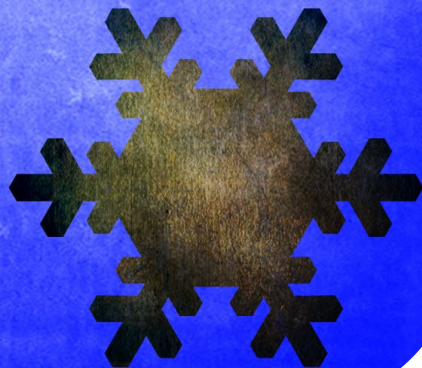
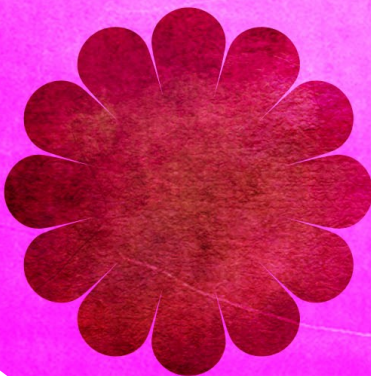




**There is a time  
for everything,  
and a season for  
every activity  
under heaven.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1, NIV**





Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## **There is a time for everything**

**December 31, 2025**

New Year's Eve Worship

New Year's seems like a natural place to talk about time. So we bring into our New Year's worship Solomon's wise words about time. There is a time for everything and a season for every activity. All time is in the hands of God.

Today's worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

- [holytrinity.church](http://holytrinity.church)

After the service, the recording can be accessed at the same YouTube site.

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P: As we close one year and begin another, the grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Eternal Father, before whom all generations rise and fall, teach us to think earnestly on the brevity of our lives and on the immensity of your goodness. Help us enter the new year trusting in the name of your Son and walking in the way of his peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Hymn 784 Now the Light Has Gone Away*



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,  
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way all that I've done wrong to - day.  
3 Let my near and dear ones be safe with you e - ter - nal - ly.  
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give; you once died that I might live.  
5 Ah, my best and kind - est Friend, you will love me to the end.



ask - ing you to watch and keep and to send me qui - et sleep.  
Make me ev - er more like you, good and gen - tle, kind and true.  
O bring me and all I love to your hap - py home a - bove.  
All your pre - cious gifts are free— oh, how good you are to me!  
Let me love you more and more, al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

**Psalm 19** (NIV)

P: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

**C: Their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.**

P: In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

**C: It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is hidden from its heat.**

**P: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.**

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

**C: The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.**

**The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.**

**The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.**

**P: They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;**

they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**C: Who can discern his errors?**

**Forgive my hidden faults.**

**Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.**

**Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.**

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart**

**be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

*Hymn 820 O God, Our Help in Ages Past*



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;

3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,

4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:

suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.

from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.

short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

## THE WORD

### First Lesson—Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is an occasion for everything,  
and a time for every activity under heaven:  
a time to give birth and a time to die;  
a time to plant and a time to uproot;  
a time to kill and a time to heal;  
a time to tear down and a time to build;  
a time to weep and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn and a time to dance;  
a time to throw stones and a time to gather stones;  
a time to embrace and a time to avoid embracing;  
a time to search and a time to count as lost;  
a time to keep and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear and a time to sew;  
a time to be silent and a time to speak;  
a time to love and a time to hate;  
a time for war and a time for peace.

### Second Lesson—Hebrews 13:5-8,14

Keep your life free from the love of money. Be satisfied with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or abandon you." Therefore, we may boldly say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders who have spoken God's word to you. As you carefully observe the outcome of their lives, imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

For we do not have an enduring city here; instead, we seek the one to come.

## Gospel—Matthew 25:1-13

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they didn’t take oil with them; but the wise ones took oil in their flasks with their lamps. When the groom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

“In the middle of the night there was a shout: ‘Here’s the groom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all the virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise ones, ‘Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.’

“The wise ones answered, ‘No, there won’t be enough for us and for you. Go instead to those who sell oil, and buy some for yourselves.’

“When they had gone to buy some, the groom arrived, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the rest of the virgins also came and said, ‘Master, master, open up for us!’

“He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you!’

“Therefore be alert, because you don’t know either the day or the hour.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Hymn 529 In the Cross of Christ I Glory*



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no



sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Sermon—Ecclesiastes 3:1-8  
*There is a time for everything*

**OFFERING**

*The kings of distant shores will bring tribute to him; the kings will present him gifts. All nations will bow down to him and all nations will serve him (Psalm 72:10,11). We too serve Jesus Christ with our offerings.*

*You may place your offering in the plates or use Online Giving. The QR code at right will also take you to the giving site. Thank you for your offerings.*



**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P: Lord, at the beginning of this year we need you. Our days are written in your book and only you know if we shall live through this next year. Be merciful to us and forgive us all our sins. Bless our bodies and souls, our property, and our honor. Renew in us the knowledge of the promise you made to us at our baptism, so that we may have childlike assurance throughout this year that you will never forget us. Allow us, to the best of our ability, to live a year of service to you.
- C: **Let this coming year be one which draws us closer to you as we serve Jesus our Savior.**
- P: Gentle Shepherd, you have warned us that the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. And you have told us that you will not snuff out the smoldering wick. Preserve the faith of those who wander away from hearing your Word and tasting your Holy Supper.

**C: Give them repentance to see the urgency of returning to your church. Give us opportunities of sharing your truth with them.**

P: Help us remember, Lord, how many of your angels guard our ways all around us. We do not need to be afraid. We can do bold, daring things for you and for our neighbors. We can say what needs to be said and stick our neck out for people who need us—all without fear. Neither your promises, your angels, nor your power will ever fail us. Why should we be anxious? The Spirit you gave us does not make us timid.

**C: Rid us of being timid, that we might risk all we are and all we have for you.**

P: As we close the old year and begin the new, please, dear Lord, hear our private prayers to you.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Lord, we are not worthy to be guests at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast us out. This bread is your body, which bore our sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies us from all guilt.

**C: At your invitation, we come rejoicing. Receive us, our Savior.**

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*Holy Trinity offers the Lord's Supper to communicant members of our congregation (and congregations in WELS and ELS). If you are not a communicant member and are interested in going through a course of study to prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper here, please speak with the pastor. He is glad to talk with you.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn 787 God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven



1 God, who made the earth and heav-en, dark - ness and light:  
2 And when morn a - gain shall call us to run life's way,  
3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep-ing, and, when we die,  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav-en, all - ho - ly Son,



you the day for work have giv - en, for rest the night.  
may we still, what - e'er be - fall us, your will o - bey.  
may we in your might - y keep-ing all peace - ful lie.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, blest Three in One:



May your an - gel guards de - fend us, slum-ber sweet your mer - cy  
From the pow'r of e - vil hide us, in the nar - row path - way  
When the last dread call shall wake us, then, O Lord, do not for-  
grant us grace, we now im - plore you, till we lay our crowns be -



send us, ho - ly dreams and hopes at-tend us all through the night.  
guide us, nev - er be your smile de-nied us all through the day.  
sake us, but to reign in glo - ry take us with you on high.  
fore you and in wor - thier strains a-dore you while a - ges run.

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