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There are a few Sundays throughout the year that most pastors don't care for. Today is one of those. Here's why. On the Sunday after Christmas churches typically have low attendance. After all, people have just celebrated with a Christmas Eve Service, and sometimes a Christmas Day Service. Then there's all the travelling and baking and gift buying, etc, etc. Whew! Many people just want a break. That's understandable. So, if you are present in church today, your pastor(s) thank you. If you choose not to be physically present, that's okay too. After all, our Interim Pastor Team is taking a break from Holy Trinity today. It's been a busy time.

There are a lot of people who stay busy behind the scenes at Holy Trinity. Most of these people don't get a paycheck. They just love God and this church. So if you know some of these people, it's a nice time to say, "thank you." And it's okay to thank the people who do receive a paycheck. They love God and the church too. What they do for us is worth a lot more than their pay. I have a little needlepoint hanging in my office that my sister gave me after my ordination. It reads, "Work for the Lord. The pay isn't much, but the retirement plan is out of this world!"

This is the last Sunday of 2025 - already. God only knows what 2026 holds in store for us. We're hoping and praying for a new pastor to lead us into our next chapter. Many of us are hoping and praying for better health. And like the phrase from one of our Christmas hymns, "...the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight." Bethlehem - where our time with Christ began. God *does* know our hopes and fears.

As we end one year and begin another, God's promises remain - to be our God and we His people, to forgive our sins, to comfort and guide us, to never leave nor forsake us. This happens every day. You could think of God's promises as the "daily bread" that Christ taught us to pray for. May that "daily bread" nourish and sustain us through the days ahead, as we do our best to love our God and our neighbor.

Dare to be a blessing!

Pastor | Chaplain Chuck

SUNDAY WORSHIP



† Please stand if you are able

December 28, 2025

10:00 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Instrumental Introit

† Call to Worship

Pastor: Just as the shepherds came to worship the new born King, we too come

on this first Sunday of Christmas to worship Jesus, the Messiah,

Immanuel.

ALL: May God listen to our hearts and accept our sacrifice of praise that

we offer Him today.

Pastor: O LORD, prepare our minds and hearts to magnify Your name here and

now.

ALL: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

† Opening Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn No. 611

Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Merciful LORD, we come to You with humble hearts, knowing that the

sacrifice acceptable to You is a broken spirit and a contrite heart.

All: We confess, O God, that we have fallen short of being loving, joyful,

peaceful, and hopeful, even in this Christmas season. Renew and

restore us this day, to the people we were meant to be.

In Christ we pray. Amen.

Confession Response Come and Fill Our Hearts

Hymn No. 466

sing through twice

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

"For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God showed His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

- Romans 5:6-8ESV

Propose - Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father

Hymn No. 581

Time With Children

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Pastor / Chaplain Chuck Cornelisse

"THE INTRUDER"
Genesis 3:1-5, 14-15; Revelation 12:1-6

♦ Sharing the Peace of Christ

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

Presentation of Offerings

Offertory

₱ Doxology Hymn No. 606

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

† Closing Hymn This is My Father's World Hymn No. 370

† Charge and Benediction

♣ Postlude

FLOWERS THIS MORNING



The flowers this morning were graciously donated in recognition of the Lopez's 59th wedding anniversary.

PASTORAL CARE

Please email **church@HolyTrinityPres.org** or call the office at **210.654.3411** to be added to the prayer list or to request a Pastoral Care Visit.

UPCOMING CLOSURES



The **Church Office** will be closed January 1—2. The **Day School** will be closed January 1.

INTERIM OFFICE MANAGER HOURS



Our interim office manager is Bethany Thomas. She will be in the HTPC office on Mondays and Tuesdays, 12:30 –4:00 PM and Wednesdays and Thursday, 8:00 AM—12:00 PM to work "behind the scenes" on items. We are looking for office volunteers to answer the phone and help with additional light clerical duties. Let the church office know if you are available to help.

NOTE ON GIFTS



Thank you for your generosity in 2025. To count towards your 2025 taxes, gifts must be received in the office or if mailed, postmarked by December 31st.

NEWCOMERS' GATHEIRNG



Our next Newcomers' Gathering will be January 4, following worship. Join us and find out how to become part of our church family and opportunities to serve.

ONLINE OUTREACH

Make sure you're following us on Facebook: @HolyTrinityPresSA ...and when you see our posts, please LIKE, COMMENT, and SHARE!!! ...and while you're at it, CHECK IN to Holy Trinity in a post!

COMING EVENTS



Thurs, Jan 1: - Church and Day School Offices Closed

- Book Divas Club (1:30PM)

Fri, Jan 2: - Church Office Closed

Sun, Jan. 4 - Sunday Worship (10AM)

- Newcomer's Gathering (11AM)

- First Sunday RACAP food collection

Mon, Jan 5: - Ladies Who Lunch (11:30AM) @ Bella Sera Restaurant

Wed, Jan. 7 - Prayer Shawl (9:30AM)

Sat, Jan 10 - Building and Grounds Workday (8AM)

Sun, Jan 11 - Free Pancake Breakfast (8AM)

- Sunday Worship (10AM)

Wed, Jan 14 - Prayer Shawl (9:30AM)

Thurs, Jan 15 - Stephen Ministry Meeting (10AM)

Sat, Jan 17 - Trailblazers Hiking Club (9AM)

Sun, Jan 18 - Sunday Worship (10AM)

- Mission, Outreach, & Evangelism Meeting (11:15AM)

Mon, Jan 19 - Men's Lunch (12PM)

Thurs, Jan 21 - Prayer Shawl (9:30AM)

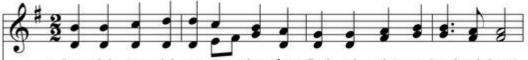
Sat, Jan 24 - Building and Grounds Workday (8AM)

Sun, Jan 25 - Sunday Worship (10AM)

Tues, Jan 27 - Session Meeting (7PM)

Wed, Jan 28 - Prayer Shawl (9:30AM)

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy ful, joy ful, we a dore thee, God of glo ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
- 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.





Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove. stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.





Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea, Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.



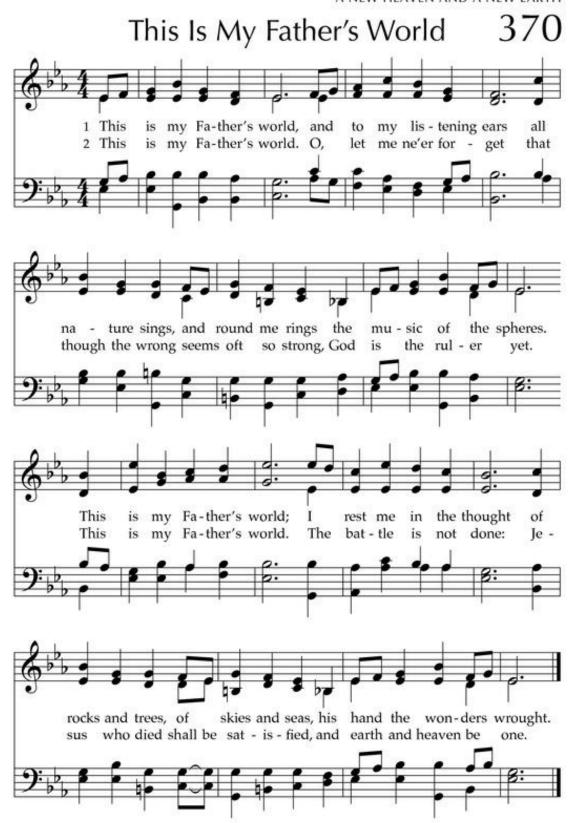


Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day. chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee. Joy - ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.



This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.





When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.