

## Please pray for...

**Our Church Family:** Week of 12/15/22—Mo White 12/10/24—the family of Nancyann Eckhart, Lesa Snedegar 12/1/24—Georgia Martelli, 11/14/24-Marie Bingaman, 11/17/24—Carol Dohrmann,

**Our friends and relatives:** Week of 12/18/24 – Tom Cecil, Frank Bassett, John Schwerdtfeger, Gene Symak, Teresa Cornell, Kate Bridgett, Those who do not have the Christmas spirit this year, Our Police, Fire and EMT Departments, Pastors Ken and Andrea, and memory of Judy Rumpf and Gail Brehm 12/8/24—Connie Stombaugh, John Washburn 1/24/24—Sofia Azelton, Tyler Murry, Mary Roberts, , Crystal Torkaski, , Jeremy Perry, Family of Shirley Zink; 11/17/24—Patricia May, Billy Kerzelis, Ruth Warwick, Yvonne Cambray, Aaron, Noah and Jacob Mendez, Kathy and Ernest Stem, and all veterans living and deceased 11/3/24—Stephanie Kerzelis, Billy Nippers



**Ongoing church family, friends and relatives:** Dick Vercruysse, Lori Allen, Peggy Torgerson, Mary Ann Kraft, Diane Massa, Jackie Walsh, Ed Palmer, Joan Forreidor, Fred Eskuri, Sharon Faulkner, Mary Lou Burke, Carolyn Chamberlain, Doreen Panyard, Mona Argentin, Larry Thomas, Dietmar and Norma Bennett,

Jon Dickey, Margot Simmons, Sean Costa, Don Randolph, Karen Smith, Audrey Stamps, Piper Jandola, Margo Kiepert, Amy Meyer, Annette Morden, Frances Fenwick, Carol Civitella, Judy Stratton

**In Hospice care:** Becky Burrows, Elaine Dougan

**Please also pray for our Homebound members, Ministry of Faith Preparatory School, Ministry of Valerie's House, Ministry of Tender Hearts, all who serve in the military and their families, all law enforcement officers and first responders.**

## HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**December 22, 2024**

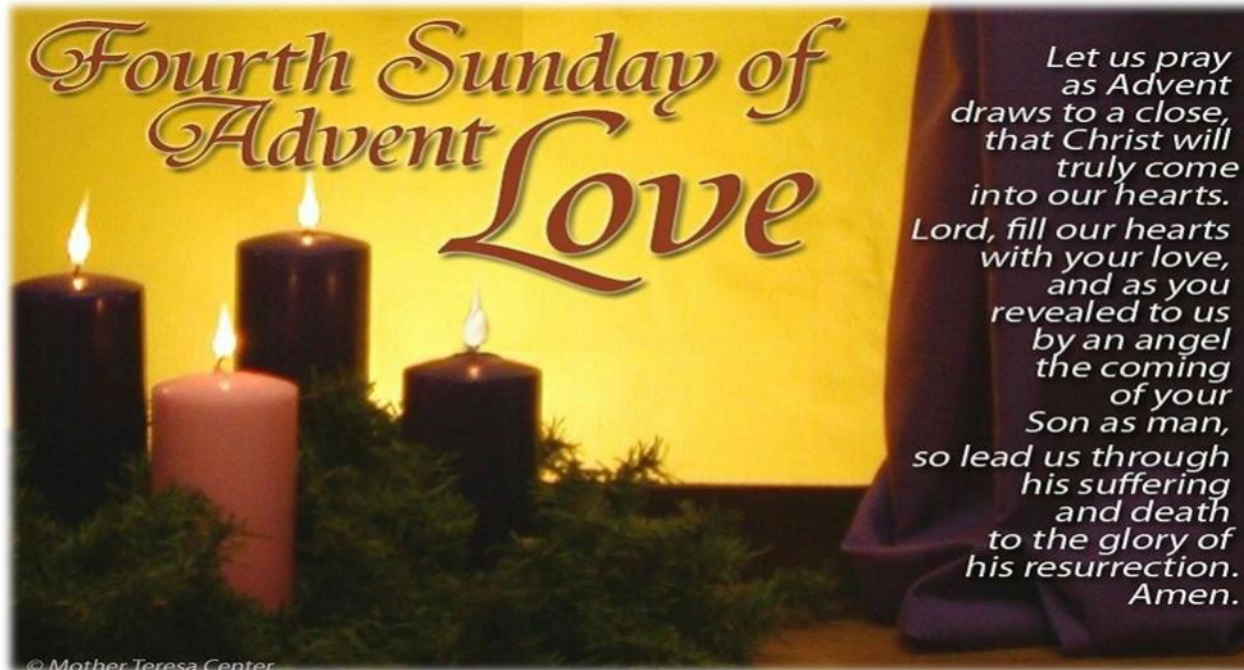
**WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We are glad YOU are here!**

**Are You a Visitor or Guest?** We welcome you in the name of our risen Savior and we rejoice that you are here today to praise God with us. Please complete a **CONNECTION CARD** in your pew. Either place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our pastors so we can serve you better.

**Holy Communion**—We believe that Christ is present in this meal freely given to all who are baptized. Please approach the altar as directed. Receive the host and then dip the host (*gluten free wafers are available for the asking*) into either the red wine or the white grape juice and eat, or place the host in your mouth then pick up a cup of either the red wine or the white grape juice and drink. Deposit your empty cup in the basket at the end of the line. All children are invited to come forward for a blessing if they do not normally receive communion. Return to your seat (or pause at the altar) for a time of prayer. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like communion in your pew, please let an usher or a pastor know.

**Large Print Service Slide Booklet**—do you have trouble seeing the screens? We do have the slides printed in a notebook for those who need it. Please ask an usher by the sanctuary doors for the notebook. Please return the notebook at the end of worship.

**Hearing Assistance**— We have a limited supply of hearing devices available for use. If you feel you need one, please see the sound booth attendant at the back of the sanctuary.



# SUNDAY STAR

## TODAY'S SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

**9:00am: BULLETINS:** Rosemarie Conklin

**Reader:** Joyce Jandola

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Hal Jandola, Joyce Jandola, Kathy Jacobsen, Anna Walsh

**10:45: GREETER:** Tom Mount

**BULLETINS:** Joyce Holdrich

**READER:** Rob White

**OFFERING:** Richard Schnur

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Janet Zounek, Marianne Click, Richard Schnur, Diane Boettcher

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:** Early: Jackie Shortemeyer Late: Jim and Jane Anderson

**SUNDAY FLOWER DELIVERY:** Jennifer Fischer

**SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR NEXT MONTH ARE POSTED IN THE NARTHEX**

## TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Our 9 and 10:45 services are projected on the screens—The congregation responds with the bold, black print.

## HYMNS @ 10:45am:

**Opening:** ELW 248 **Sermon:** ELW 295 **Sending:** ELW 292

**Bible Readings:** Psalm 46, Luke 2:8-20

## Church Council Members

You can recognize a church council member by their "YELLOW" nametag.

President—Theda Bunker, Vice-President—Phil Deel,  
Secretary—Jeanne Gaston, Treasurer—Shawn Hernandez.

At large: Beau Beaudine, Mike Felt, Richard Schnur, Sandi Witzke

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Monday—Dec. 23**

9:00a—Food Pantry

**Tuesday—Dec. 24**

Christmas Eve

4:00p—Family Service

7:00p—Candlelight Service

**Wednesday—Dec. 25**

Christmas

Office Closed

**Thursday - Dec. 26**

**Friday—Dec. 27**

Office Closed

**Saturday—Dec. 28**

Office Closed

**Sunday - Dec. 29**

10:00a—New Year's Worship

11:15a—Healing Service

## Our Financial Stewardship

**Donations YTD:** Actual donations compared to plan. Each week is a cumulative total. (000s)

NOV Actual \$539.9

Needed \$530.1

Over/(Under) \$ 9.8

**ACTUAL NET YTD:**

NOV 24 \$2.9

**15 year Mortgage**

as of 1/1/24 \$293.4

as of 11/30/24 \$206.8

**YTD reduction \$86.6**



**Today's altar flowers are presented by**

*Darlene Foster*  
in memory of her loving husband

**Charlie**



*The communion wine is presented by*

*Diane Boettcher*

*In loving memory of*  
**Our Loved Ones**



## THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 22— Eleanor Christine

Curt Mayer

Dec. 23— Adriana Riner

Dec. 24— Anna Salmen

Dec. 25— Mary Horner

Dec. 26— Kathy Barnes

Kathleen McConaughy

Dec. 27— Anne Lotito

Dec. 28— Heather Furnas



## In-person Attendance

December 15, 2024— 331

Last year 2023— 308



# New Members Class

Monday, January 6, 2025

at 6:30 PM

With Christmas fast approaching please consider purchasing gift cards from our church available in the Narthex every Sunday. All proceeds go directly towards paying down our mortgage. Additionally, there are several hundred other gift cards available that you can special order and receive the following Sunday!



It's NEVER too late to join the Choir. Practices are Wednesday evenings at 6:30. Meet new members, make new friends. Any questions, please ask the choir director. **1st practice 1/8/25 at 6:30.** All are welcome!



"It's a mistake to think that we *have to* be lovely to be loved by human beings or by God." (Fred Rogers, *You Are Special: Words of Wisdom for All Ages from a Beloved Neighbor*)



## Healing SERVICE

Sunday, December 29th

following the 10:00 Service. (11:15AM)



*To those who gave all,*



### "HOLY CHOW!"

Holy Chow dinner groups are soon to be formed again. Sign up is easy. Complete the sign up card (at Ministry Center in the narthex) or email your name and contact info to the church office at [office@htlchurch.org](mailto:office@htlchurch.org).



The Staff of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church wishes each of you a most blessed and Merry Christmas!



Pastor Ken

Pastor Andrea

Margaret,

Debbie

Miles

Cecil

SYNOD DEACONS

Marianne

Steve

Gail



Advent's Holy Light  
Congregational Part

10:45 Advent Candle

JOEL RANEY



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*Prepare ye the way of the Lord!*



**FLOWER and COMMUNION WINE**

*Signup Sheets are available for  
2025*

In the Narthex next to  
the coffee bar.



Join us for a church outing to a Spring Train-  
ing game between the Rays and Tigers.

**February 27th.**

Tickets are \$40 and include lunch and the  
seat! Details to follow in the New Year!

Never follow anyone else's path,  
unless you are in the woods and you're  
lost and you see a path. Then, by all  
means, follow that path.

Source: goodmorningquote.com



Christmas Eve Worship — December 24th

**4:00pm - Family Service ~ Music by**

*Trinity's Praise*

**7:00pm - Candlelight Service -**

*Traditional Worship*

**\*\*SUNDAY, DEC. 29— 10am**

**New Year's Worship\*\***



**Special  
Thanks**

A heartfelt thank  
you to all who  
provided the cookies to our  
Homebound Members and to  
those who delivered these  
treasures to them!

**We need COUNTERS!**

We need counters to count the offerings from Sunday  
services. You would volunteer for one month at a  
time, usually four times per year.



Counters count on Monday mornings.  
Please contact either: the office  
(office@htlchurch.org), Marianne Click,  
Connie Wuckert or Debbie Nigliaccio.

**TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY**



The bears are sitting in the pews and soaking up the prayers and love  
during worship. If you know of someone that needs a little extra  
TLC...share a bear with them. If you would like to leave a donation for  
a bear, please place your gift in the offering plate and mark it for  
"Teddy Bear Ministry". Thank You!