

This Week at St. Timothy

December 24, 2023

Sunday 12/24	Worship Service Christmas Eve Worship	10:00AM 7:00PM 11:00PM
Monday 12/25	<i>Merry Christmas</i>	10:30AM
Tuesday 12/26	Office Closed - Working Remotely	
Wednesday 12/27		
Thursday 12/28	Men In Mission Bible Study Sarah's Tent	7:00AM 10:30AM
Friday 12/29	Office Closed Al-Anon	8:00PM
Saturday 12/30	Worship Service	5:00PM
Sunday 12/31	Worship Service	8:30AM 11:00AM

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December 24, 2023
Christmas Eve

OUR MISSION

A caring church sharing Jesus Christ with the world by offering help, hope and home.
We worship our God Host and Head of our Church Jesus Christ

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

The Disciples of St. Timothy Lutheran Church extend a special welcome to our guests and invite you to share with us in our ministry, our mission, our fellowship and our growth! If you are a visitor, please notice the Welcome cards in the pews. Please fill out the back of the card and place in the offering plate or give to an usher.

FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Please speak with the ushers if you have any special needs. Specialized hearing devices are available upon request. Holy Communion will be shared in the pew upon request with an usher, if you are unable to go to the altar area.

NURSERY & RESTROOMS

If you are in need of nursery facilities, please ask an usher (parental supervision required). All restrooms are located in the atrium area.

HOLY COMMUNION

You may come forward during this time to receive Holy Communion (at direction of the ushers) if you are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, our Savior, is truly present in the bread and wine you are about to receive. You may receive Communion by receiving the wafer (gluten free upon request) in your hand and receiving an individual cup of wine (or grape juice). If someone in your family has not yet received communion and would like to, please contact the pastor. If you only want a blessing, come forward with your arms across your chest. May God bless us with forgiveness, strength and love as we share in this precious moment with our Lord!

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Word made flesh,
our life and our salvation.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.



LWR Personal Care Kits January Collection.

Items needed are; Nail clippers, wrapped soap bars, sturdy combs and toothbrushes.

WELCA is also requesting donations of the items listed below.

This year we will also be making School Kits.

70 sheet notebooks, 30cm rulers, blunt scissors, unsharpened pencils, ink pens—black or blue, crayons (15-24 count) 2 1/2 inch erasers.

Assembly will take place on February 4th after the 11:00 am service. ***Your help is greatly appreciated!*** See Mary Macaulay or Miriam Walka for additional information.

Young Adult Bible Study

Mondays 7-8:30 PM
@ St. Timothy next meeting is
January 8th. Meet new people, explore
your faith and ask questions.
Text EXPLORE to 727-741-2365



*The altar flowers are given by
Lee and Ginny Cubley
in honor of their
wedding anniversary*

*The baptismal flowers are given by
Paul and Lisa Hartge in honor of
Our Family*

*The communion wine and eternal light is
given by Karen Whitmore in honor of
Jonathan and Monica's anniversary*



- December 23 5:00pm Worship
- December 24 10:00am Traditional Worship
- December 24 7pm & 11pm Christmas Eve Worship
- December 25 10:30am Worship
- December 25 Noon Community Dinner @
St. Timothy
- January 7 10:00 Joyful Svc
after 11:00 worship change
Sanctuary
- January 14 between services/Town Hall Meeting
1:00 Dr Peter Hartmann
Presentation on Depression
- January 18 10:00 Mary, Martha, Naomi Circle
- January 19-21 Retreat
- January 28 1:00 Congregational Meeting

God of life,
you promise good news of great joy for all people,
and call us to be messengers of your peace.
We confess that too often we hoard our joy,
our resources, and our security.
We nurture conflict and build barriers.
We neglect the needs of our neighbors
and ignore the groaning of creation.
Have mercy on us.
Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.
Where we are reluctant, give us courage.
Where we are cynical, restore our trust.
Renew us with your grace
and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.
Amen.

Hear the good news:
We are children of God and heirs of God's promises
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
In **†** Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.
Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth
shall know the salvation of God. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW283

GREETING

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

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.
Your prophets spoke of a day when the desert would
blossom and waters would break forth in the wilderness.
Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

Strengthen our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. May He give water to all who thirst, for He is our light and our salvations. Blessed be God forever.

The First Noel

ELW300

Light candles.

The Lord be with you
And also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (on screen)

GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF THE NATIVITY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW 270

SERMON

NICENE CREED

(on screen)



Tim & Diane Allwardt

Cheryl Bebe

Carl & Yvonne Bey

Jan Causey

Lee & Ginny Cubley

Frank & Sheri Edel

Karen Ensmenger

Dave & Susan Geiger

Paul & Lisa Hartge

Tom & Rosemary Hill

Roy Hughes

Nancy Judge

Sharon Kammers

Peter & Mary Kolb

Darlene Kontos

Milt Kontos

Dave & Sandee Liebau

Mike & Sherrie Mauzy

Nancy McAleer

Jan & Steve Moore

Linda Myers

Rupnaraine Family

Carol & Sue Sawotka

Pr. Curt & Laura Snare

Joseph & Christine Sproule

Cliff & Lisa Thomson

Karen Whitmore

Poinsettias

- 2 In memory of Robert & Elaine Espie
Rev. Howard & Audrey Allwardt
- 10 In memory of James Grimm, Carmine & Dorothy Romano George & Roslyn Grimm, Walter & Sylvia Button, Kenneth Beebe, Lottie & Walter Button
Beebe, Grimm, Romano Family for Blessings Received
- 1 In memory of Matt Bey
- 2 In memory of Parents & Grandparents
- 1 In memory of our Beloved Family
- 4 In honor of Our Children & Grandchildren
- 1 In memory of The Ensmenger & Kreisler Families
- 1 In memory Ruth & James Geiger
- 4 In honor of Our Family Near & Far
- 2 In memory Bobby Hill
In memory of Alice & Arnold Perez
- 2 In memory of Mr & Mrs Hughes
In memory of Carol & George Bowman
- 2 In memory of Joe Judge
In memory of Sam Anderson
- 2 In memory of Sister Sandy
In memory of Mother Laura
- 1 In honor of Our Kids Paul & Stacy
- 1 In memory of Esther, Laura, Clara
- 1 In memory of John, Wanda, Tom, Jim, Arris Kontos
- 1 In memory of Loved Ones
- 1 In memory of Becky Mauzy
- 1 In memory of Susan Haysack (Grandmother)
- 2 In memory of Harry & Ginny Moore
In memory of bill & Carol Hunter
- 2 In memory of Richard Helzer
In memory of Don Myers
- 2 Their many Blessings
- 1 In memory of Ken "Gilly" Sawotka
- 2 In honor of our children, Noah, Joshua, Micha
In honor of Barbara Snare
- 2 In memory of Michael Sproule
- 1 In memory of John & Dolores Thomson
- 2 In memory of Michael Whitmore
In memory of My Grandma, Edna M. Harper



Week of December 25, 2023

Mon	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 12:1-4[5-12]	Thurs	Psalm 148 Isaiah 49:13-23 Matthew 18:1-14
Tue	Psalm 148 Wisdom 4:7-15 Acts 7:59—8:8	Fri	Psalm 20 Jeremiah 31:15-22 Luke 19:41-44
Wed	Psalm 148 Proverbs 8:22-31 1 John 5:1-12	Sat	Psalm 20 Isaiah 26:1-9 2 Corinthians 4:16-18



*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Family of Kim Zacarias
Family of Lou Tancredi
Family of Marie Ryan
A Mom
Barbara Lear
Brian Moore
Creation
Derek
Fransico Toro Sr
Gregg Weaver

Judy Thomas
Karen Wilcox
Kerrie Haskins
Linda Jenkins
Lynn Heitman
Maria
Michael Valentino
Peg McAleer
Sara Rooney
Tom Hill



THE PRAYERS

Trusting in God's good news of great joy for all people, we offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world God loves.

A brief silence.

Glory to you, God, for the song of the angels, proclaiming to the world Christ's holy birth. Give your church a joyful song to sing, that we bring the good news of peace and salvation to all people.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, God, for the stars that shine in the depth of the night. Provoke awe in our hearts at the expansive mystery of the cosmos. Open us to find beauty in the clear darkness of night and in the first glimmers of dawn. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, God, for the child born to us who establishes a kingdom of justice and righteousness. Break bonds of oppression, bring reconciliation to warring lands, and establish peace from this time onward and forevermore. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, God, for Mary's loving care. Lead us to tend to one another in time of need. Share the comfort of your presence with all people tonight who are alone or separated from loved ones due to estrangement, incarceration, or illness (especially). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, God, for the faithfulness of the shepherds in their vocation. Grant rest to any who feel exhausted from their work during this season: retail and restaurant workers, church musicians, administrative staff, and clergy, organizers of charitable-giving events, and service workers doing essential tasks. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Glory to you, God, for the multitude of the heavenly host. We rejoice in the zeal of all your saints (especially) who have witnessed the appearing of your grace, and who reveal to us your salvation for all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great

Abide with us, O God of mercy, and receive our prayers according to your abundant grace. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERTORY

Good Christian Friends Rejoice **ELW288**

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance,
receive and bless these gifts we have offered.
Join our hearts with the song of the angels,
and gather us at your table of celebration.
Strengthen us to share with all the world
the abundance of your grace upon grace,
poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(on screen)*

SANCTUS *(on screen)*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(on screen)*

COMMUNION HYMNS

What Child is This **ELW 247**
Angels We Have Heard on High **ELW 289**
Angels, From the Realms of Glory **ELW275**
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear **ELW282**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our redeemer,
you have fed us at this table
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.
As you have gathered us in joy,
send us forth as messengers of your peace.
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Away in a Manger **ELW277**
Silent Night **ELW 281**

(Extinguish candles)

BLESSING

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Canticle of the turning **ELW723**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.



Thanks be to God for God's indescribable gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15