Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

16th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, September 13, 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 Congregation Council
- For Julie Rolf, our new Confirmation Ministry Associate

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Don Cottingham

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- Phillip and Donna Cottingham at the death of Phillip's brother, Don.

Remember in Prayer:

- Anna, friend of the Gade family
- Eric and Carolyn Biedermann
- John and Deb Blackmer, brother and sister-in-law of Jeff Blackmer
- Paula and Doug Chorna, friend of Vicki Larimer
- 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
- Heather, cousin of Wayne and Marlene Shaw
- 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
- Georgia Larson
- Jim and Sandy Little
- Priscilla McFarland
- Ed Meador
- Brian Miller and Family, friend of Diane McDonald
- 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
- Marlys Segar, mother of Pastor Travis Segar
- 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
- Linda and Paul Wold
- Mike Wolf, brother of Donna Cottingham
- Jeff Wood, friend of Marty and Kelli Mahlow

Sunday, September 13, 2026

8:30 & 10:00 am

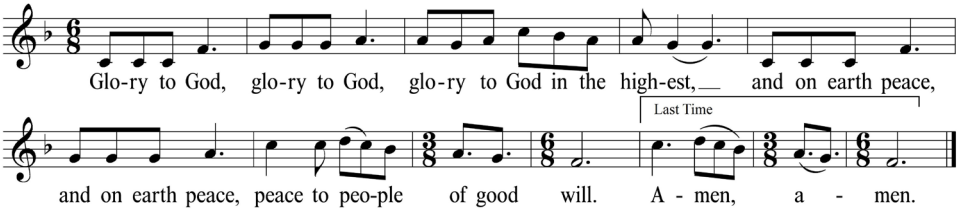
✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome

Prelude • In Meeting We are Blessed • by Troy Robertson • *Adult Choir, Jayson Gerth, percussion*

Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Prayer of the Day

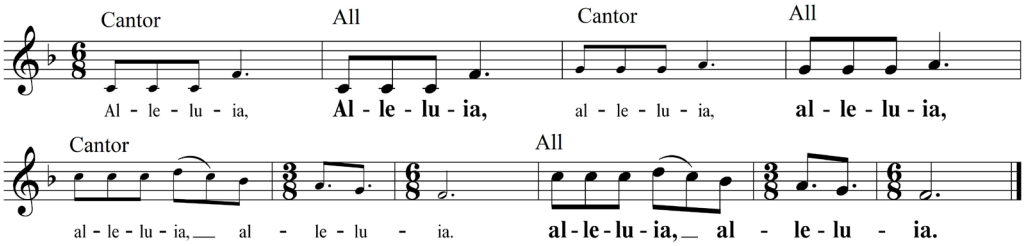
✢ Word ✢

Readings

Genesis 50:15-21

Romans 14:1-12

Gospel Acclamation • *sing as directed*



Gospel Reading • Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • Forgive Our Sins as we Forgive • ELW 605 • *sing as directed*

10:00 **Kids Hope Mentor Installation**

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering • *The offering is received*

Behold, How Good • by John Michael Trotta • *Adult Choir, Emily Behrens, soloist*

✢ Meal ✢

Thanksgiving at the Table

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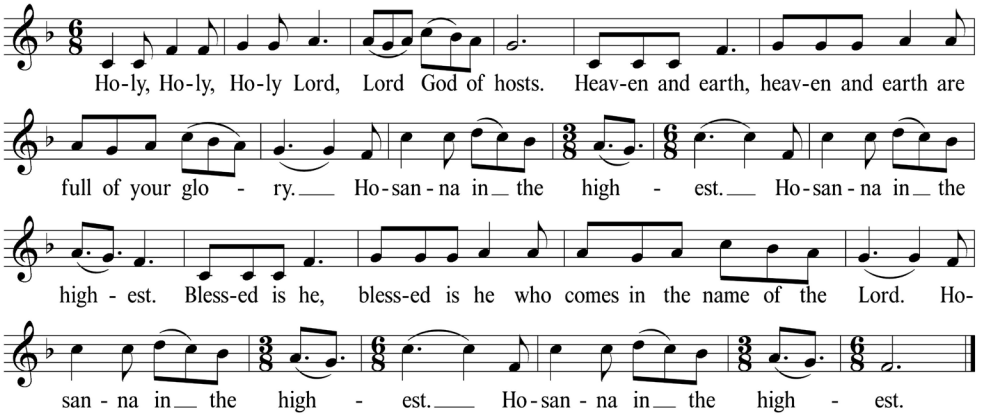


Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God • *projected on screen*

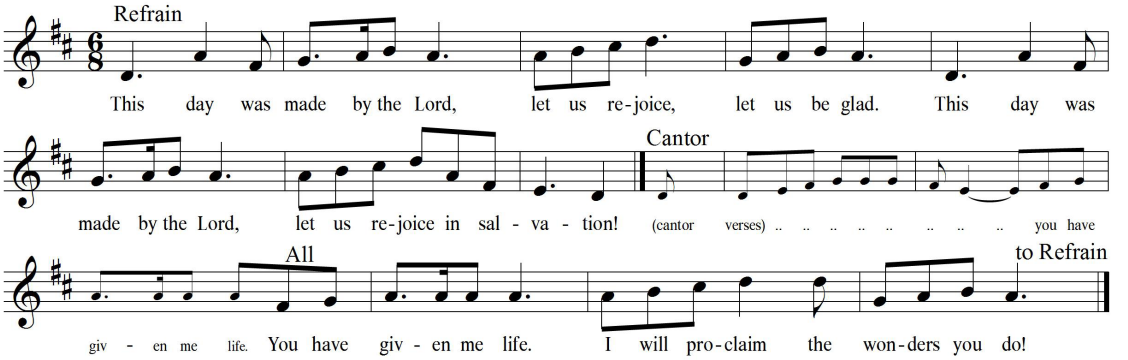
Communion Hymn • For the Bread Which You Have Broken • ELW 494

✢ 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 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.

Stephen Ministry at Holy Trinity

Sometimes the most important thing we can do for another person is simply be there.

Stephen Ministry has been an important part of the caring ministry of Holy Trinity for many years. Stephen Ministers walk alongside people experiencing difficult seasons of life, offering a listening ear, prayer, encouragement, and a caring presence.

Stephen Ministers receive extensive training in Christian caregiving and ongoing support as they serve. They learn how to listen well, offer care and encouragement, maintain confidentiality, and walk alongside another person through the challenges of life.

We are looking for a few people to join this ministry.

You don't need professional experience in caregiving. What matters most is a willingness to listen, to care, and to make room in your life for another person.

If you'd like to learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister at Holy Trinity, please talk with **Pastor Travis.** A conversation is a chance to learn more and discern whether this ministry might be a good fit for you.

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

Announcements

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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 Sept 16. Registration and info available at https://www.holytrinityankeny.org/music-ministries.html

Apprentice Groups
Join 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 are available in this group. 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!

Volunteer For the Hy-Vee Pick-Up
The Food Pantry is looking for willing individuals to help pick food up from Hy-Vee on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Pick-up takes place between 6:30am and 7am. If interested, contact Vic Anderson at (515) 343-4846 or at andersonvictor57@yahoo.com

Leaving a Legacy Workshop
You are invited to attend a workshop on estate planning at 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 22, in the Cafe. Come and learn about how to leave a legacy for your family, church, and other charitable organizations. Desserts will be provided. Please RSVP to lstrnad@holytrinityankeny.org by September 17.

Join a Small Group
Find your people. Grow in faith. Share life together. Holy Trinity has a variety of small groups for Bible study, prayer, fellowship, service, and more. Visit the "Small Groups" page on our website or contact Pastor Travis to find a group that's right for you.

Could You Lead a Small Group?
Holy Trinity is looking for people who would be willing to help start and lead new small groups. You don't need to be a Bible expert or have all the answers. You simply need a willingness to gather people together, create a welcoming space, and help a group grow in faith and friendship. Interested? Talk with Pastor Travis.

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, September 13

8:30 am Worship (S)
8:30 am Church School (2)
10 am Worship (S)

Monday, September 14

6 pm Stephen Ministers (MPR)
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, September 15

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)
6:30 pm Men's Group (MPR)

Wednesday, September 16

5:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (202)
6 pm 6th and 7th Grade Confirmation (MPR)
6 pm 8th Grade Confirmation (FH)
6 pm Church School (1)
7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)
7 pm High School Youth Group (207)

Thursday, September 17

6:30 am Son Seekers: Men's Ministries (CK)
1:30 pm Knitting/Crocheting Group (MPR)
6:30 pm Council Meeting (201)

Friday, September 18

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, September 19

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

Sunday, September 20

8:30 am Worship (S)
8:30 am Church School (1)
8:30 am 3rd Grade Bible Class (2)
10 am Worship (S)
1 pm The Apprentice Group (MPR)

Monday, September 21

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, September 22

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 pm Estate Planning Seminar (CK)
6:30 pm Men's Group (MPR)

Wednesday, September 23

9 am LWR Quilters (FH)
3:30 pm Mill Pond Worship (Offsite)
5:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (202)
6 pm 3rd Grade Bible Class (2)
6 pm 6th and 7th Grade Confirmation (MPR)
6 pm 8th Grade Confirmation (FH)
6 pm Church School (1)
7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)
7 pm High School Youth Group (207)

Thursday, September 24

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

Friday, September 25

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, September 26

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