Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

ELCA

Sunday, March 15, 2026
10:00 am

Fourth 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 in the pew racks.

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 Stephen Ministers
- For Kristi O'Connor's years of dedicated service as our Communications Director

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

Remember in Prayer:

- Beth Biedermann Barnett
- Eric Biedermann
- John & Deb Blackmer, brother and sister-in-law of Jeff Blackmer
- Diane & Ray Boll, sister of Annette Doman
- David Dietz, cousin of Dennis Dietz
- Friend of the Beech family serving in Iraq
- 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
- Paul Meyer
- Jean Miller, friend of Lisa Strnad
- Tim & Cyndi Olson
- Linda Reed
- Shirley Rod
- Jodi Rozendaal, friend of LeeAnn Montz
- Samantha & Benjamin Ruhser, daughter and grandson of Debby Witten and granddaughter of Arlene Smith
- Marge Steinkamp
- Marilou Topp, mother of Jen Topp-Segar
- Denny Wildeman, friend of Bruce & Kathy Friest
- Ron Wiseman, friend of Brian & Jo Combs
- Linda & Paul Wold
- All who serve in the military

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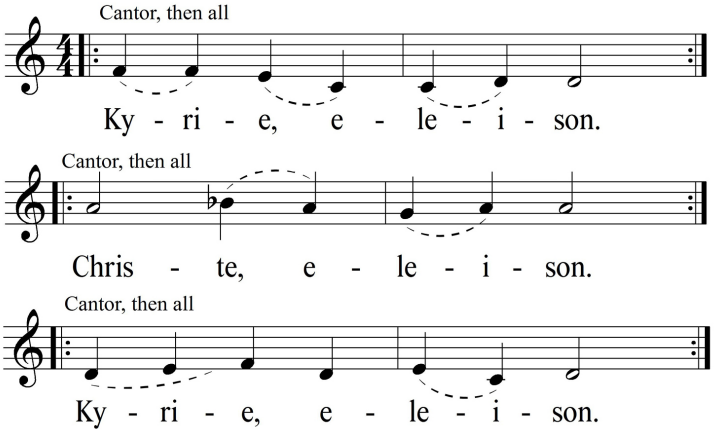
✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome, Prelude & Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

Kyrie • *sing as directed*



Prayer of the Day

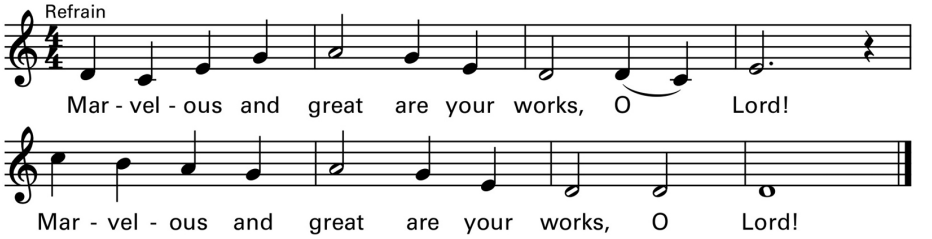
✢ Word ✢

Readings

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Acclamation • *sing as directed:*



Gospel Reading • John 9:1-41

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate • ELW 722

Prayers of Intercession & Peace

Offering • *The offering is received*

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light • arr. Paul Manz • *Jo Guerdet, soloist*

✢ Meal ✢

Thanksgiving at the Table

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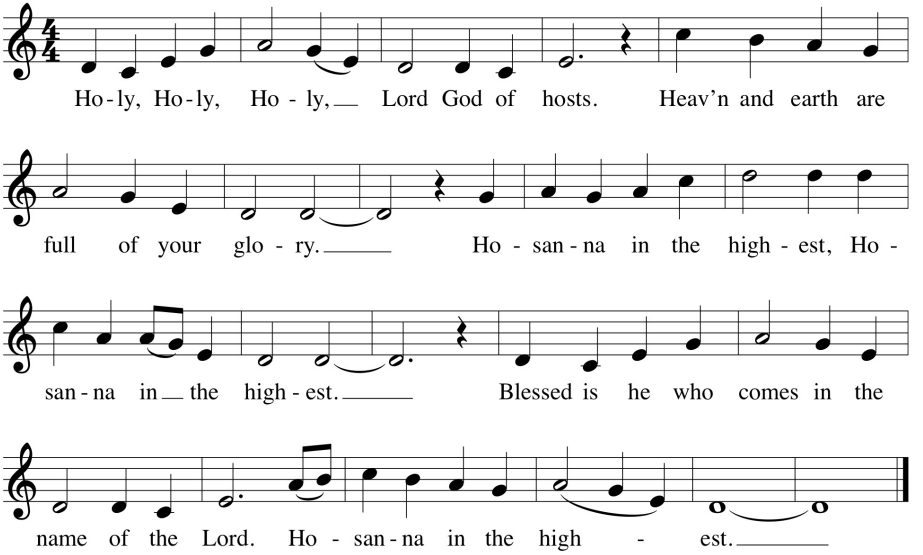
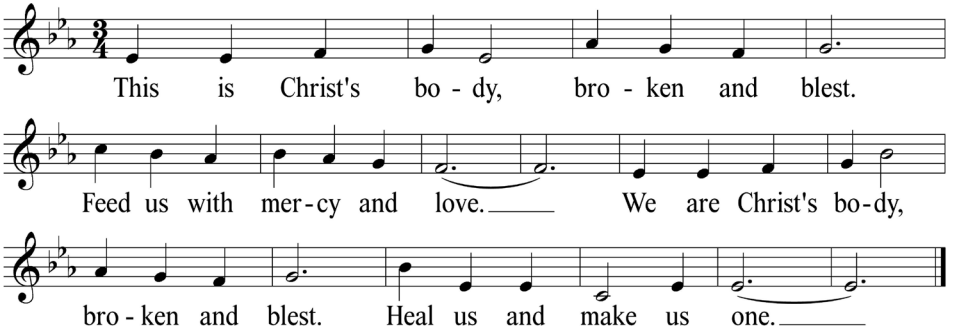


Lord's Prayer

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



✢ Sending ✢

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Sending Song • Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death • ELW 452 • *verses 1, 2, 4 & 5*

Dismissal

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WORSHIP TOGETHER DURING LENT & EASTER

Midweek Lenten Worship

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

Spring Break Worship

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

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

Announcements

Mission & Ministry Opportunities & Events

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.

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.

Dinner Rolls for Homeless Ministry Hope Ministries provides dinner on Easter Saturday for the homeless and those in need. They already have requests for 2,000 meals, and Holy Trinity has agreed to provide 500 dinner rolls. We ask you to bake or purchase dinner rolls and deliver them to the church between Sunday, March 29, and Tuesday, March 31. We will deliver the rolls to Hope Ministries.

M&Ms for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal Stop by the Outreach Wall 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.

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!

Texting Group for High School Ministry One way we will be communicating with our High School Youth is with a GroupMe text group. Join to receive reminders and updates on what we have planned for High School Ministry at bit.ly/htlc-GroupText.

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. Want to help? Contact Deb Hopkey.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Thank you to those who designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Holy Trinity! In 2025 we received over $2,300. If you're an eligible Thrivent client and have Choice Dollars left to give in 2025, please direct them to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church prior to March 31.

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 15
10:00 am Worship (S)

Monday, March 16
1:30 pm Pause Group (CK)

Tuesday, March 17
9:00 am Paint, Pound & Praise & Willing Workers (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (201)
12:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
6:30 pm 49+ Book Club (CK)

Wednesday, March 18
12:00 pm Lenten Midweek Worship (S)
12:30 pm Lenten Midweek Fellowship (CK)
6:15 pm Lenten Midweek Worship (S)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)

Thursday, March 19
6:30 am Son Seekers /Men's Ministries (CK)
1:30 pm Knitting/ Crocheting Group (MPR)
6:30 pm Council Meeting (201)

Friday, March 20
No events scheduled

Saturday, March 21
7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)

Sunday, March 22
8:30 am Worship (S)
8:30 am Church School (2)
10:00 am Worship (S)

Monday, March 23
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)
6:30 pm Women's Book Club (CK)

Tuesday, March 24
9:00 am Paint, Pound & Praise & Willing Workers (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (MPR)
12:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
5:30 pm Capital Campaign Implementation Team Meeting (201)
6:30 pm Men's Group (MPR)

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.