

EPIPHANY

JANUARY 5, 2025

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Minneapolis

WELCOME TO ALL

We honor that we gather and worship on the Dakota Homeland.

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 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.

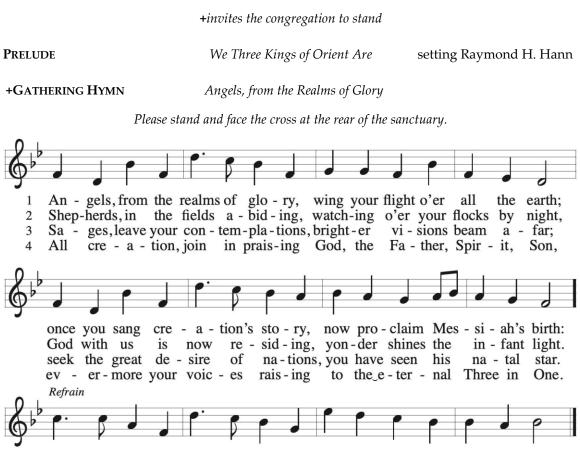
Hearing assist devices and large-print bulletins are available. Ask an usher if you are interested.

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.

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

Today's cover art is provided by Annika Lindorfer. Thank you, Annika!

GATHER

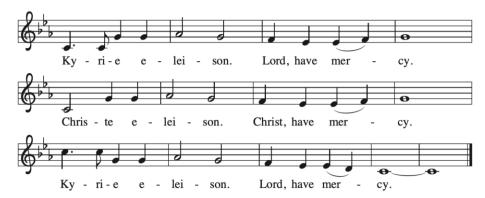


Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

+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.**

+KYRIE



+GLORIA



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Radiant Morning Star, you are both guidance and mystery. Visit our rest with disturbing dreams, and our journeys with strange companions. Grace us with the hospitality to open our hearts and homes to visitors filled with unfamiliar wisdom bearing profound and unusual gifts.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany! The word "epiphany" means "manifestaton" and comes from the Greek word for "reveal" or make known. Here in worship on Epiphany, we celebrate that Jesus is the manifestation or revealing or in-breaking of God's light for all people of every time and place. That means people years ago and people in the future who haven't even been born yet and all of us and everyone all over the world right now! God's light is for everyone!

Because God's light is for everyone, everyone is welcome in God's house and family, and so are their gifts. Just as the magi showed their respect for Christ with gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we offer our gifts and talents to share God's light with others. Whatever we bring—no matter how simple—God accepts and puts to good use.

WORD

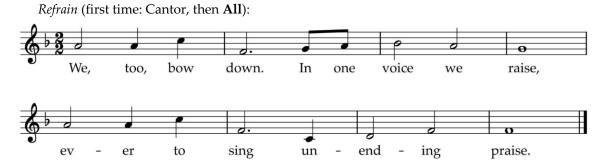
FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

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

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

Hal H. Hopson



All hail to God's anointed, Great David's greater Son! All hail, in time appointed, Your reign on earth begun! You come to break oppression, To set the captive free, To take away transgression And rule from sea to sea. **Refrain**

You shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth, And love, joy, hope, like flowers, Spring in your path to birth: Before you on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go, And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow. **Refrain**

The rulers bow before you, And gold and incense bring; All nations shall adore you, Your praise all people sing; To you shall prayers unceasing And daily vows ascend; Your rule is still increasing, Your rule is without end. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor: We have observed his star at its rising, and have come to worship him (Matt. 2:2). Alleluia

+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

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

SERMON

0 of 1 Bright-est and best the stars of the morn ing, 2 Cold his cra dle the dew drops are shin ing; on _ 3 What shall give him, ly de tion? we in cost vo 4 Vain - ly of fer each am ple ob _ la _ tion, we _ 5 Bright-est best of the of the morn - ing, and stars P 0 dawn on our new day and lend us your aid. low lies his head with the beasts of the stall; Shall of we bring in cense and frings di vine, _ vain with gifts would his fa _ ly vor se cure; dawn on our new day and lend us your aid. Star of the the ho ri east, dorn ing, zon a _ slum an н gels a dore him in ber re clin ing, the moun – tain and pearls of the gems of 0 cean, heart's rich by far is the ad er -0 _ ra _ tion, Star of the east, the ho ri zon a dorn ing, --0 guide where fant deem laid. our in is re er mak and mon _ arch and sav ior of all. er myrrh mine? from the for _ est or gold from the dear to God the prayers of the poor. _ er are laid. guide where in fant, deem is our re er -

Brightest and Best of the Stars

+HYMN OF THE DAY

+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)

Your glory fills the earth. Bless the work of all who engage in dialogue with people of other traditions and faiths. Bridge our differences with a shared mission of revealing your boundless love to the world. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

Restore the glory of creation. Send rain to water-parched lands. Revive ecosystems and habitats threatened by a changing climate and protect the peoples and creatures who live in them. We pray for Minnesota farmers, who are concerned about drought conditions. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

Give the rulers your justice and reveal your righteousness to those who govern. Frustrate the plans of tyrants and oppressors. Encourage the work of community organizers and activists who speak out against injustice. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

Help those who have no helper. Draw near to those who have no one to advocate for them or those who feel forgotten. Deliver those who call to you, especially Gerry Berglin; Karen Batdorf's sister, Marie; Pam Kildahl's sister, Wendy; Mark Horning, friend of Tony Wald; Merlin Wells; George Madich; Mike Kelly; Rev. Amy Schifrin; Michael Scanlan; Aric Sorenson and Ty Inglis; James Nysse's cousin, Eric Steckling; Katie Murray's mom Pat; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Juliet Williamson; Jan Mehlhoff's friend, Margie Guelker; Meghan Hendrickson; and those we hold in our hearts or speak with our voices now (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*). Precious are they in your sight. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

Liberate this congregation from a yearning for the past that forgets the future. Fuel in us a passion for discovery. Give us the boldness to dream and to imagine our ministries in new and different ways. God of grace,

Receive 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, **"Receive our prayer."**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Meal

+PEACE

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

OFFERING

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist

J. S. Bach

Baskets will be passed in the sanctuary. If you prefer to donate to the mission and ministry using Venmo or card, the QR codes can be found on the back page of the bulletin.



Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.

+OFFERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

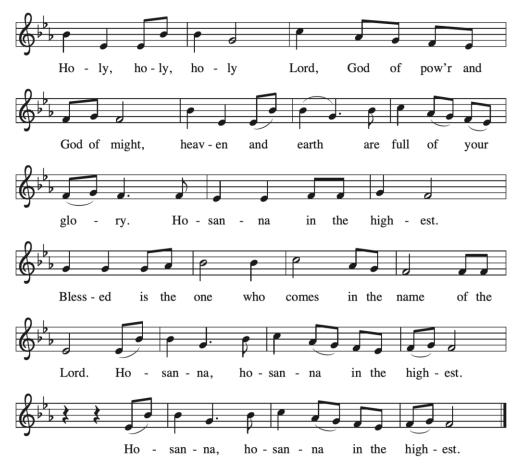
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

Our hearts burn within us as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Come, Holy Spirit, make here the body of Christ: in the breaking of the bread, in justice for our broken world, in rest for the weary, come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

To you, O God, painter of both night and day, guiding star and healing sun, breath of peace and wind of change, be all glory, all honor, all praise, now and forever.

Amen.

+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.

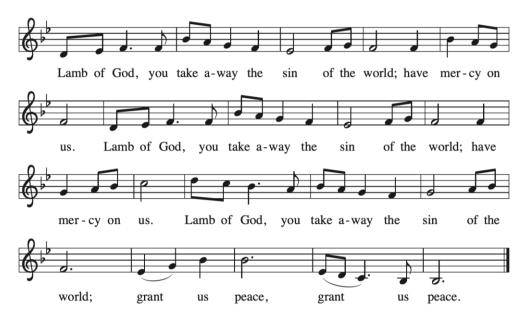
Give us today our daily bread.

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



Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger.

(11:00) For those worshiping at home, 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.

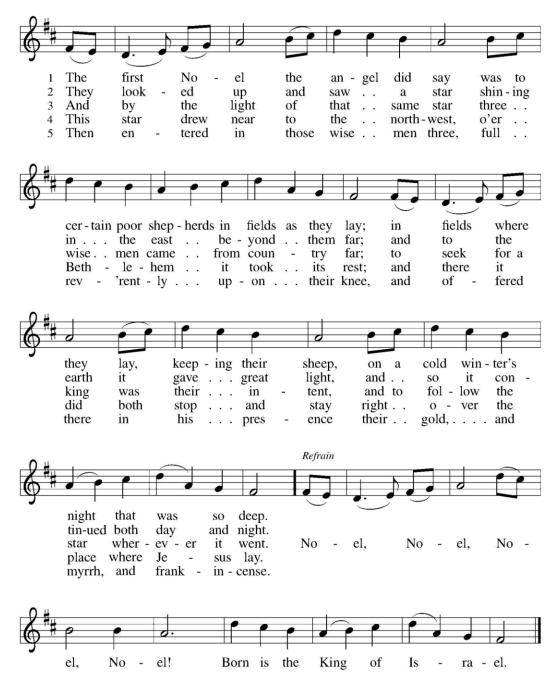
All are welcome at the table. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

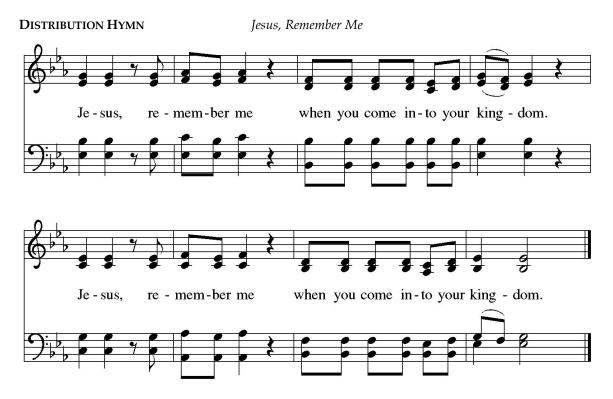
An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle,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

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

The First Noel





+BLESSING

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

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy.

Amen.

Sending

+SENDING HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Children and youth are invited to join the worship leaders as they recess and gather at the rear of the sanctuary to share the dismissal.



+BENEDICTION

As the star guided the magi to Jesus, may the light of Christ be a beacon of God's love and grace to you and all whom you encounter. And may the Holy One bless you and keep you safe. **Amen.**

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

As with Gladness Men of Old

setting Robert A. Hobby



"Celebrate! Worship for Every Festival" liturgies are part of the Nourishing Vocation with Children Project at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN. This liturgy is based on the Epiphany Crosslights Service from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Portage, MI, originally created by Dr. Janet Hill, Director of Music. It has been updated and adapted to this context.

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LITURGY: ACS SETTING TWELVE

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Abs Trewin	Guest Preacher	Abs Trewin
Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen
	Crucifer	
	Cantor	
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	Tre Tellor
David Broberg	roberg Communion	Dennis O'Brien,
David bioberg		Libby and Keith Olstad
Julie and Tom Cahoy	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Carol and David Berg	Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman
Kris Christians	Coffee Servers	Joy and Randy Nelson
	Counters	Deb Helmel
	Closer	Rod Johnson

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Katie Schroeder, Council President Sandra Hisakuni, Council Vice President Anne Beschnett, Council Secretary Scott Cole, Council Treasurer

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

WEDNESDAY MEAL, CHILDREN'S CHOIR, AND OPEN GYM RESUMES JANUARY 8

The Children, Youth, and Family Committee will offer a community meal from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday that choirs are in session. After the meal, there will be an open gym time with adult supervision until 8:00 p.m. You need not be in choir to participate. If you would like to help provide a Wednesday evening meal, please contact the office or sign up in the Community Room.

Children's Choir will resume rehearsals on January 8. For more information on choral and instrumental opportunities, talk to Phil Radtke. Children's Choir meets from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. and sings in worship every 4-6 weeks.

KNITTING GROUP TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1:30 P.M.

Knitters (and crocheters!) are invited to bring their knitting or crochet projects to Holy Trinity on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood (<u>liz.bill.blood@gmail.com</u>).

WINTER FUN FOR YOUTH SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Bundle up and join us for a winter fun day with Confirmation and High School youth! Meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. for an afternoon of snowy adventures and seasonal treats, returning by 6:00 p.m. If there's no snow, we will plan on tubing at Elm Creek. Watch the Community Church for updated details.

RING OUT PRESENTS "RING OUT!" CONCERT, FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 7:00 P.M.

Join Ring Out Handbell Ensemble, directed by Logan Olson, at Westminster Hall in Downtown Minneapolis for a celebration of music and community. Tickets (\$10) are available online (<u>https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/ring-outs-debut-concert</u>) or at the door. Pay-what-you-can tickets will be available at the door.

ADULT FORUM WITH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

There is a lot of business to cover during the annual meeting, which will be held after the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 26. Come and preview the meeting agenda with Council representatives during the adult forum hour. Bring your questions!

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, all are invited to the gym for a free meal and the annual congregational meeting, as we celebrate the 121st year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2025 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS JANUARY 26, 2025

Beginning Sunday, January 26, 2025, Holy Trinity will move to a single worship service at 10:00 a.m. Your voices shaped this decision, and your hopes for deeper connection, shared worship experiences, and creative ministry inspired us to embrace this new chapter.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9-PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us for the pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our 6-12th grade youth (confirmation and high school students) and their families will host the event. This will be a fundraiser for youth service/learning/fun trips. Suggested donation for tickets is \$10 and will be on sale at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26, and Sunday, February 2, as well as at the door on the day of the event. Please consider volunteering! This will serve as our adult forum for the day.

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA INDIGENOUS SITES TRIP

Monday, March 31, to Thursday, April 3

Holy Trinity is partnering with Edina Community Lutheran Church (ECLC) for a trip to Southwestern Minnesota sites important in Indigenous history in Minnesota. We are excited to partner with ECLC to both learn and move towards further advocacy with Native People. These dates have been chosen to coincide with Minneapolis Public Schools spring break should families wish to participate. We will be staying in the hotel at Jackpot Junction for three nights and traveling to sites each day with some time in the evenings for debriefing. We should have a cost estimate shortly. Please indicate your interest on the sign-up in the Community Room (where there is also a rough itinerary) or call or email the church office.

Some of the sites we'll likely visit include:

- Jeffers Petroglyphs, Makoce Ikikcupi, and Howwuju Otunwe (Mountain Lake)
- Pipestone National Monument, Blue Mounds State Park
- Lower Sioux Agency, Birch Coulee Battlefield, Ft. Ridgely
- Reconciliation Park (Mankato), Traverse des Sioux, Treaty Site History Center

Monday, January 6	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 7	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	1:30 PM	Knitting Group
Wednesday, January 8	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:45-6:25 PM	Jubilation Ringers
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00-8:00 PM	Supervised Playtime in the Gym
	6:30-8:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	6:45-7:30 PM	Cantate Youth Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, January 11	2:00 PM	Winter Fun for Youth
Sunday, January 12	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Children and Youth Education
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Adult Forum

10:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY "Additional Perspectives on the Hiawatha Golf Course"

Following a forum in December, the conversation continues with some additional perspectives on the Hiawatha Golf course.

January 12 "Realm Training"

Kathy Ekwall will be leading a training on the member portal of our new church management software, Realm. If you would like, bring your laptop, tablet, or smart phone and follow along on your own device (but you do not need to bring your own device to participate!).

D O N A T E

We are grateful for your donations that allow us to build community in this corner of Minneapolis and beyond!



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