



*Our mission, as God's people, is to **gather** in worship, **grow** in faith, and **go** in service in the name of our Risen Lord.
Our vision – Sharing God's love, hope and healing.*

Sunday, January 5, 2025
Epiphany of Our Lord

Prelude: "This Little Light of Mine" arr. by Mark Hayes

Welcome to Worship and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness:**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God-with-us,

C **we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.**

P Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, + forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

C **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.

*Gathering Hymn "Bright and Glorious Is the Sky" ELW 301

One License: A-727907



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness
3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this
4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,
won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions
di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous
and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the
with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.
new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.
lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us,
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,
that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing,
is the word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877–1970, alt.
Music: DEJLIG ER DEN HIMMEL BLÅ, Danish, 19th cent.
Text © 1958 Service Book and Hymnal, admin. Augsburg Fortress

*Greeting:

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*The Prayer of the Day:

P O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.

Kids Word: Pastor Jerry O'Neal

Our first reading is from Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³ Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14: (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)

¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

² **May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.**

³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵ May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶ **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

¹⁰ **May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

¹¹ May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

¹² **For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.**

¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ **From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Our second reading is from Ephesians 3:1-12

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

¹ This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

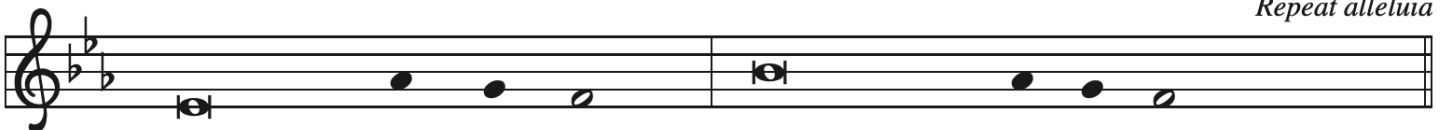
L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation: ACS Setting 12



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

***Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

P The holy gospel according to Luke the 1st chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They 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 magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then 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." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon - Pastor Jerry O'Neal

***Hymn of the Day: "As with Gladness Men of Old" ELW 302**

Public Domain



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.

Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

***Apostles' Creed:**

P&C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.

***Prayers:** (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "God of grace," and your response is, "**receive our prayer.**"

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

A brief 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. 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 for those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (*pause*). 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.

As you guided the magi to the infant child, guide this congregation in the E-Connect transformational ministry process. Help us to discern how Holy Trinity's ministry is called to work in our neighborhood, Muncie community and the world. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We give thanks for your holy ones who now rest in your radiant glory. Make us, with them, sharers in the boundless riches of Christ, our hope and promise. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***Sharing the Peace:**

P The peace of our Risen Savior be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*Please stand as you are able.

Offering:

If you would like to give electronically, you may

1. Download the ELCA Giving App from Google Store or Apple Play, or
2. Go to our website www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com and click on the green "Give" button.
3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

Offering Music: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" arr. by Christopher Uehlein

Offertory Presentation: "What Child Is This" ELW 296

Public Domain



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!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

*Offering Prayer:

L God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.

C Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.

***The Great Thanksgiving:**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

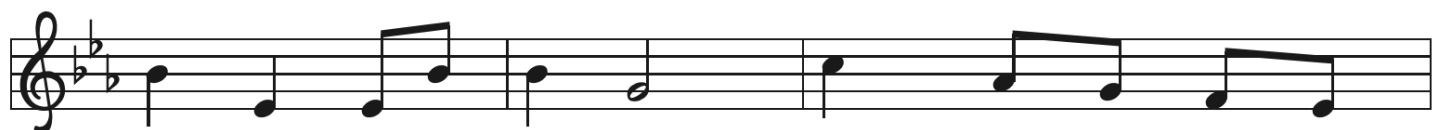
P Lift up your hearts.

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.**

P 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

All creation sings your praise. Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory. Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders.

With Sarah and Abraham we go out in faith, trusting your promise.

With Miriam and Moses we celebrate our deliverance from bondage.

With Naomi and Ruth we bind ourselves together in covenant love.

With Jonathan and David we delight in the gift of deep and abiding friendship.

With Mary and Elizabeth we welcome your presence in the birth of Jesus, the Holy One.

With Lazarus, Martha, and Mary we give thanks for the blessings of family.

With disciples and followers we marvel at the reign of God come near.

With saints through the ages we ponder the mystery of Christ's dying and rising.

(The Words of Institution will be said in Spanish, then English.)

P La noche en que fue entregado,
nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias;
lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo:
Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes.
Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomó la copa,
dio gracias y la dio a beber a todos, diciendo:
Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre,
derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdón del pecado.
Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

P With hearts full of memories and hopes, we break this bread and share this cup, remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and his promise to be with us always as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

P O Divine Lover, you are the breath within us. You are our heart's desire. You are our priceless treasure. You are the garden of paradise.

P Come down, O Love divine. Come among us, O passionate Fire. Come within us, O Spirit of unity. Come, Holy Spirit.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty. Bless our table and the feast we share. Bless us with gladness of heart. Come, Holy Spirit.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P At this table make us your body. Form us to be people of justice and peace. Fill us with gratitude and generosity that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed. Come, Holy Spirit.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Praise to you, Author of creation. Praise to you, O Beloved One. Praise to you, O Giver of all good things. Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

***Lord's Prayer:**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All 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:**

P A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

Communion Hymn: "O Lamb of God" (ACS Setting 12)



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.

Distribution:

This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We extend to you all that we have in the Lord Jesus and invite you to his Holy Supper. Those communing with us who haven't been baptized and desire God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in Holy Baptism are invited to talk to the Pastor. Communion is continuous as we kneel at the altar. White grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine. Communicants come to the altar down the center aisle, fill in the communion rail from left to right and return by the side aisles.

Communion Music Karen Huff, Holy Trinity Organist

***Post Communion Blessing**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen.

***Post Communion Prayer**

L 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.

C Amen

***Sending Call and Response:**

L God's work!

C Our hands!

L God's love!

C Our hearts!

L God's story!

C Our voices!

***Benediction:**

P "Barocha" - Michael Card

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn: "This Little Light of Mine" ELW 677**

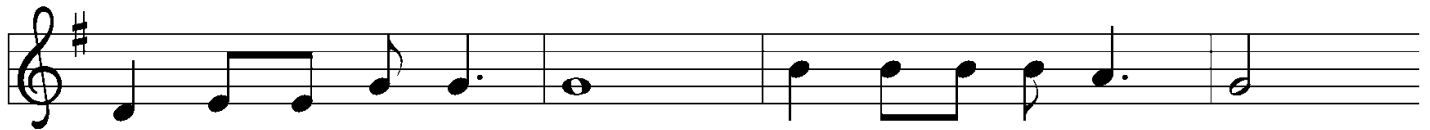
One License: A-727907



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

***Dismissal:**

L Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements for January 5, 2025

Serving in Worship Today:

Acolyte: Gail Bader

Ushers: John Huff and Larry Ahlersmeyer

Greeter: Claire Park

Lay Worship Leader, Communion Assistant and Lector: Betsy Ahlersmeyer

Altar Guild: Diane Scholer and Amy Norris

Flowers at the Altar:

The bouquet of flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God.

(If you would like to purchase a \$10 flower arrangement to decorate the altar, please fill out the flower chart on the closet door in the lobby/narthex and make sure to fill out a slip and put the slip in the envelope with your check or money and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you.)

Prayer Requests:

We invite you to send us any prayer requests that you want included in our weekly emails or the Holy Trinity Prayer Chain. Send requests to: holytrinitymuncie@gmail.com.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Amy Pike, Bill and Bonnie Hoodlebrink's great niece

Chrissy Miller, friend of Kent Barlow

Sue Donnellan

Douglas Watters, Kristen Dashler's Uncle

Debbie Singer, Sherri Elwood's sister-in-law

Victims of Hurricane Helene and Milton

Susie Peterson's cousin Joan

Rosemary Young

Tony Brinkman

Betty Haffner

The Roach Family

Pam Carr

Sandra Duke

Nancy Parkison

Solom and Mary Miller

Shelle Richardson

Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother

David and Jency Engle, Susie Peterson's parents

Janis Foster, Shirley Foster's daughter-in-law

Matthew Santoni

Roberta Debolt

Chuck Cook

Maria and her family in Ukraine

Dan Haynes

John Paul Metzcar

Mary Broughton

For those not named

For all who are sick and suffering

Inclement Weather:

If there is inclement weather and Muncie Community Schools are closed (or have e-learning) due to weather, then the church office will also be closed. Please call the church office at 765-282-0619 for assistance. Someone will answer your call between 9am and 4pm.

*Please stand as you are able.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for January 5-11, 2025:

Birthdays:

January 6 - Susan Bird

January 11 - Shirley Foster

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries on record.

Calendar of Events for the Week of January 5:

Sunday, January 5 – Bible Study/Sunday School (9am) and Worship (10am)

Monday, January 6 – Bible Study (10am) and Choir Practice (4pm)

Tuesday, January 7 - Walking Group meets (9am), Staff Meeting (9:30am), Binding Ties Group and Afghan Sewing Group Meet (10am)

Wednesday, January 8 - Better Together Wellness (6pm) and Magician's Ring Group-Jim Nyce (6:30pm)

Thursday, January 9 - Girl Scout Meeting-Kelli Smith (6:30pm)

Friday, January 10 - Better Together Wellness (8:30am & 10am)

Saturday, January 11 – Step Aerobics (9:30am)

A Better Way Hallelujah!

Thank you to everyone who donated gift cards for residents at the A Better Way shelter.

What blessings you provided!

Because of a Thrivent grant secured by Andy Brelage, HTLC was able to give gift bags filled with self-care products and sweets to 15 residents. Additionally, because of your generosity, each person received \$30 worth of gift cards to spend on themselves. We also filled 17 gift bags for the young residents complete with McDonald's gift cards.

The Thrivent grant helped provide a special dinner treat of pizza, pop, and cookies for the residents and the staff.

The desire of the HTLC congregation to give to the Muncie community never ceases to amaze me! Thank you from the bottom my heart.

Wishing you the happiest of new year's filled with God's love- Kathy McCauliff

From Outreach:

We want to thank everyone for their generous gifts of time, money, gift cards, and food in recent weeks. You helped many people in the holiday season through the varied events, and it was appreciated very much.

Outreach Meeting:

There will be an Outreach meeting Saturday, January 18, at 8:15 AM, before the Open Hands distribution. All are welcome.

Annual Reports:

We will need a report from the church leadership and all Ministry Teams, as well as special groups and ministries associated with Holy Trinity. These reports serve as an important historical document for the church. **Annual Reports are due to Jenni in the church office by Sunday, January 12. Please send them to her via email to holytrinitymuncie@gmail.com.**

Annual Meeting and Pitch-In Meal Sunday, January 26, 2025:

Congregation Annual Meeting will be called on Sunday, January 26, 2025 following worship in fellowship hall. We will enjoy a carry-in meal, please bring a dish to share! Hospitality will provide the meat. Please see the following page for more information regarding the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting and Pitch-In Meal - Sunday, January 26, 2025

In accordance with Holy Trinity's Constitution, the Congregation Annual Meeting will be called on Sunday, January 26, 2025 following worship in-person with the purpose of electing 2025 Council Members, approval of the 2025 proposed budget, and answer any questions regarding the annual reports from the various ministries of Holy Trinity.

C12.02.01 of the Constitution state that notice of candidates must be given by the nominating committee at least two weeks prior to the meeting. C12.02.02 states that the congregation may nominate additional candidates providing that the nominees have agreed to stand for election and the names of such nominees are submitted to the Secretary of the congregation no later than 5 days in advance of the election.

The nominating committee submits the following names for the election:

Member-At-Large [to elect 3]:

Linda Hamilton - *(Finishing Jari's 1st Term)* - After some church hopping at Missouri Lutheran churches in Marion and Muncie, I settled at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on September 24, 2006. I have served as Parish Nurse and the Wellness Chairman, and lead the Tuesday morning walking group each week. I have taught Sunday school here and continue to be a part of learning at our Sunday Morning and Monday Morning Bible studies.

I am currently the Program Chairman for the BSU Association of Lifelong Learners, and Membership Chairman for the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse. I am also a member of the Y.M.C.A. and enjoy the water aerobics classes. I belong to 4 book clubs and love to attend programs at the Muncie Civic Theater, Minnetrista, MasterWorks Chorale, America's Hometown Band, Orchestra Indiana and the many musical programs at Sursa Auditorium on the BSU campus.

I have served on the HTLC council in the past and look forward to being a member this coming year.

Diane Calvin - *(2 year term)* - I'm a life-long Lutheran who had the good fortune to join Holy Trinity in December 1999. Almost 2 years ago, I retired from Ball State University Libraries. Retirement gave me more time to volunteer for Holy Trinity events, at the Second Harvest twice-monthly food tailgate, and the Christian Ministry pantry. I served on Council twice and found it an interesting and fulfilling experience. I appreciated learning how much work goes on behind the scenes that make things happen seamlessly. I look forward to another opportunity in this role.

Cody Voga - *(2 year term)* - My name is Cody Voga. I was born in Jewell, Iowa, where I attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church. I've been married to my wife, Kelsey, since 2019, and we are expecting our first child around Christmas. We are both former college soccer players at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa.

We first attended Holy Trinity for a Christmas service in 2023 and decided this was our new home. We officially became members during the summer of 2024 and are grateful to be welcomed into such a caring and supportive family.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee: Jan Segedy, John Huff, Nancy Carlson, Becki Bergs and Roger Hollands for their work and for our nominees' willingness to serve!

Annual Reports are due to Jenni in the church office by Sunday, January 12. Please send them to her via email to holytrinitymuncie@gmail.com.



Worship Notes