Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

ELCA

December 7 • 8:30 & 10:00 am

Second 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

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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 Church School teachers and students
- For the musicians involved with music this Sunday
- For the volunteers and donors helping with the God's work. Our hands. projects
- For the marriage of Gabrielle Segar & Josh Johnson last weekend

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Dale DeBolt
- Bobbie Strother
- Gwen Wiegrefe
- Dennis Peterson
- Kathy Dann

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- Barbara DeBolt and Larry & Grace Anderson at the death of Barbara's husband and Larry & Grace's brother-in-law, Dale
- Todd & Dana Strother & family at the death of Todd's mother, Bobbie
- Karen & Jeff Blackmer & family at the death of Karen's mother, Gwen
- Bob & Carol Schmacker at the death of Bob's cousin, Dennis
- Tom & Bonnie Menken at the death of Tom's sister, Kathy

Remember in Prayer:

- Larry Anderson
- Ober Anderson, friend of Lee Crawford
- Sherri Andrew, daughter of Bob & Carol Schmacker
- Beth Biedermann Barnett
- Eric Biedermann
- Judy Bohrofen, friend of Greg & Lisa Cole
- Diane & Ray Boll, sister of Annette Doman
- David Dietz, cousin of Dennis Dietz
- Steve Duffy
- Sheryl Hartman, aunt of Melanie Hartman
- David & Melinda Jackson
- Berne Kiwimagi, friend of Bonnie Ficek
- Jim & Sandy Little
- Jeff & Joy Luke, friends of Vicki Larimer
- 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
- Bob Nielsen & family, uncle of Krista Gerth
- Jerry Northwick, father of Christina Brady
- Tim & Cyndi Olson
- Ardie Pearson
- 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
- Bonnie Strong
- Chris Thill, nephew of Donna Cottingham
- Denny Wildeman, friend of Bruce & Kathy Friest
- Linda & Paul Wold

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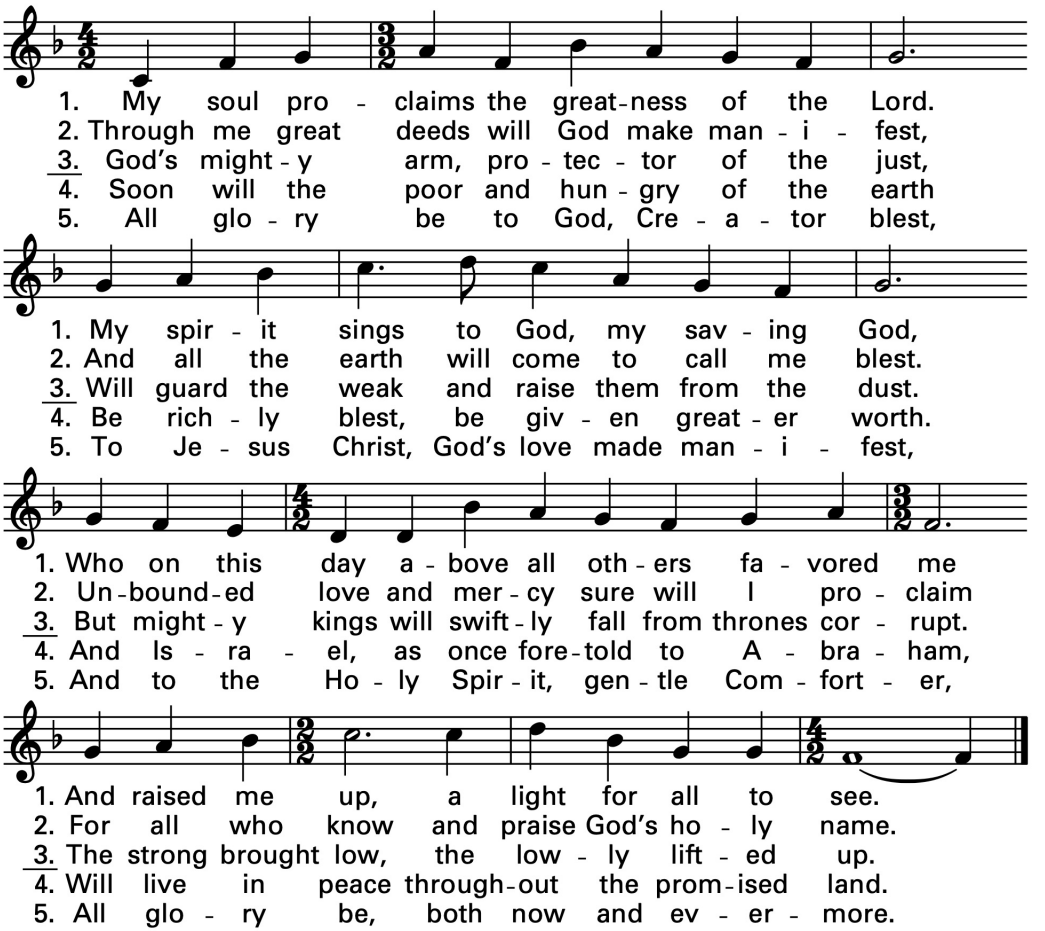
✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome

Prelude • Drop Down, Ye Heavens, from Above • by Judith Weir

Advent Wreath Lighting

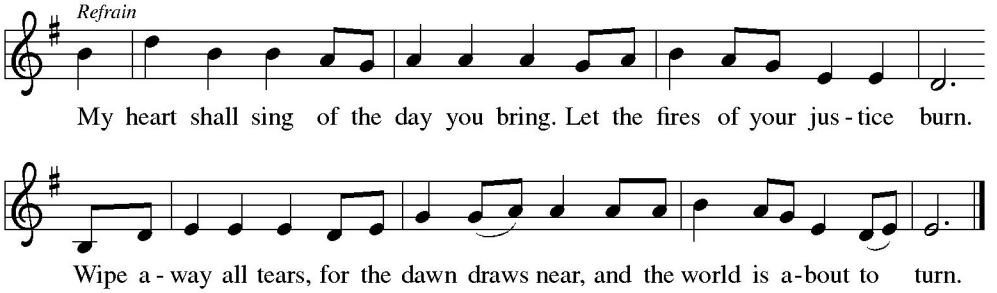
Gathering Song • My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord • *verses 1 & 2*

Prayer of the Day

Gift of Music • Mvmt. I: Andante espressivo from *Deux Interludes* • by Jacques Ibert

✢ Word ✢

Reading • Micah 5:2-5a

Carols in Alternation • O Lord, How Shall I Meet You & He Came Down
Reading • The Magnificat of Mary from Luke
Gift of Music • Movement I from *Magnificat* • by Francesco Durante
Reading • Isaiah 42:1-7
Gift of Music • Movements II & III from *Magnificat* • by Francesco Durante
Reading
Gift of Music • Movements IV, V & VI from *Magnificat* • by Francesco Durante
Reading
Carol • My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord • *verses 3-5 (see previous page)*
Reading
Carol • Canticle of the Turning • arr. Anne Krentz Organ • *Sing refrain as directed*



Offering • *The offering is received*
Mvmt. II: Allegro vivo from *Deux Interludes* • by Jacques Ibert
Litany
Lord's Prayer

✢ Sending ✢

Blessing
Sending Song • Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn • ELW 242 • *vs. 3 choir only*
Dismissal

Thank You to Our Participants:

HTLC Adult Choir	*Christina Brady, soloist*	*Pat Zimmer, flute*
Jean Murphy, organ	*Kathryn Duffy, soloist*	*Robert Espe, violin*
Asta Twedt, reader	*John Netten, soloist*	*Leah Kolner, violin*
Bishop Amy Current, reader	*Andy Schafer, soloist*	*Laura Graham, bassoon*

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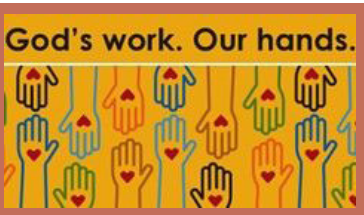

God's work. Our hands.

Advent projects are underway! Help us to Share God's Love with those who are in need all over central Iowa and beyond.

Christmas Cards

Write a few extra Christmas cards and share them with our members who are homebound or could use a little extra love this year. You may pick up a list at the Outreach Wall. **Cards are due Dec. 14.**

LSI Refugee Support

Donate **new full or queen quilts for beds, shampoo/conditioner, and toilet paper** to be given to refugees who are resettling in our area. **Please return items to the bin at the Outreach Wall at church by Dec. 15**.

Hope Ministries

Donate **hand lotion, white briefs (L–XL), deodorant, and shaving cream** to be given to refugees who are resettling in our area. **Please return items to the bin at the Outreach Wall at church by Dec. 10.**

Mosaic Gifts: Adopt-An-Individual

Shop for gifts to fulfill the wish lists of clients of Mosaic. **Pick up a tag** at the Outreach Wall at church. Or, you can call the church to get a name. **Return wrapped gifts to the Outreach Wall at church by Dec. 8.**

Trinity Center Gifts

Donate items for residents who live at Trinity Center at Luther Park. **Pick up a wish list** at the Outreach Wall at church. These items will be used as Christmas, birthday, and BINGO gifts throughout the year. **Please return unwrapped items by Dec. 8.**

Iowa Homeless Youth Center

Shop for gifts from the wish lists of single parents and their children who are being served by Iowa Homeless Youth Center. **Pick up a gift tag** at the Outreach Wall at church. **Please return unwrapped gifts by Dec. 14.**

Holy Trinity Food Pantry Gift Cards

Purchase **$10 gift cards from HyVee and Fareway** to share with our food pantry guests prior to Christmas. **Place gift cards in the offering baskets during worship or give them to the church office by Sunday, Dec. 8.**

Announcements

Mission & Ministry Opportunities & Events

Lessons & Carols and Celebration Lunch Today! As part of Holy Trinity's 75th Anniversary celebration, join us for Lessons & Carols worship followed by a Celebration Lunch at 11:00 am provided by the church. The Adult Choir and instrumental musicians will share their musical gifts during both worship services.

Wednesday Advent Worship & Dinner New this year, join us on Wednesdays, December 10 and 17, for dinner and worship during Advent. Dinner will be served from 5:00–6:15 pm, followed by a 30-minute vesper service at 6:15 pm—a distinct and intimate worship experience different from Sunday mornings.

Bake Christmas Cookies We need cookies—and lots of them! Help us sweeten the season by providing cookies for the Children's Christmas Program on December 14 and between worship services on December 24. If you can share a batch (or two!), sign up at bit.ly/htlc-cookies25.

Children's Christmas Program Come and celebrate the joy of the season as our Church School children share the story of Christmas! Join us on Sunday, December 14, at 5:00 pm for their special program, followed by cookies and coffee in fellowship. (Program rehearsal will be held Saturday, December 13, at 10:00 am.)

Christmas Worship Christmas Eve worship will be held on Wednesday, December 24, at 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 pm. Christmas Day worship will be held Wednesday, December 25, at 10:00 am.

Christ in Our Home The January-March issue of this devotional is available in the narthex.

Leaving a Legacy Have you made an estate plan? Does that plan include Holy Trinity? Did you know that Holy Trinity has an endowment fund to receive legacy gifts? Explore options for planning at https://foundation.elca.org/giving-docs.

Enriched in Every Way

Our generosity emphasis this year begins with the assurance that we have been blessed to be a blessing. 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

Sunday, December 7
8:30 am Church School (2)
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S)
11:00 am 75th Anniversary Luncheon (FH)

Monday, December 8
1:30 pm Pause Group (MPR)
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, December 9
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)
6:30 pm Men's Group (MPR)

Wednesday, December 10
9:00 am LWR Quilters (FH)
5:00-6:15 pm Advent Dinner (FH)
5:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (202 - Music Room)
6:00 pm Church School (2)
6:00 pm Confirmation (MPR)
6:15 pm Advent Midweek Worship (S)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)

Thursday, December 11
6:30 am Son Seekers Men's Ministries (CK)

Friday, December 12
No events scheduled

Saturday, December 13
7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)
10:00 am Christmas Program Rehearsal

Sunday, December 14
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S)
5:00 pm Christmas Program (S)

Monday, December 15
1:30 pm Pause Group (MPR)
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, December 16
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)
6:30 pm Men's Group (MPR)
6:30 pm 49+ Book Club (CK)

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.