Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

ELCA

September 28 • 8:30 & 10:00 am

Sixteenth 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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Travis Segar, Pastor for Care & Community

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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 Officers of the Congregation
- For the baptism of Ellie Grace Merfeld last weekend

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Rev. Dr. Stanley Olson

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- 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
- Jean Hance, friend of Karen Dyer
- David & Melinda Jackson
- Allen Johnson
- Merle Johnson, brother of Verdel Odgaard
- 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
- Gary Stumberg, cousin of Becky Dieleman and Mark Murphy
- Ron Vance, father of Krista Gerth
- 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

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

✢ Word ✢

Readings

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

1 Timothy 6:6-19

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

Gospel Reading • Luke 16:19-31

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • To Be Your Presence • ELW 546

Prayers of Intercession & Peace

Offering • *The offering is received*

from Two Renaissance Motets • by William Byrd/trans. Charles Evans • *Brass Ensemble*

✢ Meal ✢

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

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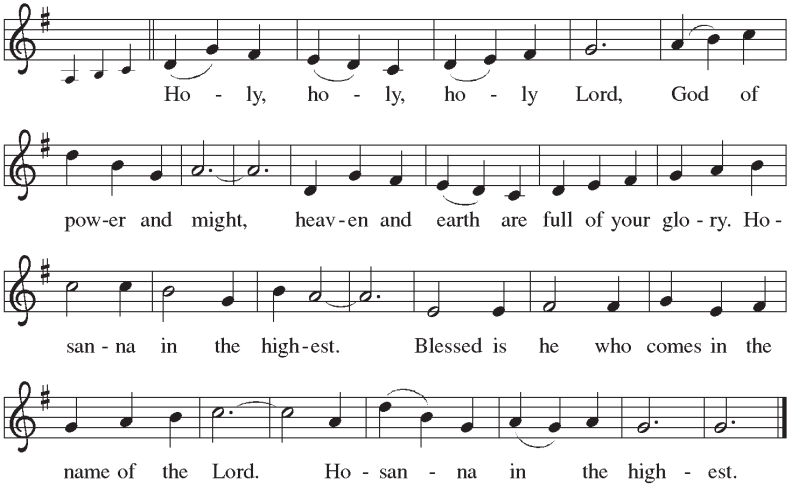
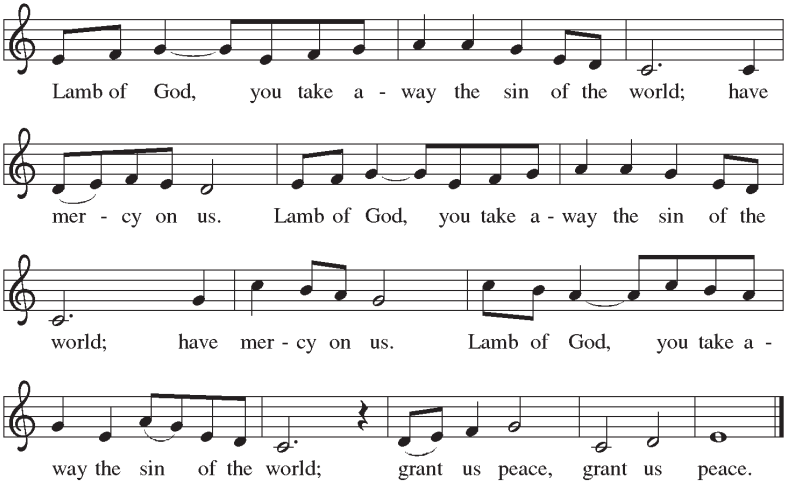
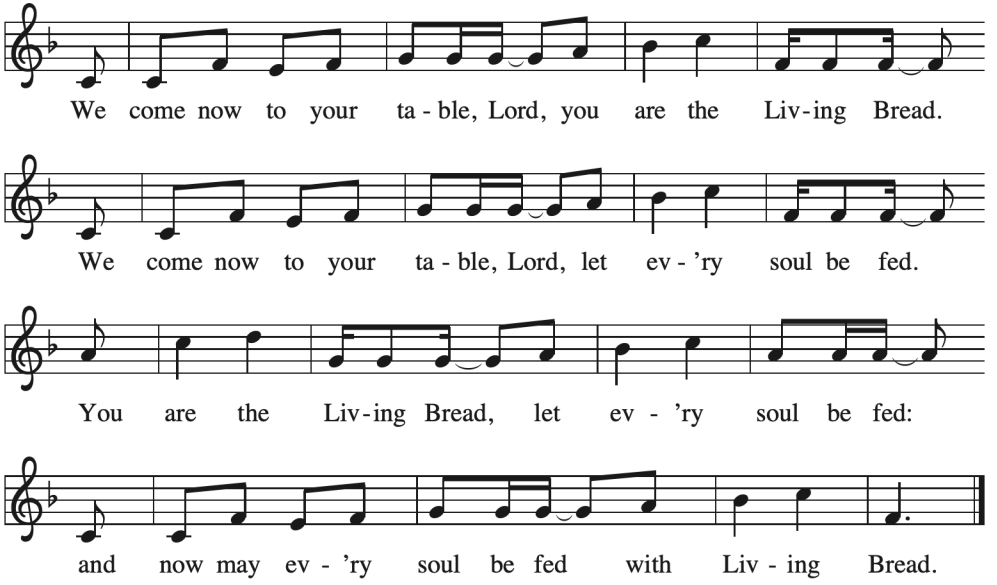


Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God • *page 112 in the front of the hymnal*



Communion Hymn • We Come Now to Your Table • *sing as directed*



✝ Sending ✝

Prayer after Communion

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

Young Adult Small Group Life feels fuller when you have people to share it with. A new young adult small group is forming — a place to bring your questions, your faith, and your everyday stories. Whether this is your first small group or one of many, it's a chance to grow together and build real connections. Interested? Sign up on our website under Small Groups or email Pastor Travis.

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.

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 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 (MPR)
6:30 pm Men's Group (CK)
7:00 pm Listening Session (MPR)

Wednesday, October 1

5:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (202)
6:00 pm Church School (2)
6:00 pm Confirmation (MPR)
6:15 pm First Wednesday Worship (S)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)

Thursday, October 2

6:30 am Son Seekers Men's Ministries (CK)
11:30 am Thursday Apprentice Group (209)
6:00 pm Mountains Small Group (MPR)
7:00 pm Esther Bible Study (CK)

Friday, October 3

No events scheduled

Saturday, October 4

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

Sunday, October 5

8:30 am Church School (2)
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S)
12:30 pm Sunday Apprentice Group (MPR)
3:00 pm The Next Chapter (201)

Monday, October 6

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, October 7

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)
6:30 pm Listening Session (200)
7:00 pm Lydia Evening Bible Study (MPR)

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.