Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

ELCA

August 24 • 8:30 & 10:00 am

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

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

Tim Olson, Lead Pastor Travis Segar, Pastor for Care & Community

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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 on the bulletin stand.

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 Food Pantry
- For students receiving their Bibles this weekend
- For students and teachers returning to school

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Marj Baumann
- Eunice Doman
- David Pedersen
- Don Lilly
- Jerry Anderson

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- Denise Janssen at the death of her mother, Marj
- Walt & Annette Doman at the death of their sister-in-law, Eunice
- Kathy & Bruce Friest at the death of Kathy's brother, David
- Carol Lilly at the death of her husband, Don
- Larry and Grace Anderson at the death of Larry's brother, Jerry

Remember in Prayer:

- For Our Government
- Beth Biedermann Barnett
- Logan Clemen, great-nephew of Donna Cottingham
- Devin Cooper, friend of Shawn & Kristi O'Connor
- Dale DeBolt, brother-in-law of Larry & Grace Anderson
- David Dietz, cousin of Dennis Dietz
- Joan Dietz
- Barb Friedrichsen, mother of Jean Murphy
- Nancy Gussey & Sarah, friend of Bonnie Ficek
- Jean Hance, friend of Karen Dyer
- Marlyn Horst, grandmother of Zach & Selena Dygert
- Harrison Ingham, nephew of Vicki Larimer
- David & Melinda Jackson
- Allen Johnson
- Family of Terry Johnson, friend of Melanie Hartman
- Judy Kramer
- Lindsay's family, daughter of Jim & Sandy Little
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- Sharon Mathias, sister of Jan Fredericksen
- Priscilla McFarland
- Jim Meyer
- Clay Miale, cousin of Angie Miale
- Jean Miller, friend of Lisa Strnad
- Phyllis Muehlenthaler
- Carol & Tony Niehaus, parents of Jan Herke
- Tim & Cyndi Olson
- Jim Reynolds, friend of Keven & Jill Crawford
- Shirley Rod
- Samantha Ruhser, daughter of Debby Witten and granddaughter of Arlene Smith
- Steven & Russell, family of Karen Dyer
- Bobbie Strother
- Gwen Wiegrefe, mother of Karen Blackmer
- Linda Wierema, friend of Deanna Questad
- Linda & Paul Wold

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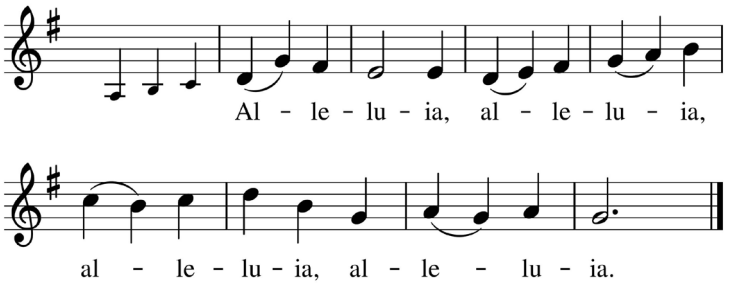
✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome
Prelude • Fairest Lord Jesus • arr. James Michael Stevens • *Pat Zimmer, flute*
Greeting
Song of Praise • This is the Feast • *page 101 in the front of the hymnal*
Prayer of the Day
Presentation of the Bible • *for students in grades K, 3 & 6*

✢ Word ✢

Readings
Isaiah 58:9b-14
Hebrews 12:18-29
Gospel Acclamation • *page 102 in the front of the hymnal*

Gospel Reading • Luke 13:10-17
Sermon
Hymn of the Day • Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven • ELW 864
Back to School & Kids Hope Mentor Blessing
Prayers of Intercession
Peace
Offering • *The offering is received*
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing • arr. Sondra Tucker • *Pat Zimmer, flute*

✢ Meal ✢

Thanksgiving at the Table • *pages 108-109 in the front of the hymnal*

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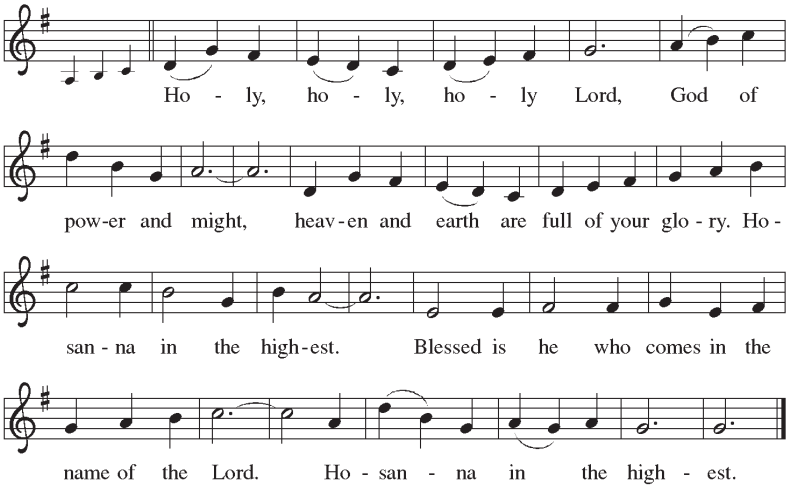
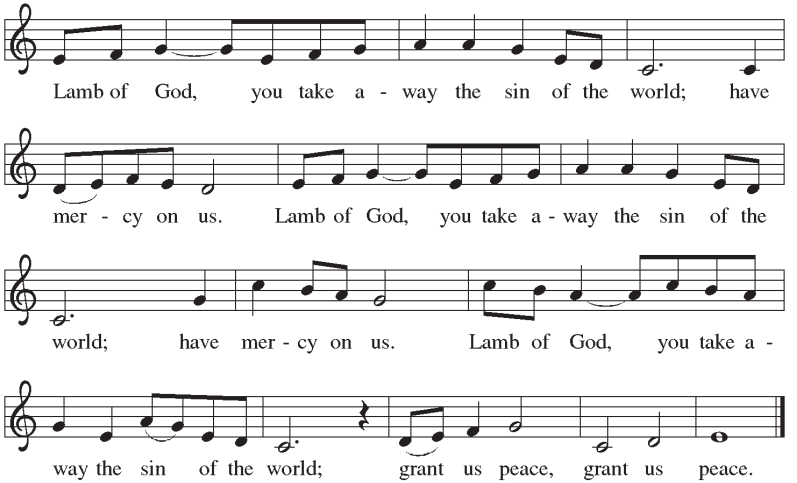


Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God • *page 112 in the front of the hymnal*



Communion Hymn • For the Bread Which You Have Broken • ELW 494

✝ Sending ✝

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Sending Song • The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve • ELW 551

Dismissal

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Connect With Others. Grow in Faith.

Questions? Contact Pastor Travis. Ready to join? Register at www.holytrinityankeny.org

Next Chapter - Parenting Adult Children Small Group

Parenting doesn't stop at eighteen. In many ways, your relationship with your adult children gets even more complicated. Whether you're a recent empty nester, have been navigating this season for years, or have older teenagers approaching adulthood, you're not alone in this journey. Starting mid to late September, join "Next Chapter," exploring what it means to do life with your adult children. We'll read together, watch videos, and discuss the joys and challenges of this shifting season. Life is better when we do it together, and parenting continues to evolve over the years.

Mountains - Small Group Study

In the ancient, symbol-driven world of the Bible, location didn't just matter, it had meaning. The Mountains Bible study will guide us through five mountaintop Bible stories because mountains are symbols of holy ground for connecting with God. Gather with others to study the Bible, but more importantly, gather in community as you travel down the road of life. This 6-session course will meet over the course of the fall, beginning in mid to late September.

New Men's Group

This isn't your typical Bible study—it's a space for men of all ages to gather, be real with each other, and grow together. We'll explore topics together through honest conversation, but mostly it's about the support that comes from doing life alongside other guys—mentoring each other and being mentored. Whether you're navigating work, relationships, or just life in general, this group is about formation and friendship. This group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, starting in September.

Men's Bible Studies

We offer many groups: Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm, Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm, Thursday mornings at 6:30 am, and Saturday mornings at 7:30 am (via Zoom).

Women's Bible & Book Studies

Grow in faith and discipleship. We offer many Bible and book studies for women: Lydia Group, Esther Group, Women's Book Club, and 49 & Holding.

Prayer Team

Gather to pray for our community, the world, and all those who have asked for prayer. Pastor Travis leads this group that meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Announcements

Mission & Ministry Opportunities & Events

Back-to-School Blessing Students, teachers, and school staff will be invited to come forward during worship this morning to receive a gift and a blessing.

Bible Presentation Students in Kindergarten, Third Grade, and Sixth Grade will receive a new Bible in worship this morning. Come forward when invited to receive a Bible and a blessing.

Keep Our Students Connected No matter where life takes them (college, trade school, graduate programs, or military service), our students remain part of this church family. Through prayer, notes of encouragement, and care packages, we want to remind them: *you are loved, and you are not alone.*

Volunteers Needed Sign up to be a connection point for one or more students throughout the school year.

Students & Families Sign up to receive care and encouragement while away from home.

Sign up at the Outreach Wall or visit our website at www.holytrinityankeny.org. If you have questions, contact Jen Topp-Segar at jentoppsegar@gmail.com.

Become a Small Group Guide We're launching small groups this fall, and we need small group guides who want to help create meaningful community in our congregation. Here's the thing: you don't need to be a Bible expert or have all the answers. We're looking for people willing to open their hearts, ask good questions, and walk alongside others in faith.

As a small group guide, you'll first experience what it means to be part of a healthy small group yourself. We'll gather guides together to model the kind of community we hope to create—studying, sharing, and growing together. You'll be equipped from the start and supported throughout your journey. No one guides alone, and we'll provide ongoing training and encouragement as you grow into this role.

If you're curious about what this could look like, let's talk. Small groups aren't just another program—they're about doing life together in Christ.

Questions? Ready to explore leadership? Contact Pastor Travis.

First Wednesday Worship Join us Wednesdays, Oct. 1 and Nov. 5, for "First Wednesday Worship" at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary. We will no longer offer worship every Wednesday, however, we will continue to offer weekly Wednesday worship during Advent and Lent. Look for details in the coming weeks.

Learning Registration is Open! You can register now for church school, confirmation, and youth choirs. Visit our website for 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

Sunday, August 24
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S)

Monday, August 25
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)
6:30 pm Women's Book Club (CK)

Tuesday, August 26
9:00 am Paint, Pound & Praise & Willing Workers (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (MPR)
12:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)

Wednesday, August 27
9:00 am LWR Quilters (FH)
3:30 pm Mill Pond Worship (Offsite)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)

Thursday, August 28
6:30 am Son Seekers - Men's Ministries (CK)

Friday, August 29
No events scheduled

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

Sunday, August 31
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S)

Monday, September 1
Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2
9:00 am Paint, Pound & Praise & Willing Workers (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (MPR)
12:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
7:00 pm Lydia Evening Bible Study (CK)

Holy Trinity
Food Pantry

Our food pantry needs 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). We need frozen meat in 1-pound packages. Place non-perishable donations in the grocery carts by the entrances.

Monetary donations can be made at the kiosk in the Narthex, online at *http://bit.ly/htlc-FoodPantry20,* or placed in the offering basket or mailbox by the north doors.