Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

ELCA

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026, 8:30 & 10:00 am
Maundy Thursday, April 2, 6:30 pm
Good Friday, April 3, 6:30 pm

Holy Week

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 musicians involved in worship this week
- For the Eucharistic Ministers

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Melva Schmidt
- Carol Niehaus

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- Gary Schmidt at the death of his wife, Melva Schmidt
- Jan Herke & family at the death of Jan's mother, Carol Niehaus

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
- William Dvorak, grandson of Laine & Marj Dvorak
- 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
- Jim McKnight, brother of Susan Miller
- Family of Bev Metcalf, great-aunt of Melanie Hartman
- Paul Meyer
- Jean Miller, friend of Lisa Strnad
- Rick Miller
- Tony Niehaus, father of Jan Herke
- Tim & Cyndi Olson
- Linda Reed
- Shirley Rod
- Jodi Rozendaal, friend of LeeAnn Montz
- Marge Steinkamp
- Students injured in the accident at St. Luke's last week
- 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
- Blood Donors

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

8:30 & 10:00 am

✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome

Prelude • 'II. Adagio & Allemanda. Allegro' from *Trio Sonata No. 3 in C Major* (RV 61) • by Antonio Vivaldi • *Robert Espe & Leah Kolner, violins; Laura Graham, bassoon*

Greeting

Call to Worship

Blessing of Palms

Gathering Song • Prepare the Royal Highway • ELW 264

Prayer of the Day

✢ Word ✢

Reading • Philippians 2:5-11

Gift of Music • Benedictus • by Brian Lewis • *Adult Choir*

Gospel Reading • Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • Oh Love, How Deep • ELW 322

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering • *The offering is received*

'IV. Sarabanda. Allegro' from *Trio Sonata No. 3 in C Major* (RV 61) • by Antonio Vivaldi • *Robert Espe & Leah Kolner, violins; Laura Graham, bassoon*

The Journey Through Holy Week

Music During Anointing • Du Frieden-Fürst, Herr Jesu Christ (You, Prince of Peace, Lord Jesus Christ) BuxWV 20 • by Dietrich Buxtehude • *Adult Choir & violins*

✢ Sending ✢

Dismissal

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Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026

6:30 pm

☩ Gathering ☩

Welcome

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Song • Where Charity and Love Prevail • ELW 359 • *verses 1-3 & 5*

Prayer of the Day

☩ Word ☩

Readings

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love • ELW 708

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering • *The offering is received*

Ubi Caritas • by Maurice Duruflé • *Adult Choir*

☩ Meal ☩

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Communion Music • Let Us Break Bread Together • arr. Jayson Gerth • *Low Brass Ensemble*

☩ Sending ☩

Stripping of the Altar

Gift of Music • What Wondrous Love is This • arr. Robert Scholz • *Adult Choir*

We depart in silence. The service continues on Friday at 6:30 pm.

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

6:30 pm

☩ Gathering ☩

Prelude • Ah, Holy Jesus • arr. Daniel Ficarri • *Adult Choir; Karlee Nelson, soloist*

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

☩ Word ☩

The Passion According to John

Hymn • Go to Dark Gethsemane • ELW 347 • *verse 1*

Hymn • Go to Dark Gethsemane • ELW 347 • *verse 2*

Hymn • Go to Dark Gethsemane • ELW 347 • *verse 3*

Gift of Music • Were You There? • by Raymond H. Haan • *Adult Choir*

Hymn • Go to Dark Gethsemane • ELW 347 • *verse 4*

Reflection

Hymn of the Day • When I Survey the Wondrous Cross • arr. Robert J. Powell • *Adult Choir & Congregation*

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

☩ Sending ☩

Dismissal

We depart in silence. The service continues on Sunday at 7:00, 8:30 & 10:00 am.

Announcements

Mission & Ministry Opportunities & Events

Holy Week Worship Worship with us this week! Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship will both take place at 6:30 pm. We will not have Wednesday Midweek services this week.

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 If you picked up a tube of M&Ms during Lent, please return it with your donation on or before Easter (next Sunday). Each tube holds $14 of quarters (cash and checks fit too). Our goal is to raise $8,000 for ELCA World Hunger. If you did not get a tube of M&Ms or wish to contribute electronically, visit bit.ly/htlc-MM.

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 1. 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.

Freestore Donation Drive April 19 The FreeStore truck will be at HTLC on Sunday, April 19, to accept donations of gently-used furniture and household items that can be used to furnish an apartment for a family starting over after escaping an abusive domestic situation. Visit the Outreach Wall in April for more information.

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

Palm Sunday, March 29
8:30 am Church School (2)
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S)
12:00 pm Sunday Apprentice Group (MPR)

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

Tuesday, March 31
9:00 am Paint, Pound and Praise and 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 Men's Group (MPR)

Wednesday, April 1
6:00 pm High School Youth Group (FH)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)

Maundy Thursday, April 2
6:30 am Son Seekers: Men's Ministries (CK)
1:30 pm Knitting/Crocheting Group (MPR)
6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship (S)

Good Friday, April 3
6:30 pm Good Friday Worship (S)

Saturday, April 4
7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)
5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Easter Sunday, April 5
7:00 am Easter Sunday Worship (S)
8:30 am Easter Sunday Worship (S)
10:00 am Easter Sunday Worship (S)

Monday, April 6
1:30 pm Pause Group (MPR)

Tuesday, April 7
9:00 am Paint, Pound and Praise and 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 Men's Group (MPR)
7:00 pm Lydia Bible Study (CK)

Wednesday, April 8
9:00 am LWR Quilters (FH)
1:00 pm Care & Compassion Group (V)
5:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (202)
6:00 pm 6th & 7th Gr. Confirmation (MPR)
6:00 pm 8th Grade Confirmation (200)
6:00 pm Church School (2)
7:00 pm High School Youth Group (207)

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.