

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church as we begin a new church year! The year begins with the season of Advent when we wait for Christ's coming. We long to hear and see the good news that Christ's presence brings into our lives and into the world. God's blessings to you and your loved ones as we listen to God's Word with an open heart!

- Pastors Alicia and Ben Hilding

PRAYERS

God, you walked this earth and know the heights and depths of human experience. Today, we lift to you those who need your presence with them- specifically, we pray for Al, Eric, Sara, Carol, Joel, Tim, Tosha, Brad, Jake, Violet, Laura, Geri, Shirley, Janet, and Deb. We also pray for your accompaniment with Ann Gengel as she grieves the death of her mom, Grace. We believe, trust, and put our hope in you, Lord. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

SPONSORS

This week, Daryl and Pastor Diane Goulson sponsored the Hospitality Ministry, given in thanks for the love of family. Thank you, Goulsons!

The Radio Ministry has openings for sponsors.

Sponsoring a week is a great way to support the church, honor a special event, or memorialize a loved one. Contact Jamie at 952-758-3513 to contribute to these important ministries and to choose your preferred date.



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WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, v. 1

OPENING HYMN *All Earth is Hopeful*, ELW #266

PRAYER OF THE DAY

MUSICAL OFFERING Elsie Goldade, *Let There Be Peace On Earth*

CREW TIME DISMISSAL

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 64:1-9

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Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

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MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *All Who Are Thirsty*

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CREW TIME RETURNS

OFFERING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *Lamb of God*

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Emmanuel
Christ Be Our Light, ELW#715

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *Savior of the Nations Come*, ELW #263

DISMISSAL

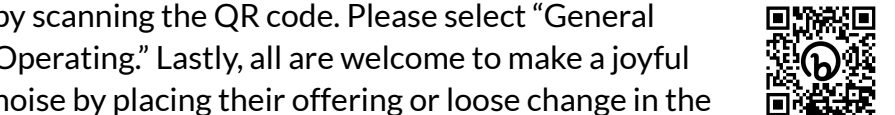
POSTLUDE

NOTES

HOLY COMMUNION: Every person has a place at God's table. No exceptions. All are welcome to join this Holy Communion meal, regardless of church membership or denomination. Follow the direction of the ushers to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Receive a wafer (regular or gluten-free) in your hand, and then select red wine or apple juice. Children (under 4th grade) and others who do not commune are welcome to come for a blessing.

NURSERY: If you have someone who might need to move around a bit, you are welcome to utilize the nursery located next to the sanctuary. A private room is available for nursing mothers.

OFFERING: Experience the joy of giving! Give via cash or check using the envelopes near your seat. Please place it in the collection plate as the ushers pass your row. Give electronically by scanning the QR code. Please select “General Operating.” Lastly, all are welcome to make a joyful noise by placing their offering or loose change in the metal milk can. You may also give your coins to a child, and they will deliver your “noisy offering.” 10% of the offering supports Holy Trinity’s Mission Outreach projects. Thank you!



RESTROOMS: Located along the same hall as the cross wall. Of the eight accessible restrooms, six are single occupancy, gender-inclusive with changing tables.

WIFI: Username: *HTLC-Guest*, Password: *Fellowship*

FINANCES

Finances as of October 31, 2023	Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Actual
Revenue	\$535,334	\$498,504
Expenses	\$557,057	\$525,799
Revenue - Expenses	-\$21,723	-\$27,295

RESPOND

BIBLE STUDY: Sunday, December 3, 5 pm, Paul's Place. Join Pastor Alicia as she wraps the Bible Study topic, "Risking Reading Romans - The Book Known to Change Lives."

BLUE CHRISTMAS: Sunday, December 3, 7 pm. Dinner at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Blue Christmas is a meaningful service for anyone experiencing grief, separation, loneliness, or weariness. Christmas isn't always merry and bright. Invite a friend who needs God's peace and presence during a difficult time. All are welcome.

MINISTRY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES: A little bit of your time can make a big difference during Advent and Christmas Eve worship services! Scan the QR code to sign up to light the Advent wreath or serve as a worship assistant during Blue Christmas or Christmas Eve services.

SHARING TREE: Covered in tags representing 70 children from 21 families in the Le Sueur County Santa Anonymous program. Find it near the entrance of the Fellowship Hall and pick a tag. Follow the directions and **return all gifts by Dec. 6.** *Thank you!*

CHRISTMAS CHEERS: Tuesday, Dec. 5, 6-8 pm, Giesenbrau Bierstube. All are welcome to this family-friendly event! Games, crafts, puzzles, and FUN for all ages. Find more information in the HTLConnections!

COMMUNITY CAROLING, COOKIES & COCOA: Sunday, Dec. 10, 2 - 3:30 pm, Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to HTLC's newest community event! Join Rita in singing Christmas carols while enjoying cookies and cocoa. Bring your wishlist for Santa will be here! Freewill offering supports the New Prague Peace Center and Lutheran Social Services Foster Care.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Wednesday, Dec. 13, 6 pm. All are welcome to hear the Christmas Story by the Crew Time students! Traditional Christmas hymns help to tell the greatest story on earth. Invite extended family and bring your camera - this is a favorite Holy Trinity tradition! Enjoy cookies after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

SERMON NOTES

Each week listen closely to the pastor's message, take notes, and discuss them with your Confirmation small group.

Name: _____

- 1) What is something that is "to come" that you are looking forward to in December?
- 2) What does the word "Advent" mean?
- 3) What do you think people thought would change with Jesus' coming to earth?

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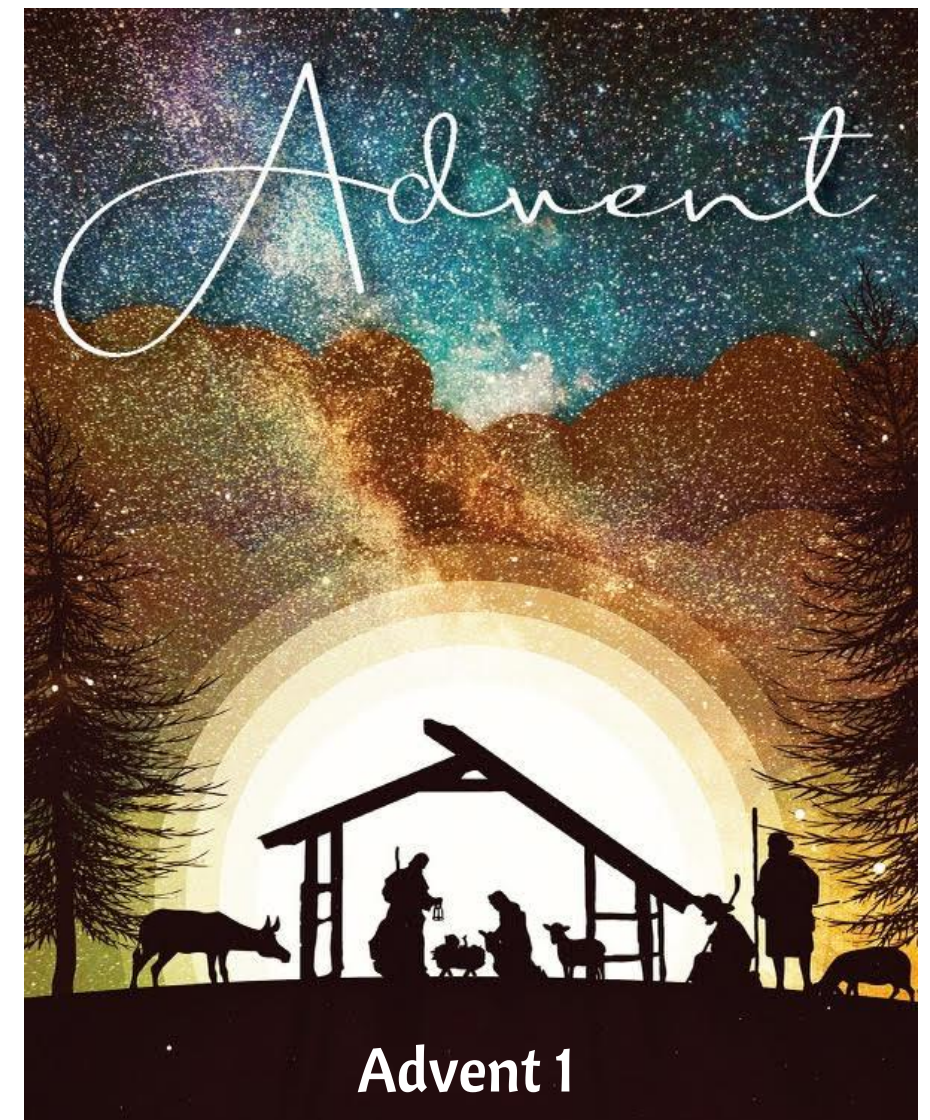
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NOVEMBER 29, 2023

WEDNESDAY: 6 PM

DECEMBER 3, 2023

SUNDAY: 9 AM

Share God's love for all people from one generation to the next

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