Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday After Easter
Sunday, April 26, 2026
8:30 & 10:00 am

ELCA

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 and choirs
- For the baptism of Ava Marlene Meador this weekend
- For the baptism of Nina Louise Wilson-Khanjani this weekend
- For the students affirming their baptism this weekend
- For the baptism of Whitney Dygert last weekend

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

Remember in Prayer:

- Keith Arenholz, father of Tiffany Wood
- Beth Biedermann Barnett
- Eric and Carolyn Biedermann
- John and Deb Blackmer, brother and sister-in-law of Jeff Blackmer
- Diane & Ray Boll, sister of Annette Doman
- Jan Clark, sister of Bev Presnall
- Bob and Judy Comstock
- David Dietz, cousin of Dennis Dietz
- William Dvorak, grandson of Laine & Marj Dvorak
- Brandon Engelstad, son of Debbie Engelstad
- Jim Hanna, nephew of Karen Dyer
- Dick Hartman, brother-in-law of Dennis Dietz
- Brittany Heimer, friend of Karen Dyer
- David and Melinda Jackson
- Kieran, friend of Deanna Questad
- Kyle, friend of the Beech family
- Georgia Larson
- Jim & Sandy Little
- Diane McDermott, sister of John Bein
- Priscilla McFarland
- Jean Miller, friend of Lisa Strnad
- Rick Miller
- Tim & Cyndi Olson
- Linda Reed
- Shirley Rod
- Marge Steinkamp
- Students injured in the accident at St. Luke's School
- Marilou Topp, mother of Jen Topp-Segar
- Janet White, friend of Jan Meyer
- Denny Wildeman, friend of Bruce & Kathy Friest
- Ron Wiseman, friend of Brian & Jo Combs
- Paul Wold
- All who serve in the military

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✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome

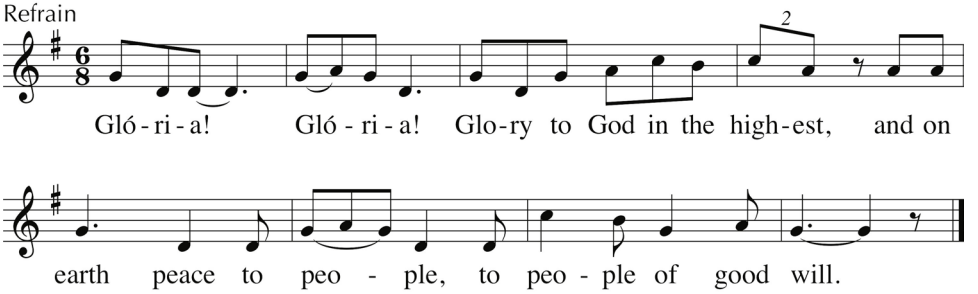
Prelude

8:30 **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

Ava Meador, daughter of Nathan & Erin Meador

Nina Wilson-Khanjani, daughter of Chloe and Kian Wilson-Khanjani

10:00 **Greeting**

Song of Praise • Gloria • *sing as directed:*

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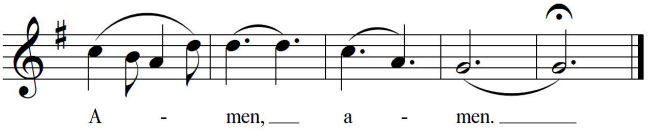


Prayer of the Day

✢ Word ✢

Readings

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel Acclamation • *projected on screen*

Gospel Reading • John 10:1-10

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • The Lord's My Shepherd • ELW 778

10:00 **Affirmation of Baptism** • *Congratulations to these students:*

Ava Breitbach
Emma Etherington
Ava Haisman
Kaley Hepp
Sawyer Heuton
Cora Hoffman
Piper Stoermer

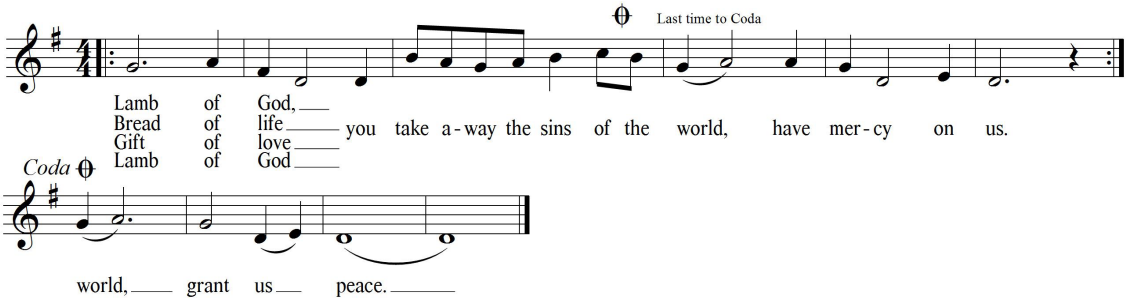
Prayers of Intercession
Peace
Offering • *The offering is received*

8:30 "How Beautiful are the Feet" from *Messiah* • by G.F. Handel • *Karlee Nelson, soloist*

10:00 Psalm 100 • by *René Clausen* • *Adult Choir; John Netten, piano*

✢ Meal ✢

Thanksgiving at the Table
Lord's Prayer
Lamb of God



Communion Hymn • Come, Let Us Eat • ELW 491

✢ Sending ✢

Prayer after Communion
Blessing
Sending Song • Hallelujah! Jesus Lives • ELW 380 • *verses 1 & 2*
Dismissal

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Connect With Others. Grow in Faith.

Sign up at the Outreach Ministries Wall or at bit.ly/htlc-small-groups

Garden Group

No green thumb required—just a willing heart and a little time! Help us tend to the gardens on our property. All produce is shared with our food pantry guests.

Care & Compassion

This group is studying "Valleys" and meets via Zoom on the second and fourth Wednesdays of most months, 1:00-2:30 pm.

Knitting & Crocheting

Anyone who enjoys knitting and/or crocheting is invited to meet the first and third Thursdays of the month, 1:00-3:00 pm, at the church.

LWR Quilt Makers

Join this group on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. They meet 9:00 am-12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to tie quilts.

Men's Bible Studies

We offer many men's groups: Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm, Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm, and Thursday mornings at 6:30 am.

Paint, Pound & Praise

Paint, Pound & Praise is a group of men who meet every Tuesday at 9:00 am to help with various physical tasks and projects around the church.

Pause Group

This group meets at the church on the first and third Mondays of each month, from 1:30-2:30 pm.

Women's Bible & Book Studies

Grow in faith and discipleship. We offer many Bible and book studies for women:

- Lydia Bible Study meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.
- Esther Bible Study meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.
- Women's Book Club is a group of women in their 20s-40s. The group meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.
- 49 & Holding is a group of women over 50 who meet the third Tuesday of the month in the evening for one hour.

Announcements

Mission and Ministry Opportunities plus Events

M&Ms for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal A huge thank you to anyone who donated to the World Hunger Appeal! This year we raised a grand total of $12,075.53! These gifts will be used to provide farm animals, water wells, health clinics, and so much more. One small gift can make a world of difference for others!

High School Ministry Students in grades 9-12 are invited to meet every Wednesday 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 communicate 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 2026 At Road Trip VBS, students entering grades K-5 will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are on the go with God. They will become Travelers and discover how God is with them wherever they go! VBS will be June 14-18 (Sunday-Thursday), 5:00-7:30 pm, with dinner provided. Register now at https://bit.ly/htlc-VBS26. Want to help? Contact Deb Hopkey.

Freestore Donation Drive Thank you to all that participated in the Freestore Donation Drive! Your donations helped contribute to a successful drive! A special thank you to the high school youth that helped load the truck!

Do You Get Our Emails? Holy Trinity has newsletters that we use to share information with the congregation. We have newsletter lists for music, the weekly sermon replay, daily video devotions, the weekly newsleter, and many more. Sign up at https://bit.ly/htlcEmailList.

New Member Gathering Are you interested in learning more about Holy Trinity and meeting other new members? Attend the new member gathering on Tuesday, May 12, from 6:30-7:30 pm 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 May 5.

Thank You to Troop 188 Thank you to Troop 188 for their diligent work in the Food Pantry gardens!

2027 ELCA Youth Gathering The 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held June 28-July 2 in Minneapolis. Register with Ellen Rothweiler August 1-October.

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, April 26

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

Monday, April 27

6:30 pm Women's Book Club (MPR)
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, April 28

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 29

6:00 pm 6th and 7th Grade Confirmation (MPR)
6:00 pm 8th Grade Confirmation (200)
6:00 pm Church School (2)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)
7:00 pm High School Youth Group (207)

Thursday, April 30

6:30 am Son Seekers - Men's Ministries (CK)
11:30 am The Apprentice Group (201)

Saturday, May 2

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

Sunday, May 3

8:30 am Church School Celebration (2)
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S)
12:00 pm Sunday Apprentice Group (MPR)

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.

Holy Trinity
Food Pantry