

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

The time draws near to celebrate our Savior's birth!  
Welcome to worship, which is part of our preparation.  
It's good to be here together.

**SMITHS GROVE SITE - Saturdays**

*Meeting at First Christian Church  
(427 College St, Smiths Grove, KY)*

**Bible Class: 4:00 p.m.**

**WORSHIP: 5:00 p.m.**

**BOWLING GREEN SITE - Sundays**

**WORSHIP: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.**

**Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m.**

**TO OUR VISITORS:** We are delighted that you have joined us today.

We pray that the service blesses you and invite you to worship with us again. If you are seeking a church family or would like to know more about Holy Trinity, please contact the Church Office at (270) 843-9595. We are here to serve you. Please use the attendance pad to provide your **Email, mailing address and phone number** so that we might extend a special welcome.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers  
at the Bowling Green site.**

**HOLY COMMUNION GUESTS**

At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, we believe and teach that Jesus has given His Church the Lord's Supper to grant us forgiveness and life, gifts received solely by faith in Jesus. St. Paul says, "Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgement on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29, ESV).

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In personal examination, I freely and joyfully affirm:

- 1) That I have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
- 2) That I believe in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ as my only Savior and Redeemer;
- 3) That I remain in this baptismal faith and am not living in unrepentant sin, but desire to amend whatever is wrong in my life;
- 4) That I believe I receive in the Lord's Supper not only bread and wine, but also the true body and blood of Jesus (according to His words, "This is my body...This is my blood");
- 5) That I do not affirm the teachings of those churches which teach this is a merely symbolic meal;
- 6) That I have received basic instruction regarding the Lord's Supper and am in agreement with this congregation's teaching and practice.

If you affirm these statements truthfully, we invite you to share in this Holy Communion. If you have a desire to participate in this meal but have not received baptism nor instruction, we invite you to speak with the pastor, who will be happy to work with you toward an appropriate reception of Christ's holy meal in our midst. Even if you do not commune, you are welcome to approach the front (arms crossed) to receive a blessing from the pastor.

**TO THE MEMBERS AND VISITORS OF HOLY TRINITY:** The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our church is growing. Please welcome all children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents. Some tips for parents/guardians of children in church:

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.
- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastor, deacons, readers, acolytes, choir, etc.
- Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me."

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- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

**WORSHIP BAGS** for our young worshipers are located in the Narthex at the Bowling Green site. Please use these as needed during worship.

**NURSERY AND CRY ROOM:** If necessary, a nursery and cry room are available to your children. The nursery is located in the old annex area. Exit the sanctuary and follow the hallway to the left, then turn at the first hallway to the right. The nursery is no longer staffed, therefore parents may use the room as needed but must remain with their children. The nursing/cry room is located in the hallway outside the sanctuary (nearest to the Nursery room hallway).

## **THE THIRD WEEKEND OF ADVENT DECEMBER 13 & 14, 2025**

*“The LORD has done great things for us, and we [rejoice]” (Psalm 126:3, NRSV). Tune our hearts, God, to sing your praises now and always.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** **Silence/Turn Off your cell phone** as you come into the Sanctuary to worship the Lord. While you are silencing your phone, we encourage you to ‘check in’ on Facebook that you are with us today. Thank you.

### **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

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Please stand for  
**THE OPENING HYMN**

L.S.B. #352

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”  
(Verses 1, 4, 5, & 6)

**THE INVOCATION**

Liturgist: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: Amen.

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Liturgist: Let us draw near with true hearts and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
People: who made heaven and earth.

Liturgist: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,  
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**Almighty and merciful God, we confess to You all our sins of thought, word, and deed and especially of living like we are still slaves to sin. In true sorrow we have returned to Your promise given in our holy Baptism. Looking to the innocent suffering and death of Jesus our Savior we pray for Your forgiveness, and looking to His glorious resurrection we pray for the new life of holiness, living in Your grace and mercy. Amen.**

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Pastor: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. As  
a called and ordained servant of the Living Word Jesus  
Christ, I announce the grace of God to all of us. In the name  
and by the command of Christ, and according to the promise  
of His Holy Spirit, you are forgiven all your sins in the name  
of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## INTROIT/PSALM

*Psalm 71:14-18; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

Liturgist: Rejoice in the Lord always;

People: **again I will say, Rejoice.**

Liturgist: I will hope continually

People: **and will praise you yet more and more.**

Liturgist: My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of  
salvation all the day,

People: **for their number is past my knowledge.**

Liturgist: With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;

People: **I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.**

Liturgist: O God, from my youth you have taught me,

People: **and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.**

Liturgist: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake  
me,

People: **until I proclaim your might to another generation, your  
power to all those to come.**

Liturgist: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

People: **and to the Holy Spirit;**

Liturgist: as it was in the beginning,

People: **is now and will be forever. Amen.**

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Liturgist: Rejoice in the Lord always;  
People: again I will say, Rejoice.

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

L.S.B. #348

"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"  
John Brownlie & John Wyeth

**1. The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.**

**5. The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
Come quickly, King of kings.**

## THE COLLECT

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And with your spirit.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

Liturgist: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

# **FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

## **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Isaiah 35:1-10**

Reader: The Old Testament Reading is from the 35<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

“The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

<sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup> then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

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<sup>8</sup> And a highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;  
the unclean shall not pass over it.  
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;  
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.  
<sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
<sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the LORD shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## THE EPISTLE READING

**James 5:7-11**

Reader: The Epistle Reading is from the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of James.

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for  
**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 11:2-15**

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,  
the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>2</sup> Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is he of whom it is written,

*"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way before you."*

<sup>11</sup> Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup> From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup> For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup> and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup> He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Press**

## **THE SERMON HYMN**

L.S.B. #353

**"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"**

## **THE SERMON**

**Pastor Press**

**"Sorrow and Sighing Shall Flee Away"**

**Text: Isaiah 35:1-10**

## THE GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS:

To give on the internet, go here: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z9WQ>



To give with your smartphone, scan this:

If you have questions, contact David King (270-438-6263).

## THE OFFERTORY

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**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
And uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.**

*Psalm 51:10-12*

## THE PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for the people listed on the bulletin insert, as well as for their families and friends.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.

## **THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

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### THE PREFACE

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times  
and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty  
Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by  
taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto  
death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He  
has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting.  
Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the  
company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious  
name, evermore praising You and singing:

## THE SANCTUS

(Sung to the tune of L.S.B. #380 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of Sabaoth, adored;  
Heav’n and earth with full acclaim  
Shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest,  
Sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes  
In the name of Christ the Lord!  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of Sabaoth, adored.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19 & 20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## THE PEACE OF THE LORD

*John 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
People: Amen.

## THE AGNUS DEI

(Sung to the tune of L.S.B. #363 “Silent Night”)

**Merciful Lord, God of all grace,  
Shine on me with Your face.  
Lord have mercy, Your servant I am.  
Lord have mercy, through Jesus, my Lamb.  
Grant me heavenly peace.  
Grant me heavenly peace.**

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

L.S.B. #347

“Arise, O Christian People”

L.S.B. #354

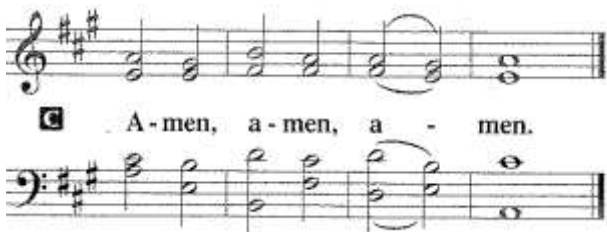
### THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious and eternal God, we thank You for having fed us richly with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Grant that this bread of life and blood of Christ shared and received in this blessed Meal would be for us that life-giving food that sustains us throughout our earthly journeys as we serve You all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: **AMEN!**

## THE BENEDICTION *(Amen response is sung by all.)* L.S.B. Page 166

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



## THE CLOSING HYMN

L.S.B. #341

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”  
(Verses 1, 3, & 5)

## THE CLOSING STATEMENT

Pastor: Go now into your mission field.  
People: **We go with Jesus and with joy.**

## THE POSTLUDE

Liturgy (or the appropriate portion thereof) from the Lutheran Service Book  
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**+ + OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES IN OUR DAILY SERVICE + +**



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The church office will be closed Thursday, December 25 for Christmas and Thursday, January 1 for New Year's. Elizabeth will be on vacation Friday, January 2 and Monday, January 5. She will respond to emails when she returns to the office on Tuesday.



**ADULT CLASS** - Smiths Grove site

**Pastor Press' Bible Study: "Calls to Faith and Steadfastness"**

**EDUCATION CLASSES** – Bowling Green site

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:**

**Ignite Sunday School** is a combined multi-age class for PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade that meets in the Ignite room (012) each Sunday at 9:15am.

We hope you can join us!

### **ABLAZE:**

**Ablaze** is a place where students in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> can engage in deep conversations and grow in their relationship with God.  
Join us on Sundays at 9:15am in EO-201 upstairs.

### **ADULT CLASSES:**

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### **OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

BG site:	The Church at Study	76	The Church at Worship	211
SG site:	The Church at Study	10	The Church at Worship	27
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>86</b>		<b>238</b>

### **SERVING THIS WEEK – BG Site**

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Greeters:	Marly & Deb Hiatt	David & Laurie Jurgens
Readers:	Bruce Borth	Children
Acolytes:	Quinn Otto	A.J. Simpson
A/V Assistants:	Michael Hartwein	Ayden Witherspoon
Altar Guild:	Patti Stuckwisch	Sheryl Morris
		Jackie Blindauer
		Dan Blindauer
Communion Assts:	Charlie Stuckwisch	
PowerPoint Preparation:	Elizabeth Nehm	

The acolyte for the Advent service at 6:30pm is: Sydney Davenport  
The PowerPoint presentation will be prepared by: Nelson Feliciano

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

<b>Dec</b>	15	Kathy Petrusch	15	Isaac Goodwin
	17	Gunnar Young	18	Kaitlon Cain
	18	Jackson Cobb	19	Richard Melke
	19	Patti Stuckwisch	20	Marly Hiatt
	20	Jill Goodwin	20	Kathryn Goodwin

## **ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**Dec 18 Mark & Marilyn Titschinger**

### ***Next week's scripture readings are:***

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 7:10-17**

**THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 1:1-7**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25**

## **SERVING NEXT WEEK – BG Site**

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Greeters:	Jeff & Hilary Eversoll	Kevin & Pam Schmaltz
Readers:	Bart White	Heather Rathert
Acolytes:	Huntley Moore	Vera Fritz
A/V Assistants:	Michael Hartwein	A.J. Zirbel
Altar Guild:	Patti Stuckwisch	Sheryl Morris Jackie Blindauer
Communion Assts:	Charlie Stuckwisch	Dan Blindauer
PowerPoint Preparation:	Elizabeth Nehm	

The acolyte for the Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7:30pm is:

August Merkle

The PowerPoint presentation will be prepared by: Sheryl Morris

The acolyte for the Christmas Day service at 10:00am is: A.J. Simpson

The PowerPoint presentation will be prepared by: Sheryl Morris

## **PARISH NOTES**

***THANK YOU*** to everyone who contributed to our worship service today.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please submit announcements to the Church Office by Wednesdays by e-mailing, calling, or dropping a note in the offering plate on Sundays.



***WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES*** to the families of:

**Heidi Lindsey** in the death of her mother, Louise Hansen. Louise died on Saturday, December 6, at 87 years of age. The funeral service was held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Bowling Green, KY.

**Nancy Melke** in the death of her father, John Powell. John died on Wednesday, December 3, at 92 years of age. The funeral was held in Mortensen, MI.

***We commend Heidi, Kenneth, and Elizabeth Lindsey and their family, and Nancy and Richard Melke and their family to the comfort and compassion of our Loving and Living Lord Jesus Christ.***

**DECEMBER NEWSLETTERS** have been distributed via email and the Narthex/Lobby. If we have an email address for you then hopefully you have already received it. If we don't have an email, a printed copy is on the table in the Narthex/Lobby for you to pick up and take home.

If you would like to receive newsletters via email please contact the church office at 270-843-9595. The **DEADLINE** for articles for the January newsletter is Monday, December 15.

**JINGLE AND MINGLE:** This fellowship event for December will be on Sunday, December 14 at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come fill your tummy with delicious food and then fill your soul with wonderful Christmas music. Yes, we will be having a sing-a-long after we eat. This will be a potluck with drinks provided, so and come enjoy the fun. Any questions, contact Jackie Blindauer at 920-207-9185.

### **CHILDREN'S/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

1. A big **THANK YOU** to all the children and youth who are participating in the Sunday School Christmas program on today. Thank you also to the Sunday School teachers and other volunteers who helped coordinate the rehearsals.
2. The Ablaze youth are sponsoring the Advent meal on Wednesday, December 17. They are having a Taco Bar to raise funds for various youth events in 2026. We hope you will join us!
3. The Ablaze youth will have their Christmas Party on December 21 during the Sunday School hour. They are to bring a white elephant gift to share with the youth (no more than \$10.00). If you have any questions, please contact Megan Zirbel.
4. FAITH Night will be suspended in December due to the Advent and Christmas season. It will resume in January. See the bulletin for details.
5. Juanita Linhardt and Heidi Lindsey are updating the Confirmation photo boards and are needing photos of the different classes from 2012 and 2018-present. If your child was confirmed during this period and you have a photo of the entire class, please contact Juanita (270-779-4525) or Heidi (270-991-1473). Thank you!

**MITTEN TREE UPDATE:** We had another successful year of collecting items to help people in our community stay warm through the Mitten Tree Project! It's all due to YOUR participation. THANK YOU! (from Jean and Scott Nehm and the Youth Sunday School Program)

## **28 Days of Advent Giving**

Boxes and lists of desired food items are available at church (and at Smiths Grove). We are asking that filled boxes be returned to church by Sunday, December 21, so that the Salvation Army can have them in time for their busy holiday time. Thank you for your participation in serving others in Jesus' name!

## **HTLS NEWS**

### **Upcoming Events:**

1. Tuesday, December 16: Elementary School Christmas Programs  
Grades K – 2<sup>nd</sup> program at 6:00pm  
Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> program at 7:00pm
2. The school will be on Christmas Break Monday, December 22 – Friday, January 2.

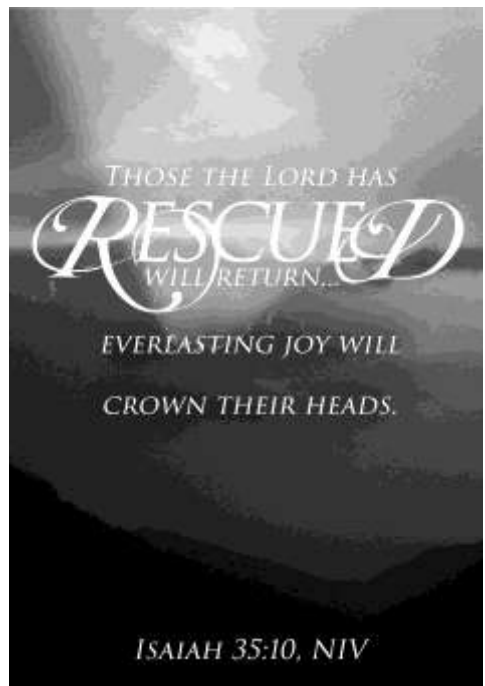
**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** The men's Bible study will not meet Tuesday, December 23 and Tuesday, December 30. They will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 6.

The women's Bible study will have ended for the fall session. They will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 6. They will be studying a book called *Colossians and Philemon: Take a New Look at Christ*.

## **SMITHS GROVE OUTREACH NEWS**

Holy Trinity conducts worship at a second site, located in Smiths Grove (at First Christian Church, 427 College St., corner of 5th). Bible study takes place Saturday at 4:00pm, while worship is Saturday at 5:00pm. We pray that this effort enables more people to hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus' love. Thank you for your prayers and support.

## SERMON NOTES



# *Our Ministry This Week*

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<i>Sunday</i>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Worship – C</b>
<b>December 14</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Ignite! &amp; Bible Classes</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship – C (featuring the Sunday School Christmas Program)</b>
	<b>12:00-4:00pm</b>	<b>Jingle and Mingle (FH)</b>
	12:30-2:30pm	Mara (Burmese) service (S/Ignite Rm)

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*Monday*  
**December 15**

## *Newsletter Deadline*

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<i>Tuesday</i>	9:30am	Men's Bible Study (CR)
<b>December 16</b>	6:00pm	HTLS Grades K – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Christmas Program (S/FH)
	7:00pm	HTLS Grades 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Program (S/FH)

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<i>Wednesday</i>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>HTLS Chapel (S)</b>
<b>December 17</b>	5:15pm	Sanctuary Praise Choir (S)
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Advent Meal (FH)</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Advent Service</b>

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<i>Thursday</i>	9:00am-1:00pm	Pastoral Circuit Conference (Clarksville, TN)
<b>December 18</b>		

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<i>Friday</i>	5:00-8:00pm	Private Event (FH)
<b>December 19</b>		

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<i>Saturday</i>	4:00-6:00pm	Private Event (FH)
<b>December 20</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Smiths Grove Bible Study</b>
	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Smiths Grove Worship – C</b>

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<i>Sunday</i>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Worship – C</b>
<b>December 21</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Ignite! &amp; Bible Classes</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship – C</b>
	11:30am	Outreach Ministry Team Meeting (EO-110)
	12:30-2:30pm	Mara (Burmese) service (S/Ignite Rm)

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