

## WELCOME

Merry Christmas! Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Today, we find ourselves coming from different places- physically, emotionally, mentally, relationally, and spiritually. Wherever you come from today, the Good News of Christmas is that God finds us where we already are. Blessings to you and your loved ones this Christmas!

- Pastor Kjell Ferris

## PRAYERS

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Darbie B., Karen H., Kris P., Laura C., Ray M., Janet H., Nancy F., Candee W., Ellie R., Brenton B., Dylan E., Don M., Pastor Ben H., Rob N., Cathy H., Bruce H., Cheryl G., Debbie K., Allen K., Julie B., Nancy B., Mary Lou M., Jeff K., Lynn N., and Joanne R.

*\*If you would like to be added to this public prayer list, please contact Jamie (office@holyltrinityonline.org).*

## SPONSORS

Thank you, Ron Solheim, for sponsoring the Radio Ministry this week in memory of Linda Solheim’s birthday. Your gift is appreciated!

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@holyltrinityonline.org or call 952.758.3513 to support these important ministries. Thank you!



## WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** *Do You Hear What I Hear*, Molly Sticha (2 pm)  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful*, Holy Trinity Bell Choir (4 pm)

**OPENING HYMN** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, ELW #283, vv. 1, 3, 4

### WELCOME

### GREETING

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**MUSICAL OFFERING** *On Christmas Night*, Holy Trinity Choir

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**CHRISTMAS GOSPEL** Luke 2:1-20

### MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Go, Tell It On The Mountain*, ELW #290

**OFFERING** *Christmas Eve/Sarajevo*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD’S PRAYER

**HOLY COMMUNION** *Lamb of God*  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem*, ELW #279  
*Away in a Manger*, ELW #277  
*It Came Upon A Midnight Clear*, ELW#282  
*The First Noel*, ELW #300

### COMMUNION BLESSING

**HYMN** *Silent Night*, ELW #281, vv. 1-3

### CHRISTMAS BLESSING

**SENDING** *Joy to the World*, ELW #267, v. 1

### POSTLUDE

## NOTES

**HOLY COMMUNION:** Every person has a place at God’s table. No exceptions. All are welcome - regardless of church membership or denomination. Follow the direction of the ushers. Receive a wafer (regular or gluten-free) in your hand and then select red wine or juice. Children younger than 4<sup>th</sup> grade and others who do not commune are welcome to come for a blessing.

**MINISTRY OFFERING:** Experience the joy of giving! Please 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.



**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 ASSIST:** Please visit the Soundbooth for assistance.

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

**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 November 30, 2025	Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Campaign Gifts Received
Revenue	\$667,065	\$560,206	\$1,037,558
Expenses	\$667,053	\$587,888	Gifts to receive
Revenue -Expenses	\$12	-\$27,682	\$214,841

Reserve Fund Contributions: \$12,829 Reserve Fund Remaining Need: \$137,171

# RESPOND

**WORSHIP SCREENS/BULLETIN COVER:** *Tent City Nativity* by Kelly Latimore, [kellylatimoreicons.com](http://kellylatimoreicons.com). Ms. Latimore's iconography focuses on "holy pondering. By transcending our biases, listening, and having inner silence...we can become open to knowledge and experiences we may not have seen in 'The Other.' The Other may have something to teach us about who God is, the world we live in, and who our neighbors are."

**ENDING THE YEAR WELL:** Thank you for each of your gifts given to God's ministry this year. Your gifts impact the vitality of Holy Trinity and its ability to share God's love for all people from one generation to the next. Please consider giving a special year-end gift and submitting it by Tuesday, Dec. 30, at Noon. Thank you!

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR:** Holy Trinity is deeply committed to courageously and generously loving our neighbors. Today, we hold our Somali neighbors in prayer and solidarity. The Gospel of Jesus Christ calls us to a love that makes no exceptions, and we seek to embody that call in both our words and our actions. As part of this commitment, Holy Trinity is making a gift to the Minneapolis Area Synod Welcome Fund. You are invited to participate as one way of living out Christ's love in action.

**ANNUAL SUMMIT CELEBRATION:** Sunday, January 25, 10 am. All are welcome to reflect on 2025, and voting members decide the 2026 budget and church leadership. Pre-meetings will be in-person only and held on Sunday, Jan. 18, at 10 am, and Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 7 pm in the Large Classroom. Please bring your questions to the pre-meetings.

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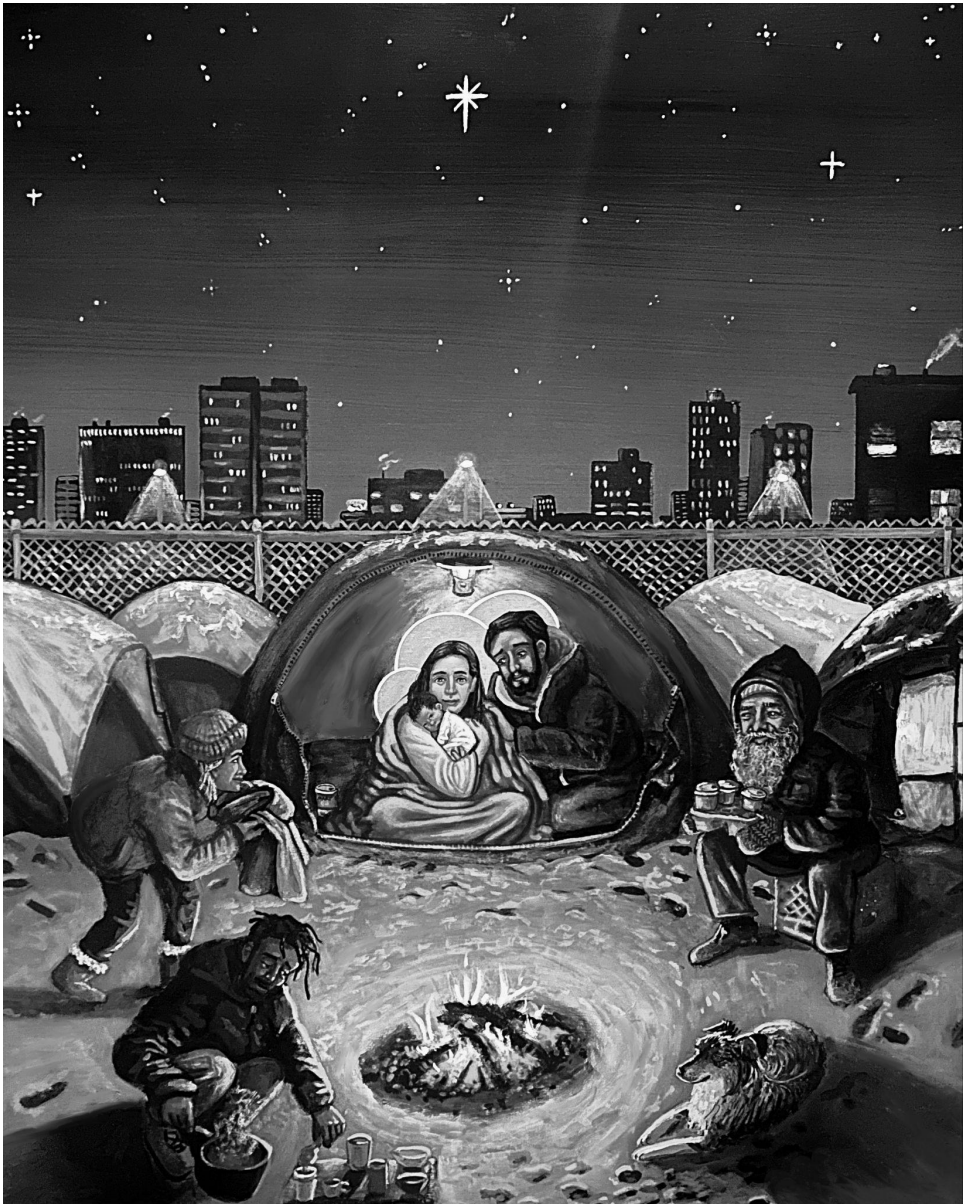


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# THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported the Endowment Fundraiser by purchasing poinsettias for the Sanctuary. If desired, you may take your plant home after the 4 pm Christmas Eve service. The following people sponsored flowers:

- Frank and Margaret Arko* - In thankfulness for our family  
*Dirk and Darbie Berger* - In memory of Julie Bisek  
*Nancy Besse* - In memory of Vi and Will Knudsen  
*Debbie Church* - In memory of Eric Kidder  
*Lois Church* - In memory of Rudolph and Agnes Hanson, and in thankfulness for being wonderful parents  
*Terry and Valerie Drommerhausen* - In memory of Joann Jensen  
*Dittberner Family* - In memory of Grandpa Don, Grandma Mary, Uncle Jim, and Papa Dave, and in honor of Granny Dittberner  
*Rob and Jami Duncan* - In memory of Jenny Crutchfield, Tamara Delany, Vince Granquist, and Officer Pete Zajac  
*Bob and Barb Gullickson* - In memory of Susie  
*Jim and Linnea Hautman* - In memory of Lorraine Schuchard  
*Mary Helgestad* - In memory of Ken Helgestad  
*Paul Hokeness* - In honor of Pastor Ben for being a wonderful human being  
*Peggy Hokeness* - In honor of Pastors Ben and Alicia for their kindness  
*Mikki Hubert* - In memory of my son, Scott  
*Audre Johnson* - In memory of husband, Bob  
*Robin Lichtblau* - In memory of parents, brother, and sister, and in thankfulness for our military troops - past and present  
*Tom Licklider* - In thankfulness for all my blessings  
*Don and Dee Matson* - In memory of our parents  
*Jim and Janet Morris* - In thankfulness for our family  
*Dan and Pam O'Brien* - In memory of Bill, Dorothy & Willie O'Brien; John, Gladys & Barb Borden  
*Terri Oakes* - In memory of Todd Oakes  
*Rita Sapp* - In memory of Sapp family members - Dale, Betty, Bob, and Ruth  
*Justin and Michelle Scharpen* - In memory of Ronald Scharpen  
*Larry and Sande Schoenecker*  
*Tom and Sandy Skaja* - In memory of parents: Al Skaja; Howard and Delores Gosewisch, and in memory of siblings: Ken Gosewisch, Pat Gosewisch, and Jayne Florek  
*Dennis and Heather Tietz* - In memory of Jill (Hines) Roiger  
*Nick and Barb Wagner* - In memory of Grandma Barb  
*Dale Zimanske* - In memory of Anne Marie Zimanske, and in thankfulness for my family and grandchildren



DECEMBER 24, 2025

2 PM, 4 PM

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

Welcome • Worship • Respond

