### **WELCOME**

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church! Today, we continue to dwell in the season of Christmas, even as much of the world has already packed it away. In the reading from the Gospel of John, hear the simple but powerful invitation at the heart of discipleship: "Come and see." Jesus does not offer explanations or guarantees—only presence, relationship, and the promise that something holy is unfolding. Wherever you find yourself today—curious or cautious, hopeful or unsure—you are welcome here. Grace and peace to you and to all whom you love.

- 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@holytrinityonline.org).

# **SPONSORS**

The Radio and Hospitality Ministries have openings for 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@holytrinityonline.org or call 952.758.3513 to support these important ministries. Thank you!



#### WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** 

**WELCOME** 

**OPENING HYMN** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice, ELW #288

**GREETING** 

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**CREW TIME DISMISSAL** 

GOSPEL John 1:35-51

**MESSAGE** 

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Love Has Come, ELW #292

**CREW TIME RETURNS** 

**OFFERING** 

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** 

LORD'S PRAYER

**HOLY COMMUNION**Lamb of God
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Go, Tell it On the Mountain, ELW #290

**COMMUNION BLESSING** 

**BENEDICTION** 

**SENDING HYMN** Jesus, What a Wonderful Child, ELW #297

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 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**

**FAITH MILESTONE CLASS:** These family-friendly classes include dinner! Please RSVP to kate@holytrinityonline.org.

• Sunday, January 11: 10 Commandments - 1st grade students. Kindly RSVP by Wednesday, Jan. 7.

**NEW PASTOR CANDIDATES:** Friendly reminder to submit names of ELCA pastors by THIS FRIDAY. Connect with a member of the Call Committee, email *contact@holytrinityonline.org*, or call the church office at 952.758.3513. Thank you!

LIVESTREAM TECH: Do you love technology? Help tell Holy Trinity's story behind the scenes as a livestream tech on Sunday mornings! This position is vital to Holy Trinity's online, radio and TV ministries. Training is provided. Please contact Jamie at office@holytrinityonline.org or call 952.758.3513.

MINDFUL YOGA: Sunday, January 18, 4 pm, Fellowship Hall. Join Jen Sayler for an hour of mindfulness, strength, ease, and gratitude. All levels are welcome. Ages 14+.

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. The Annual Summit Celebration (Annual Meeting) will be in-person and via Zoom.

MINISTRY SPONSORS: Thank you to all of the 2025 Ministry Sponsors! Your gifts made a big impact on the church's financial health. The New Year brings new opportunities to support the Radio Ministry for \$70 or the Hospitality Ministry for \$300 (full week) or \$150 (partial week). Contact Jamie at 952.758.3513 or email office@holytrinityonline.org to contribute to these important ministries. Thank you!

#### **SERMON NOTES**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What are two ways Jesus is referred to in this Gospel reading?

2. Listen to the pastor's message. Write down at least 1 comment or question you have.

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

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THE GOSPEL OF

JOHN 1:35-51

come & set

JANUARY 4, 2026 JANUARY 7, 2026

SUNDAY: 9 AM

**WEDNESDAY: 6 PM** 

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