



**Holy
Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

**Our Mission:
To make Disciples
by Baptizing and
Teaching about Jesus.**

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Third Wednesday in Advent

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Welcome to our Guests and Visitors! The congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is pleased and honored to have you worship with us today. If you do not have a regular place of worship—**Welcome Home!** We would love to have you join our fellowship! Please introduce yourself to Pastor Taylor and sign our guest book before you go. Thank you for coming!

God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood... invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29). Because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the sacrament, will want to first speak with the pastor before communing.

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn LSB 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

vss. 1-3



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand
3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725-99, alt.
Tune: Hebrew
Text and tune: Public domain

Please stand. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *LSB 186*
C **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord, *Hebrews 10:22*
C **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalms 124:8*
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalms 32:5*

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalms 2:11, 7-10

- P** ¹¹Serve YAH- | WEH with fear,*
and rejoice with | trembling.
- ⁷I will tell of | the decree:*
YAHWEH said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have be- | gotten you.
- ⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,*
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.
- ⁹You shall break them with a | rod of iron*
and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."
- ¹⁰Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

P ¹¹Serve YAH- | WEH with fear,*
and rejoice with | trembling.

Kyrie

LSB 186; Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally, by Your mercy, obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1–6

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old Yahweh appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 3:1–9

¹O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. ²Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? ⁴Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? ⁵Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— ⁶just as Abraham “BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS COUNTED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS”?

Genesis 15:6, Romans 4:3, James 2:23

⁷Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “IN YOU SHALL ALL THE NATIONS BE BLESSED.” ⁹So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Genesis 12:3, 18:18, 22:18, 26:4, 28:14

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³“BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,
AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL”

Isaiah 7:14

(which means, God with us).

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

LSB 191 or inside back cover of hymnal

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,**

and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

Sermon Hymn LSB 332 Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Please stand.

Offertory

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

LSB 192

Psalm 51:10-12

Please be seated.

Offering

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Psalm 1:36

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196; Matthew 6:6-13

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

C **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197; Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until
He comes. *1 Cor 11:26*
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Rev. 2:20*

Pax Domini

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 198; John 1:29

- C** **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Please be seated.

Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first, and then distribute them to those who come to receive.
Please stand.*

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199; Luke 2:39-32

- C** **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

LSB 200; Psalm 107:1

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**
- A** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
- C** **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord. *Psalm 103:1*
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen, amen, amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

Please be seated.

Closing Hymn LSB 363 Silent Night, Holy Night

sts. 1-3

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Text: Franz Joseph Mohr, 1792-1848; tr. John F. Young, 1820-85
Tune: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1787-1863
Text and tune: Public domain

PARISHSCOPE



LWML Cookie Boxes... there are just two remaining boxes of homemade cookies in the Family Center ready for pick-up today, containing 4 dozen assorted cookies (Pizzelles, Snickerdoodles, Peanut Blossoms, Oatmeal Scotties, Fudgy No-Bakes, Snowballs & more.) They are available on a first come, first served basis for a donation of \$25.00 for each box. We have raised \$325.00 (so far) toward a new stove for the church Kitchen. Thanks be to God!

Women's Bible Study... is taking a break over the Christmas holiday. We will resume January 9th at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Center.

PRAYER GUIDE

Those needing healing...

Ken Counasse

Linda Evans, John

Niemla's sister

Jane Hutchinson, Alice

Frndak's sister-in-law

Renee & Alyssa Isham

Pastor Blaine Jorg

Polly Klobusnik

Ken Lewis, Tammy

Podpora's Dad

Carolyn Lindenmuth

*Emily Marler (daughter of
Pastor & Susan Taylor)*

Shelby, Tracy & Patricia

Metzenbacher

Jeff & John Metka

*(Susan Taylor's
brothers)*

John Niemla

Linda (Stevens) Olmstead

Cindy Parobek

Avery Podpora

Ray & Carol Struchen

Russell Struchen

*Virginia Taylor (mother of
Pastor Taylor)*

Extended Needs...

Evelyn Stevens

Those in the Armed Services...

Jennifer Attridge

Adam Crosby

Julie Evans

Christopher Fromknecht

Christina Gutherie

Violette Hosack

Nate Lawrence

Joe Moore

John Parmarter

Thomas Reiser

Timothy Reiser

Taylor Sisson

Preschool Christmas Parties... will be held on Thurs. Dec. 19th and Fri. Dec. 20th at 11 am each day. **Santa** will be here to distribute the gifts donated by the congregation to the preschoolers. You are invited to come either day to see their joy & share in some light refreshments. Thank you again for your generosity toward our Preschool classes!

Annual Preschool Christmas Program... You are invited to the annual Christmas Program on Thurs. Dec. 19th. This year our Choir will begin singing at 6:30 pm, leading into the Preschool program at 7:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served immediately following in the Family Center. Come meet the families, see & hear what the kids know about the birth of Baby Jesus.

NEXT WEEK...

Quarterly Voters' Meeting... on Sunday Dec. 22 at 11 am following the 10 am Communion Service.

Fellowship/Ping Pong... continues every Monday evening at 6:00 pm.

Pastor's Evening Bible Study... is taking a break for the Christmas season. We will resume our study on Tuesday Jan. 7th. Resolution!

Our Annual Candlelight Christmas Eve Service... will be Tues. Dec. 24th at 7 pm. Invite your friends and family to this joyful, intimate service to hear and sing the angel's message to the shepherds:

"Good News of great joy
that will be for all the people:
For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Savior,
Who is Christ the LORD."

Schedule for this week

Dec. 19 - Dec. 25:

Thurs. Dec. 19

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

11:00 am **Preschool Christmas
Party for TT Class**

6:30 pm **Choir sing at Preschool
Christmas Program**

Friday Dec. 20

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

11:00 am **Preschool Christmas
Party for MWF Class**

Saturday Dec. 21

Sunday Dec. 22 ~ Advent 4

9:00 am **Bible Study**

10:00 am **Communion Service**

11:00 am **Quarterly Voters' Mtg.**

Mon. Dec. 23

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm **Fellowship/Ping Pong**

Tuesday Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

7:00 pm **Candlelight Christmas
Eve Service**

Wed. Dec. 25 ~ Christmas Day

NO Office Hours

Temple Servants for Sun. Dec. 22:

Reader – *Debbie Bright*

Ushers – *John Niemla,
Ted Kelly*

Elder of the Day – *Dale Klobusnik*

Elder – *Ed Podpora*

Altar Guild – *Carolyn Counasse*

Liturgical Color—*Purple*

Kitchen Admin. for December –

Debbie Bright 814-746-0132

