



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of November 30 – December 7, 2025

Our Sunday Schedule

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
11:15 am – Advent Workshop

New Ministry Opportunities

Advent Workshop

Advent is a beautiful season of preparation as we await the coming of Christ. You are invited to be a part of this joyous journey! After our 10:00 am worship service on **Sunday, November 30**, Holy Trinity will host an Advent workshop filled with fellowship and fun. Come help us decorate the church as we create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for the Christmas season. Enjoy some delicious hospitality snacks as we connect with one another. We'll also reach out to some Holy Trinity friends by signing cards, engaging in a creative craft, and bringing home meaningful devotions. These devotions are designed to guide you and your family through the Advent season, helping to prepare your hearts and minds for the joy of Christmas.

Interested in Learning More about Holy Trinity?

An informal gathering will take place on **Sunday, December 7 or 14 at 9:15 am** for anyone interested in learning more about Holy Trinity. We'll get to know one another a little better and the ministry we share. People interested in membership will be received later in the month. For planning purposes, it would be helpful to indicate your interest by emailing Pastor Steve (steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org) or Laura Hudson (laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org) or by signing up at the signup table in the Gathering Space.

Cookies for Boulevard Presbyterian Christmas Boxes

Holy Trinity is once again partnering with Boulevard Presbyterian Church in the Community Christmas Box project by donating 40 dozen cookies. Homemade cookies of any kind are welcomed. Please package your cookies in boxes or containers so they can easily be transported and divided at Boulevard. The cookies will create festive plates to be distributed to support survivors of human trafficking through Freedom ala Cart. Be sure to have your cookies on the table in **Holy Trinity's church sacristy** (the room near the parking lot doors just outside of the sanctuary) by **11:00 am Thursday, December 11th**. You can sign up in the Gathering space or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ADA92DA0F9C52-46285693-cookies#/>
Thank you for your ministry to make the Christmas season special for those in need.

Congregational Meeting

A brief congregational meeting will be conducted on **Sunday, December 14 at 11:15 am**, immediately following the 10:00 worship service. We'll elect council members for the 2026-2028 term and introduce Breeze, Holy Trinity's new online membership database with photo directory. Hope to see you there!

Concert at Holy Trinity

Please join us **Sunday, December 21 at 4:00 pm** when the Brass Band of Columbus returns with their beloved annual Christmas program, a festive celebration for the whole family. A light reception follows. Come for an afternoon of beautiful music and invite a friend!

Planning Ahead for Christmas Eve

Invite your friends and family to join us for any of our worship opportunities on **Wednesday, December 24:**

- **4:00 pm** – Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
- **8:00 pm** – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion and Choir

Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia(s) to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas, please sign up at the Collection and Signup Corner or contact the church office at 614-486-9433 or email@ngagedbygrace.org. The cost is \$8/plant.

Stewardship Corner

In Titus 3:14 we read, *"Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good...and not live unproductive lives."* One way we live productive lives is by being active and involved in the work of the church. Each of us has a special role to play in extending God's kingdom through the church. God calls us to be participants, not spectators. We may sing in the choir, teach Sunday school, serve coffee, collate bulletins, serve on a committee, or usher. Whatever we do, we need to *"serve wholeheartedly, as if we were serving the Lord, not men"* (Ephesians 6:7). For more information, contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Dave Kriska, undergoing surgery on December 3

Peter Ward, dealing with back issues

Prayers for Our Members:

Marge Markowich, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery

Joanne Duncan, recovering from various medical issues

Miriam Ringquist, at Dublin Retirement Village

Floradelle Pfahl, at Ganzhorn Suites

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

Chuck Jentes, Jill Banicki's father, recovering from major surgery

Joe Berkemer, Matt Berkemer's uncle, undergoing chemotherapy

Phyllis Bliss, friend of Holy Trinity, undergoing kidney dialysis twice/week

Wayne Engel, Shirley Boyd's cousin, struggling with cancer

James Gildea, Shirley Boyd's friend, recovering from a fall that fractured vertebra in his neck

Betty Mak, Shirley Boyd's friend, undergoing daily home dialysis

Pom, Na Brown's friend, who recently suffered a stroke

Violet, Carolyn and Clyde Cramer's neighbor's 8-year-old granddaughter, diagnosed with leukemia

Joe Stone, Genie Craven's son-in-law, dealing with the result of neck surgery

Abby Moeller, Kristin Farley's friend's 14-year-old daughter, recovering from an ATV accident

Tim Curry, Bev Farrell's brother and JoAnn Curry's brother-in-law, struggling with Parkinson's

Melissa, Sue Ferguson's daughter, diagnosed with colon cancer

Alan Greiner, Barb Keller's brother, dealing with multiple serious medical issues

Rodney Larson, Don Larson's brother, diagnosed with cancer
Randy Isaacson, Anna Lynch's father, dealing with health challenges
Jerry Markowich, Pastor Dave Markowich's brother, hospitalized with an infection
Mary Ortwine, Pastor Dave Markowich's sister, undergoing health tests
Nate Poole, Janet Maxwell's friend, following a severe neck injury resulting in paralysis
Darlene Madden, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with cancer
Chris Stewart, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with cancer
Maggie Carr Miller, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with cancer
Squire Aschinger, John & Judy McKittrick's nephew, diagnosed with cancer
Lucas, Susan Poling-Jones and Tony Jones' nephew, recovering from seizures and a brain bleed
Heidi McCarthy, Susan Poling-Jones' friend and mother of 3 children, undergoing radiation for breast cancer
Stephanie Gotemoeller, Susan Poling-Jones' friend, undergoing radiation following breast cancer surgery
Ben Souders, Susan Poling-Jones' friend's son, diagnosed with bipolar disorder
Lois Rozenquist, Susan Setterlin's friend, battling non-operable lung cancer
Leia Kaufman, Suellen Sharp's cousin, in the ICU at Riverside
Caitlyn Carey, Matt & Suellen Sharp's sister-in-law, diagnosed with cancer
Amy Lavoie, Becky Warnement's cousin, battling a recurrence of lung cancer
Those affected by natural disasters, the Armed forces, victims of terror, and all those on the margins of society most vulnerable to unrest, oppression and exploitation.

Rutter Requiem

If you couldn't attend the November 2nd presentation of John Rutter's *Requiem* featuring Holy Trinity's choir and orchestra or if you did attend and would like to hear the beautiful music again, you can now do so at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JF8C8jPOual>. Feel free to share with family and friends!

2026 Altar Flowers

Altar flowers beautify our worship space and are a lovely way to acknowledge special events or remember loved ones. Sign-up sheets are now available for 2026 altar flower dedications. Sign up at the flower stand near the Info Center or by contacting the church office at laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org or 614-486-9433. Checks, electronic drafts, or credit card payments should note "flowers" in the memo. The cost is \$35.

News of Embrace Ministries

It's Christmas pageant time!

Holy Trinity's Children's Christmas pageant will take place on **Sunday, December 14th during the 10:00 worship service.** If your child is interested in taking part in the program, please contact Josh Brodbeck at Joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org or Noelle Fox at Noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org. Rehearsals will primarily be on Thursday evenings from 6:00-6:25 pm through December 11. A simple meal is available on Thursdays from 5:30-6:00 prior to practice. We look forward to another wonderful pageant!

Council Seeking Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for a slate of candidates to serve 3-year terms on Church Council. All confirmed members of Holy Trinity are eligible to serve. Church members are invited to suggest candidates (including themselves) to Council President Chase Leibold leibold.9@gmail.com, Pastor Steve Wachtman steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org or the church office email@engagedbygrace.org or 614-486-9433.

Daily Devotions

A Daily Devotion for the Narrative Lectionary is now available on the homepage of Holy Trinity's website under [Daily Devotions](#).) Each day has a key Bible verse, Bible passage, and a devotion to read. Since our electronic devices (cell phones, tablets, and laptops) are such an integral part of our daily lives, bookmarking the above link may be a convenient way for your faith to be nurtured. The devotions go along with our Narrative Lectionary readings and support Biblical literacy while connecting God's story to our daily lives. Please let Noelle Fox know if you have any questions.

News of Empower Ministries

Habitat for Humanity News

On Saturday, November 15, the Habitat for Humanity Northwest Partnership had the dedication ceremony of our latest Habitat house, marking the culmination of months of hard work as well as some blood, sweat and tears. It was a wonderful ceremony with all the volunteers, the homeowner and his young family, and Pastor Steve provided the blessing. Congratulations and thanks to all for your help!

Empowerment Shelf - December 2025

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Yusuf Azeem is Not a Hero, *Wandering in Strange Lands* and *The Odyssey of Phillis Wheatley* are books of note for this month. This literature intends to expand our awareness, theology and/or acceptance of diverse viewpoints. We in Neighbor-to-Neighbor hope you'll discover how these writings from various generations embrace what it means to be human and to walk in spirit. ...

Yusuf Azeem is Not a Hero by Faruqi, Saadia

Yusuf is excited to start middle school in his small Texas town, but with the twentieth anniversary of the September 11 attacks, it feels like the country's same anger and grief is all focused on his Muslim community. -- For grades 4-7.

Wandering in Strange Lands by Jerkins, Morgan

While the great migration of African Americans from south to north in the early/mid 20th century provided black people with new economic opportunities, it also disconnected them from their roots, their land, and their sense of identity. In this deeply personal exploration, the writer recreates her ancestors' journeys across America, following the migratory routes they took from Georgia and South Carolina to Louisiana, Oklahoma, and California.

The Odyssey of Phillis Wheatley by Waldstreicher, David

Admired by George Washington, ridiculed by Thomas Jefferson, published in London, and read far and wide, Phillis Wheatley led one of the most extraordinary American lives. Seized in West Africa and forced into slavery as a child, she was sold to a merchant family in Boston, where she became a noted poet at a young age. Mastering the Bible, Greek, and Latin, she composed elegies before and after her emancipation, for local elites, celebrated political events, praised warriors, and used her verse to variously lampoon, question, and assert the injustice of her enslaved condition.

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Sunday, November 30, 2025

8:30 am – Morning Prayer
 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
 10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
 11:15 am – Advent Workshop

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study
 7:00 pm – WELCA Ruth Circle V

Thursday 12:30 PM – LSS Food Pantry
 5:30 pm – Supper at Church
 6:00 pm – Children's Choir
 6:30 pm – Handbell Choir
 7:30 pm – Sanctuary Choir

Friday 3:00 pm – Girl Scout Troop 6861

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:30 am – Morning Prayer
 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
 10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
 11:15 am – Intro to Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – November & December 2025

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Nov. 30	10:00 am		Keith Townsend	Dyann Taylor	Dan Perry Skip Duncan	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Mark Abell	Debbie Cochran	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Dec. 7	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	Keith Townsend	Ron Benedick AC Cochran	Herb Maxwell Janet Maxwell	Ben Kaffenberger	Becky Warnement	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
Dec. 14	10:00 am		Ron Benedick	Ron Benedick	Chris Pryor Adam Wagenbach Peter Ward	Jody Passafume Jeff Sammons	Noah Fox		Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser
Dec. 21	10:00 am		Elli Cucksey	Lynn Anderson	Tom Wuichet Tim Stock	Nancy Riley Elli Cucksey	Tim Rice	Suellen Sharp	Terri Michael Joanne Duncan
Dec. 24	4:00 pm		Middle School	Middle School	Middle School	No Communion			
Dec. 24	8:00 pm		Keith Townsend	Elli Cucksey	Skip Duncan John Schueler	Choir Members	Matt Fox	Dyann Taylor	Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, November 30 – John 18:36-37; Daniel 3:1, [2-7], 8-30 **Daniel: The Fiery Furnace**
 Sunday, December 7 – John 11:25-26; Ezekiel 37:1-14 **Ezekiel: Valley of Dry Bones**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

Pastor: Steve Wachtman (steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org)
 Preschool: Molly Capuano and Jackie Newlon (directorhtcdp@gmail.com)
 Administrator: Laura Hudson (laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org)
 Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck (joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org)
 Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox (noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org)

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