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 8
8:30 am Church School (2)
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S)
12:00 pm High School Hang Out (Offsite)

Monday, December 9
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Group (MPR)
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, December 10
9:00 am PPP & Willing Workers (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (FH)
12:00-6:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
6:30 pm Prayer Team Meeting (CK)

Wednesday, December 11
9:00 am LWR Quilters (FH)
5:15 pm Grades 3-8 Choir Rehearsal (200)
6:00 pm Church School (2)
6:00 pm Confirmation (MPR)
6:00 pm Wednesday Night Worship (S)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)

Thursday, December 12
6:30 am Son Seekers - Men's Ministries (CK)
6:30 pm Men's Group (MPR)

Friday, December 13
No events scheduled

Saturday, December 14
7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)
10:00 am Christmas Program Rehearsal
12:00-4:00 pm Property Clean-Up Day

Sunday, December 15
8:30 am Church School in Worship (S)
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S)
5:00 pm Christmas Program

Monday, December 16
1:30 pm Pause Group (MPR)
4:45 pm Brass Ensemble Rehearsal (B)
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, December 17
9:00 am PPP & Willing Workers (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (FH)
12:00-6:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
5:30 pm Capital Campaign Implementation Team Meeting (201)
6:30 pm 49+ Book Club (MPR)

Holy Trinity Food Pantry

Our food pantry needs 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). 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 8 • 8:30 & 10:00 am
Wednesday, December 11 • 6:00 pm

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 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

Thank You! Thank you to all who baked and delivered pies to Mosaic homes, delivered fruit bags to our homebound members, and assembled and delivered meals to those who worked on Thanksgiving. You are the hands and feet of Jesus!

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.

Property Clean-up Day Please join us to clean outside and inside the church building on Saturday, December 14, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Bring handheld vacuums, vacuums with attachments, rakes, gloves, push brooms, and water bottles.

Children's Christmas Program The congregation is invited to the Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 15, at 5:00 pm.

Longest Season Morning Prayer & Brunch Join us on Saturday, December 21, 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. The church will provide the meal.

Advent & Christmas Devotions You are welcome to pick up an Advent devotional booklet in the Narthex. These devotions reflect Advent through the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Bake Christmas Cookies We need cookies to serve following the youth Christmas program on December 15 and between worship services on December 24. If you are willing to donate cookies, please sign up at bit.ly/htlc-cookies24.

Help the Food Pantry On Mondays The food pantry needs help unloading and shelving food on Mondays at 10:30 am. Afternoon times vary each week. You may need to lift boxes up to 20 pounds. If you are interested in helping, contact Pamm Cox or sign up at bit.ly/htlc-FP.

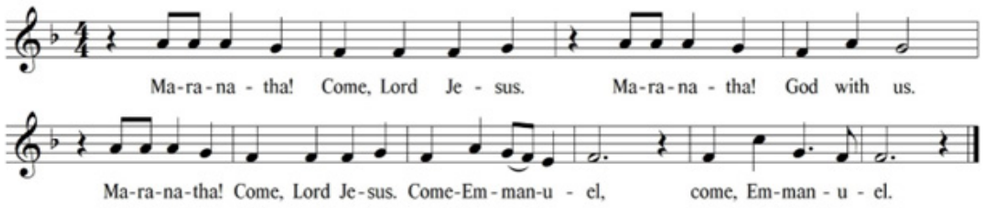
Cards for the Homebound As you're writing Christmas cards this year, order a few extra for our homebound members. Please bring cards to the mailbox at the Red Wall by Dec. 11. If you would like to deliver the cards, contact Lisa in the office.

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

6:00 pm

✢ Gathering ✢

Prelude
Invocation and Land Acknowledgment
Gathering Litany
Gathering Hymn • Come, Lord Jesus • *sing as directed:*



Prayer of the Day

✢ Word ✢

Reading • Colossians 1:15-22
Meditation
Hymn of the Day • Comfort, Comfort Now My People • ELW 256
Prayers of Intercession
Lord's Prayer

✢ Sending ✢

Blessing
Sending Song • He Came Down • ELW 253
Dismissal

Prayer Concerns

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

Thanksgiving to God:

- For the church schoolteachers and students
- For those helping with the God's work. Our hands. projects.
- For the musicians involved with music this weekend
- For the birth of Dylan Noelle to Mitchell and Tiffany Wood

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Rich Kruse
- Jerry Brandow

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- Lana Kruse at the death of her husband, Rich
- Ruby Brandow at the death of her husband, Jerry

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
- Bonnie Holm
- Joe, son-in-law of Bruce and Kathy Friest
- Allen Johnson
- Susan Johnson, sister-in-law of Verdel Odgaard
- Jessica Keenan
- Charlotte Kemp
- Georgia Larson
- Dorothy Legel, aunt of Deanna Questad
- Jim & Sandy Little
- Laurel Mader, friend of Deanna Questad
- Bailey Marcuccilli & family, friend of Sarah Boury
- Meggan, friend for Dan & Kathy Ellett
- Corrine Mraz, friend of Pam Schroeder
- Priscilla McFarland
- Ed Meador & family
- 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
- Marilyn Schafbuch, cousin of Wayne Shaw
- Olivia Shfits, friend of Charles and Connie Juhl
- 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

Lessons & Carols • Sunday, December 8, 2024

8:30 & 10:00 am

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude • Mvmt. I: Allegro non troppo from *Symphonia Sexta* • by Gregor Joseph Werner • *Instrumentalists*

Invocation

Gift of Music • Ecce Deus Salvator • by Adriano Banchieri • *Adult Choir*

Advent Wreath Lighting

Carol • Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus • ELW 254 • *Congregation*

Reading • Malachi 3:1-4

Gift of Music • Emmanuel, Come to Set Us Free • by Jalonda Robertson • *Adult Choir; Julie Nash, soloist*

Reading • Baruch 5:1-9

Carol • People, Look East • ELW 248 • *Congregation*

Reading • Isaiah 9:2-7

Gift of Music • For Unto Us a Child is Born • by G. F. Handel • *Adult Choir*

Reading • Luke 1:68-79

Carol • Blessed Be the God of Israel • ELW 250 • *Congregation*

Reading • Philippians 1:3-11

Gift of Music • E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come • by Paul Manz • *Adult Choir*

Reading • Luke 3:1-6

Carol • Prepare the Royal Highway • ELW 264 • *Congregation*

Offering • *The offering is received*

Mvt. I: Spiritoso from *Sonata in D Major* (op.9, no.4) • by Giovanni Battista Sammartini • *Intrumentalists*

Litany & Lord's Prayer

Gift of Music • This Christmastide • by Donald Fraser • *Adult Choir; Karlee Nelson, soloist*

Blessing & Dismissal

Thank You to Our Participants:

HTLC Adult Choir
Jean Murphy, organ
Sharon Jones, reader
Pat Zimmer, flute
Robert Espe, violin
Leah Kolner, violin
Laura Graham, bassoon
Julie Nash, soloist
Karlee Nelson, soloist