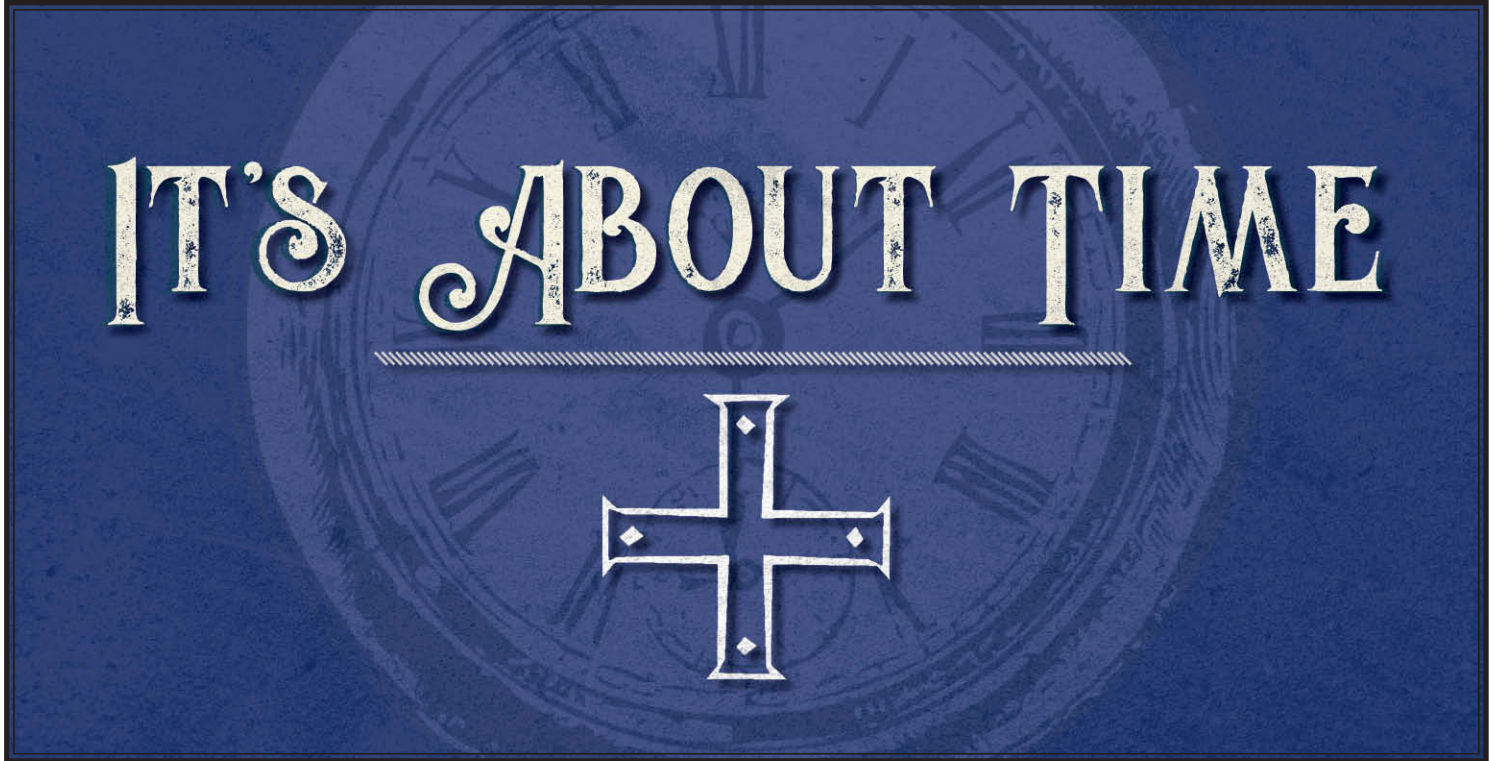


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

December 6, 2020

Second Weekend of Advent



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 Reconciling in Christ

Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Our Mission: Share God's Love



Worship with us Virtually! We post online worship videos for weekend worship on our website home page, HTLC app, and YouTube Channel (search for HTLC Lutheran) by 5:00 pm on Saturdays. Subscribe to our YouTube Channel to be notified when new videos are available.

The office is closed through January 30. If you need to meet with a staff member, please make an appointment. If you want to drop off an offering envelope, place it in the black mailbox on the exterior wall by the north doors. All staff members are available to communicate via email; see the staff directory in this bulletin for individual email addresses.

The north doors will be open to accept donations for the food pantry, Advent Giving Projects, Christmas Cards, FreeStore, and other projects on Mondays from 9:00-11:00 am and on Sundays (December 6 & 13) from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Volunteers Needed for Family Promise for our next host week, January 10-17. We need people to provide meals and serve as overnight hosts at Westminster Presbyterian in Des Moines. Sign up online by December 28 at bit.ly/htlc-FPJan21. Contact Carlie Fitzgerald at Carliefitzgerald@me.com or Scott Hamilton at uskedaddle@gmail.com with questions.

Online Advent Prayer Meetings - Join the pastors and others for Advent prayer meetings with the theme, "Watch, Wait, Wonder" using Zoom at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays, December 9 & 16. Watch your email for the link to join each meeting.

Our food pantry needs canned chicken, canned fruit, canned beans, toilet paper, paper towels, peanut butter, and recently-purchased meat in one-pound packages. The north doors are open as listed above; meats should be taken directly to the Food Pantry and placed in the freezer. Monetary donations can be made online at <http://bit.ly/htlc-FoodPantry20> or placed in the mailbox on the exterior wall by the north doors. Due to space constraints, our food pantry does not offer clothing or other household items.

Wednesday Night Adult Learning meets by Zoom on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm. The current study is *God of Tempest, Whirlwind, and Pandemic: Finding God in 2020*. More information is available at <https://www.holytrinityankeny.org/adult-learning.html>

Advent Giving Projects: HTLC is partnering with several local agencies to provide gifts for individuals who are in need this holiday season. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/htlc-Advent20> to see what is needed and indicate which items you will purchase. We are also requesting \$10 grocery store gift cards that will be distributed to our Food Pantry guests. Gifts can be delivered to church as listed above. Grocery store gift cards may be dropped in the mailbox outside the north door at any time.

Christmas Cards for the Homebound: As you address Christmas cards this year, make a few extra for our homebound members! The list is available inside the north entrance of the church for pick up on Monday mornings; it is also available in Realm and by emailing a request for the list to Lisa Strnad. Deliver cards to the giant mailbox in the north entrance as listed above. Return cards by December 14.

Deliver Christmas Cards to the Homebound on Monday, December 21. Pick up the cards in the north entrance from 9:00-11:00 am and deliver that day. Delivery will be contactless; some deliveries may need to be left at a facility front desk. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/htlc-Cards20>

The FreeStore needs gently used 2- and 3-quart pots for cooking. If you have any you are able to donate, please place them in the designated area inside the north entrance during the times listed above.

An Online Journey Through Grief group will begin in January. This six-week class is offered through UnityPoint Hospice. It will meet online from 1:00 - 2:30 pm on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month from January - March 2021. For information or to register, call (515) 240-7473 or email Mallory.manning@unitypoint.org.

Subscribe or renew your subscription to *Living Lutheran* magazine. This special offer of \$9 (subscriptions are normally \$19.95) is available only once a year and is due by December 21. Visit <https://bit.ly/htlc-LL20> to subscribe and pay. If you prefer, send a paper including your name, complete mailing address, and "Living Lutheran" along with a check for \$9 (payable to HTLC) to the church by December 21.

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Matters! Please pray for those listed. Email Lisa Strnad to add a request.

Thanksgiving to God:

- For the birth of Emmalynn Seraphim Soukup to Rich & Tiffany Soukup
- For those involved with our *God's Work. Our Hands.* Advent giving projects
- For health care workers and those providing essential services

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Arno Will

Healing and Health Concerns:

- Ken & Linda Aeikens
- Renee Cavanaugh, sister of Cyndi Olson
- Bill Cox
- Jill Curry, niece of Larry & Fran Nielsen
- Lori Dahl
- Jan Deuhr, mother of LeAnn DeVries
- Chuck DeVries
- John Doeden, father of Tina Stanley
- Darlene Field, friend of Donna Cottingham
- Paul Fredericksen
- Jim Frost, son-in-law of Larry & Grace Anderson
- Caroline Godfrey, daughter of Herb & Anne Knudten
- Wendell Harms, friend of Kathryn Duffy
- Meagan Hillman & family, niece of Joan Dietz
- Ivy Hockinson
- Sue Johnston, sister-in-law of Lisa Tagye
- Marilyn Kasperbauer, aunt of Krista Gerth

- Pat Livingston, mother of Paula Farrell
- John & Laura Locher, brother of Anne Knudten
- Deb Markert, friend of Lisa Cole
- Fran McAtee, brother-in-law of Jenny Mahlow
- DuWayne McDaniel
- Steele McLaren
- Herminia Mendoza, friend of Dennis & Joan Dietz
- Jim Meyer, husband of Jan Meyer
- Marlene Miller
- Shirley Muehlenthaler
- Marilyn Mueller
- Myrna Murphy
- Sheri Neal, daughter of Jan Neal
- Whitney Olthoff, friend of Cyndy & Steve Hockman
- Jennifer Pigg Osa, friend of Larry & Fran Nielsen
- Kim Pfaltzgraff, friend of Kristi O'Connor
- Residents of assisting living and nursing homes
- Sheila, sister of Jeff Wendel
- The family of Fred Scherle, friend of Julie Nelson
- Eli Smuts, friend of Pastor Tim
- Sandy Taylor, friend of the Kayser families
- Marilyn Wendel, mother of Jeff Wendel
- Richard & Sarah Whitney, daughter of Dan & Kathy Ellett
- Matt Wicks, son of Ann Wicks
- Chuck Wilson
- Nick Wimmer, grandson of Herb & Anne Knudten
- Bob Zinn, father of Jeremy Zinn

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- Ardie Pearson at the death of her brother, Arno Will

If you are hospitalized or have an urgent need for pastoral care, contact the on-call pastor at 515-336-0811.

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.

Sunday, December 6, 2020

✠ Gathering ✠

Advent Wreath Lighting

Gathering Song • Come, Lord Jesus

The congregation sings the refrain:

Ma-ra-na - tha! Come, Lord Je - sus. Ma-ra-na - tha! God with us.

Ma-ra-na-tha! Come, Lord Je-sus. Come-Em-man-u - el, come, Em-man - u - el.

Prayer of the Day

✠ Word ✠

Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gift of Music • On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry (Puer Nobis) • arr. Michael Mazzatenta •
HTLC Handbell Ensemble

Mark 1:1-8

Sermon • Pastor Tim Olson

Hymn of the Day • Prepare the Royal Highway • ELW 264

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

✠ Sending ✠

Blessing

Sending Song • He Came Down • ELW 253

Dismissal