Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

ELCA

September 21 • 8:30 & 10:00 am

Fifteenth 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

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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 Worship Ministers and Servants and Kids Hope USA
- For the baptism of Ellie Grace Merfeld this weekend

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Amy Miller
- Rev. Dr. Stanley Olson

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- Eric, Delaney, Ellerson, and Kerigan Miller at the death Eric's wife and Delaney, Ellerson, and Kerigan's mother
- Nancy Olson and family at the death of Nancy's husband, Stanley

Remember in Prayer:

- Beth Biedermann Barnett
- Brad, friend of Lisa Strnad
- 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
- Nancy Gussey & Sarah, friend of Bonnie Ficek
- Jean Hance, friend of Karen Dyer
- Harrison Ingham, nephew of Vicki Larimer
- David & Melinda Jackson
- Allen Johnson
- Family of Terry Johnson, friend of Melanie Hartman
- Suzy Lear, daughter of Ann Wicks
- Lindsay's family, daughter of Jim & Sandy Little
- Jim & Sandy Little
- Sharon Mathias, sister of Jan Fredericksen
- Priscilla McFarland
- Jim Meyer
- Jean Miller, friend of Lisa Strnad
- 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
- Launa Vanderpool, friend of Dennis & Joan Dietz
- Gwen Wiegrefe, mother of Karen Blackmer
- Linda Wierema, friend of Deanna Questad
- Linda & Paul Wold
- Annunciation Church family and community
- Those suffering with mental health

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✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome

Prelude • Etude in E Minor • by Scott Smith • *Scott Smith, guitar*

Greeting

8:30 **Sacrament of Holy Baptism** • *Ellie Grace, child of Alex & Hannah Merfeld*

10:00 **Kyrie** • *page 98 in the front of the hymnal*

Song of Praise • This is the Feast • *page 101 in the front of the hymnal*

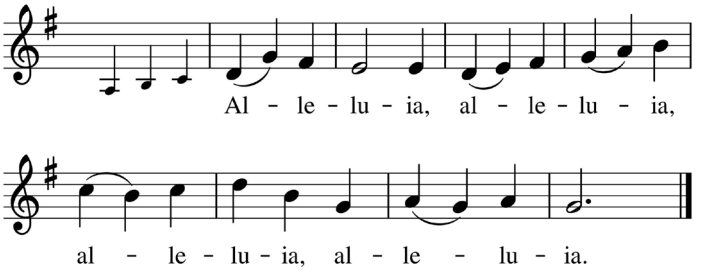
Prayer of the Day

✢ Word ✢

Readings

Amos 8:4-7

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel Acclamation • *page 102 in the front of the hymnal*

Gospel Reading • Luke 16:1-13

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • Let Streams of Living Justice • ELW 710

Blessing & Commissioning of Church School Teachers & Confirmation Guides

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering • *The offering is received*

8:30 Nearer, My God, to Thee • arr. Tom Trenney • *Karlee Nelson, soloist*

10:00 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty • arr. Hugo Distler • *Adult Choir*

✢ Meal ✢

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

Lord's Prayer

Communion Music

Barcarolle • by Napoleon Coste • *Scott Smith, guitar*

Autumn Sky • by David Crittenden • *Scott Smith, guitar*

✢ Sending ✢

Prayer after Communion

10:00 **Farewell & Godspeed** • *Charles & Connie Juhl*

Blessing

Sending Song • Sent Forth by God's Blessing • ELW 547 • *verse 1*

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.

Announcements

Mission & Ministry Opportunities & Events

Kids Hope Service Sunday Highlighting the start of our 4th year in mentoring elementary and middle school students, the Holy Trinity Kids Hope USA mentors are serving as ushers, readers, communion and fellowship servers during worship on Sunday. Kids Hope Service Sunday is our way of saying "thank you" to Holy Trinity for supporting our mentors and mentees.

Curious about what we do ~ and why? On Sunday, you may visit with anyone wearing a Kids Hope name tag or check out the Outreach Ministries Wall. Visit our website at bit.ly/htlc-KidsHope, Google Kids Hope USA, or contact Penney Wilson at pwilson@holytrinityankeny.org.

Prayerfully consider becoming a mentor; we have students in need of a caring, consistent adult in their lives.

High School Ministry Listening Sessions This fall, we will hold three 90-minute listening sessions for high school parents and youth to listen and learn. We hope what we hear will help us to identify common themes and shape the direction of youth ministry at Holy Trinity. Opportunities to participate will be held on

- Sunday, September 28 @ 11 am
- Wednesday, October 1 @ 7 pm
- Tuesday, October 7 @ 6:30 pm

Please RSVP to Ellen Rothweiler, Minister for Learning, at erothweiler@holytrinityankeny.org

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 weekly worship on Wednesdays. However, we will continue to offer Wednesday worship during Advent and Lent.

Christ In Our Home The October to December issue of Christ in Our Home is available at the literature rack by the Welcome Center. Contact Renee Winegardner in the church office if you'd like one mailed to you.

Looking for Ways To Grow in Faith and Community? Holy Trinity offers men's and women's book studies, as well as opportunities to serve within the congregation. Explore ministries where you can learn, serve, and build meaningful connections at bit.ly/htlcsmall-groups. Please sign up for the groups you might like to join, and someone will contact you.

Happy 100th Birthday to Shirley Rod Let's shower Shirley will greetings for her 100th birthday on Sept. 25. You may mail or drop off cards to the church office and we will deliver them to her.

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 21

8:30 am Church School Worship Week (S)
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S)
12:30 pm Sunday Apprentice Group (MPR)

Monday, September 22

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

Tuesday, September 23

9:00 am PPP & Willing Workers (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (MPR)
12:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
6:30 pm Men's Group (CK)

Wednesday, September 24

9:00 am LWR Quilters (FH)
1:00 pm Care & Compassion Group (V)
3:30 pm Mill Pond Worship (Offsite)
5:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (202)
6:00 pm Church School Worship Week
6:00 pm Confirmation (MPR)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal & Dessert potluck (CK)

Thursday, September 25

6:30 am Son Seekers Men's Ministries (CK)
11:30 am Thursday Apprentice Group (209)
4:45 pm Brass Ensemble Rehearsal (S)

Friday, September 26

No events scheduled

Saturday, September 27

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

Sunday, September 28

8:30 am Church School (2)
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S)
11:00 am Listening Session (FH)
12:00 pm Listening Session (MPR)
12:30 pm Sunday Apprentice Group (MPR)

Monday, September 29

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, September 30

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)
6:30 pm Men's Group (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.