

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.

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.

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. **In case of emergency** Pastor Susan may be reached through the church office, on her cell phone at 717-497-1013 or via her email address at: sscott@htluth.org.

Council would like to share an important **update regarding our 2026 Ministry Spending Plan.** As of the end of August, we are experiencing a year-to-date deficit of \$12,277. We'd like to thank everyone for your faithful support as we continued to narrow the deficit over the summer months.

NEW! Would your Little Lutheran like to use a "Go Bag" during the church service? Go Bags are on the shelf in the Little Lutheran area and your child is welcome to take one into church with them each week. Please return the bags to the shelf at the end of the service.

Sunday School meets 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.

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.

We will joyfully celebrate **Pastor Susan's installation** at Holy Trinity on Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 2pm. A reception with light refreshments will be held in the Fellowship Hall directly following the worship service. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. This service is in addition to our regularly scheduled worship service at 10am. If you would like to participate in the service please contact the church office at 717-533-2467.

Pastor Susan will offer a **Pet Blessing** on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 6pm, in the grassy courtyard behind the church office and Sunday School wing. In the case of inclement weather, the blessing will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Calling, ALL HTY: The second HTY Night is NEXT Sunday, October 4th from 5 - 7:30pm!! HTY is for anyone in grades 6 - 12. At HTY, is all about faith, fun, and fellowship. Meet at the church for wacky games, group building activities, pizza together, an interactive lesson, 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, JoJo's pizza WILL be provided. This night will be extra rad, because we'll be kicking off our theme for the year. Trust me, you won't want to miss it. C U @ HTY NEXT Sunday!! BRING FRIENDS!! Nuff Said.

Please support the Holy Trinity youth on **Thursday, October 8th, 2026, by enjoying a meal at Primanti Brothers in Hershey** from 11am-11pm. 20% of your guest check, not including alcohol, will be donated to Holy Trinity youth. Flyers will be available in the narthex, and you can use an online order option!

Attention, ALL Church Members: The 1st Fellowship Luncheon is right around the corner. It is scheduled for Sunday, October 18th after church (say 11:15 to 1pm-ish). We will enjoy conversation, share a meal, play table games, and open up in prayer together. **This event is open to ALL church members and families!** Everyone is invited, the more, the merrier!! Please help me spread the word about this awesome event. See you on the 18th!!

Pastor Susan will lead a Bible Study for youth and adults on the book of Jonah. We will meet on Wednesdays- October 28, November 4, 11 and 18 at 6:30 in the Youth Room. A Zoom option will be available for those not able to attend in person. Please RSVP to Pr. Susan at sscott@htluth.org or 717-497-1013.

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 October and November 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.

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.

