Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, July 26, 2026
8:30 & 10 am

Timothy 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

ELCA

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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 and 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 Support and Study Groups
- For the baptism of Audrey Frisk last weekend
- For those going to Lutheran Lakeside Camp this week

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Joan Bendezu
- Beth Biedermann Barnett
- Kathy Hansen

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- The family and friends of Joan Bendezu
- Eric and Carolyn Biedermann and family at the death of their daughter, Beth
- Mary and Bruce Eller at the death of Mary's sister, Kathy

Remember in Prayer:

- Anna, friend of the Gade family
- Freddie and Bruce Berger, friend of Arlen and Asta Twedt
- Eric and Carolyn Biedermann
- John and Deb Blackmer, brother and sister-in-law of Jeff Blackmer
- Mary Kate Blasberg, daughter-in-law of Bruce and Shari Blasberg
- Terry Breitbach, brother-in-law of Donna Cottingham
- Bob and Judy Comstock
- Rich and Nancy Degner, friends of Brita Greenough
- Linda Dickson, friend of Brita Greenough
- David Dietz, cousin of Dennis Dietz
- Karen Dyer
- Carol Felkey, mother of Roxanne Kerr
- Kathy Hansen, sister of Mary Eller
- Dick Hartman, brother-in-law of Dennis Dietz
- Brittany Heimer, friend of Karen Dyer
- David and Melinda Jackson
- Fred Jensen, brother of Ann Wicks
- Joe, son-in-law of Bruce and Kathy Friest
- Cathie Kritenbrink, friend of Brita Greenough
- Georgia Larson
- Jim and Sandy Little
- Priscilla McFarland
- Ed Meador
- Mike and family, son of Joyce Bonner
- Jean Miller, friend of Lisa Strnad
- Nancy and Nate, friends of Nick and Alisa Hinzman
- Karen Needham, friend of Ray and Janet Wee
- Tim and Cyndi Olson
- Deanna and Bill Slocum, sister and brother-in-law of Linda Reed
- Norman Strike, brother of Nyla Schmadeke
- Bruce Spurlock, husband of Pat Spurlock
- Marilou Topp, mother of Jen Topp-Segar
- Denny Wildeman, friend of Bruce and Kathy Friest
- The Wiseman Family, friends of Brian Combs
- Linda and Paul Wold
- Jeff Wood, friend of Marty and Kelli Mahlow
- Darwin Wubbena, brother of Myrna Prange

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☩ Gathering ☩

Welcome

Prelude • This Is My Father's World • arr. Patricia Hurlbutt • *Handbell Quartet*

Greeting

Kyrie • ELW 157

Song of Praise • Now the Feast and Celebration • ELW 167

Prayer of the Day

☩ Word ☩

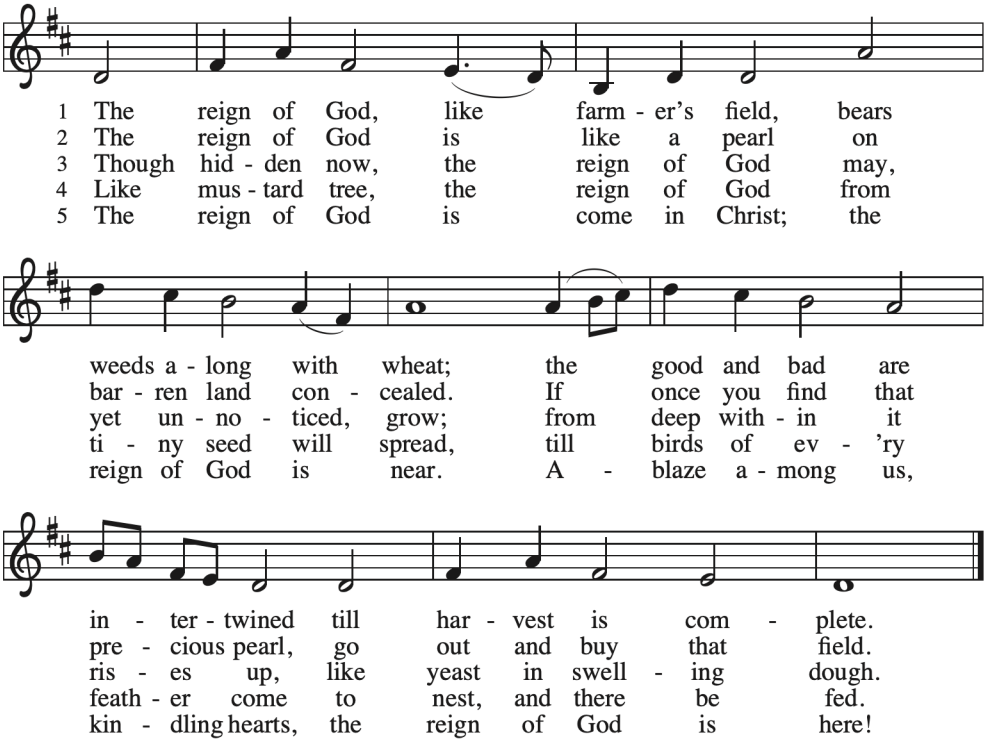
Readings • 1 Kings 3:5-12 • Romans 8:26-39

Gospel Acclamation • *words projected on screen*

Gospel Reading • Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon

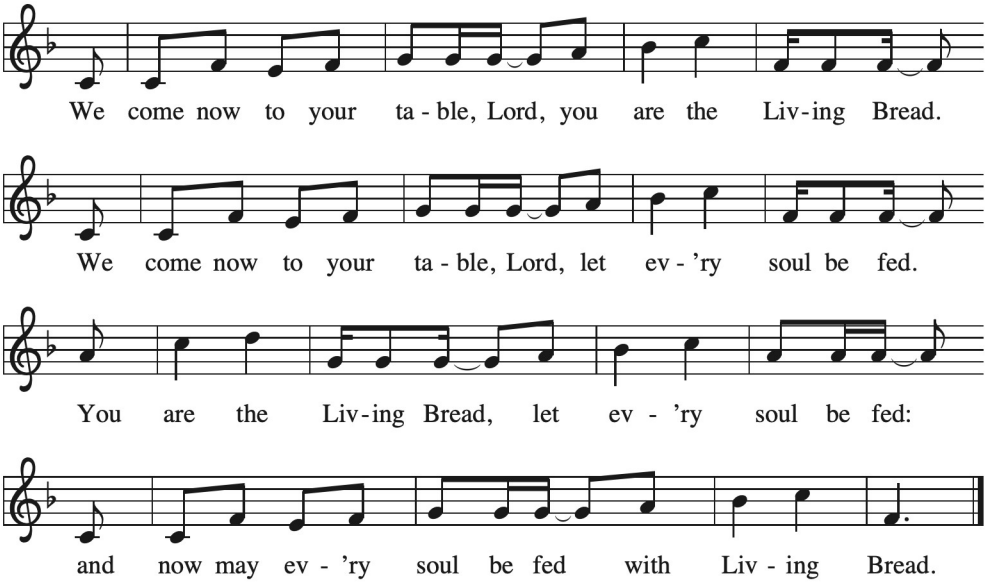
Hymn of the Day • The Reign of God, Like Farmer's Field



8:30 **Apostles' Creed**
10:00 **Affirmation of Baptism** • *Mia Hubbard*
Prayers of Intercession & Peace
Offering • *The offering is received*
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands • arr. Linda Lamb • *Handbell Quartet*

☩ Meal ☩

Thanksgiving at the Table
Holy • ELW 191
Lord's Prayer
Lamb of God • *words projected on screen*
Communion Hymn • We Come Now to Your Table, Lord



☩ Sending ☩

Prayer after Communion
Blessing
Sending Song • Praise to You, O God of Mercy • ELW 208
Dismissal

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High School and Youth

Mission and Ministry Opportunities plus Events

High School Ministry

In the summer months, high school youth will be meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. First Wednesdays will be service focused, and third Wednesdays will be fun group activities. For more information about summer youth ministry, contact Minister for Learning Ellen Rothweiler (erothweiler@holytrinityankeny.org)

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.

2027 ELCA Youth Gathering

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

Holy Trinity Summer Youth Ministry Dates

- **Wednesday, August 5, 6-8pm** High School Service Night. Fleece blankets made for the ARL
- **Friday, August 14—Saturday, August 15** Middle School and High School Lakeside Lock-in @ HTLC
- **Wednesday, August 19, 11am-5pm** High School @ Iowa State Fair
- **Wednesday, August 26, 7-8pm** High School Back to School Pizza Party

Holy Trinity Fall Youth Ministry Dates

- **August 1** Learning Ministries Registration Opens
- **August 23** Back to School Blessing at both services
- **September 9** First Wednesday of Confirmation (Grades 6-8)
- **September 13 and 16** First week of Church School (Age 3-5th Grade)
- **September 16** First Youth Choir Rehearsal (Grades 3-12)

Announcements

Mission and Ministry Opportunities plus Events

Garden Team Volunteers Needed! 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 visit https://bit.ly/htlc-garden-26.

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.

Help With Love Lunches Love Lunches is a summer program, supported by five Ankeny churches, for children and their families. This program will run through August 21, Monday-Friday. Donations can come in the form of grocery gift cards (Costco, Sam's Club, Fareway, Aldi's or Hy-Vee) or as nonperishable items brought to the church office. Volunteers will be needed to help preparing, sorting, and delivering the food. If you are interested in signing up to help as a volunteer, more descriptions and hours are available on the website: https://bit.ly/LoveLunch26

Employment Opportunity Holy Trinity is seeking a person to be our part-time Administrative Assistant. This position is a non-exempt, in-office, part-time paid position. Hours would be Monday-Thursday mornings. The Administrative Assistant is a vital part of the ministry team of the congregation that provides a welcoming presence for guests, manages phone calls and phone system, and supports the work of the ministry team with mailings, copying, record keeping, and other administrative duties as assigned. A complete Position Description and application form is available at: https://www.holytrinityankeny.org/. For more information, contact Lisa Strnad (lstrnad@holytrinityankeny.org)

School Supply Drive for Food Pantry Guests It's almost back-to-school time and we will once again have a school supply drive for our HTLC Food Pantry guests. A modified school supply list is at the Red Wall where items can also be delivered. This summer, on average, we served 46 school-aged children every week. Your donations for this ministry are greatly appreciated! Donations will be accepted 7/26-8/16. Questions? Contact Nicole at the church office.

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, July 26
8:30 am Worship (S)
10 am Worship (S)

Monday, July 27
6:30 pm Women's Book Club

Tuesday, July 28
9 am Paint, Pound, and Praise and Willing Workers (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (MPR)
12 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)

Wednesday, July 29
No Events Scheduled

Thursday, July 30
6:30 am Son Seekers: Men's Ministries (CK)

Friday, July 31
No Events Scheduled

Saturday, August 1
7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)

Sunday, August 2
8:30 am Worship (S)
10 am Worship (S)

Monday, August 3
No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, August 4
9 am Paint, Pound, and Praise and Willing Workers (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (MPR)
12 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
7 pm Lydia Bible Study (CK)

Wednesday, August 5
6 pm High School Youth Group-Service Project (207)

Thursday, August 6
6:30 am Son Seekers: Men's Ministries (CK)
1:30 pm Knitting/Crocheting Group (MPR)
7 pm Esther Bible Study (CK)

Friday, August 7
No events scheduled

Saturday, August 8
7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)

Our food pantry needs cereal, canned fruit, applesauce, canned soup, and toilet paper. We need canned meats, paper towels, saltine and oyster crackers, 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