Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

14th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, August 30, 2026

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 and 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 Financial Review Committee
- For Gabrielle Segar-Johnson, our new Youth Ministry Associate
- For Makari Walls, our new Learning Ministry Assistant

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Terry Breitbach

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- Donna and Phillip Cottingham at the death of Donna's brother-in-law, Terry

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
- 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 Hieronymus, uncle of Kathryn Duffy
- David and Melinda Jackson
- Joe, son-in-law of Bruce and Kathy Friest
- Jon, nephew of Jan Meyer
- Al Kerr, father of Jeff Kerr
- Cathie Kritenbrink, friend of Brita Greenough
- Pastor Eric Kutzli, friend of Madison Akers
- Georgia Larson
- Jim and Sandy Little
- Priscilla McFarland
- Ed Meador
- Jean Miller, friend of Lisa Strnad
- Larry Montz
- Karen Needham, friend of Ray and Janet Wee
- Jerry Northwick, father of Christina Brady
- Tim and Cyndi Olson
- Loren P. and Sydney C., relatives 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
- Kendra Vance, mother of Krista Gerth
- Linda and Paul Wold
- Jeff Wood, friend of Marty and Kelli Mahlow

Sunday, August 30, 2026

8:30 & 10:00 am

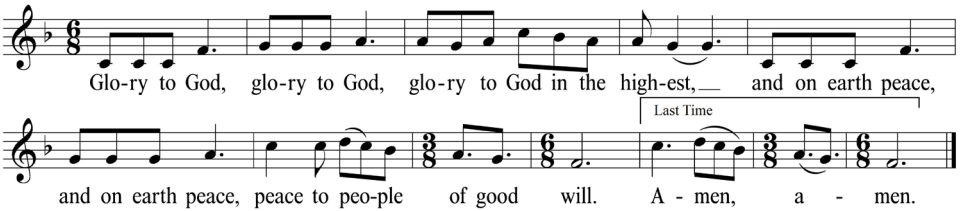
✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome

Prelude

Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Prayer of the Day

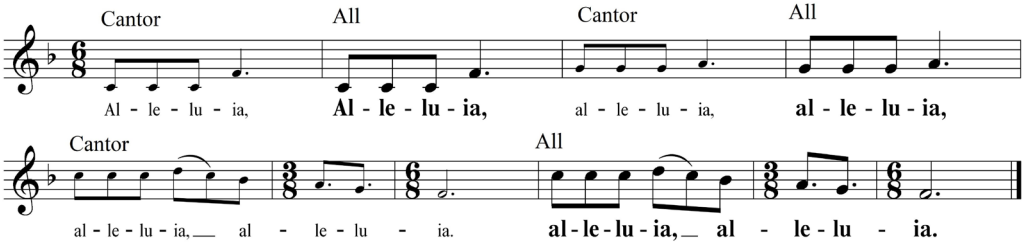
✢ Word ✢

Readings

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Romans 12:9-21

Gospel Acclamation • *sing as directed*



Gospel Reading • Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • Lift High the Cross • ELW 660

Blessing & Commissioning of Church School Teachers & Confirmation Guides

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering • *The offering is received*

Rock-a My Soul, spiritual • arr. Judy Nishimura • *Ellen Bogue & Pat Zimmer, flute*

✢ Meal ✢

Thanksgiving at the Table

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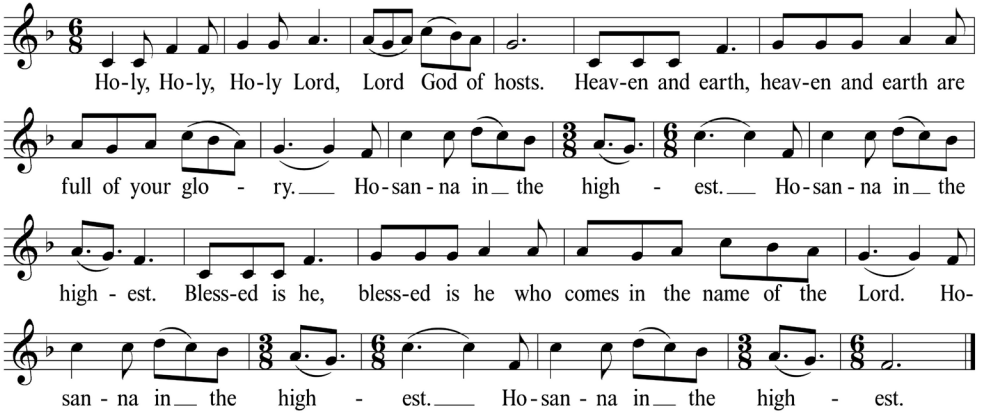


Lord's Prayer

Communion Music

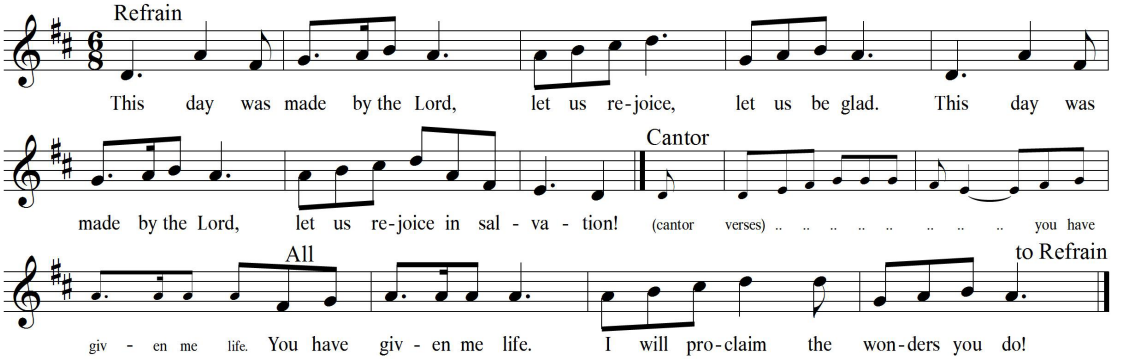
A Prayer for Peace • by Jon Raybould • *Ellen Bogue & Pat Zimmer, flute*

✢ Sending ✢

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Sending Song • This Day Was Made by the Lord



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High School and Youth

Mission and Ministry Opportunities plus Events

Holy Trinity Fall Youth Ministry Dates

- **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/HTLCEmail

Join the Choir!
Holy Trinity has choirs for everyone, grades 3 through adult. The Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7pm. Interested adults may contact David Fandrich or simply show up to rehearsal. The Youth Choir (grades 3-12) meets on Wednesdays from 5:15-6pm, starting September 16. Registration and info available at https://www.holytrinityankeny.org/music-ministries.html

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

Employment Opportunity (Confirmation Ministry Associate)
Holy Trinity is seeking a person to become our Confirmation Ministry Associate. It is a part-time position with responsibilities teaching, administering, and equipping the guides who help with the program. A passion for passing on the faith to junior high aged youth and the ability to be organized and train adults is needed. Questions are to be directed to Pastor Tim Olson. Visit holytrinityankeny.org/employment.html for position description and application.

Front Desk Phone Volunteers Needed
Do you have one or two hours available on Tuesday mornings? We are looking for volunteers to be at the front desk to greet people and answer phones on Tuesdays from 10:10am to 11:30am during the weekly staff meeting. If you are interested, please reach out to Nicole at nhildenbrand@holytrinityankeny.org or call the office.

Apprentice Groups
A two-year journey through James Bryan Smith's The Good and Beautiful series, exploring what it means to become more like Jesus. Only 10 spots available. See more on our Small Groups page or contact Pastor Travis for more information.

Men's Ministry is Back!
Tuesday evening Men's Group returns September 15 at 6:30 pm in the MPR. Come reconnect, enjoy good conversation, dig into Scripture, and grow together in faith. Bring a friend!

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 30

8:30 am Worship (S)
10 am Worship (S)

Monday, August 31

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, September 1

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)
6:30 pm Men's Group (MPR)
7 pm Lydia Bible Study (CK)

Wednesday, September 2

6 pm Confirmation Guide Meeting (MPR)
6 pm High School Youth Group-Service Project (207)
7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)

Thursday, September 3

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

Friday, September 4

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, September 5

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

Sunday, September 6

8:30 am Worship (S)
10 am Worship (S)

Monday, September 7

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

All Day Polk County Election (CK)
9 am Paint, Pound, and Praise
9 am Women's Fellowship and Coffee
10:15 am Staff Meeting (MPR)
12 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1 pm Afternoon Men's Group (MPR)
6:30 pm Men's Group (MPR)
6:30 pm Mission Trust Meeting (201)

Wednesday, September 9

9 am LWR Quilters (FH)
1 pm Care and Compassion Group (V)
6 pm Confirmation Orientation (FH)
6 pm Church School Teacher Orientation (1)
7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)
7 pm High School Youth Group (207)

Thursday, September 10

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

Friday, September 11

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, September 12

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