Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

17th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, September 20, 2026

Timothy Olson
Lead Pastor for Mission and Vision

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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

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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 Worship Ministers and Servants
- 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
- Brian Miller and Family, friend of Diane McDonald
- Jean Miller, friend of Lisa Strnad
- Larry Montz
- Karen Needham, friend of Ray and Janet Wee
- Tim and Cyndi Olson
- 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 20, 2026

8:30 & 10:00 am

✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome

Prelude • Come, Christians, Join to Sing • arr. Linda R. Lamb • *Handbell Ensemble*

Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Prayer of the Day

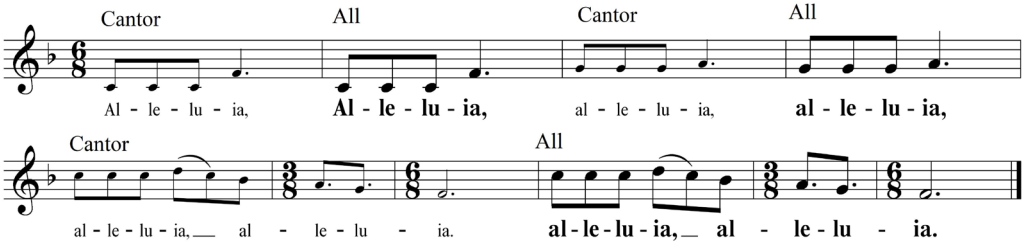
✢ Word ✢

Readings

Jonah 3:10—4:11

Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel Acclamation • *sing as directed*



Gospel Reading • Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • God's Work, Our Hands • *projected on screen*

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering • *The offering is received* • 'Arioso' from Two Short Classical Pieces • arr. Bob Burroughs • *Handbell Ensemble*

✝ Meal ✝

Thanksgiving at the Table

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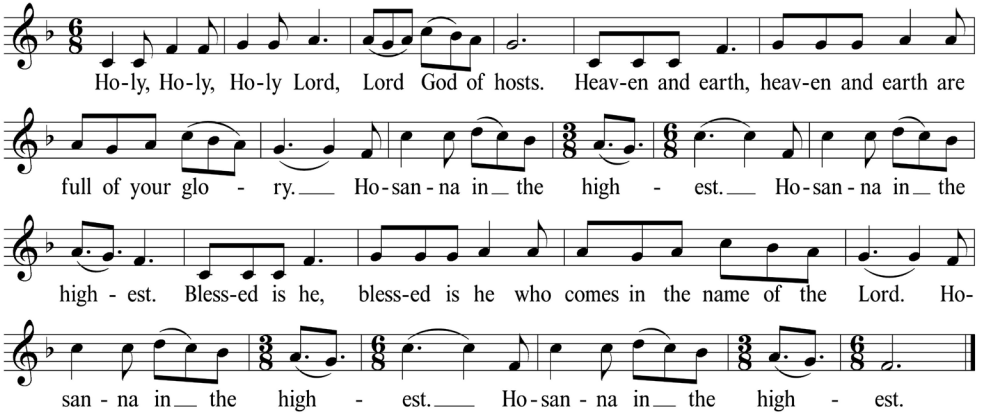


Lord's Prayer

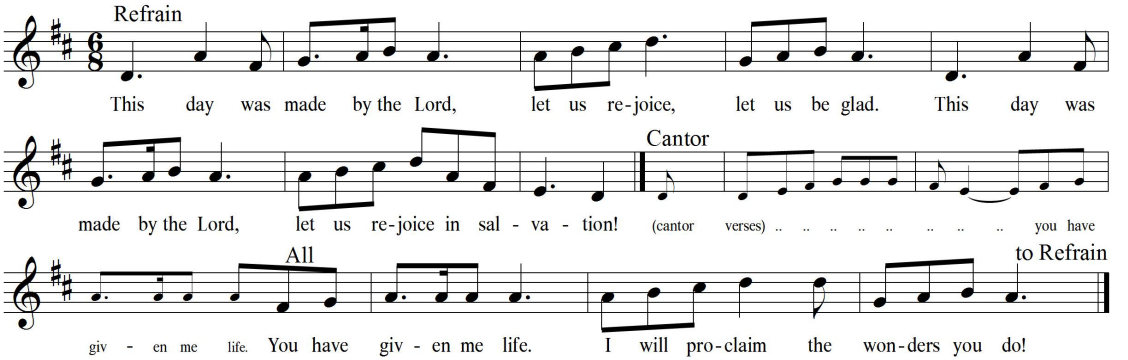
Communion Music • 'Reflection' from Two Short Classical Pieces •
arr. Bob Burroughs • *Handbell Ensemble*

✝ Sending ✝

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Sending Song • This Day Was Made by the Lord



Dismissal

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Small Groups are Starting

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.

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
Mission and Ministry Opportunities plus Events

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

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.

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 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 5:30-6pm, starting Sept 16. Registration and info available at https://www.holytrinityankeny.org/music-ministries.html

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

Blessing of the Animals
On October 4 we will have a Blessing of the Animals at 11:45am. Following Sunday worship, you are invited to head home to pick up your pet(s) and return to the lawn on the south side of the building (Fellowship Hall in case of rain). We will have a short service followed by a blessing of all creatures.

New Small Group Opportunity
Want to make more room for prayer in your life? Join Pastor Travis for a new monthly small group centered around prayer. We'll gather to talk about prayer and learn from each other. This group meets on the second Thursday of each month, 1pm or 6:30pm.

Kid's Hope USA
The Kids Hope USA-HTLC mentors are excited to begin our 5th year of mentoring! Through the years, we have grown alongside our students and transitioned from Northwest Elementary to the middle school level while some meet a new student each year. Visit the Red Wall after service to learn about mentoring, or talk with any one of us about the best hour of our week!

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 20

8:30 am Worship (S)
8:30 am Church School (1)
10 am Worship (S)

Monday, September 21

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)
1:30 pm Pause Group (MPR)

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)
5:30 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 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)

Sunday, September 27

8:30 am Worship (S)
8:30 am Church School (1)
8:30 am 3rd Grade Bible Class (2)
10 am Worship (S)

Monday, September 28

1:30 pm Pause Group (MPR)
6:30 pm Women's Book Club (Offsite)
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, September 29

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)

Wednesday, September 30

1 pm Care and Compassion Group (V)
5:30 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, October 1

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

Friday, October 2

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, October 3

7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)
10 am First Communion Class (MPR)