



## Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Welcomes You!

10:00a.m. Worship Service & Communion  
[Family Worship; no Sunday School]

11:00a.m. Fellowship Hour

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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.*

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January 12, 2025

Epiphany of our Lord

Baptism of our Lord

**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.

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Congregation please stand if able when indicated by the Pastor

You are also invited to say the words in **bold type**.

**PRELUDE MUSIC** (*a time of quiet preparation and heart reflection*)

**INVOCATION: ENTER IN** (*SUNG TOGETHER, THEN IN ROUND*)

1. Lord, our God now enter in.
2. Oh, Jesus, enter in.
3. Holy Spirit, enter in.
4. Fill this place with love.

**GREETING**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

God-with-us, ***we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.***

**KYRIE & GLORY IN THE HIGHEST**

*(call & response)*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***O God, you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

<sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;  
***2 that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;***  
<sup>3</sup> that the mountains may bring prosperity <sup>1</sup> to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.  
***4 Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.***

<sup>5</sup> May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

***<sup>6</sup> Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.***

<sup>7</sup> In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall <sup>1</sup> be no more.

***<sup>10</sup> May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.***

<sup>11</sup> May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

***<sup>12</sup> For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.***

<sup>13</sup> He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.

***<sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.***

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup> for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup> a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup> In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup> that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly

places. <sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, THE 2<sup>ND</sup> CHAPTER.

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

## MESSAGE

## SONG OF THE DAY

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition will conclude with “God of grace”  
The congregation’s response is: “**hear our prayer.**”

Prayers needed for God’s healing, for those with medical//health concerns:  
Jodie Binroth Courney, Mike Mattila, Keith Shepard, Curt Judson, & Wynter Lindgren.

Prayers needed for God’s peace, for those who lost loved ones:  
The Family & Friends of: Gale Kocher and David Jalkanen.

## PEACE

## OFFERING

The offering table is in the narthex, outside the sanctuary doors.

Giving is a reminder of the blessings God gives us and gave to us through Jesus Christ.

Tithes & offerings are gathered for the support and mission of the church, including the care of those in need within our community and beyond.

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

### Everything That We Have

**Everything that we have everything that we are  
every moment is a blessing from above**

**It’s endless love that we breathe**

**it’s endless love that we receive-**

**what has freely come we now let freely go.**

**Working hard to survive is no guarantee**

**For the deck is always stacked against the poor**

**If we’d use just what we need**

**Reject the creeping cancer of greed**

**Like a miracle the hungry could be fed**

**May we show gratitude in the way that we live**

**Not with pompous prayers and not with fancy feasts**

**Imagine how the world should be**

**Then take a risk to build this dream**

**That’s the offering that God is asking for**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## GREAT THANKSGIVING COMMUNION

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

† we praise your name and join their unending hymn †

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## CHRIST’S WORDS AT THE TABLE

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith...

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *(call & response)*

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*All are invited forward for communion.*

*Kneel at the altar rail where you will receive communion by individual cup.*

*Red wine and white grape juice are available.*

*Gluten-free wafers are also available.*

*If you would just like to receive a blessing, come with your arms folded in prayer.*

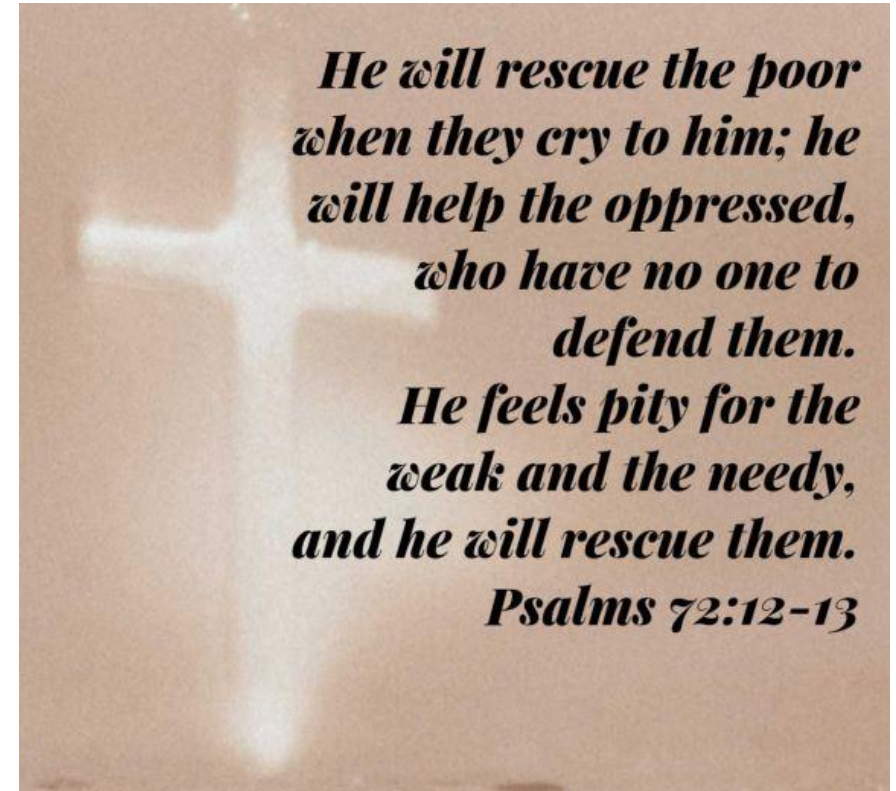
## **LAMB OF GOD**

## **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **BLESSING** *(call & response)*

**DISMISSAL:** ... *Thanks be to God.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**[Today] Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** Sunday Worship, 10am [no Sunday School]  
**-Family Sunday-**

Parish Ed meeting, following service  
 Finance meeting, following service  
 Fellowship Hour, 11am

A.A.: 8-9pm

**Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

Quilting, 9am to noon  
 Council meeting, 6pm

**Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

Family Movie Night, 6pm

**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday Worship, 10am, Sunday School  
 Fellowship Hour, 11am

Let's Eat, 4-5:30pm @ Gloria Dei

A.A.: 8-9pm

**Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

Quilting, 9am to noon

**Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday Worship, 10am, Sunday School  
 Fellowship Hour, 11am

ANNUAL MEETING, following service.

A.A.: 8-9pm

**Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

Quilting, 9am to noon

**Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Sunday Worship, 10am, Sunday School  
 Fellowship Hour, 11am

A.A.: 8-9pm



- **The blue can offerings this month** will go toward outdoor maintenance (snow plowing, lawn mowing, asphalt maintenance, etc.). If you would like to donate to outdoor maintenance, put on the memo of your check/envelope: **GF/O.M.**

- **The final total from the Top-the-Tater & Gift Basket fundraiser** came to: \$1,464.00. Thank you to

everyone that volunteered, donated, and participated in this!

- **Upcoming meetings:** Today (1/12/25) Parish Ed, and Finance, after service. 1/14/25 Council, 6pm. 1/26/25 Annual Meeting, after service.

- **Julie will be out** of the office all week next week.

- **Winter shoveling volunteers needed.** There is a signup sheet located on the counter in the Fellowship Hall.

- **The next family Movie night** will be on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

- **The next Let's Eat [free] community meal** will be on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at Gloria Dei, Hancock.

- **The annual meeting will be held** on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Please prayerfully consider having your name put on this year's annual meeting ballot. The functionality of the church does not exist without those willing to step in and serve. We need to fill seats on the Council, Endowment Committee, and Nominating Committee.

- **UP Wild winter schedule:** Nature Prayer Services will be Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, and March 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at the Chapel of St. Matthew in Hancock. (on the former campus of Finlandia University). The Nature Prayer Services are opportunities to connect with God, nature, and each other in a relaxed setting. Each service has a leader who will guide the service with prayers, readings, and reflection. Everyone is welcome, no religious affiliation is necessary.

- **Please take time to sign** the sign-in sheet located by the Sanctuary doors in the Narthex. This helps the office in many ways! Members do not need to list your address or phone info., unless your information has recently changed. Visitors: Please provide us with contact info., so we can send you a card of thanks and/or encouragement. Thanks!

- **Also, by the Sanctuary doors** is the offering plate. You are able to drop off your tithes & offerings at any point prior to, or after service.

	January			February
	January 12 <sup>th</sup>	January 19 <sup>th</sup>	January 26 <sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>
	<b>VOLUNTEER(s) NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER(s) NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER(s) NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER(s) NEEDED</b>
<b>Musician</b>	Pr. Soren	Deb Young	Kristiina Vanhala	Mary Jurgensen
<b>Reader</b>	Ellie Bates	Judy Karvakko	Nancy Paananen	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	<b>YOUTH VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	Paulette Archambeau	George & Betty Uuro	Roberta Tapani
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<b>YOUTH VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	Paulette Archambeau	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	Roberta Tapani
<b>Sunday School Teacher(s)</b>	(No Sunday School) -Family Sunday-	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>
<b>Counters</b>	Becky Moyle & Julie Judson	Paulette Archambeau & Roberta Tapani	Mary Jurgensen & Sue Rossberg	Paulette Archambeau & Roberta Tapani
<b>Altar Care</b>	The Sargents			Annie Soumis

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**Pr. Soren Schmidt**

**Mondays, Wednesdays**

**& Thursdays**

**9am – 2pm**

*[Tuesday: out of office for text study, and visitations.*

*Fridays: Day Off]*

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Emergencies contact  
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**December 29, 2024**

**Attendance: 57**

General Offering:

12/23/24 – 12/31/24

**\$7,926.00**

**January 5, 2025**

**Attendance: 53**

General Offering:

1/1/25 – 1/5/25

**\$2,381.00**

Month of November Income: **\$13,783.02**

Month of November Expenses: **\$10,858.77**

**\$2,924.25**

January 1, 2023 to November 30, 2024 Income: **\$151,770.34**

January 1, 2023 to November 30, 2024 Expenses: **\$141,044.05**

**\$10,726.29**



Blue Can for the month of January will go toward outdoor maintenance. If you are interested in donating to January's blue can, please put on the memo of check and envelope: GF/O.M.

Total to date: \$92.00