Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

19th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, October 4, 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 Vacation Bible School
- For the wedding of Elizabeth Blackmer and Joshua Cressey
- For the wedding of Megan Gray and Sydney Raasch 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
- Paula and Doug Chorna, friend of Vicki Larimer
- 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
- Jeff Wood, friend of Marty and Kelli Mahlow
- All impacted by wildfires and floods

Sunday, October 4, 2026

8:30 & 10:00 am

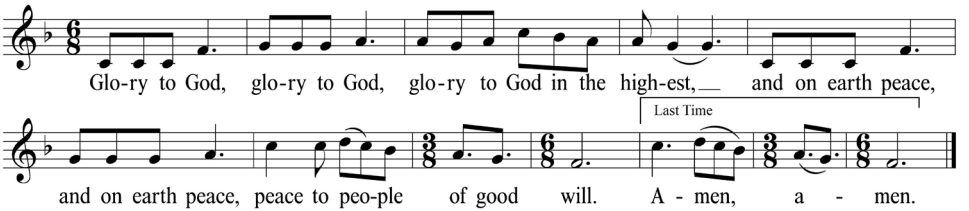
✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome

Prelude

Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Prayer of the Day

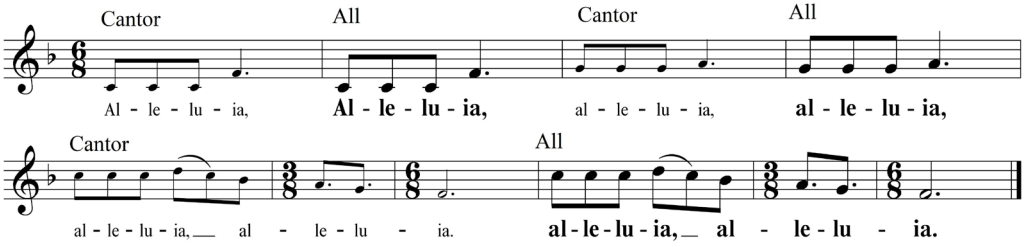
✢ Word ✢

Readings

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel Acclamation • *sing as directed*



Gospel Reading • Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth • ELW 727

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering • *The offering is received*
8:30 The Reign of God • by Ronald Krisman • *Adult Choir*
10:00 You are the Branches • by Michael Jothen • *Youth Choir; Jill Bjorklund, director*

☩ Meal ☩

Thanksgiving at the Table
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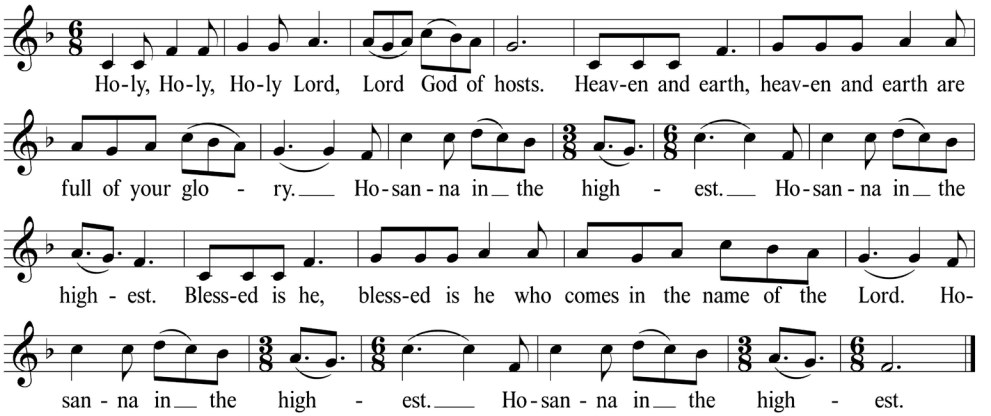

Lord's Prayer
Lamb of God • *projected on screen*
Communion Hymn • For the Bread Which You Have Broken • ELW 494

☩ Sending ☩

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

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Small Groups are Starting

Join a Small Group
Find your people. Grow in faith. Share life together. Holy Trinity has a variety of small groups for Bible study, prayer, fellowship, service, and more. Visit the "Small Groups" page on our website or contact Pastor Travis to find a group that's right for you.

Could You Lead a Small Group?
Holy Trinity is looking for people who would be willing to help start and lead new small groups. You don't need to be a Bible expert or have all the answers. You simply need a willingness to gather people together, create a welcoming space, and help a group grow in faith and friendship. Interested? Talk with Pastor Travis.

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!

Help send our youth to the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis! Stop by the Giving Tree near the Red Wall, choose a donation tag, and help support our youth as they prepare for this life-changing faith experience. Every gift makes a difference. Thank you for your support!

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 by Oct. 8.

Blessing of the Pets
Today we will have a Blessing of the Pets at 11:45am. Following worship, you are invited to head home to pick up your pet(s) and return to the lawn on the south side of the building (Fellowship Hall in case of rain). We will have a short service followed by a blessing of all creatures.

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, starting Sept 16. 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.

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

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 4

8:30 am Worship (S)
8:30 am Church School Worship Week (S)
10 am Worship (S)
11:45 am Blessing of the Pets (South Lawn)

Monday, October 5

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, October 6

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)
7 pm Lydia Bible Study (CK)

Wednesday, October 7

5:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (202)
6 pm Confirmation Worship Week
6 pm Church School Worship Week (S)
6 pm High School Youth Group (207)
6:15 pm First Wednesday Worship (S)
7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)

Thursday, October 8

6:30 am Son Seekers: Men's Ministries (CK)
1 pm The Prayer Course (MPR)
6:30 pm The Prayer Course (MPR)

Friday, October 9

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, October 10

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

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)