

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday After Easter

Sunday, May 3, 2026

8:30 & 10:00 am

Tim Olson

Lead Pastor for Mission and Vision

Travis Segar

Pastor for Care and Community



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 baptism of Ava Marlene Meador last weekend
- For the baptism of Nina Louise Wilson-Khanjani last weekend
- For the students who affirmed their baptism last weekend

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

Remember in Prayer:

- 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
- 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
- Joe, son-in-law of Bruce and Kathy Friest
- Kieran, friend of Deanna Questad
- Kyle, friend of the Beech family
- Georgia Larson
- Jim and Sandy Little
- Lucas and Family, grandson of Tina Fitzmaurice
- Diane McDermott, sister of John Bein
- Priscilla McFarland
- Jean Miller, friend of Lisa Strnad
- Connie Moon, sister of Vicki Larimer
- Tim & Cyndi Olson
- Cheryl and Denny, and Reid and Graham Pederson, friends of Chuck and LeAnn DeVries
- Shirley Rod
- Marge Steinkamp
- Marilou Topp, mother of Jen Topp-Segar
- Ann Wicks
- Denny Wildeman, friend of Bruce and Kathy Friest
- Ron Wiseman, friend of Brian and Jo Combs
- Linda and Paul Wold
- All who serve in the military

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✝ Gathering ✝

Welcome

8:30 **Prelude** • This Little Light of Mine • arr. Aaron David Miller • *Church School Students; Jill Bjorklund, director*

10:00 **Prelude** • Jean Murphy, organ

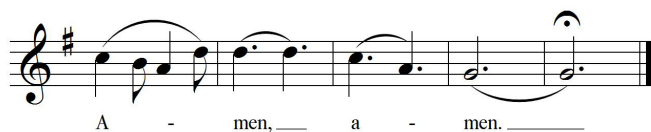
Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Refrain



after final refrain:



Prayer of the Day

✝ Word ✝

Readings

Acts 7:55-60

1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel Acclamation • *projected on screen*

Gospel Reading • John 14:1-14

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • You Are the Way • ELW 758

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering • *The offering is received*

The Solid Rock • arr. Jason W. Krug • *Handbell Ensemble*

✠ Meal ✠

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

Lord's Prayer

Communion Music • Naught Be All Else • arr. Chris D. Burton • *Handbell Ensemble*

✠ Sending ✠

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Sending Song • Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! • ELW 377 • verses 1 & 2

Dismissal

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

Join the Garden Team The Holy Trinity garden has undergone a major expansion, and we're looking for helping hands throughout the growing season. Volunteers are needed to help care for the garden through watering, weeding, and harvesting produce that supports our food pantry. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the church office.

Health Update Pastor Tim is doing well following his surgery and is currently focusing on his recovery while remaining in the Omaha area for follow-up care. He sends his best wishes to everyone and is incredibly thankful for the continued prayers and support from the congregation.

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 newsletter, 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.

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 1.

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, 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)

Monday, May 4

- 1:30 pm** Pause Group (MPR)

Tuesday, May 5

- 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, May 6

- 6:15 pm** Confirmation Worship and Celebration
- 6:15 pm** First Wednesday Worship (S)
- 6:15 pm** Church School Worship and Celebration
- 7:00 pm** Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)
- 7:00 pm** High School Youth Group (207)

Thursday, May 7

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

- 1:30 pm** Knitting/Crocheting Group (MPR)
- 7:00 pm** Esther Bible Study (CK)

Saturday, May 9

- 7:30 am** Men's Bible Study (V)
- 2:00 pm** Stamp Out Hunger (FH)

Sunday, May 10

- 8:00 am** Stamp Out Hunger (FH)
- 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