



CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25, 2022

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

WELCOME TO ALL

*The people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church wish to extend a special welcome to all visitors!
Please leave your name and phone number on the visitor card found in the pew.*

*We are committed to the inclusion of all people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice **open communion**, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

Children are full participants in this congregation's worship, educational, and community life! The Mary Martha Room is a quiet space for infants needing to nurse or to nap. For active toddlers, the Community Room has a Children's Corner with books and a table at which to play. Our ushers are ready to assist you in finding the place that best fits your family's needs.

***Accessible and all-gender restrooms** are located in the nursery on the 2nd floor and in the basement.
Single-use, all gender restrooms are located on the 1st floor.*

*For over forty years, this congregation has advocated for the **full welcome, inclusion, and equity** of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the church and the community. We invite all people into lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness.*

***Hearing assist devices and large-print bulletins** are available. Ask an usher if you are interested.*

*Our **services are livestreamed** on Vimeo and Facebook every week. The live shot includes the main floor of the sanctuary. Our members who watch from home love to see their friends at church! If for privacy reasons you prefer not to be on camera, the balcony is outside of the camera's range.*

*We continue to monitor case counts, vaccination rates, and updated research on **COVID-19** to inform our precautions and are especially aware of changing patterns with regards to new variants. We are deeply grateful for this community's care for and attentiveness to one another, especially for the vulnerable in our midst. The most important thing you can do to care for the community is **stay home if you feel any symptoms**, regardless of vaccination status. If you need help finding a vaccine, speak to a pastor today.*

*If you are seeking **pastoral care**, please speak to a pastor today.*

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

+PRELUDE

Christmas Medley

P. Radtke

+CALL TO WORSHIP

In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills;

All the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the god of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come,

Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

+CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW 283

+GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, you have nurtured us for the flourishing of your good creation. You have liberated us for the sake of your holy name. You have called us to be witnesses of your presence in the face of a child.

God of the conquered and the oppressed, we have seen you draw near to us in the shadow of empire's might and in the wake of empire's demands to obey, to assimilate, to accept things as they are and will always be. Grant us the courage to hope beyond hope but also to mourn when our hopes are dashed. God of the migrant who walks in expectation and the protestor who yearns for justice, we trust the promise of your good news. Help us to believe the unbelievable but also to grieve what we have lost.

O God of Joseph, O God of shepherds, O God of Mary who "treasured all these words," teach us to see your grace in the everyday joys and sorrows of life. Lead us to the manger of your fierce, vulnerable love.

And then send us on the road dazzled and even a bit confounded by what we have seen: all our hopes and all your justice in the face of a baby. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

ELW 282

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

Joy to the World

ELW 267

THIRD LESSON

Matthew 1:1-17

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ELW 272

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

ELW 265

FIFTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Organ, stanza 5

ELW 257

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 1:39-58

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW 279

EIGHTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW 289

NINTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

The First Noel

ELW 300

+INTERCESSIONS

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(silence)

The church in every land makes a joyful noise to herald your coming, O God. We give thanks for poets, musicians, and hymn writers who give voice to our praise, and for all who lead the church's worship. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

This day dawns with new hope for all living things, and from ocean depths to mountain peaks the earth rejoices. Inspire in us an urgent zeal to protect the planet and renew its resources. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Bring heavenly peace to this world and an end to armed conflict. Raise up leaders in every nation who will honor human rights and establish equal justice for all people. Give courage to all who speak out against oppression and advocate for the powerless. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

We pray today for all those in need of your blessings, especially Pastor Angela; Cliff Brown; Jack Hanson; Lois Eid's friends, Ras and Marian Erdahl; Dorothy Kelly; Deacon David's mother, Margarita, upon the return of invasive cancer; Mary Petersen's friends, Marianne and Dolores; Cori Gershon; Marcea Mariani; DeWayne Townsend III; Pam Wetterlund's niece, Toni; Marlene Peterson; Mary Heltsley; Mark Symchych; Lee Kampinen; Pastor Ingrid's father, Kevin, currently hospitalized; and all those we name now either silently or aloud (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*). God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

In Christ we have beheld your glory, full of grace and truth. We give thanks for those in every generation who reflect the love of Christ. May their witness spring forth in our time. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

*At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "God of grace,"
to which the congregation will respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, as we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

+PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

You are invited to exchange words and signs of friendship and love with those around you.

OFFERING

As the Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us now bring our gifts before God.

OFFERING HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter, a sta - ble place suf - ficed
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

+OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, O God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the
high - est. Blest is the one who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together,

**Our Creator, Our Mother, 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.

+LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome at the table. For those worshipping at home and those who prefer to commune with individual packets in your pews, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle, where an usher will receive your communion cup.

If you wish to receive communion from a pastor in your pew, please let an usher know.



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

+BLESSING

The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

ELW 275



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

+BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, may you go knowing that from generation to generation, we have been claimed and loved.

From generation to generation, God has been by our side.

From generation to generation, we are not alone.

The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth, saying, "Go be the person you are called to be, love wildly, do justice, and come back soon." May it be so.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is here.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

J. S. Bach

*You are invited to the Community Room
(located at the rear of the worship area) for a time of conversation and refreshments.*

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"Angels, from the Realms of Glory" Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt., sts. 1-3; 'Salisbury Hymn Book', 1857, st. 4
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LITURGY: *WE SING THIS STORY*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

10:00 AM

Assisting Minister	Margaret Kelly
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Ushers	Joy Nelson
Altar Guild	Libby & Keith Olstad
Coffee Servers	Amy Froiland-Parada, Arlene Helvig
Counters	Pam Kildahl
Closer	Bob Hulteen

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P A R I S H I N F O R M A T I O N

PASTOR ANGELA ON LEAVE

Pastor Angela is on leave. To honor this time of rest, we ask you to refrain from emails, phone calls, and text messages (even the most kind and loving ones!). Your prayers are, of course, welcome and appreciated.

YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Every year Holy Trinity anticipates and relies on a year-end increase in offerings. We are still behind in regular member giving that helps support the work of the church. The Financial Stewardship Committee invites each household to consider a year-end gift. If you're able to spare a little extra before December 31, church leadership would be very grateful. To donate online, click [here](#). Please remember, contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2022, to be counted as a 2022 donation. ~ Thank you!

OLIVE OIL FROM THE MOUNT OF OLIVES STILL AVAILABLE!

There are 250mL bottles for \$15 and 750 mL bottles for \$40. These bottles make excellent gifts! Purchases support the work of the Lutheran World Federation vocational training program and reduce student fees. brought to you by the Palestine-Israel Working group.

THERE'S STILL FREE YARN IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

Please help yourself to yarn in the Community Room. This yarn makes excellent prayer shawls. (But you can use it for any project you want!) The yarn comes from a non-smoking home. It was donated to the knitters at Holy Trinity a few years ago, but it now needs to find a new home.

YOUTH RECITAL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 10:00 A.M.

We celebrate the musical gifts of several of Holy Trinity's young people during our annual music recital in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. This will serve as our adult forum for the day.

SAVE THE DATE FOR WINTER FAMILY RETREAT, FEBRUARY 17-19, 2023

Join other families for a weekend of rest and renewal as well as family-friendly fun with church members of all ages at the YMCA Camp St. Croix in Hudson, Wisconsin, from Friday, February 17, to Sunday, February 19. Watch for more information, in January.

P A R I S H S C H E D U L E

Monday, December 26		Office Closed
Tuesday, December 27	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Sunday, January 1	10:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion (one service today) No Adult, Child or Youth Education Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

10:00 a.m. in the Library and on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85856871594?pwd=MjErUEQrTnhpTlhFV3VOZ0dsc3d1Zz09>

TODAY NO ADULT FORUM

January 1 NO ADULT FORUM

January 8 “PERSONAL JOURNEY AND PERSPECTIVE ON WATER RIGHTS IN PALESTINE” FEATURING ASHRAF ASHKAR

Ashraf Ashkar was born and raised in Palestine in a village near Tulkarm. He did his undergraduate work in Palestine outside of the city of Jenin. He also worked there on water rights with OCHA, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and with Oxfam UK. Ashraf will bring his story of growing up in Palestine, highlighting some of the economic and political struggles related to water rights.