

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Today is the Blue Christmas service alongside the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Today, on this longest night of the year, we hold space for Blue Christmas, acknowledging that this season can carry grief, loss, and weariness alongside joy. You are welcome here with whatever you bring—sorrow and celebration, longing and love. Blessed Advent to you and to all whom you love.

Pastor Kjell Ferris

PRAYERS

This week, please keep in your prayers: 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@holylutheranonline.org).*

SPONSORS

There are openings for Ministry Sponsors.

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



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WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

HYMN

The Way Of The Manger

FIRST TRIMESTER

Drawing Near

PRAYER

HYMN

Christ Incarnate v. 1

SECOND TRIMESTER

Psalm 77:1-6

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

HYMN

Christ Incarnate v. 2

THIRD TRIMESTER

Isaiah 9:6
Luke 2:4-6
John 1:1-5

PRAYER

OFFERING

Christ Incarnate v. 3

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION/COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Isaiah 9:2

HYMN

Song Of The Light

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

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 4th 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

CHRISTMAS EVE: All are welcome at 2 pm or 4 pm. The 4 pm service will be livestreamed on YouTube. Each service will include beautiful music, Holy Communion, and a candlelit singing of Silent Night. Invite a neighbor or friend to experience this great service.

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 fulfill the call to share God's love for all people from one generation to the next. Please consider giving a special year-end gift to help Holy Trinity end the year well. Your gift may be placed in the Offering plate or delivered to the church office by Tuesday, Dec. 30, at Noon. Thank you!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Please note the following schedule changes for the upcoming holidays.

- **Sunday, Dec. 21** - No Crew Time/Confirmation Instruction
- **Christmas Day, Dec. 26, New Year's Day** - Office closed
- **Sunday, Dec. 28** - No Crew Time/Confirmation Instruction
- **Wednesday, Dec. 31** - No dinner, worship, or youth programs

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.

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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. Flowers were sponsored by the following people:

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

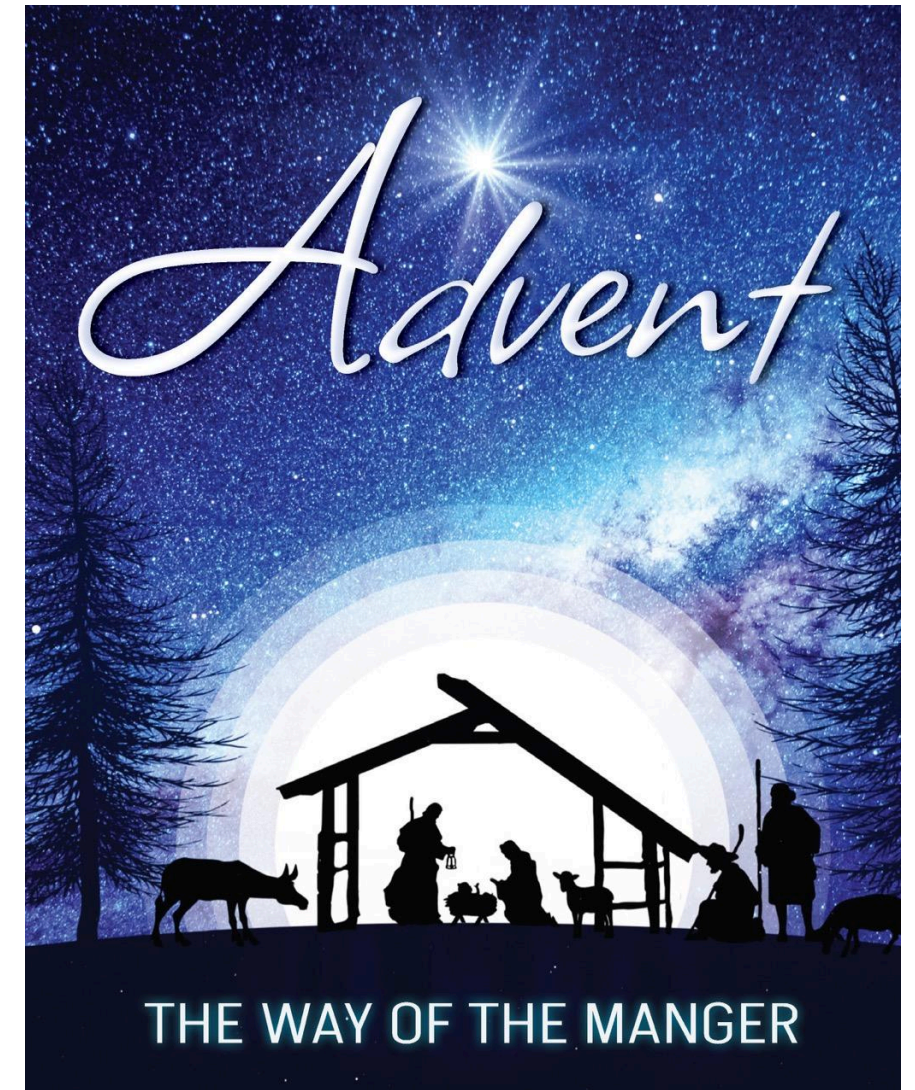
Larry and Sande Schoenecker

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 21, 2025

SUNDAY: 9 AM

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

Welcome • Worship • Respond

