Wednesday Worship The congregation is invited to gather for "First Wednesday Worship" on Wednesday, January 7, at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary. This 30-minute service is different from Sunday mornings and offers a midweek chance to pause and reset.

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.

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

Calling Knitters and Crocheters This small group gathers on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the multi-purpose room for conversation, laughter, and handiwork. Together we've created many prayer shawls and recently helped by knitting baby blankets for an elderly lady who can no longer knit. We have plenty of yarn and patterns to share—come join us!

Thank You! God's work. Our hands. Thanks be to God for gifts given to our various ministry partners during "God's work. Our hands." giving emphasis. The congregation was invited to shop for gifts, write out cards, donate funds and needed supplies, deliver joy, and serve with our hands so that the clients of our mission partners might know God's love this season.

Do You Get Our Emails? Holy Trinity has newsletters that we use to share information with the congregation. We have newsletter lists for music, the weekly sermon replay, daily video devotions, and many more. Sign up at https://bit.ly/htlcEmailList.

Plan for Your Giving in 2026: Enriched in Every Way We are asking you to consider the ways that God has blessed you, to think about the ways that you have been blessed through our congregation, and to respond by making a renewed financial commitment to the congregation's general fund for the coming year. You can make your commitment online through Realm by visiting bit.ly/htlc-Pledge26. If you choose to fill out a paper commitment card, visit the Giving Station in the Narthex.

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

Thursday, December 25
Office Closed
10:00 am Christmas Day Worship

Friday, December 26
Office Closed
No events scheduled

Saturday, December 27
7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)

Sunday, December 28
10:00 am Worship (S)
11:00 am Congregational Brunch (FH)

Monday, December 29
No events scheduled

Tuesday, December 30
9:00 am Paint, Pound & Praise & Willing Workers (CK)
12:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
4:45 pm Brass Ensemble Rehearsal (S)

Wednesday, December 31
No events scheduled

Thursday, January 1
Office Closed New Year's Day

Friday, January 2
No events scheduled

Saturday, January 3
7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)

Sunday, January 4
8:30 am Worship (S)
8:30 am Church School Worship Week
10:00 am Worship (S)

Monday, January 5
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, January 6
9:00 am Paint, Pound & Praise & Willing Workers (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (MPR)
12:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
7:00 Lydia Bible Study (CK)

Wednesday, January 7
5:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (202 - Music Room)
6:00 pm Church School First Wednesday Worship Week
6:00 pm Confirmation (MPR)
6:15 pm First Wednesday Worship (S)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)

Holy Trinity
Food Pantry

Our food pantry needs cereal, canned fruit, 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). Place non-perishable donations in the grocery carts by the entrances.

Monetary donations can be made at the kiosk in the Narthex, online at *bit.ly/htlc-FoodPantry20,* or placed in the offering basket.