Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

ELCA

Sunday, January 18, 2026
8:30 & 10:00 am

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Even though we don't know you yet, we already love you.
Your race, gender identity, mental or physical ability, sexual orientation, marital status, financial situation, social standing, education, cultural background, immigration status, or any other category or label cannot separate you from the love of God, nor keep you from being what God calls you to be.

Reconciling in Christ

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Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Our Mission: Share God's Love

Holy Communion

Communion is open to all who are baptized and trust that Christ is present in the meal, regardless of your tradition or affiliation.

- We share communion by intinction: a communion server will give you gluten-free bread to dip in the alcohol-free wine found in the chalice. Return to your seat via the side aisle.
- Children who do not yet receive communion or those who are not baptized are encouraged to come forward for a blessing. Cross your arms in front of you to signal your desire for a blessing.
- If you are not yet baptized, we welcome you to visit with one of the pastors or learn more at our website: bit.ly/htlc-baptisms so you may join in the Lord's Supper.

Welcome!

Names are important to us. Please let us know you're here by checking in at the kiosk in the Narthex or by filling out a paper Welcome Card located on the bulletin stand.

Children & Nursery

Children are invited and encouraged to worship with you.

- A supervised nursery is available for children 4 years and younger if you choose this option for all or part of the worship service.
- Busy Bags are hanging in the Narthex near the welcome desk.

Restrooms

Restrooms can be found on the north & south sides of the Narthex (lobby).

Newborn Ministry

If you have recently added a baby to your family, please let the church office know so we may welcome your little one.

Learn About Holy Trinity

For information about the church, what we believe, and how to become a member, visit https://bit.ly/htlc-join.

Prayer Requests

Please write your prayer requests on the back of a Welcome Card located in the pews. You may also submit your prayers at https://bit.ly/htlc-Prayer-Requests

Urgent Pastoral Care

If you are hospitalized or have an urgent need for pastoral care, call our main phone line (515-964-4348) and press 1 to be connected to the on-call pastor.

Office Hours

The office is open 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. Friday hours are by appointment.

Prayer Concerns

We are a praying congregation. Please take your bulletin home and pray for those listed.

Thanksgiving to God:

- For the Congregational Council

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Amy Benson
- Carla Greiner

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- Ann Wicks at the death of her sister, Amy
- The family and friends of Carla Greiner

Remember in Prayer:

- Bev Andersen
- Larry Anderson
- Ober Anderson, friend of Lee Crawford
- David Bahns, brother of Lorelei Frederickson
- Beth Biedermann Barnett
- Eric Biedermann
- Diane & Ray Boll, sister of Annette Doman
- David Dietz, cousin of Dennis Dietz
- Steve Duffy
- Carol Felkey, mother of Roxanne Kerr
- Brittany Heimer, friend of Karen Dyer
- David & Melinda Jackson
- David Kroeger, uncle of Nancy Pilcher
- Jim & Sandy Little
- Diane McDermott, sister of John Bein
- Priscilla McFarland
- Jean Miller, friend of Lisa Strnad
- Carin Murphy, friend of Lynn Nelson
- Myrna Murphy
- Tony & Carol Niehaus, parents of Jan Herke
- Tim & Cyndi Olson
- Marvin Orth, father of Kristofer Orth
- Penelope, granddaughter of Vic Anderson
- Shirley Rod
- Jodi Rozendaal, friend of LeeAnn Montz
- Samantha & Benjamin Ruhser, daughter and grandson of Debby Witten and granddaughter of Arlene Smith
- Deanna Slocum, sister of Linda Reed
- Gordy Smith, brother-in-law of Kristi and Dick Spoth
- Chris Thill, nephew of Donna Cottingham
- Denny Wildeman, friend of Bruce & Kathy Friest
- Linda & Paul Wold

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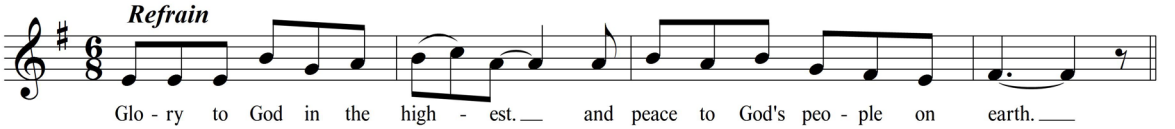
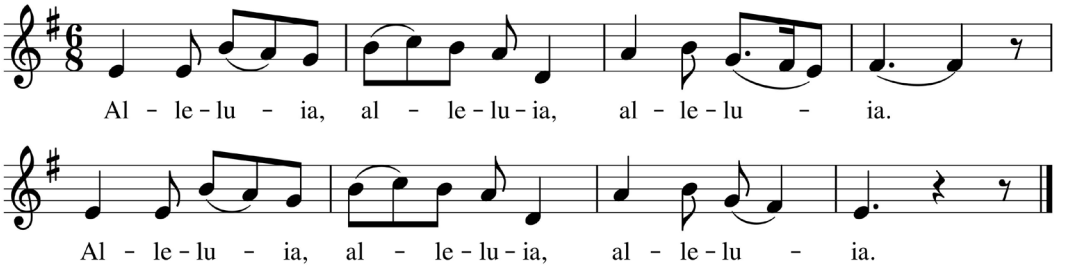
✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome
Prelude
Thanksgiving for Baptism
Gathering Song • Glory to God • *sing as directed*

Prayer of the Day

✢ Word ✢

Readings
Isaiah 49:1-7
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel Acclamation • *sing as directed:*

Gospel Reading • John 1:29-42
Sermon
Hymn of the Day • O Morning Sar, How Fair and Bright • ELW 308 • *verses 1, 4 & 5*
Nicene Creed
Prayers of Intercession
Peace
Offering • *The offering is received*
8:30 Be Thou My Vision • arr. Edwin Childs • *Joel Poppen, trumpet*
10:00 When Jesus Came to Jordan • by Lynn M. Trapp • *Adult Choir; Jo Guerdet, flute*

☩ Meal ☩

Thanksgiving at the Table

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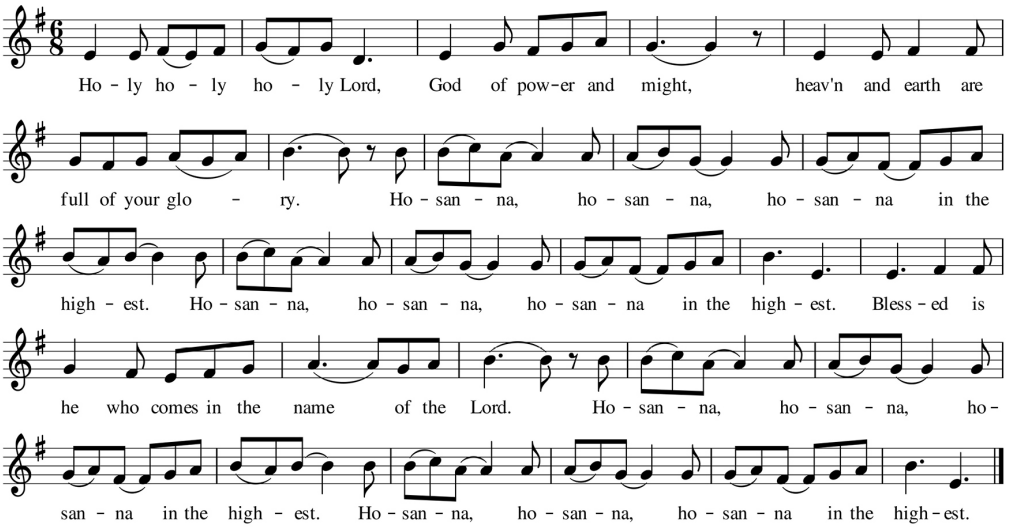
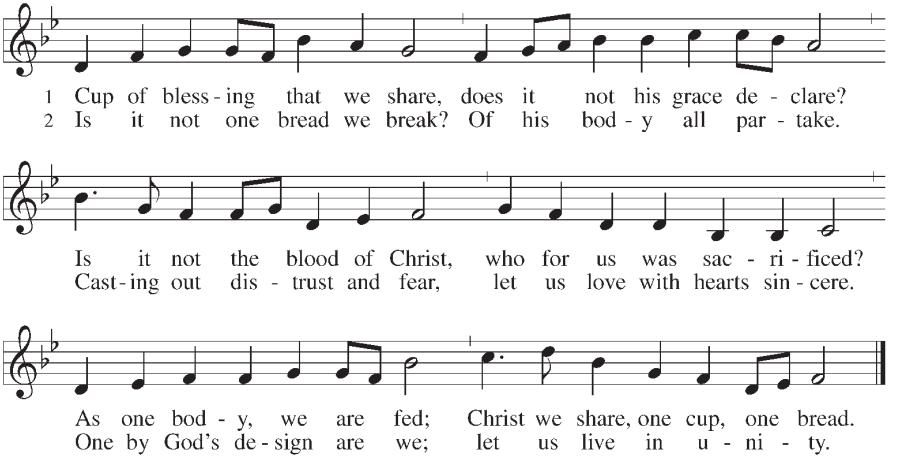


Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn • Cup of Blessing That We Share



8:30 **Communion Music** • All Will Be Well • arr. Edwin Childs • *Joel Poppen, trumpet*

☩ Sending ☩

Prayer after Communion & Blessing

Sending Song • Arise, Your Light Has Come! • ELW 314

Dismissal

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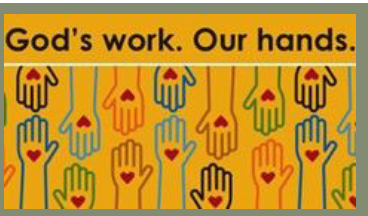

God's work. Our hands.

Thank you for your generosity! Through our Advent Giving Projects, Holy Trinity shared God's love with neighbors in need across Central Iowa and beyond. Because of you, lives were touched in meaningful and practical ways.

Christmas Cards
Hundreds of Christmas cards were written and delivered to our 22 homebound members, each card sharing a message of hope, care, and connection during the Christmas season.

LSI Refugee Support
Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) received quilts, toilet paper, and personal care items, helping support refugee families resettling in our community.

Hope Ministries
Practical personal care items such as hand lotion, underwear, deodorant, and shaving cream were donated to support men in need. In addition, our confirmation youth put together pod packets and individually picked out a variety of toys for the children at the center.

Mosaic Gifts: Adopt-An-Individual
Church members purchased and wrapped gifts for residents of Mosaic, ensuring meaningful Christmas gifts for individuals with intellectual disabilities who might not otherwise have received one.

Trinity Center Gifts
Bags filled with trinkets, personal items, and more were donated to Trinity Center at Luther Park to be used as Christmas, birthday, and BINGO gifts throughout the year. Trinity Center serves residents living with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Iowa Homeless Youth Center
Over 90 gifts were shared with single parents and their children served by the Iowa Homeless Youth Center, which works to eliminate homelessness among children, youth, and young families in Central Iowa.

Holy Trinity Food Pantry Gift Cards
Over 180 gift cards to HyVee and Fareway were shared with our food pantry guests prior to Christmas.

Announcements

Mission & Ministry Opportunities & Events

New Member Gathering Meet other new members, visit with Pastor Tim and Pastor Travis, and ask questions. A gathering will be held on Tuesday, February 3, from 6:30-7:30 pm. If you are interested in attending, contact Lisa Strnad in the church office by January 29.

Leaving a Legacy Have you made an estate plan? Does that plan include Holy Trinity? Did you know that Holy Trinity has an endowment fund to receive legacy gifts? Explore options for planning at https://foundation.elca.org/giving-docs.

Christ In Our Home The January to March issue of Christ In Our Home devotional booklets are available in the Narthex in the literature rack.

Contribution Statements 2025 Contribution Statements will be sent by email or mail by the IRS deadline of January 31, 2026. They will also be available in your Realm account; you will receive an email as soon as they are ready. If you have questions about your giving, please contact Tammy Walls in the office. If your mailing or email address has changed this year, please notify Lisa Strnad.

Calling Knitters and Crocheters This small group gathers on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the multi-purpose room for conversation, laughter, and handiwork. Together we've created many prayer shawls and recently helped by knitting baby blankets for an elderly lady who can no longer knit. We have plenty of yarn and patterns to share—come join us!

Looking for Members to Serve on the Congregation Council At the congregation's next annual meeting, we will elect new leaders to fill open positions on the Congregation Council. If you would like to serve, have questions, or would like to recommend someone, please contact Pastor Tim.

Enriched in Every Way

Our generosity emphasis this year begins with the assurance that we have been blessed to be a blessing. We are asking you to consider the ways that God has blessed you, to think about the ways that you have been blessed through our congregation, and to respond by making a renewed financial commitment to the congregation's general fund for the coming year. You can make your commitment online through Realm by visiting bit.ly/htlc-Pledge26. If you choose to fill out a paper commitment card, visit the Giving Station in the Narthex.

Calendar of HTLC Events

1 & 2 = Basement Rooms 1 & 2 • B = Balcony • CK = Café Koinonia • FH = Fellowship Hall
MPR = Multi-Purpose Room • N = Narthex • S = Sanctuary • V = Virtual

Sunday, January 18

8:30 am Worship (S)
8:30 am Church School (2)
10:00 am Worship (S)

Monday, January 19

Church office closed for MLK Day
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, January 20

9:00 am Paint, Pound & Praise & Willing Workers (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (FH)
12:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
6:30 pm 49+Book Club (CK)
6:30 pm Men's Group (FH)

Wednesday, January 21

5:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (202 - Music Room)
6:00 pm Church School (2)
6:00 pm Confirmation (FH)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)

Thursday, January 22

6:30 am Son Seekers /Men's Ministries (CK)

Friday, January 23

No events scheduled

Saturday, January 24

7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)

Sunday, January 25

8:30 am Worship (S)
8:30 am Church School (2)
10:00 am Worship (S)

Monday, January 26

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)
6:30 pm Women's Book Club (CK)

Tuesday, January 27

9:00 am Paint, Pound & Praise & Willing Workers (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (FH)
12:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
6:30 pm Men's Group (CK)

Holy Trinity
Food Pantry

Our food pantry needs cereal, canned fruit, applesauce, canned soup, and toilet paper. We need canned meats, paper towels, saltine & oyster crackers, and peanut butter, as well as feminine hygiene products, diapers, and personal care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo). Place non-perishable donations in the grocery carts by the entrances.

Monetary donations can be made at the kiosk in the Narthex, online at *bit.ly/htlc-FoodPantry20,* or placed in the offering basket.