Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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November 16 • 8:30 & 10:00 am

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

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 Human Resources Committee

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Clint Davis

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- Crystal & Brad Doig and Drew & Alyssa Doig & family at the death of Crystal's father and Drew's grandfather, Clint

Remember in Prayer:

- Beth Biedermann Barnett
- Kathy Dann, sister of Tom Menken
- Dale DeBolt, brother-in-law of Larry & Grace Anderson
- David Dietz, cousin of Dennis Dietz
- Steve Duffy
- Bev Gade, mother of John Gade
- Jean Hance, friend of Karen Dyer
- The family of Harold Hartman, relative of Melanie Hartman
- Sheryl Hartman, aunt of Melanie Hartman
- David & Melinda Jackson
- Jeannie & Ken, friend of Jan Meyer
- Andrew & Amy Kiley & Cheryl Kiley, friends of Vicki Larimer
- Jim & Sandy Little
- Jeff & Joy Luke, friends of Vicki Larimer
- Sharon Mathias, sister of Jan Fredericksen
- Neil & Becky McCoy, sister of Linda Whitehill
- Diane McDermott, sister of John Bein
- Priscilla McFarland
- Jean Miller, friend of Lisa Strnad
- Carin Murphy, friend of Lynn Nelson
- Bob Nielsen & family, uncle of Krista Gerth
- Tim & Cyndi Olson
- Ardie Pearson
- Shirley Rod
- Samantha & Benjamin Ruhser, daughter and grandson of Debby Witten and granddaughter of Arlene Smith
- The family of Margie Sinnamon
- Ron Vance, father of Krista Gerth
- Launa Vanderpool, friend of Dennis & Joan Dietz
- Gwen Wiegrefe, mother of Karen Blackmer
- Denny Wildeman, friend of Bruce & Kathy Friest
- Linda & Paul Wold
- Those suffering from substance abuse challenges
- Support for those seeking employment

Sunday, November 16, 2025

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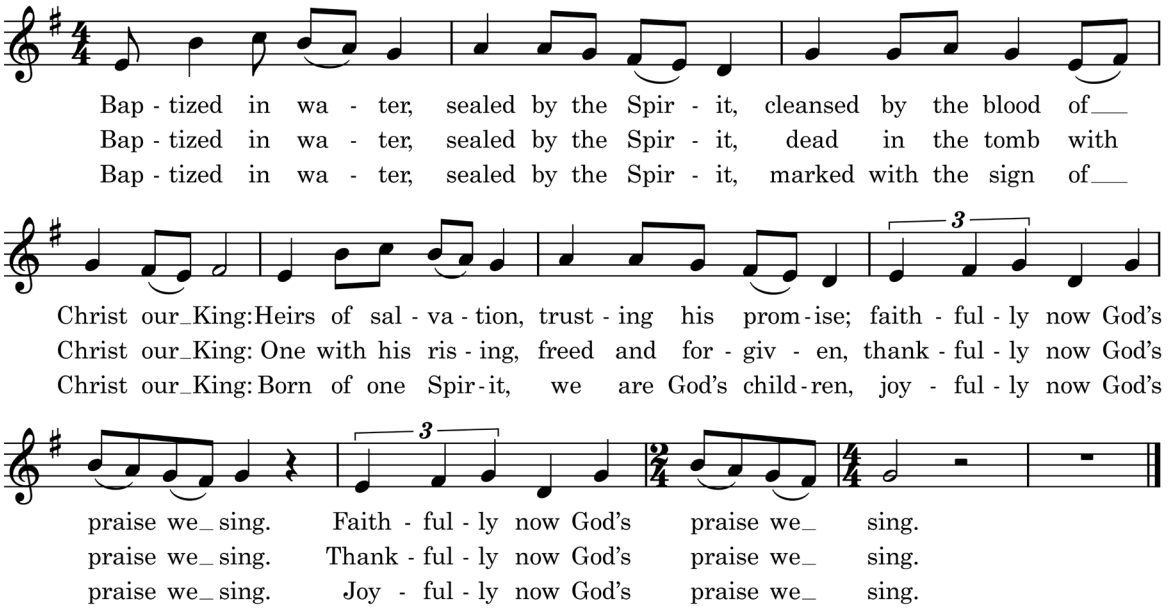
✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome

Prelude • Tango • by Hugh Burns • *Scott Smith, guitar*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Gathering Song • Baptized in Water



Prayer of the Day

✢ Word ✢

Readings

Malachi 4:1-2a

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gospel Acclamation • *projected on screen*

Gospel Reading • Luke 21:5-19

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow • ELW 327 • *vv. 1, 2 & 4*

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering • *The offering is received*

8:30 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing • arr. Mack Wilberg • *Adult Choir*

10:00 God Will Take Care of You • by Kris Crunk • *Youth Choir*

☩ Meal ☩

Thanksgiving at the Table

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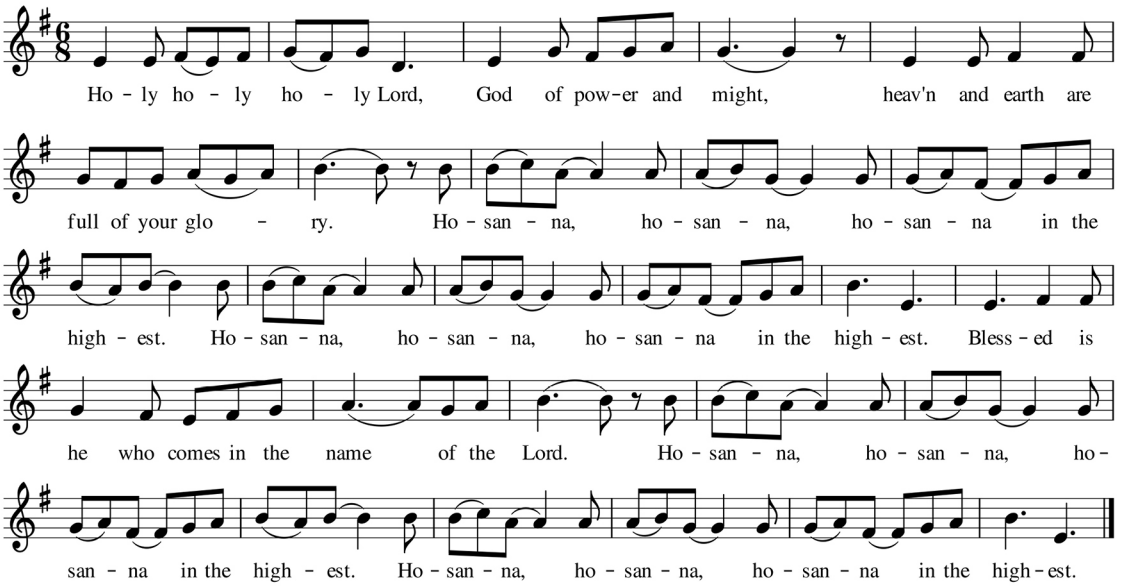

Lord's Prayer

Communion Music • *Scott Smith, guitar*

La Paloma • by Sebastian Yradier

Romanza • Anonymous

☩ Sending ☩

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Sending Song • Canticle of the Turning • ELW 723 • *verses 1, 3 & 4*

Dismissal

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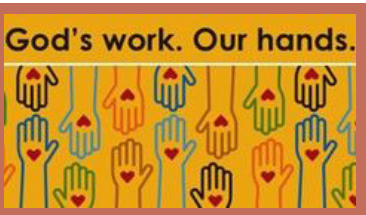

God's work. Our hands.

Advent projects are underway! Help us to Share God's Love with those who are in need all over central Iowa and beyond.

Christmas Cards

Write a few extra Christmas cards and share them with our members who are homebound or could use a little extra love this year. You may pick up a list at the Outreach Wall. Cards are due Dec. 14.

LSI Refugee Support

Donate **new full or queen quilts for beds, shampoo/conditioner, and toilet paper** to be given to refugees who are resettling in our area. Please return items to the bin at the Outreach Wall at church by Dec. 15.

Hope Ministries

Donate **hand lotion, white briefs (L–XL), deodorant, and shaving cream** to be given to refugees who are resettling in our area. Please return items to the bin at the Outreach Wall at church by Dec. 10.

Mosaic Gifts: Adopt-An-Individual

Shop for gifts to fulfill the wish lists of clients of Mosaic. **Pick up a tag** at the Outreach Wall at church. Or, you can call the church to get a name. Return wrapped gifts to the Outreach Wall at church by Dec. 8.

Trinity Center Gifts

Donate items for residents who live at Trinity Center at Luther Park. **Pick up a wish list** at the Outreach Wall at church. These items will be used as Christmas, birthday, and BINGO gifts throughout the year. Please return unwrapped items by Dec. 8.

Iowa Homeless Youth Center

Shop for gifts from the wish lists of single parents and their children who are being served by Iowa Homeless Youth Center. **Pick up a gift tag** at the Outreach Wall at church. Please return unwrapped gifts by Dec. 15.

Holy Trinity Food Pantry Gift Cards

Purchase **$10 gift cards from HyVee and Fareway** to share with our food pantry guests prior to Christmas. Place gift cards in the offering baskets during worship or give them to the church office by Sunday, Dec. 8.

Announcements

Mission & Ministry Opportunities & Events

Bake Pies, Assemble Fruit Baskets, & Help with Operation Turkey Sandwich The week of November 24, members of Holy Trinity will deliver pies to Mosaic homes, fruit baskets to homebound members, and Thanksgiving lunches to individuals who must work on Thanksgiving Day. To help bake pies, pumpkin bars, or stuffin' muffins, or to prepare or deliver the pies, fruit baskets, or meals, sign up at the Outreach Wall or visit bit.ly/htlc-advent25.

Diamond Jubilee Organ Recital As part of Holy Trinity's 75th Anniversary celebration, we are honored to host an organ recital by Tin-Shi Tam, who has been worshiping with us over the past year. We will gather on Sunday, November 23, at 3:30 pm for the organ recital, followed by a dessert reception. We invite you to gather as Tin-Shi performs works by Bach and other composers in this special musical celebration of our Diamond Jubilee!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie We will worship together on Wednesday, November 26, at 6:30 pm, followed by fellowship with pie and coffee. We're looking for a few helping hands to serve pie and coffee after our Thanksgiving Eve worship. This is a one-time opportunity for individuals or families to help host our time of fellowship following worship. If you can lend a hand, please contact Becky Dieleman.

Wednesday Advent Worship & Dinner New this year, join us on Wednesdays, December 3, 10, and 17, for dinner and worship during Advent. Dinner will be served from 5:00–6:15 pm, followed by a 30-minute vesper service—a distinct and intimate worship experience different from Sunday mornings. Come share a meal, find a moment of stillness, and prepare your heart for the coming of Christ.

Enriched in Every Way

Our generosity emphasis this year begins with the assurance that we have been blessed to be a blessing. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity. 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, November 16

8:30 am Church School (2)
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S)
11:00 am All-church Orchestra Rehearsal (202 - Music Room)
12:30 pm Sunday Apprentice Group (MPR)
3:00 pm The Next Chapter (201)

Monday, November 17

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

Tuesday, November 18

9:00 am PPP & Willing Workers (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (MPR)
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 (201)

Wednesday, November 19

1:00 pm Care & Compassion Group (Virtual)
5:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (202)
6:00 pm Church School (2)
6:00 pm Confirmation (MPR)
6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Ensemble Rehearsal (B)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)

Thursday, November 20

6:30 am Son Seekers Men's Ministries (CK)
11:30 am Thursday Apprentice Group (209)
1:30 pm Knitting/ Crocheting Group (MPR)
4:45 pm All-Church Orchestra Rehearsal (202-Music Room)
6:30 pm Council Meeting (201)

Friday, November 21

No events scheduled

Saturday, November 22

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

Sunday, November 23

8:30 am Church School Worship Week
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S)
12:30 pm Sunday Apprentice Group (MPR)
3:00 pm The Next Chapter (201)
3:30 pm Diamond Jubilee Organ Recital (S)
4:00 pm Organ Recital Reception (CK)

Monday, November 24

10:00 am Fruit Bag Assembly (FH)
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)
6:30 pm Women's Book Club (CK)

Holy Trinity
Food Pantry

Our food pantry needs cereal, canned fruit, applesauce, canned soup, and toilet paper. We also need holiday baking and cooking items. 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). We need frozen meat in 1-pound packages. 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.