Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, August 16, 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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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 Musicians and Choirs
- For Jill Sanders, our new Administrative Assistant

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Darwin Wubbena
- Carol Felkey

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- Myrna Prange and family at the death of Myrna's brother, Darwin
- Roxanne and Jeff Kerr at the death of Roxanne's mother, Carol

Remember in Prayer:

- Anna, friend of the Gade family
- Freddie and Bruce Berger, friends 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
- Larry Brownfield
- Bob and Judy Comstock
- Rich and Nancy Degner, friends of Brita Greenough
- David Dietz, cousin of Dennis Dietz
- Karen Dyer
- Dick Hartman, brother-in-law of Dennis Dietz
- Robert Hieronymous, uncle of Kathryn Duffy
- David and Melinda Jackson
- Joe, son-in-law of Bruce and Kathy Friest
- Al Kerr, father of Jeff Kerr
- Cathie Kritenbrink, friend of Brita Greenough
- Pastor Eirc Kutzli, friend of Madison Akers
- Georgia Larson
- Jim and Sandy Little
- Priscilla McFarland
- Ed Meador
- Jean Miller, friend of Lisa Strnad
- Karen Needham, friend of Ray and Janet Wee
- Tim and Cyndi Olson
- Loren P. and Sydney C. relative of Arlene Johnson
- Pat Reed and family, brother-in-law of Ted and Jane Behrens
- Deanna and Bill Slocum, sister and brother-in-law of Linda Reed
- Norman Strike, brother of Nyla Schmadeke
- Marilou Topp, mother of Jen Topp-Segar
- The Wildman Family
- The Wiseman Family, friends of Brian Combs
- Linda and Paul Wold
- Jeff Wood, friend of Marty and Kelli Mahlow

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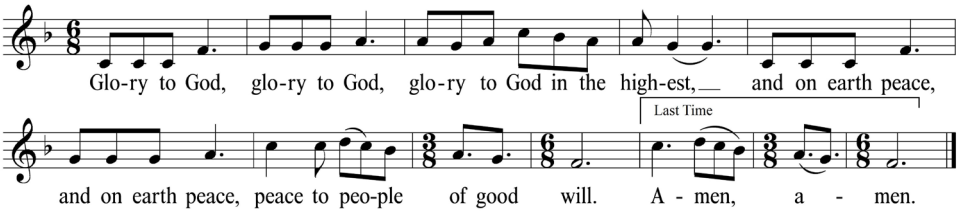
☩ Gathering ☩

Welcome

Prelude

Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise • Glory to God • *sing as directed*

Prayer of the Day

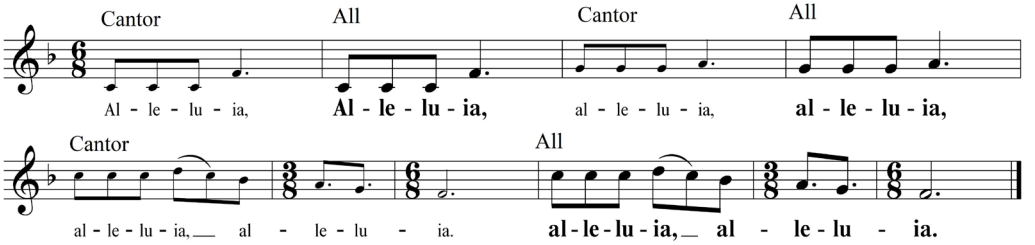
☩ Word ☩

Readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Gospel Acclamation • *sing as directed*



Gospel Reading • Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • There's a Wideness in God's Mercy • *lyrics projected on screen*

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering • *The offering is received*

From the Break of Day • by Alan Bullard • *Jo Guerdet, soloist*

✝ Meal ✝

Thanksgiving at the Table

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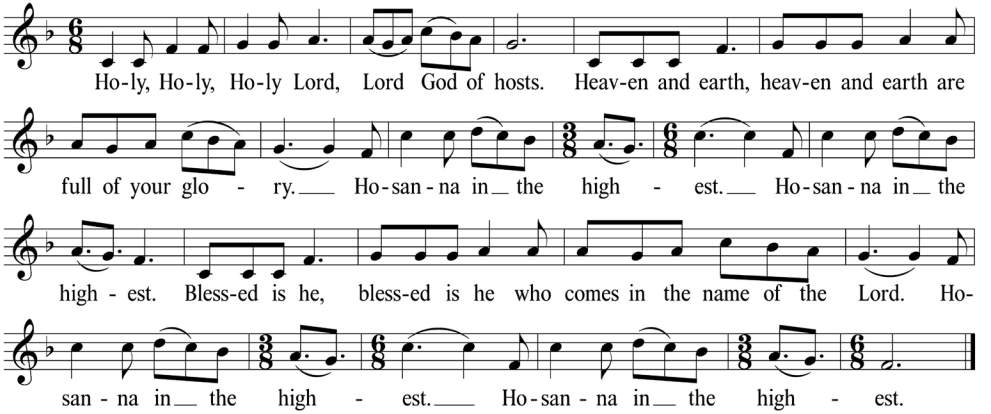


Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God • *projected on screen*

Communion Hymn • I Come with Joy • ELW 482

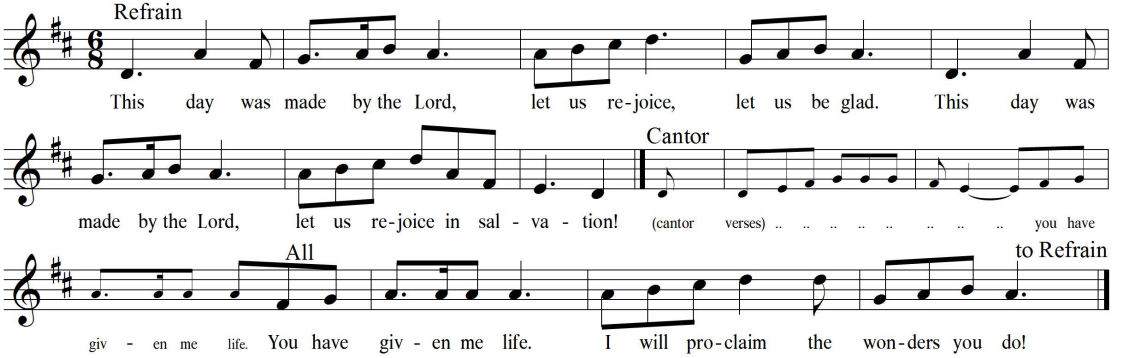
✝ Sending ✝

Prayer after Communion

Farewell & Godspeed • *Ellen Rothweiler*

Blessing

Sending Song • This Day Was Made by the Lord • *sing as directed*



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High School and Youth

Mission and Ministry Opportunities plus Events

Holy Trinity Summer Youth Ministry Dates

- **Friday, August 14—Saturday, August 15** Middle School and High School Lakeside Lock-in @ HTLC
- **Wednesday, August 19, 5pm-10pm** High School @ Iowa State Fair
- **Wednesday, August 26, 7-8pm** High School Back to School Pizza Party

Holy Trinity Fall Youth Ministry Dates

- **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)

The 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held in Minneapolis, MN June 28-July 2. Students in grades 8-12 in Fall 2026 can attend.

College Ministries

Mission and Ministry Opportunities plus Events

College Connection

College Connection will continue this fall, helping our church stay connected with our college students throughout the school year through prayers, notes, and care packages.

College Students: Heading to college this fall? Sign up so we can stay connected and support you throughout the year.

Congregation Members: We'd love volunteers to pray for students, send notes, help with care packages, or contribute supplies.

Visit our website for sign-up information (on the Small Groups page), pick up a form at the Welcome Center, or contact jentoppsegar@gmail.com with questions. Together, we can remind our students that wherever they go, they are loved, remembered, and remain an important part of our church family.

Announcements

Mission and Ministry Opportunities plus Events

Do You Get Our Emails? Sign up at https://bit.ly/htlcEmailList.

Love Lunches Thank you for your donations! Due to your generosity, Love Lunches has enough food and money for the rest of the summer! Over the course of the summer, Love Lunches served over 4,800 meals to local kids!

Join the Choir! Holy Trinity has choirs for everyone, grades 3 through adult. The Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7pm, starting August 26. Interested adults may contact David Fandrich or simply show up on August 26. The Youth Choir (grades 3-12) meets on Wednesdays from 5:15-6pm, starting September 16. Register for the Youth Choir at https://bit.ly/htlc-YouthChoir26. Visit https://www.holytrinityankeny.org/music-ministries.html for more information.

The family of Beth Biedermann-Barnett would like to thank all who have sent prayers, messages, and cards of support during this time of grief.

ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting An informational meeting will be held at 11am in the MPR on Sunday, August 23 and will discuss schedules and cost. Registration for Holy Trinity youth will be open August 23-October 11.

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, August 16
8:30 am Worship (S)
10 am Worship (S)

Monday, August 17
12 pm Pause Group Summer Potluck (MPR)

Tuesday, August 18
9 am Paint, Pound, and Praise (CK)
9 am Women's Fellowship and Coffee (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (MPR)
12 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
5:30 pm Capital Campaign Implementation Team Meeting (201)

Wednesday, August 19
5 pm High School Youth Group: IA State Fair

Thursday, August 20
6:30 am Son Seekers: Men's Ministries (CK)
1:30 pm Knitting/Crocheting Group (MPR)

Friday, August 21
No Events Scheduled

Saturday, August 22
7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)

Sunday, August 23
8:30 am Worship (S)
10 am Worship (S)
11 am Youth Gathering Informational Meeting (MPR)

Monday, August 24
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)
6:30 pm Women's Book Club (CK)

Tuesday, August 25
9 am Paint, Pound, and Praise (CK)
9 am Women's Fellowship and Coffee (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (MPR)
12 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)

Wednesday, August 26
9 am LWR Quilters
3:30 pm Mill Pond Worship (Offsite)
7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)
7 pm High School Youth Group Back to School Pizza Party (207)

Thursday, August 27
6:30 am Son Seekers: Men's Ministries (CK)
6:30 pm Council Meeting (201)

Friday, August 28
No Events Scheduled

Saturday, August 29
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