

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for joining us for worship today in-person and through livestreaming.

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite all people, as well as young children who are not yet receiving the Sacrament to come forward and receive a blessing. At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. Thus, we believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine. At his table Christ grants us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. *May your hearts be opened, and your lives made new by God's gracious love.* Please give your completed communion card to the usher during communion.

Holy Communion distribution today: The usher will guide you down the center aisle. Prepackaged Communion elements with grape juice are available on the small table. If you prefer regular wine or non-alcoholic wine, take a cup from the silver tray. Proceed to the Pastor to receive a wafer (ask the Pastor if you need a gluten free wafer option) or have the prepackaged elements blessed. Proceed to the rail where there will be an assistant with regular wine and an assistant with non-alcoholic wine. Stand or kneel as you are able and remain at the rail for as long as you desire.

Consecrated Communion Elements are available for "Live Stream" worship at home. Please contact the church office at 717-533-2467 or by email at htluth@comcast.net to arrange to pick up elements or have them delivered to your home.

Office Hours The office will be open this week Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. To contact the church: Phone Number: 717-533-2467, Email Address: htluth@comcast.net; Holy Trinity website: htluth.org. Pastor Susan will be out of the office from September 15-26, 2026. **In case of emergency,** contact Pastor Ursula Schreffler at 717-385-4922.

Children are always welcome in the worship space but if they need a break, the church nursery is available for parents and children during worship. A large screen monitor streams a live feed of the worship service each Sunday. The nursery is located on the sanctuary level, in the classroom wing.

Many thanks for your generous donations! We continuously express our thanks to all for your faithfulness and generosity in giving which allows us to continue to operate valuable ministries and pay for the ongoing bills at Holy Trinity. The Simply Giving program offers automatic withdrawals from your bank account or charges to a credit card; donated through our website (htluth.org) by clicking on the "Give Now" button; donated by downloading the Mobile App "GivePlus Church" (be sure to select Ev. Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity) or by taking a picture of the QR code.



Holy Trinity's **Altar Guild** will meet **TODAY** Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 11:15 in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend (the guild would welcome new members!) as the guild plans for the coming Fall season.

The Fellowship Luncheon Committee will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall on September 20th, immediately after the church service. The goal will be to finish our planning for the upcoming year, and get ready for our first luncheon on October 18th when we'll delighting in Ravioli Bake and Mac and Cheese! Please contact Danielle Mariano at Willtess2@icloud.com with questions.

Beginning next Sunday, **September 20, 2026, Sunday School** will resume every Sunday from 9:00am-9:45am as follows: Children's Sunday School for children pre-k thru 6th grade will meet in the Sunday School room (connected to the Fellowship Hall). An informational flyer with more details and registration forms are available in the church narthex. Affirmation of Baptism for Grades 7-8 will meet in the youth room and High School Bible Study for grades 9-12 will meet in room #1. Adult Discussion will meet in room #16.

The 1st HTY (Holy Trinity Youth Group) Night is NEXT Sunday, September 20th from 5 - 7:30pm!! HTY is for anyone in grades 6 - 12. At HTY, is all about faith, fun, and fellowship. We will play games, do group building activities, eat pizza together, have an interactive teaching, and much more. Please bring a snack to share! Please bring a friend or two! Snacks are always needed, and friends are always welcome. As usual, dinner WILL be provided. This year WILL rock!! **Spread the word and invite those friends, let's make this year the biggest year yet!!** Nuff Said.

Beginning **September 27th**, we will return to a more active passing of the Peace and resume passing the offering plates during worship. Those who wish to move from their seats to share the Peace with others are welcome to do so. During the offertory, ushers will pass the offering plates, and plates will also remain available on the tables near the worship entrances. These changes will be introduced on a trial basis, and as always, Council welcomes your feedback.

Would you like to **present communion elements** (wafers in the ciboria and wine in the decanter) for an upcoming worship service? Details about what's required can be found on the Communion Presenters signup sheet in the narthex. This is a wonderful (and easy) way to participate in the worship service. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Pastor Susan.

Readers, Greeters, Flower Deliverers and Bakers for September and October are needed to greet people as they come into church and deliver flowers after the service on Sunday. Readers are needed to read the 1st and 2nd reading and the Psalm (when spoken) and bakers are needed to provide sweet treats. The lists are available on the bulletin board. Please sign up today or contact the church office if you would like to volunteer.

Blessing of the Backpacks It's the start of a new school year and Pastor Susan will be giving a special blessing for all the children returning to school. Students are invited to bring their backpacks to the church service on Sunday, September 13, 2026.

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