Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

ELCA

Sunday, January 25, 2026
8:30 & 10:00 am

Third 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 Worship Ministers and Servants
- For the birth of Emmett Jon to Brooke & Brandon Kuehl

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Carla Greiner

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- The family and friends of Carla Greiner

Remember in Prayer:

- 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
- Linda Reed
- 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
- Chris Thill, nephew of Donna Cottingham
- Denny Wildeman, friend of Bruce & Kathy Friest
- Linda & Paul Wold

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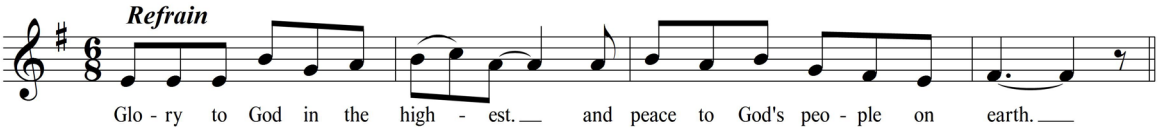
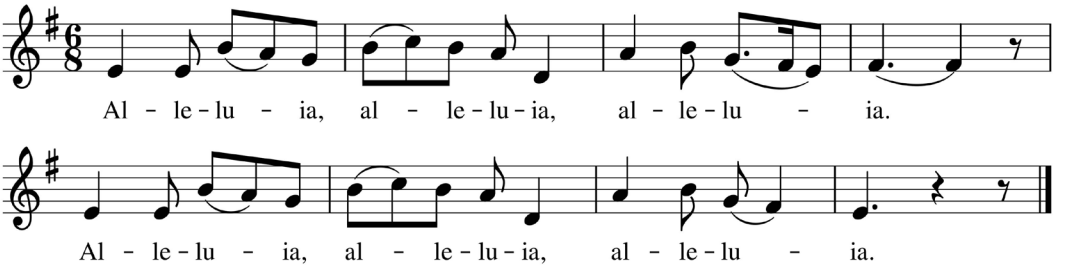
✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome
Prelude
8:30 **Thanksgiving for Baptism**
10:00 **Sacrament of Holy Baptism** • *Tisha Roney*
Gathering Song • Glory to God • *sing as directed*

Prayer of the Day

✢ Word ✢

Readings • Isaiah 9:1-4 • 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Gospel Acclamation • *sing as directed:*

Gospel Reading • Matthew 4:12-23
Sermon
Hymn of the Day • Will You Come and Follow Me • ELW 798 • *verses 1-3 & 5*
8:30 **Nicene Creed**
Prayers of Intercession
Peace
Offering • *The offering is received*
Wild Mountain Thyme (“Spirit, Open My Heart”) • arr. Sandra Eithum • *Handbell Ensemble*

✢ Meal ✢

Thanksgiving at the Table

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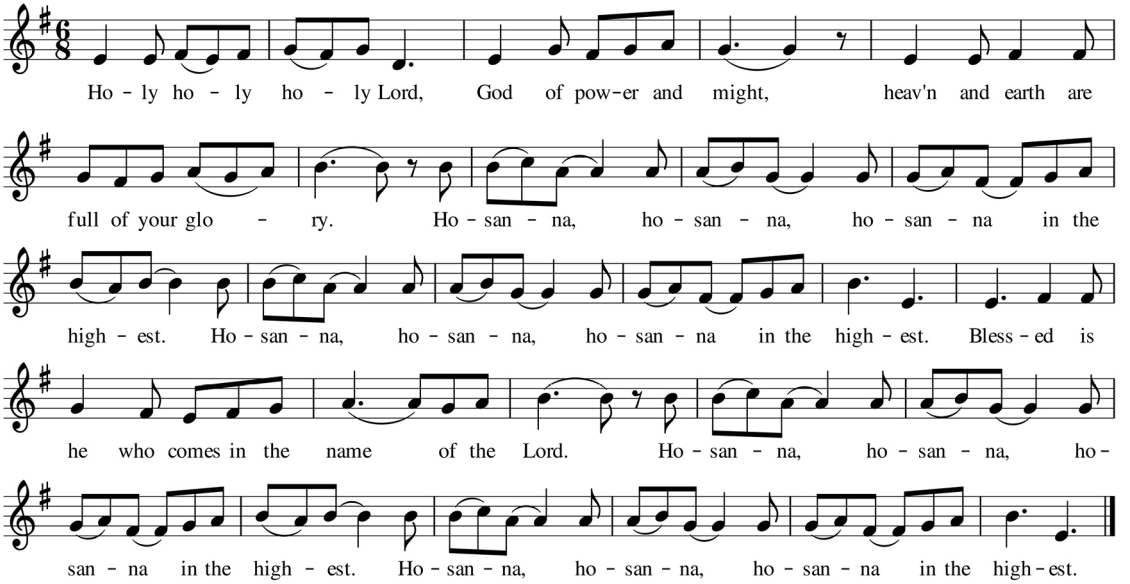

Lord's Prayer

Communion Music • Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread • by Jason W. Krug • *Handbell Ensemble*

✢ Sending ✢

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Sending Song • Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ • ELW 674 • *verses 1 & 3*

Dismissal

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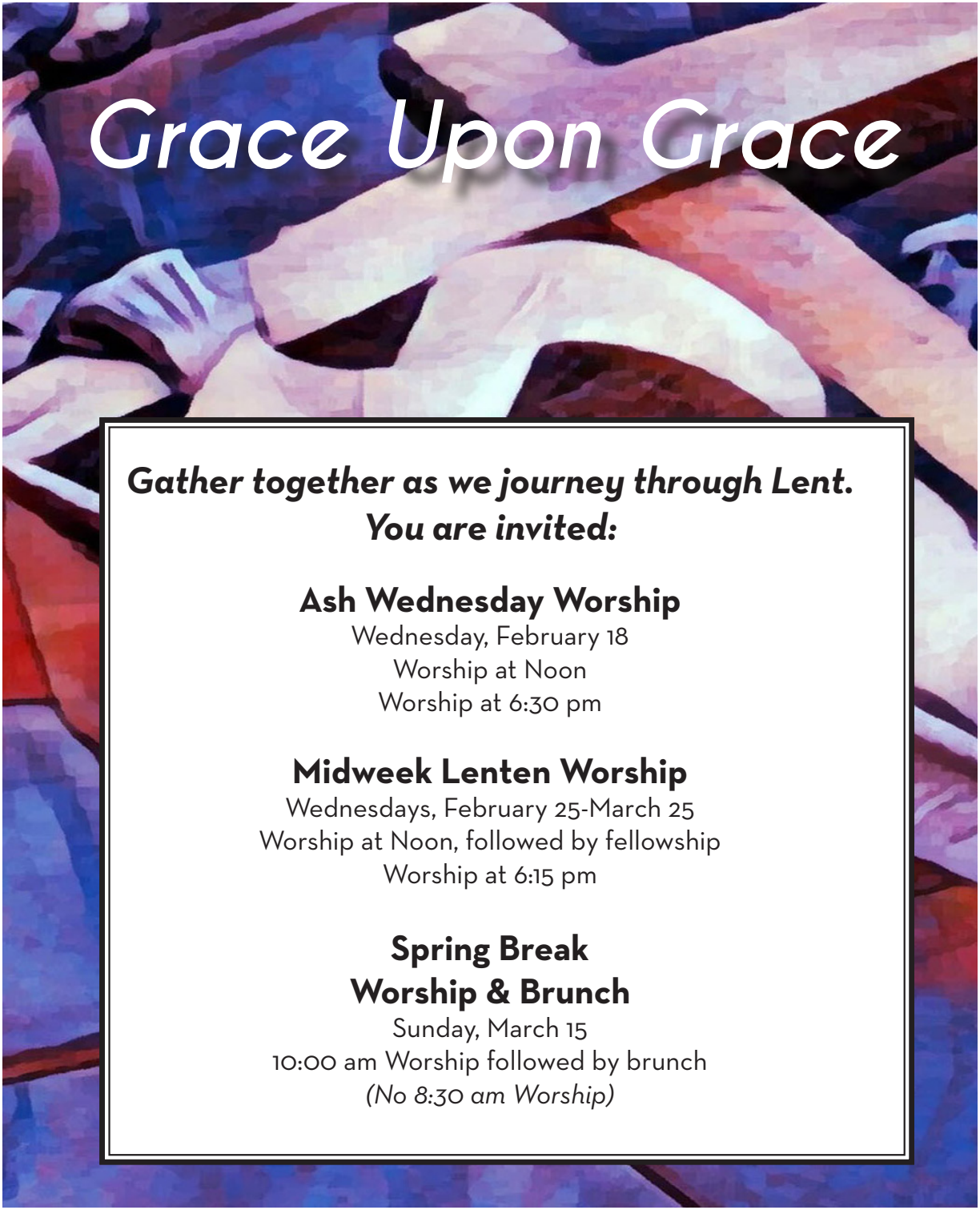

Grace Upon Grace

Gather together as we journey through Lent.
You are invited:

Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, February 18
Worship at Noon
Worship at 6:30 pm

Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays, February 25-March 25
Worship at Noon, followed by fellowship
Worship at 6:15 pm

Spring Break Worship & Brunch

Sunday, March 15
10:00 am Worship followed by brunch
(No 8:30 am Worship)

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.

Diamond Jubilee Concert As part of our 75th Anniversary Celebration, Holy Trinity will host the Wartburg College Castle Singers and Kammerstreicher ensembles for a special concert on Sunday, February 15, at 3:00 pm. Come enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music and celebration—we hope you'll join us!

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.

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.

Lutheran Day on the Hill Registration is now open for LSI's 2026 Lutheran Day on the Hill! Join fellow advocates at the Capitol for a day of sharing stories, meeting lawmakers, and raising awareness about important community issues. This free event, sponsored by LSI and the three Iowa Synods of the ELCA, is open to all. Registration closes Wednesday, February 19. Visit here to learn more: lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/aytp9g4.

Mission Trust Fund Grants Awarded You may not know it, but Holy Trinity has a Mission Endowment Fund made up of gifts from estates and memorial offerings. Each year a percentage of the fund is withdrawn and distributed to mission and ministry in the world. This year, four percent was withdrawn, which amounted to $7,559. Our governing documents dedicate 10% of the withdrawal to the Southeastern Iowa Synod. The remainder is distributed as grants to organizations beyond the congregation. This year we were able to give $2,721.20 to establish a new mission partnership with Women at the Well, a prison ministry at Mitchellville, IA. A grant for $2,721.20 was given to Lutheran World Relief Emergency Fund to aid those suffering from disaster and in need of relief. $1,360.60 was granted the ELCA Fund for Leaders which supplies scholarships to those preparing for ministry. As the Mission Endowment Fund grows, we can give larger gifts to programs and ministries. We encourage all our members to think about remembering the Mission Endowment Fund as they make estate plans.

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 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)

Wednesday, January 28
9:00 am LWR Quilters (FH)
3:30 pm Mill Pond Worship (Offsite)
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 29
6:30 am Son Seekers /Men's Ministries (CK)

Friday, January 30
No events scheduled

Saturday, January 31
7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)

Sunday, February 1
8:30 am Worship (S)
8:30 am Church School Worship Week
10:00 am Worship (S)

Monday, February 2
1:30 pm Pause Group (MPR)
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, February 3
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 (201)
6:30 pm New Member Gathering (CK)
7:00 pm Lydia Evening Bible Study (FH)

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.