



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
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*We are a church that actively shares
a living, daring, confidence in God's grace
with our community and the world.*

January 10, 2021

Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)
May the presence of the Almighty bless and comfort you, so you
leave here renewed and prepared for the week ahead.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

[Silence is kept for reflection.]

Holy God,
you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin— our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you, **And also with you.**

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FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.
³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the ¹ LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- ¹ ry and strength.

**²Ascribe to the LORD the glory / due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- / ty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of ¹ glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the ¹ mighty waters.

**⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow- / erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a / voice of splendor. R**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the ¹ cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- ¹ dars of Lebanon;

**⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip / like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a / young wild ox.**

⁷The voice ¹ of the LORD
bursts forth in ¹ lightning flashes.

**⁸The voice of the LORD / shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- / ness of Kadesh. R**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the ¹ forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are ¹ crying, "Glory!"

**¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- / bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- / evermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength ¹ to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- ¹ ings of peace. R

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK, THE 1ST CHAPTER.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON



* APOSTLES CREED

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith as one:

***I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit;
born of the Virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
on the third day He rose again,
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen***



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition will conclude with "Let Us Pray."

The congregation's response is: **"Have mercy, O God."**

Prayers needed for God's healing, grace, and mercy for those with medical/health concern and other struggles & concerns:

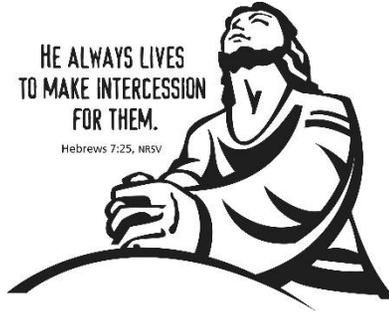
Severi & June Haataja, Florence Naumes, Elaine Archambeau,
Lawrence Parolini, and Dolly Erickson

Prayers needed for God's peace, for those who lost loved ones:

The family and friends of Bud Spiroff

The family and friends of Denise Kinnunen

The family and friends of David Tuohimaa



*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.



*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

***Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven,
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the
Glory, forever. Amen***

BLESSING

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**



In the know:

- **Would the individual who** dropped off a toaster oven in the entryway this week, please call the office. We are unsure what this is for. Unless you are dropping off sheets or jeans for the quilters, or pop bottles, please do not drop off things in the entryway without contacting the office first, either by calling (leaving a phone message), or an email.
- **Committee Reports are needed** for the upcoming annual meeting. **Please get your reports to the office ASAP.** Even though not much has happened here at HTLC this year, reports are needed. Even if it states that due to Covid, there is nothing to report.
- **The Christ in Our Home** devotionals are finally in! They are located in the entryway on top of the white cabinet.
- **The Service and Witness Committee** would like to thank all those who donated toward the Christmas giving drive this year. Total donations came to: \$1,475.00. Again, thank you for your generosity and care for those in need. This has been a hard year for all, but more so for others, especially those who have lost their employment.
- **We are still in need of shoveling volunteers** this winter season when indoor service is available. Please contact the office to let Julie know your availability.
- **Our current total** for the Econo Cares [receipt] program is a little over \$80,500. Keep those receipts coming. 😊



Please leave a message at (906) 523-4315 or at office.htlc@gmail.com
AS VOICEMAIL AND EMAIL ARE CHECKED FREQUENTLY.
[Monday & Thursdays: 12pm-5pm,
Tuesdays & Wednesdays: 9am- 1pm]
For pastoral emergencies, contact Pastor Soren at: (906) 290-1405.

December 27, 2020	January 3, 2020
General Offering totals (12/24/2020 – 12/31/2020) \$8,679.55	General Offering totals (01/01/2021 – 01/07/2021) \$2,295.00

January GF Totals to date: \$18,459.78

2019 January – December GF Totals: **\$158,758.41**
2020 January – December GF Totals: **\$147,905.80**