## WELCOME

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Today, the Advent season begins. In this busy season, worship is a time to pause and breathe in God's presence. The Advent liturgy is shaped by the three trimesters of Mary's pregnancy. In the same way, hope often begins small and unseen. As you experience worship today, know that God is already at work within us and among us. Blessed Advent to you and your families.

Pastor Kjell Ferris

# **PRAYERS**

This week, please keep in your prayers: Darbie B., Joe S., Karen H., Kris P., Laura C., Ray M., Janet H., Nancy F., Heidi S., Candee W., Ellie R., Brenton B., Dylan E., Don M., Pastor Ben H., Rob N., Cathy H., Bruce H., Cheryl G., Debbie K., and Allen K.

\*If you would like to be added to this public prayer list, please contact

Jamie (office@holytrinityonline.org).

## **SPONSORS**

Dave & Donna Vaupel sponsored the Radio Ministry this week in memory of loved ones. Thank you for your gift of ministry!

Sponsoring a week is a great way to support the church, honor a special event, or memorialize a loved one. The Radio Ministry is \$70, and the Hospitality Ministry (Wednesday evening meals) is \$300 (full week) or \$150 (half week). Please contact Jamie at office@holytrinityonline.org or call 952.758.3513 to support these important ministries. Thank you!



## **WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

**WELCOME** 

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING** 

**HYMN** The Way Of The Manger

FIRST TRIMESTER Isaiah 43:18-19

Isaiah 45:3

Luke 1:35

PRAYER

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (SUN)** 

**HYMN** Christ Incarnate v. 1

MESSAGE (SUN)

SECOND TRIMESTER Isaiah 11:1-3

Matthew 1:20-21

Luke 1:41-43

**PRAYER** 

**HYMN** Christ Incarnate v. 2

THIRD TRIMESTER Isaiah 9:6

Luke 1:67-69

Luke 2:4-6

**PRAYER** 

**OFFERING** Christ Incarnate v. 3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION Isaiah 9:2

**HYMN** Song Of The Light

**BLESSING** 

**POSTLUDE** 

## **NOTES**

FRIENDLY FACTS: All are welcome! Age-appropriate Worship Bags are located in the back of the Sanctuary. Visit the Nursery to find sensory items (noise-cancelling headphones, weighted blankets/toys), or anytime you have a little one who needs room to wiggle. Worship is livestreamed in the Nursery for families and in the Small Group room for a quieter environment. Exit the Sanctuary and turn right to find these rooms.

**HEARING DEVICES:** Please visit the Soundbooth for assistance.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** Holy Trinity is located on the original homelands of the Wahpekute (Dakota) people.

OFFERING: Experience the joy of giving! Give cash or checks during the Offering using the envelopes found at the Usher Station. Give electronically by scanning the QR code. Lastly, all are welcome to make a joyful noise by placing your loose change in the metal milk can or giving

your coins to a child to deliver your "noisy offering." 10% of the offering supports Holy Trinity's Mission Outreach projects.

**RESTROOMS/CHANGING TABLES**: Located directly outside the Sanctuary in the Lobby and the Fellowship Hall (north side).

WIFI: Username: HTLC-Guest, Password: Fellowship

## **FINANCES**

Finances as of October 31, 2025	Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Campaign Gifts Received
Revenue	\$561,213	\$528,615	\$1,016,039
Expenses	\$560,535	\$541,998	Gifts to receive
Revenue -Expenses	\$678	-\$13,383	\$236,360

Reserve Fund Contributions: \$11,329 Reserve Fund Remaining Need: \$138,671

\$150K Reserve Fund prevents costly borrowing to cover short-term expenses due to fluctuating monthly cash flow. Up to \$150K will be matched. Thank you for helping Holy Trinity achieve more financial stability!

## **RESPOND**

**CHAT WITH PASTOR KJELL:** If you'd like to meet with Pastor Kjell, please schedule an appointment by emailing *interim@holytrinityonline.org*.

SYNOD BISHOP VISIT: Wednesday, Dec. 3, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary. Synod Bishop Jen Nagel is coming for an evening of conversation in this time of transition. All are welcome to attend!

CAROLING, COOKIES & COCOA: Sunday, Dec. 14, 2 - 4 pm. Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend! Join Rita in singing Christmas carols while enjoying cookies and cocoa. Chat with Santa and his friends. Freewill offering supports Lutheran Social Services.

COFFEE FUNDRAISER: Now - December 12. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, gourmet popcorn, and more. This delicious fundraiser supports Holy Trinity children and youth attending summer camp and mission trips! Scan the QR

code or find the link in the HTLConnections or website to order.

**SHARING TREE:** This beloved tradition supports LeSueur County families. Find the tree in the Fellowship Hall. **Please return all unwrapped gifts by Dec. 7.** 

MUSIC CELEBRATION: Sunday, Dec. 7, 9 am / Wednesday, Dec. 10, 6 pm. Interspersed with beautiful collections of musical offerings, this service recalls songs sung throughout Scripture, anticipating Christ's birth. All are welcome!

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS: Sunday, Dec. 14, 9 am / Wednesday, Dec. 17, 6 pm.** Come to hear the Crew Time students tell the Christmas story! Invite extended family and bring your camera, this is a favorite Holy Trinity tradition.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS: Sunday, Dec. 21, 9 am.** For anyone who needs God's peace and presence during a difficult time. Invite a friend!

WORSHIP ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITIES: A little bit of time can make a big difference! Christmas Eve Ushers, Readers, and Communion Servers are needed. Scan the QR or chat with Jamie in the office to sign up. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS EVE: All are welcome to worship at 2 pm and 4 pm.

#### **SERMON NOTES**

Listen closely to today's scripture and sermon, take notes, and discuss them with your Confirmation small group.

Name:

1. Listen closely to the First Trimester readings and fill in the blanks.

The \_\_\_\_\_ said to Mary, "The \_\_\_\_ will surround you with the power of the Most High God and the child you conceive wil be holy; he will be called the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_."

2. What are you most looking forward to during Advent?

3. What's on your mind today? What questions, comments, or prayer requests do you have to share?

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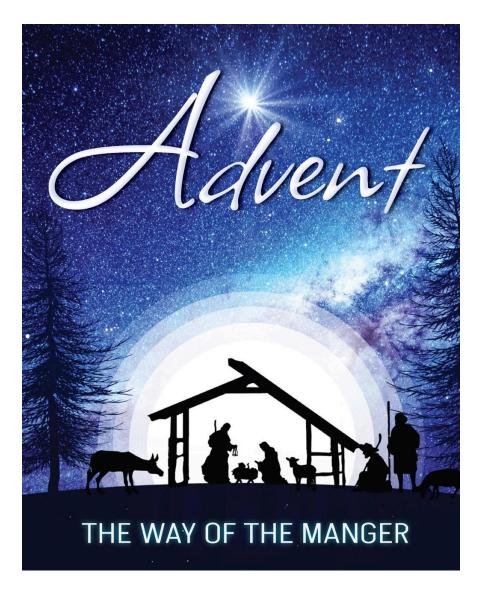
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NOVEMBER 30, 2025 DECEMBER 3, 2025

SUNDAY: 9 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6 PM

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

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