



Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

January 2, 2022 9:30 AM – Second Sunday of Christmas



A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

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Worship Information

A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today! Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God. Your presence at worship is a gift! Take a moment to introduce yourself to someone near you. To our visitors, we offer a special welcome and invite you to sign the visitor's sheet near the entrance. Please allow us to get to know you by staying for refreshments and fellowship.

Children: We love having children worship with us! During worship over the summer, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary.

Communion: It is our privilege to welcome you to the Lord's Table! We welcome all who are baptized and wish to receive the promise offered in the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, to come and share in receiving Holy Communion. As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. *Communion elements are found in a basket on the Greeters table, as we are continuing to social distance.*

Prayer Requests: Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

Worship Photos & Videos may be taken for the purpose of posting in the media of our congregation. The photographer's credit will be provided and any image will be removed upon request. Parents are asked to fill out a release form concerning images of minors and no minor's pictures will be used without consent.

Missed Last Week's Service? Our Sunday worship service is now live-streamed on htelc.com. Watch anytime! Visit us on YouTube at youtube.com/HolyTrinityEvangelicalLutheranChurch.

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Reconciling in Christ

At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.

You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.

You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.

Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.

You are wanted here.



Worship Assistants	
	9:30 Contemporary Service
Musician(s)	Jonathan Bock, Jon Koelker, Dick Topping
Counters	TBD
Lector	TBD
Sound System/Live Stream	Mark Donahue & Franklyn Vosburg

This Week At Holy Trinity			
Day	Date	Start	Event
Wednesday	1/05	09:30 AM	Bible Study
Thursday	1/06	08:00 AM	Property Team
Sunday	1/12	09:30 AM	9:30 Sunday Worship

Last Week at Holy Trinity		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Wednesday, December 22	12	
Friday, December 24	54 (4:00 PM) + 74 (8:00 PM) + 80 (Online 4:00 & 8:00 PM) = 208	\$4,009.95
Sunday, December 26	24 (In-Person) + 38 (online) = 62	
<i>Midweek worship is on hiatus until we receive an interim Pastor.</i>		

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Emergency Contact Information: As Holy Trinity moves through the transition to a new pastor, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact Mark in the Church office and he will provide you with the Contact Pastor information during daytime and after work (emergencies) hours. Email office@htelc.com or call (603)436-1704.

Prayer Concerns

Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Members & Attenders

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, George Parseghian, Sarah Meier.

Homebound: Marie Edin, Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin.

Military: Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

Friends

Floyd Richards (Claire Radke's neighbor), Susan Rogers (Linda Edwards' cousin), Mary Roberts (Heidi Morrison's sister-in-law), Dave Bly (Sue Althof's brother), Sharon Connors (Bonnie & Larry Sanders' daughter), Stephanie & Chuck Pelesky (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Casey Lavoie (Stephanie Goupil's friend), Estelle Lewis (Paulette Sirois' sister), Tony Marques (Paulette Sirois' friend), Pastors Steve and Stephanie Malcom (Jessica Feeley's friends)

Prayers will be listed for 6 weeks unless told otherwise. If you would like a prayer concern listed in the bulletin, please fill out a Prayer Request at the Usher's table or contact the Church Office at office@htelc.com.

Lectionary (Readings)

This week: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Sirach 24:1-12; Psalm 147:12-20; Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:[1-9] 10-18

Next week: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Notes on today's services

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

Pop-Up Pantry

Every month, the Pop-Up Pantry at Holy Trinity is requesting a different item for us to put outside on Wednesdays with the normal bags of food that we give out. This month's item is...

CHUNKY SOUPS

Please drop off your donations with the Church Office, or outside the building in the plastic bins. Thank you so much for your generous donations! **We are looking for a pair of volunteers to donate one hour on the first Wednesday of each month. You will be packing up 25 bags of pantry items prior to 8:30 AM. If you can help, please email pbsirois@gmail.com or call/text 603-781-0302.**



Announcements

Please stay after worship for a “Get to know Rev. Luther Ziegler” adult forum in our Sanctuary.

Holy Trinity’s Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 23rd following a short fellowship after the 9:30 service. At this meeting our 2021 Annual Ministry Allocation Plan will be reviewed and the 2022 Ministry Allocation Plan will be presented. In addition, an update will be presented about the work done with the Church membership and our Church Constitution. Following a discussion, votes will be taken regarding this work along with the acceptance of new Church Council members, our 2022 Ministry Allocation Plan, and who will be the representatives for the ECLA Assembly in August. In addition, an update will be given about the Transition Team’s work with time allotted to ask questions. As always, we will hold an adult forum on Sunday, January 16th following the 9:30am service.

Starting January 9th, the Transition Team will be seeking your help in completing the Congregation Assessment Tool, or “CAT.” This tool will help the synod to match us with a pastor, so we are asking for as much participation as possible in a timely manner. There will be a two-week window in which to complete the CAT. We thank you in advance for your participation. Feel free to contact any of the team members listed below with any questions. *Cheryl Brigham, Jessica Feeley, Eileen Kackenmeister, Jeff Morrison, Dan Scammon, Rebecca Schrumm, Byrl Short, and Audrien Soeum.*

Homebound Visitation Ministry: If you know of someone who is homebound, or sick from our congregation, please reach out to the Church Office and we will make sure that person is visited by a member of our congregation in a timely manner.

Driving Daisies: If you know of someone in need of a ride to Church on Sunday mornings, please contact the Church Office. We want to make sure anyone who wants to attend our services has the chance to attend at least once or twice a month.

Children’s Tables have returned to normal, including the soft building blocks, children’s books, and coloring pages. Our nursery is currently not staffed, but you are welcome to supervise your child in the nursery if you wish.

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Gathering Song

ELW 283

— Please stand as able—

O, Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

C: **Amen.**

P: In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

—A brief silence—

P: Holy God,

C: **we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.**

P: I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. † In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

C: **Amen.**

Greeting

P: May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Children's Message

—Please be seated—

The children are invited to come forward to join the Pastor at the Chancel for a message.

WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.

First Reading

L: A reading from Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

¹¹For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

— Please stand as able—

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, Chapter 1: [1-9] 10-18

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

P: Let us confess our faith using the Nicene Creed.

**C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

P: Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

—A brief silence—

P: Creating God, the sun greets us anew each morning. Thank you for waking us up today to witness and share your abundance. Awaken us always to your wisdom and deepen our care for your natural world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You make yourself known in the gift of language in diverse forms. Draw our attention to those who communicate through sign, braille, and technology. Make your church a place where all methods of communication are celebrated. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Faithful God, we lift all those whose work puts them in harm's way for the sake of others, especially first responders and those serving in the military who are stationed around the world. Allow all people to return home safely and keep them close to you. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You adopt us as your beloved ones. Accompany parents and children navigating the adoption process, especially those in the foster system. Sustain those struggling with infertility or pregnancy loss. Tenderly

embrace all in need. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. —**A brief silence**— Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for our partners in mission and ministry: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. Merciful God,

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Our offering plate is located at the entrance of the Sanctuary. After the service, please make your offering there.

Offertory Hymn

Church Choir

Offertory Prayer

P: Together, let us pray.

C: Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

The Celebration of Holy Communion

While we gather during the Pandemic, we will receive communion with a pre-filled communion cup and wafer. Communion cups can be found in the Narthex.

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Feel free to use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with.

P: Now, as our Lord taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

We will now take Communion. As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood.

P: Body of Christ, given for you.

Blood of Christ, shed for you.

Sending of Communion

P: Gracious God, whose mercy endures from generation to generation:
Bless those who go forth to carry your Word and sacrament to our sisters
and brothers who are homebound. In your love and compassion, nourish
and strengthen them with hope through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

Communion Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

Ministry Minute from the Transition Team

Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

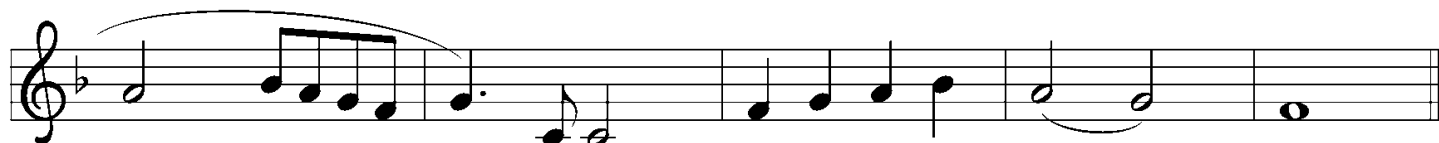
Refrain



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
 Music: GLORIA, French carol

Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you † peace.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

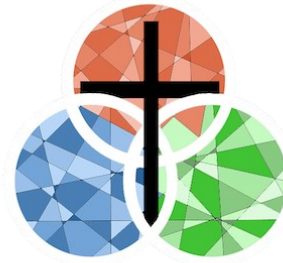
C: Thanks be to God.

Upcoming Events at Holy Trinity

Sunday, January 9

Worship: 9:30 AM

History of our Church



Sunday, January 16

Worship: 9:30 AM

Congregational Budget Meeting



Sunday, January 23

Worship: 9:30 AM

Annual Meeting



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Sunday, January 30

Worship: 9:30 AM

Reconciling in Christ Celebration

