



Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

December 25, 2022 9:30 AM

A Service of Lessons and Carols



WELCOME

to Holy Trinity

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.

December Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

Pam Shaw, Jerry Schock, Richard Swiatocha, George Parseghian, Annika Mellow, Jeanne Dalzell, Erlinde Beliveau, Steve Bush, Dick Topping, Shirley Jackson, Fran Mallon, Lena Olsen, David Reinhard, Brett Larson, George Saufley, Robert Refsdal, Linda Marshall, Richard Anderson.

Happy Anniversary!

Tom and Susan Duderewicz

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!

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

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.

Emergency Pastoral Contact: If you need a Pastoral Visit, or you're experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, 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 and leave a voicemail message.

Donate to Holy Trinity: You can place your offering in the offering plate during the service. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you.



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PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, George Parseghian, Sarah Meier, Judy Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Yvonne Topping, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Linda Swiatocha. **Homebound:** Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin, Ron Evers, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom. **Military:** Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

Friends: Martha LaPerle (Betty King's friend), Cinda DeWerff (Rich Wilcox's sister), Sage Pirnie (Jessica Feeley's friend's grandchild), Anita Creager (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Susan Fischer (Lois Kfoury's cousin), Katy and Sherry (Shirley Jackson's daughter and sister), Linda Smith and Bill Hutchins (Jill Larson's friends), Geri Sieg (former member of Holy Trinity), Casey Lavoie (Stephanie Goupil's friend), Monica Amundson (Julie Moore's friend), Danielle Elwanger & family (Bobbie Febbo's granddaughter) Linda Aten (Rich Wilcox's sister).

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.

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas Day the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now.

LECTIONARY

This Week: Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97;
Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

Next Week: Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148;
Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock

Choir Director: Jon Bock

Sound System: Franklyn Vosburg

Counters: Barry and Franklyn Vosburg

Lector: Alice Vosburg

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

TUESDAY, December 27

3:45 AM: Dover Friendly Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, December 28

NO Bible Study

THURSDAY, December 29

8:30 AM: Property Team

SUNDAY, January 1

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

10:30 AM: Confirmation Class

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, December 11:	85 (In-Person) + 28 (Online) = 113	Offering: \$2,446.45
Sunday, December 18:	85 (In-Person) + 27 (Online) = 112	Offering: \$9,084.06

Announcements

Dover Friendly Kitchen will be on Tuesday, December 27 at 3:45pm. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Dover. Volunteers are welcome to help support this important ministry.

Mark Donahue will be out of the office from Sunday, December 25 through Sunday, January 1. During that time, he will be reachable by email only. Mark will return to the office on Monday, January 2.

Offering Envelopes are available for 2023. If you had an envelope for 2022, your new envelopes can be found in your congregational mailbox. Additional offering envelopes are available – please speak with the Church Office if you do not have an envelope and would like one.

Everyone at Holy Trinity wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope to see you again in 2023.

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Gathering Song

“Joy to the World”

ELW 267

Please use your hymnal under your chairs for the hymn.

Dialogue

LD: Jesus, our bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

C: By day and night he shines for all to see.

LD: Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty,

C: that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

LD: God so loved the world that he sent his only son, our Lord,

C: so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

LD: Jesus is the light of the world.

C: Jesus is the light of our lives.

LD: Sing to God a new song!

C: A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

Opening Prayer

LD: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

LD: Let us pray. Gracious God of heaven and earth, you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness— a beam of light that shines through Jesus. Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation. Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life. Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world and in our hearts.

C: Amen.

Lessons and Carols

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

¹⁴And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

Carol

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” ELW 270, vs 1-2

Please use your hymnal under your chairs for the hymn.

Second Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

Carol

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ELW 279

Please use your hymnal under your chairs for the hymn.

Third Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.'²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁸Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Carol

“What Child is This”

ELW 296

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Fourth Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',
which means, 'God is with us.' ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Carol

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

ELW 282

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Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8-20

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’ ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Carol

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

ELW 289

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Sixth Reading: Matthew 2:1-11

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ’

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Carol

“The First Noel”

ELW 300

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Seventh Reading: John 1:1-14

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.

⁶ There 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.

¹⁰ He 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.

¹⁴ And 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.

Carol

“Away in the Manger”

ELW 278

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The Passing of the Peace

LD: May the peace of the Prince of Peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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Lord’s Prayer

PK: Now as our lord has taught us, we boldly pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Final Blessing

LD: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

C: Praise God, all creatures here below!

LD: You are the shepherds telling the story.

C: We tell it in the streets and across the land.

LD: You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

C: We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.

LD: You are the angels announcing peace.

C: We live with joy and go now in peace.

LD: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

ELW 290

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