Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

20th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, October 11, 2026

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Lead Pastor for Mission and Vision

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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

ELCA

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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 in the pew racks.

Children and 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 and 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 Pastors, Ministers, and Staff
- For the wedding of Elizabeth Blackmer and Joshua Cressey
- For the wedding of Megan Gray and Sydney Raasch last weekend
- For the baptism of Liam Nihart this weekend

Remember in Prayer:

- Anna, friend of the Gade family
- Eric and Carolyn Biedermann
- John and Deb Blackmer, brother and sister-in-law of Jeff Blackmer
- Bob and Judy Comstock
- David Dietz, cousin of Dennis Dietz
- Karen Dyer
- Bob and Kris Elgin, parents of Seth Elgin
- Stan Gray, brother of Jim Gray
- Dick Hartman, brother-in-law of Dennis Dietz
- Harold Hayungs, brother of Arlene Smith
- Heather, cousin of Wayne and Marlene Shaw
- Robert Hieronymus, uncle of Kathryn Duffy
- David and Melinda Jackson
- Joe, son-in-law of Bruce and Kathy Friest
- Jon, nephew of Jan Meyer
- Al Kerr, father of Jeff Kerr
- Georgia Larson
- Jan Legg, mother of Kristen Gray
- Knute Lindquist
- Jim and Sandy Little
- Priscilla McFarland
- Brian Miller and Family, friend of Diane McDonald
- Jean Miller, friend of Lisa Strnad
- Larry Montz
- Karen Needham, friend of Ray and Janet Wee
- Tim and Cyndi Olson
- Jodi Rozendaal, relative of LeeAnn Montz
- Marlys Segar, mother of Pastor Travis Segar
- Deanna and Bill Slocum, sister and brother-in-law of Linda Reed
- Norman Strike, brother of Nyla Schmadeke
- Marilou Topp, mother of Jen Topp-Segar
- Linda and Paul Wold
- Mike Wolf, brother of Donna Cottingham
- All impacted by wildfires and floods

Sunday, October 11, 2026
8:30 & 10:00 am

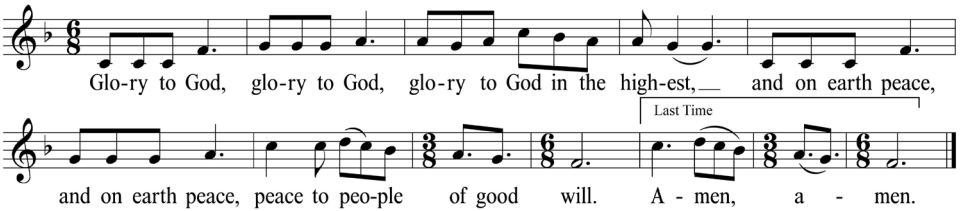
✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome

Prelude & Greeting

8:30 **Kyrie**

10:00 **Sacrament of Holy Baptism** • *Liam Nihart, son of Adam & Jordan Nihart*

Song of Praise • Glory to God • *sing as directed*

Prayer of the Day

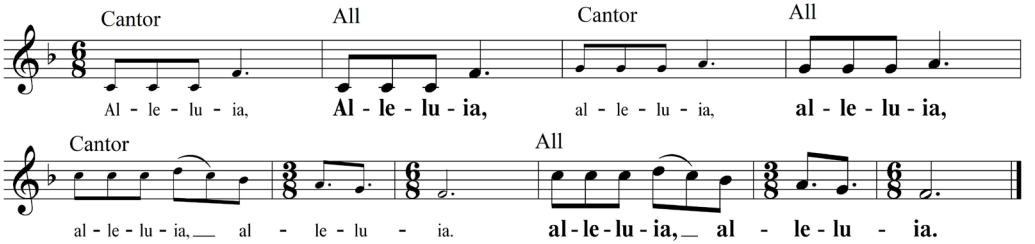
✢ Word ✢

Readings

Isaiah 25:1-9

Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel Acclamation • *sing as directed*



Gospel Reading • Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • As We Gather at Your Table • ELW 522

Prayers of Intercession

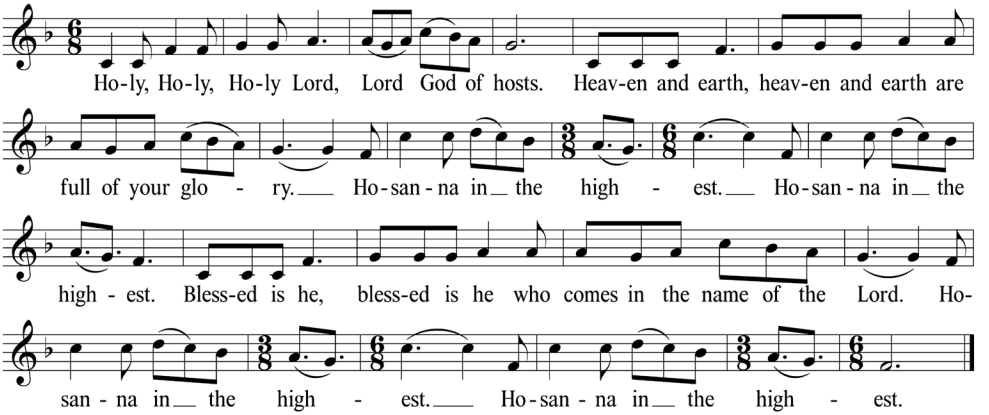
Peace

Offering • *The offering is received*

8:30 Brother James's Air • arr. Gordon Jacob • *Adult Choir*
10:00 Scott Smith, guitar

✢ Meal ✢

Thanksgiving at the Table
Holy



Lord's Prayer
Lamb of God • *projected on screen*
Communion Hymn • By Your Hand You Feed Your People • ELW 469

✢ Sending ✢

Prayer after Communion
Blessing
Sending Song • Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises • ELW 535 • *verse 2*
Dismissal

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2027 ELCA Youth Gathering Info

High school youth are invited to join us in Minneapolis, June 28 to July 2, 2027, for an unforgettable week of faith, worship, service, and community. Anyone currently in 8-12th grade can attend. **Registration is open now through November 4, 2026** via Realm.

Send Someone to the ELCA Youth Gathering!

To help make this opportunity possible, we invite you to support our youth through the ELCA Youth Gathering Giving Tree!

Look for the Giving Tree by the red Outreach Wall. The tree is decorated with tags representing various donation amounts. Simply choose a tag and make a gift in that amount to support a young person on their journey to the Gathering.

Every gift, whether large or small, helps our youth grow in faith, build meaningful connections, and experience the wider church in a powerful way. Thank you for investing in the faith journey of our young people and for being part of the village that supports them along the way.

Together, let's help our tree grow and our youth reach Minneapolis in 2027!

Our food pantry needs cereal, canned fruit, applesauce, canned soup, and toilet paper. We need canned meats, paper towels, saltine and oyster crackers, 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.

Holy Trinity
Food Pantry

Announcements

Mission and Ministry Opportunities plus Events

New Member Gathering

Are you interested in learning more about Holy Trinity and meeting other new members? Attend the new member gathering on Tuesday Oct. 13, at 6:30pm to visit with Pastor Tim and Pastor Travis, ask questions about HTLC, and meet others who are exploring membership. If you are interested in attending, contact Lisa Strnad in the church office.

Remembering Loved Ones on All Saints Day

During worship on November 1, we will remember loved ones who have died since October 24, 2025. To include a loved one who has passed during this time, please complete the online form at https://bit.ly/htlc-saints by October 22.

Join the Choir!

Holy Trinity has choirs for everyone, grades 3 through adult. The Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7pm. Interested adults may contact David Fandrich or simply show up to rehearsal. The Youth Choir (grades 3-12) meets on Wednesdays from 5:30-6pm. Registration and info available at https://www.holytrinityankeny.org/music-ministries.html

Let's Fill the Boat!

HTLC is partnering with NW Elementary to collect snacks to keep students fueled for learning during their busy school days. The Snack Drive will run from Oct. 11-25. Snacks collected can be dropped off in the large wooden boat in the north entryway. Individually packaged items are requested and **please avoid products containing nuts.** Most needed items include Goldfish/cheese crackers, animal crackers, popcorn, pretzels, granola/Nutri grain bars, bear grahams, and applesauce pouches. Thank you!

Do You Get Our Emails?

Sign up at https://bit.ly/HTLCEmail

New Small Group Opportunity

Want to make more room for prayer in your life? Join Pastor Travis for a new monthly small group centered around prayer. We'll gather to talk about prayer and learn from each other. This group meets on the second Thursday of each month, 1pm or 6:30pm.

Lutheran World Relief Quilts

Please visit the red Outreach Wall. These quilts are headed to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Minnesota next week. From there, they will be sent to disaster areas around the world. Please pray that these quilts offer comfort and protection for those receiving them.

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, October 11

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

Monday, October 12

1:30 pm Pause Group (MPR)
6 pm Stephen Ministers (MPR)
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, October 13

9 am Paint, Pound, and Praise (CK)
9 am Women's Fellowship and Coffee (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (MPR)
12 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
6:30 pm Men's Group (MPR)
6:30 pm New Member Gathering (CK)

Wednesday, October 14

9 am LWR Quilters (FH)
1 pm Care and Compassion Group (V)
5:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (202)
6 pm 6th and 7th Grade Confirmation (MPR)
6 pm 8th Grade Confirmation (FH)
6 pm Church School (1)
7 pm High School Youth Group (207)
7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)

Thursday, October 15

6:30 am Son Seekers: Men's Ministries (CK)
1:30 pm Knitting/Crocheting Group (MPR)
6:30 pm Council Meeting (201)

Friday, October 16

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, October 17

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

Sunday, October 18

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

Monday, October 19

1:30 pm Pause Group (MPR)
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)
7:15 pm Bell Choir Fellowship (CK)

Tuesday, October 20

9 am Paint, Pound, and Praise (CK)
9 am Women's Fellowship and Coffee (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (MPR)
12 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
5:30 pm Capital Campaign Implementation Team Meeting (201)
6:30 pm Men's Group (MPR)
6:30 pm 49+ Book Club (CK)

Wednesday, October 21

5:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (202)
6 pm 6th and 7th Grade Confirmation (MPR)
6 pm 8th Grade Confirmation (FH)
6 pm Church School (1)
7 pm High School Youth Group (207)
7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)

Thursday, October 22

6:30 am Son Seekers: Men's Ministries (CK)
4:45 pm Brass Rehearsal (B)

Friday, October 23

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, October 24

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