

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. This is a favorite worship service of the year! At the Family Christmas service, the Christmas story comes alive with the joy of children. This story, passed down from generation to generation, is retold again today. Christ has been born into the world where you live. Jesus comes to bring peace on earth and goodwill to all. Blessings to you and your loved ones this Christmas. God is indeed with you!

PRAYERS

This week, please keep in your prayers: Darbie B., 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., Allen K., Julie B., Nancy B., Mary Lou M., Jeff K., and Lynn N.

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

SPONSORS

Daryl & Addie Thietje sponsored the Radio Ministry this week in honor of Jude and Audrey Thietje’s birthdays. Thank you for blessing Holy Trinity with your gift of generosity!

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



WORSHIP

PRELUDE/WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

OPENING HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OFFERING

MESSAGE

CHRISTMAS STORY: INTRODUCTION
LUKE 2:1-3 Audree Gill (Sun)/Paige Olson (Wed)
SONG *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, vs. 1

CHRISTMAS STORY: MARY AND JOSEPH
Mary: Caroline Scharpen (Sun)/Ceilia Borgos (Wed)
Joseph: Carter Schultz (Sun)/Elijah Thietje (Wed)
LUKE 2:4-7 Charlie Smith (Sun)/Cora Mackenthun (Wed)
SONG *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear*, vs. 1

CHRISTMAS STORY: SHEPHERDS
LUKE 2:8-12 Taylor Fadden (Sun)/Jude Thietje (Wed)
SONG *The First Noel*, Elsie and Alaina Goldade

CHRISTMAS STORY: ANGELS
LUKE 2:13-16 Elizabeth Scharpen (Sun)/Emilia Magnuson (Wed)
SONG *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*, vs. 1

CHRISTMAS STORY: MAGI
MATTHEW 2:1-2, 9-11 Jayden Miller (Sun)
Everett Magnuson (Wed)
Star: Andi Fadden (Sun)/Sawyer Weiers (Wed)
SONG *We Three Kings*

CHRISTMAS STORY: ANIMALS
NARRATION Mattis Fadden (Sun)/Parker Weiers (Wed)
SONG *Joy to the World*, vs. 1

CHRISTMAS STORY: YOU & ME
Luke 2:17-20 Ariana Miller (Sun)/Audrey Thietje (Wed)
CLOSING SONG *Silent Night*

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BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE
Please return costumes to the room where you found them before enjoying treats in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

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.

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.

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 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

RESPOND

THANK YOU: Family Christmas and Children, Youth & Family (CYF) Ministry wouldn't be possible without the dedication of the many CYF volunteers. Thank you to all of the CYF Team members and Crew Time, Confirmation, and Agape Leaders for sharing God's love with the youngest generation. Your time and talents are appreciated!

EXTRA SPECIAL THANK YOU: Thank you to all of the students who helped make our Family Christmas extra special. Thank you for sharing your talents with God and the congregation!

BLUE CHRISTMAS: Sunday, Dec. 21, 9 am. A meaningful service for anyone experiencing grief, separation, or loneliness. Invite a friend who needs God's peace during a difficult time.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: Holy Trinity is rooted in Christ and called to courageously and generously love our neighbors. We lift our Somali neighbors in prayer, honoring their dignity and standing with them in compassion and care. The Gospel calls us to a love without exceptions—a love that listens, protects, and reaches across whatever divides us. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to living this calling boldly, in our community and beyond. See the latest *HTLConnections* for more information about Holy Trinity's and the Synod's call to love your neighbor.

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.

FAITH MILESTONE CLASSES: These family-friendly classes run from 5 - 6:30 pm and include dinner! Please RSVP to kate@holytrinityonline.org.

- **Sunday, January 4: Student Bibles - 3rd grade students.** Receive your new Bible during worship on Sunday, Jan. 11, or Wednesday, January 14. Kindly RSVP before Jan. 1.
- **Sunday, January 11: 10 Commandments - 1st grade students.** Kindly RSVP by Wednesday, Jan. 8.

SERMON NOTES

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

Name: _____

1. Who is your favorite character in the manger scene? Why?
2. What is your favorite Christmas church song? Why?
3. What's on your mind today? What questions, comments, or prayer requests do you have to share?

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DECEMBER 14, 2025

SUNDAY: 9 AM

DECEMBER 17, 2025

WEDNESDAY: 6 PM

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

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