



**Thank you for worshiping with
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

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

January 9, 2022

Epiphany 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.

Congregation please stand if able when indicated by the Pastor

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

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father (Echo)

In the name of the Son (Echo)

In the name of the Spirit (Echo)

The Three in One! (Echo)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

GATHERING SONG

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth. **Amen.**

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

[Silence is kept for reflection.]

Holy God, **we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.**

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. + In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God, on this day 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.

KYRIE (call & response)

L: Lord have mercy

C: Lord have mercy

L: Christ have mercy

C: Christ have mercy

Above is repeated after each prayer sung by Pastor ("We pray for...")

L: Amen.

C: Amen.

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GLORY IN THE HIGHEST:

Chorus:

Glory in the highest, glory be to God

Glory in the highest and peace to all the earth.

(The rest is call and response)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift 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. ⁵Then 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. ⁶A 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

¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;

***²that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;***

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

***⁴Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor. R***

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

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

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

***¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts. R***

¹¹May all kings bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.

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

¹³He has compassion on the lowly and poor,
and preserves the lives of the needy.

***¹⁴From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,
and precious is their blood in his sight. R***

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In 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: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of 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. ⁸Although 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, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so 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. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in 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 SERMON

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, THE 2ND CHAPTER.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "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."

³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written

by the prophet: ⁶And 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."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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." ⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And 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.***

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

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 "Merciful God."

*The congregation's response is: "**receive our prayer.**"*

Prayers needed for God's healing, grace, and mercy for those with medical/health concern and other struggles & concerns: Lorraine Lassila, Amanda Hanley, Diane Allen, Dave Saunders, Gary Cote, & Roberta Noetzel.

*Prayers needed for God's peace, for those who lost loved ones:
The family & friends of Doreen Tormala-Lockwood.*

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. ***And also with you.***

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***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

...this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

LORD'S PRAYER (CALL AND RESPONSE SUNG)

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

***Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your...name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done... on earth... as in heaven,
Give us today... our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
as we also forgive
and save us from...the time of trial,
and deliver... us from evil,
for Thine is the Kingdom
and the Power and the Glory...forever...and ever.
Amen
Our Father...in heaven,
Hallowed be Your....name.***

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

All are invited to come 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 available.

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord bless and keep you	(echo)
Lift His countenance upon you	(echo)
God's blessings go with you	(echo)
And give you peace	(echo slower)
In the name of the Father	(echo)
In the name of the Son	(echo)
In the name of the Spirit	(echo)
The Three in One	(echo)

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

Thanks be to God.

In the know:

- **A Spaghetti Dinner Benefit** for the Gary Cote family will be held on Saturday, January 15th here at HTLC. Pickup between 3-7pm. Donation: \$10.00 Contact the HTLC office for your spaghetti dinner tickets, or see Mollie Trewartha (or) Paulette Archambeau.
- **Worship service options (worship time 10am):** Indoor, Local radio (89.1FM), or Facebook live at <https://www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.org/>
- **At HTLC we love and promote the health and safety of our community.** We treasure and advocate for in person attendance at our services and functions. However, if you are feeling unwell, we ask as a precautionary measure, you remain home. For Sunday services, you can join our online worship or tune into the local radio broadcast found at 89.1fm. We all need to remember to practice the safety recommendations; if you have any of the following symptoms, please refrain from joining any indoor services or functions: cold/sinus issues, coughing, fever, chills, sore throat, trouble breathing, muscle aches, headache, a new loss or smell or taste. As always, be a good neighbor, love and respect one another. God's peace. +HTLC Council
- **Just a reminder for those** attending indoor Worship services, to please sign in. The form is located by the Sanctuary doors in the Narthex. This sign in sheet will now be replacing the previous blue Rejoice & Serve sheets that had been located at the end of each pew. Please remember to sign in prior to, or after service.
- **We need volunteers!** Areas needing help are as follows: Greeters, Altar Care, Communion Assistants, Counters, Lay Readers, Coffee Servers, & Sunday Morning Snow Shovelers. Please contact the office, or let Pastor Soren know where you would be willing to help out.
- **There will be an Altar Care meeting** on Sunday the 16th following worship service. This is for those on the Altar Care schedule, AND for those not already on the Altar Care schedule, BUT ARE WILLING TO HELP OUT. 😊
- **If you no longer need** your church key(s), we are asking you to return them to the office (for those who have returned your key(s), thank you). For those who have keys and still need them, please contact the office with your key #.
- **HTLC's annual meeting** will be held in-person, and on zoom (for those who cannot physically attend) following the worship service on Sunday, January 30th. In addition to a review of the past year, the adoption of the 2022 budget and other business will be presented to the members of HTLC and voted upon. Also voted upon will be delegates for the Council, Endowment Committee, & Nominating Committee. A decision will also need to be made regarding the delegates representing HTLC, needed for the Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly and the Fortune Lake Annual Meeting. It is the right and privilege of every confirmed & active member of this congregation to participate. Please plan to attend.

UPCOMING EVENT

Sunday, [Today] January 9th	Sunday Worship, 10am. (Family Sunday) Fellowship, 11am
Tuesday, January 11th	Quilting, 9am to noon
Wednesday, January 12th	Finance meeting, 6pm Council meeting, 7pm
Saturday, January 15th	Gary Cote Family Spaghetti Dinner Benefit, 3-7pm
Sunday, January 16th	Sunday Worship, 10am. (Sunday School Resumes) Altar Care meeting, following worship service Fellowship, 11am
Tuesday, January 18th	Quilting, 9am to noon
Sunday, January 23rd	Sunday Worship, 10am. (Sunday School) Fellowship, 11am
Tuesday, January 25th	Quilting, 9am to noon
Sunday, January 30th	Sunday Worship, 10am. (Sunday School) Fellowship, 11am ANNUAL MEETING, immediately following service

JANUARY				
	Jan. 9 th	Jan. 16 th	Jan. 23 rd	Jan. 30 th
Musician	Pastor Soren	Deb Young	Kristiina Vanhala	Deb Young
Reader	Rhys Edwards			Deb Pederson
Greeter(s)	Rhys Edwards	Fritz & Marvyl Wilson		
Communion Assistant	Rhys Edwards	Marvyl Wilson		
Acolytes	Bella & Noah Edwards & Tanner Elenich	Alexa & Dylan Hoffman	Brynn Lystila & Aspen Pietila	Anika and Maija Mechlin
Coffee Servers	Sandi & Jack Engel		Sue Truelove & Ann Soumis	
Counters	Mary Pekkala &	Paulette Archambeau &	Mary Jurgensen & Erica Bates	Mary Pekkala &
Altar Care	Marvyl Wilson			

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December 26, 2021

Indoor Attendance: 29

General Offering totals
(12/21/2021 – 12/31/2021)
\$2,707.74

January 2, 2022

Indoor Attendance: 38

General Offering totals
(1/1/2022 – 1/3/2022)
\$3,091.00

Month of November Income: **\$13,222.22**

Month of November Expenses: **\$9,949.00**

+\$3,273.22

January 1st to November 30th Income: **\$137,299.40**

January 1st to November 30th Expenses: **\$133,980.42**

+\$3,318.98