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 3
8:30 am Church School (2)
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S & Online)
4:00 pm Good & Beautiful Life (MPR)
5:30 pm Good & Beautiful Life (201)

Monday, December 4
1:30 pm Pause Group (MPR)
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, December 5
9:00 am Willing Workers and Paint, Pound & Praise (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (FH)
12:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
7:00 pm Lydia Evening Bible Study (CK)

Wednesday, December 6
5:15 pm Grades 3-8 Choir Rehearsal (202)
5:15 pm Grades K-2 Choir Rehearsal (207)
6:00 pm 9th Grade Small Group (201)
6:00 pm Church School (2)
6:00 pm Confirmation All Groups (FH)
6:00 pm Wednesday Night Advent Worship (S)
6:30 pm Grades 9-12 Choir Rehearsal (202)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)
7:05 pm Adult Learning (MPR)

Thursday, December 7
6:30 am Son Seekers Men's Ministries (CK)
1:00 pm Knitting Group (MPR)
7:00 pm Esther Bible Study (CK)

Friday, December 8
No events scheduled

Saturday, December 9
7:30 am Men's Bible Study (Virtual)
9:15 am Adult Choir Rehearsal (S)

Sunday, December 10
8:30 am Church School (2)
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S & Online)
4:00 pm Good & Beautiful Life (MPR)
5:30 pm Good & Beautiful Life (201)

Monday, December 11
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry (MPR)
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

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

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 3, 2023 • 8:30 & 10:00 am
Wednesday, December 6, 2023 • 6:00 pm

1st 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

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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 birth of Billie Lynn to Jonathan & Haleigh Nash
- For the baptisms of Cameron Angrick and Ellis Peterson last Sunday
- For those helping with the *God's Work. Our Hands*. projects

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
- Kent Corbin, friend of Rex Ondler
- Dave, friend of Melanie Hartman
- Richard Dvorak, father of Laine Dvorak
- Elaine Ehlers
- Arlene Hamilton, mother of Scotto 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
- Bonnie Menken
- Cheryl Murphy, friend of Sue Ondler
- Mark Murphy
- Matt, friend of Melanie Hartman
- 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
- Jim Schmadeke
- 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

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

6:00 pm

✢ Gathering ✢

Prelude & Welcome

***Opening Dialog**

***Gathering Song** • Come and Fill Our Hearts • ELW 528 • *sing as directed*

***Prayer of the Day**

✢ Word ✢

Readings

2 Peter 3:8-15

Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon

Reflection

***Hymn of the Day** • Be Still and Know • *sing as directed*

***Prayers of Intercession**

***Lord's Prayer**

✢ Sending ✢

***Blessing**

***Sending Song**

***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*.

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

Bake Sale next Sunday! Stop by the table in the narthex next Sunday to pick up some holiday treats! This bake sale is a fundraiser for the youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering next July.

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.

Keeping the Twelve Days: It's Just the Beginning! Subscribe to receive a daily video via email to honor the Twelve Days of Christmas. These short videos will begin December 25 and will include scripture, brief devotion and Christmas carol. Sign up online at *https://bit.ly/htlc-12days23*.

Our annual Lessons & Carols service will be held on Sunday, December 10. 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.

Wednesday Night Advent Worship Services will begin on December 6 at 6:00 pm and will meet each Wednesday through December 20.

Bake Christmas Cookies for fellowship between services on Christmas Eve! Sign up at the Red Wall or online at *https://bit.ly/htlc-cookies23*.

Christmas Worship: Christmas Eve worship will be held on Sunday, December 24 at 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00 pm. We will not have worship on the morning of 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.

Communion Changes: Starting this Sunday, we will serve the wine by intinction; this means that after you receive the bread, you will move to the cup and dip the bread in the wine. Also, the wine we will be using from now on is non-alcoholic wine. This wine has been fermented like wine, but alcohol is removed. This change allows all of us – even those who cannot have alcohol - to share in the one cup of Christ.

Sunday, December 3, 2023

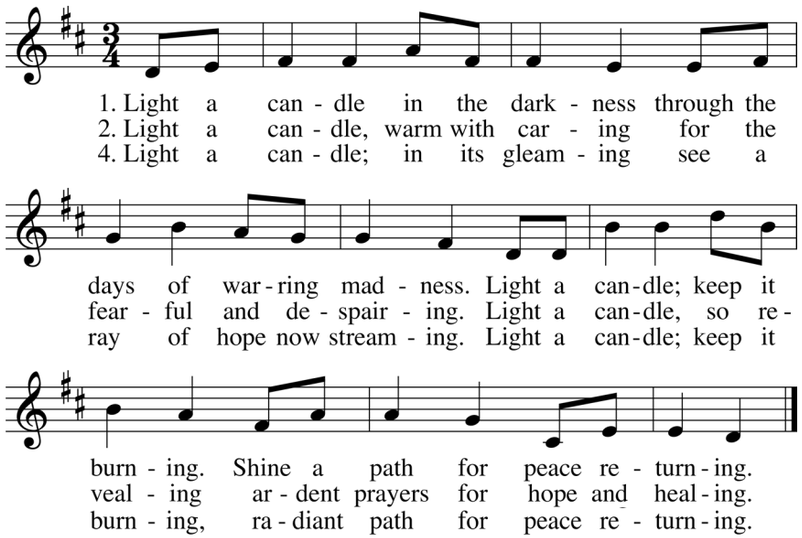
8:30 & 10:00 am

☩ Gathering ☩

Welcome

Prelude

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



***Advent Wreath Lighting**

***Prayer of the Day**

10:00 **Gift of Music** • Advent Celebration • by Mark Patterson • *Grades 3-8 Choir, Jill Bjorklund, director*

☩ Word ☩

Readings

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

***Gospel Acclamation** • Fling Wide the Door • ELW 259 • *verses 1 & 4*

***Gospel Reading** • Mark 13:24-37

Sermon

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

***Prayers of Intercession**

***Peace**

Offering • *The offering is received*

'And the Glory of the Lord' from *Messiah* by G.F. Handel • arr. Kevin McChesney • *Handbell Ensemble*

☩ Meal ☩

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

***Lord's Prayer**

Communion Music • Fantasy on Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming • arr. David Tiedman • *Handbell Ensemble*

☩ Sending ☩

***Prayer After Communion**

***Blessing**

***Sending Song** • Soon and Very Soon • ELW 439 • *verses 1, 3 & 4*

***Dismissal**

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