Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

ELCA

Sunday, March 1, 2026
8:30 & 10:00 am

Second Sunday in Lent

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 Mission Trust Committee

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

Remember in Prayer:

- David Bahns, brother of Lorelei Frederickson
- Beth Biedermann Barnett
- Eric Biedermann
- John & Deb Blackmer, brother and sister-in-law of Jeff Blackmer
- Diane & Ray Boll, sister of Annette Doman
- Pam Culver, sister of Denise Wheeler
- David Dietz, cousin of Dennis Dietz
- Jeannie George, friend of Jen Topp-Segar
- Brittany Heimer, friend of Karen Dyer
- David & Melinda Jackson
- Jeannie, friend of Jan Meyer
- Lisa Kelsey & family, friend of Alisa Hinzman
- Kieran, friend of Deanna Questad
- Georgia Larson
- Jim & Sandy Little
- Margaret, friend of Vicki Larimer
- Diane McDermott, sister of John Bein
- Priscilla McFarland
- Jean Miller, friend of Lisa Strnad
- Tim & Cyndi Olson
- Jana Phillips, friend of Bryan & Nancy Hallenbeck
- Linda Reed
- Shirley Rod
- Jodi Rozendaal, friend of LeeAnn Montz
- Samantha & Benjamin Ruhser, daughter and grandson of Debby Witten and granddaughter of Arlene Smith
- Marilou Topp, mother of Jen Topp-Segar
- Denny Wildeman, friend of Bruce & Kathy Friest
- Linda & Paul Wold
- Minneapolis, Minnesota

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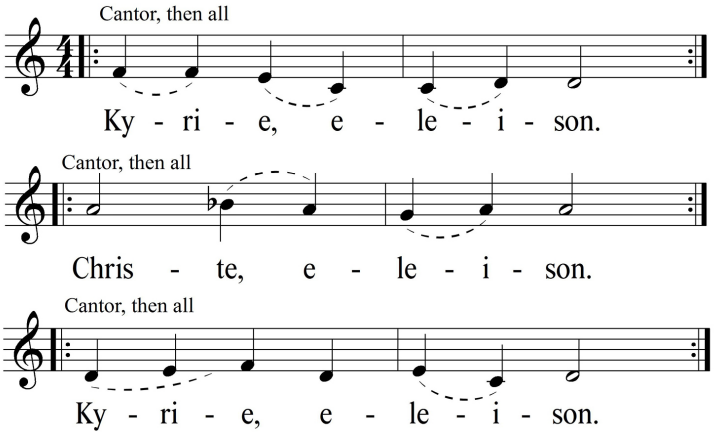
✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome, Prelude & Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

Kyrie • *sing as directed*

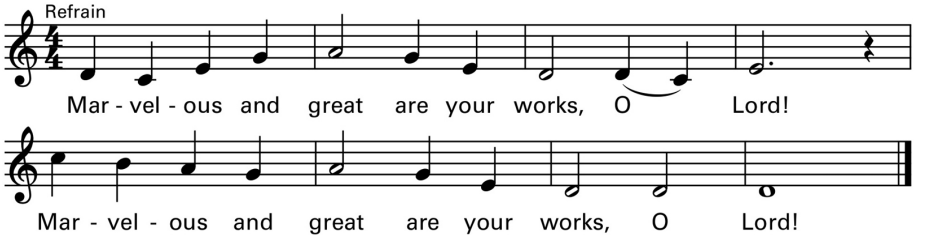


Prayer of the Day

✢ Word ✢

Readings • Genesis 12:1-4a • Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel Acclamation • *sing as directed:*



Gospel Reading • John 3:1-17

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • God Loved the World • ELW 323 • *verses 1-4*

Prayers of Intercession & Peace

Offering • *The offering is received*

8:30 Jesus Loves Me • arr. John Ferguson • *Adult Choir*

10:00 Jesus Loves Me • arr. Joel Raney • *Jean Murphy & David Fandrich, piano duet*

✢ Meal ✢

Thanksgiving at the Table

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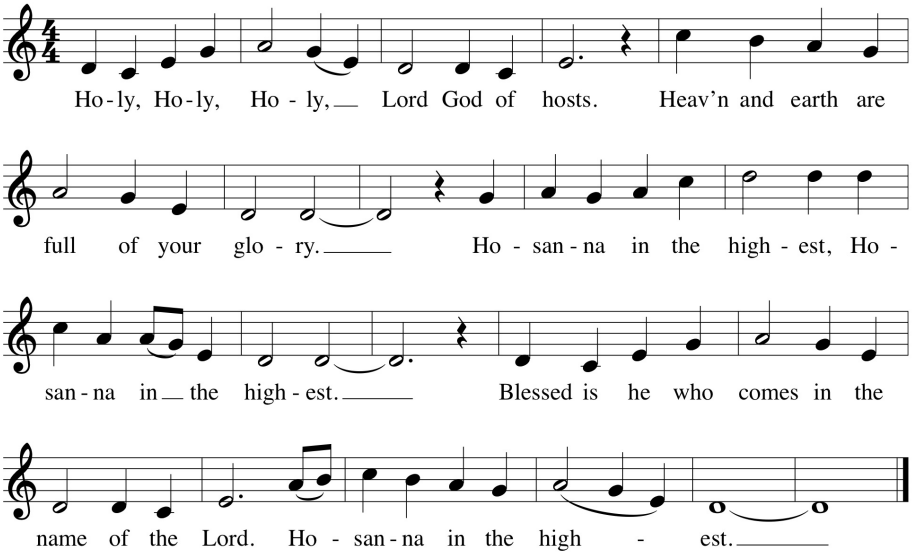
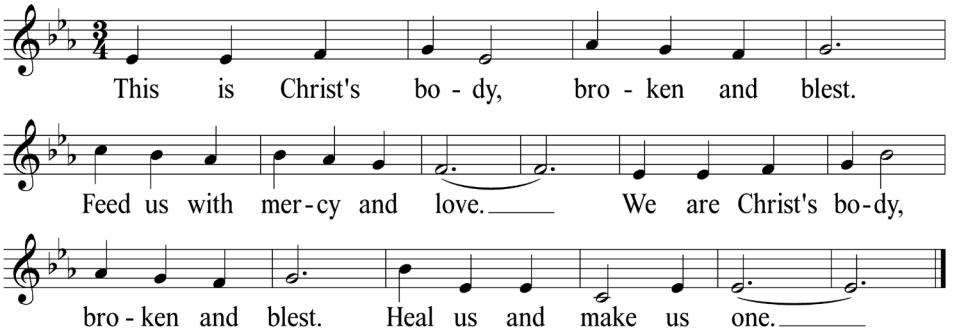


Lord's Prayer

Communion Song • This is Christ's Body • *sing 3 times*



✢ Sending ✢

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Sending Song • Blessed Assurance • ELW 638 • *verses 1 & 3*

Dismissal

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ELCA World Hunger Appeal

Working Toward a Just World Where All Are Fed.

One out of every 11 people — as many as 720 million — in our world are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger are making a difference. Your gifts help the ELCA respond to hunger and poverty through hundreds of projects in more than 60 countries around the world, including the United States. These gifts are brought together with the skills, capacity and resources of local communities to make transformative change. From Alaska to Alabama, from Chile to China, your gifts are hard at work helping our neighbors near and far break the cycle of hunger and poverty.

In 2025, through your generous giving, Holy Trinity's support of ELCA World Hunger totaled over $7,900! From health clinics to microloans, water wells to farm animals, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

M&Ms for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal

How can you help? Visit the Outreach Ministries Wall (on the way to the donuts!) to pick up a tube of M&Ms. These tubes will quickly move from feeding our sweet tooth to feeding the hungry. Each tube holds $14 of quarters (cash and checks fit too). **Our goal is to raise $8,000 for ELCA World Hunger.** Please return M&M tubes on or before Easter (April 5). Visit bit.ly/htlc-MM if you prefer to give electronically.

Announcements

Mission & Ministry Opportunities & Events

Flowers today are provided by Pamm Cox to the glory of God and in memory of Bill Cox.

Midweek Lenten Worship Gather together as we journey through Lent on Wednesdays. We will worship at Noon, followed by fellowship. Additionally, we offer worship at 6:15 pm.

Spring Break Worship On Sunday, March 15, we will have one worship service at 10:00 am.

Cookies for Easter Fellowship We will serve cookies during fellowship time between services on Easter, April 5. If you are willing to provide a dozen (or two) cookies or bars, sign up at bit.ly/htlc-Cookies26 or at the Outreach Ministries Wall.

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Lenten Devotions Pick up a Lenten devotional booklet in the Narthex. These daily devotions will support our walk through the season of Lent.

We Are Hiring! We are seeking an energetic and strategic Communications Director to lead our congregation's communication efforts. You may find the job listing on Indeed.com. Contact Pastor Tim with questions.

High School Ministry Students in grades 9-12 are invited to meet weekly on Wednesdays at 7 pm. Weekly gatherings will include devotions & prayer, food & games, and service & fellowship. Meet in the Youth Room 207; bring a friend!

Vacation Bible School Save the date for the "Best Week of Summer!" VBS will be June 14-18 (Sunday-Thursday), 5:00-7:30 pm, with dinner provided. Registration opens April 1. Want to help? Contact Deb Hopkey.

LOOKING AHEAD: HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday - March 29 at 8:30 & 10:00 am
We will not gather for worship or learning activities on Wednesday, April 1, of Holy Week
Maundy Thursday - April 2 at 6:30 pm
Good Friday - April 3 at 6:30 pm
Easter Sunday - April 5 at 7:00, 8:30 & 10:00 am

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, March 1

8:30 am Worship (S)
8:30 am Church School Worship Week
10:00 am Worship (S)
11:00 am Youth Team Meeting (207)

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 am Paint, Pound & Praise & Willing Workers (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (201)
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
6:30 pm Men's Group (MPR)
7:00 pm Lydia Bible Study (CK)

Wednesday, March 4

12:00 pm Lenten Midweek Worship (S)
12:30 pm Lenten Midweek Fellowship (CK)
5:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (202/Music Room)
6:00 pm 6th and 7th Grade Confirmation (MPR)
6:00 pm 8th Grade Confirmation (200)
6:00 pm Church School Worship Week
6:15 pm Lenten Midweek Worship (S)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)
7:00 pm High School Youth Group (207)

Thursday, March 5

6:30 am Son Seekers /Men's Ministries (CK)
11:30 am The Apprentice Group (201)
1:30 pm Knitting/ Crocheting Group (MPR)
6:00 pm Valleys Book Study (MPR)
7:00 pm Esther Bible Study (CK)

Friday, March 6

No events scheduled

Saturday, March 7

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

Sunday, March 8

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

Monday, March 9

6:00 pm Stephen Ministers (MPR)
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, March 10

9:00 am Paint, Pound & Praise & Willing Workers (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (MPR)
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
6:30 pm Men's Group (MRP)

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.