Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, August 9, 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 Governance Committee
- For the wedding of Nikki Nelson and Chad Mitchell last weekend

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Darwin Wubbena
- Judy Reed

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- Myrna Prange and family at the death of Myrna's brother, Darwin
- Ted and Jane Behrens and family at the death of Ted's sister, Judy

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
- Carol Felkey, mother of Roxanne Kerr
- Dick Hartman, brother-in-law of Dennis Dietz
- Robert Hieronymous, uncle of Kathryn Duffy
- David and Melinda Jackson
- Fred Jensen, brother of Ann Wicks
- 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
- Mike and family, son of Joyce Bonner
- Jean Miller, friend of Lisa Strnad
- Karen Needham, friend of Ray and Janet Wee
- Tim and Cyndi Olson
- 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
- Bruce Spurlock, husband of Pat Spurlock
- Marilou Topp, mother of Jen Topp-Segar
- Merrill Whitehill
- The Wildman Family
- 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 & Greeting

Kyrie • ELW 157

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

Prayer of the Day

✢ Word ✢

Readings • 1 Samuel 1:9-11; 19-23 & 2:1-4 • Romans 10:5-15

Gospel Acclamation • *lyrics projected on screen*

Gospel Reading • Luke 1:46-55

Sermon • *Pastor Paul Witmer, Women at the Well*

Hymn of the Day • My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord

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Prayers of Intercession & Peace

Offering • *The offering is received*

Ain't a that Good News • arr. Charles Lloyd, Jr. • *Jill Bjorklund, soloist*

☩ Meal ☩

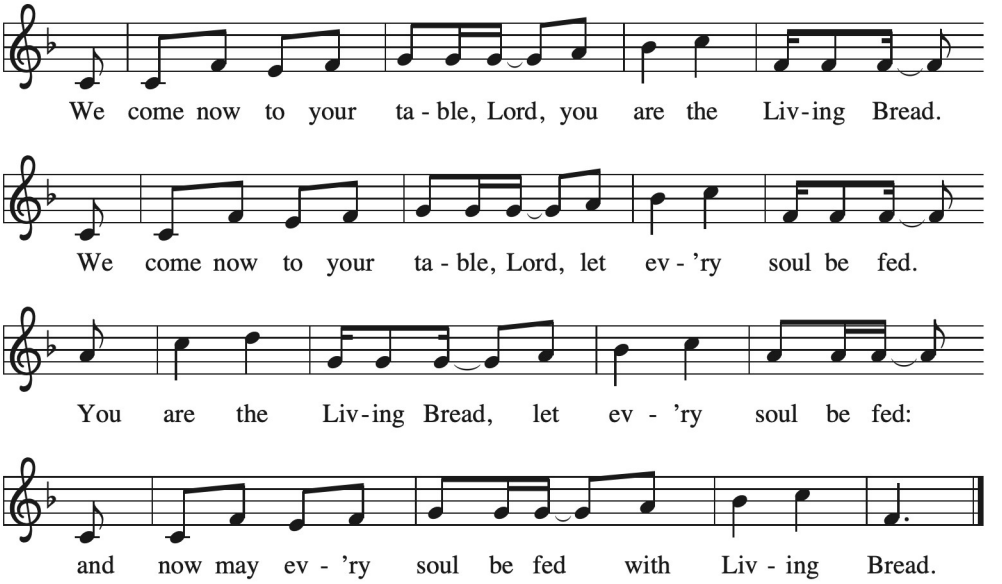
Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy • ELW 191

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God • *lyrics 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

Holy Trinity Summer Youth Ministry Dates

- **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 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. If interested, an information 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.

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

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? 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. 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. Volunteer at https://bit.ly/LoveLunch26.

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 until August 16. Questions? Contact Nicole at the church office.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration Dean and Bev Baer invite you to their 60th Wedding Anniversary gathering to be held at the Albaugh Family Community Center, Sunday, September 13, from 3:00-6:00 pm. The couple asks that instead of gifts, donations be made to the Food Pantry. Please RSVP at debjbaers123698@outlook.com; phone (515) 964-2923, or text (515) 229-9413.

Willing Workers The Willing Workers group's name will be changed to "Women's Fellowship and Coffee". All accompanying details about meeting time and place will remain the same.

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.

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 9
8:30 am Worship (S)
10 am Worship (S)

Monday, August 10
6 pm Stephen Ministers (MPR)

Tuesday, August 11
9 am Paint, Pound, and Praise and 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 12
9 am LWR Quilters

Thursday, August 13
6:30 am Son Seekers: Men's Ministries (CK)

Friday, August 14
5 pm Lakeside Lock-In (Whole Church)

Saturday, August 15
8 am Lakeside Lock-In (Whole Church)
7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)

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 and 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
11 am 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)
6:30 pm Council Meeting (201)

Friday, August 21
No Events Scheduled

Saturday, August 22
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