



## Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Welcomes You!

10:00a.m. Worship Service & Communion  
[Family Worship; no Sunday School]

11:00a.m. Fellowship Hour

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*We are a church that actively shares  
a living, daring, confidence in God's grace  
with our community and the world.*

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March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

**Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**

May the presence of the Almighty bless and comfort you, so you leave here renewed and prepared for the week ahead.

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Congregation, please stand if able when indicated by the Pastor

You are also invited to say the words in **bold type**.

**PRELUDE MUSIC** *(a time of quiet preparation and heart reflection)*

**INVOCATION** *(call & response)*

**GREETING**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Compassionate One, ***you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.***

**KYRIE & GLORY IN THE HIGHEST** *(call & response)*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

**FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM: PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16**

<sup>1</sup> You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

***<sup>2</sup> you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.”***

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

***10 no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.***

<sup>11</sup> For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

***12 Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.***

<sup>13</sup> You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

***14 I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.***

<sup>15</sup> They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

***16 With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.***

## **SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:8b-13**

<sup>8b</sup> “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

<sup>11</sup> The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

<sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **GOSPEL: LUKE 4:1-13**

***...Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by

the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ <sup>11</sup> and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

## **MESSAGE**

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

## **APOSTLES CREED ELW p.105**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each prayer petition will conclude with “God in your mercy”*

*The congregation’s response is: “**receive our prayer.**”*

*Pray for those in need of God’s healing, for those with medical//health*

*Pray for those in need for God’s peace, for those who lost loved ones*

## **PEACE**

## OFFERING

The offering table is in the narthex, outside the sanctuary doors.

Giving is a reminder of the blessings God gives us and gave to us through Jesus Christ.

Tithes & offerings are gathered for the support and mission of the church, including the care of those in need within our community and beyond.

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

### Everything That We Have

***Everything that we have everything that we are  
every moment is a blessing from above  
It's endless love that we breathe  
it's endless love that we receive-  
what has freely come we now let freely go.***

***Working hard to survive is no guarantee  
For the deck is always stacked against the poor  
If we'd use just what we need  
Reject the creeping cancer of greed  
Like a miracle the hungry could be fed  
May we show gratitude in the way that we live  
Not with pompous prayers and not with fancy feasts  
Imagine how the world should be  
Then take a risk to build this dream  
That's the offering that God is asking for***

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

### GREAT THANKSGIVING COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

## CHRIST'S WORDS AT THE TABLE

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith...

***Christ has died. Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again. Amen.***

## LORD'S PRAYER *(call & response)*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited forward for communion.

Kneel at the altar rail where you will receive communion by individual cup.

Red wine and white grape juice are available.

Gluten-free wafers are also available.

If you would just like to receive a blessing, come with your arms folded in prayer.

## LAMB OF GOD

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## BLESSING *(call & response)*

***DISMISSAL: Thanks be to God.***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>[Today] Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> -Family Sunday-</b>	Sunday Worship, 10am [no Sunday School] Fellowship Hour, 11am A.A.: 8-9pm
<b>Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Quilting, 9am to noon
<b>Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Soup & Bread Supper, 5:45pm Lenten Service, 6:30pm
<b>Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Sunday Worship, 10am, Sunday School Fellowship Hour, 11am Let's Eat, 4-5:30pm here at HTLC A.A.: 8-9pm
<b>Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Quilting, 9am to noon Finance meeting, 6pm
<b>Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Soup & Bread Supper, 5:45pm Lenten Service, 6:30pm Council meeting, 7pm
<b>Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Sunday Worship, 10am, Sunday School Fellowship Hour, 11am A.A.: 8-9pm
<b>Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Quilting, 9am to noon
<b>Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Soup & Bread Supper, 5:45pm Lenten Service, 6:30pm



- **The blue can offerings** for the months of March and April are being collected for world hunger relief. When donating to this cause, please put on your check and offering envelope: World Hunger.
- **Walk, Talk, & Coffee** was canceled this past Thursday due to the snow storm, but has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 3pm.

Join us for a few laps around the inside of the church, then coffee and fellowship afterwards, or just come for coffee and fellowship. Either way, we'd love to see you!

- **The next Let's Eat [free] community meal** will be on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> here at HTLC. Sponsored by: DP Construction. Organized and worked by: Circle K (Kiwanis) and Sigma Rho. The menu will be spaghetti with all the trimmings including fruit.
- **Our new Tadych's Marketplace Community Care** [register Receipt] total is: **\$90,881.08**. We receive 1% of receipt totals. This money then goes towards camperships. Keep those receipts coming! 😊 [NOTE: For those removing the bottom of your receipts, please be sure to NOT cut off the date, Tadych's needs this].
- **Thrivent Choice Dollars** can have a tremendous impact! Eligible Thrivent clients with memberships, please consider directing Choice Dollars to HTLC. To learn more, go the [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800/847-4836. Mach 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to direct your choice dollars.
- **Winter shoveling volunteers needed.** There is a signup sheet located on the counter in the Fellowship Hall.
- **UP Wild winter schedule:** Nature Prayer Services will be Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at the Chapel of St. Matthew in Hancock. (on the former campus of Finlandia University). The Nature Prayer Services are opportunities to connect with God, nature, and each other in a relaxed setting. Each service has a leader who will guide the service with prayers, readings, and reflection. Everyone is welcome, no religious affiliation is necessary.
- **Please take time to sign the sign-in sheet** located by the Sanctuary doors in the Narthex. This helps the office in many ways! Members do not need to list your address or phone info., unless your information has recently changed. Visitors: Please provide us with contact info., so we can send you a card of thanks and/or encouragement. Thanks!
- **Also, by the Sanctuary doors** is the offering plate. You are able to drop off your tithes & offerings at any point prior to, or after service.

### MARCH HELPING HANDS SCHEDULE

	March 9 <sup>th</sup>	March 16 <sup>th</sup>	March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	March 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Shoveling</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER(s) NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER(s) NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER(s) NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER(s) NEEDED</b>
<b>Musician</b>	Pr. Soren	Mary Jurgensen	Kristiina Vanhala	Kristiina Vanhala
<b>Reader</b>	Thomas Weber	Josh Bennett	Carole Simila	Judy Karvako
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	The Mechlins	Paulette Archambeau	Ken & Carole Simila	George & Betty Uuro
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Sophia Armbruster	Paulette Archambeau	Annette Lawrence	Wendy Hackman
<b>Sunday School Teacher(s)</b>	No Sunday School -Family Sunday-	Mollie Trewartha	Julie Judson	Julie Judson
<b>Acolytes</b>	Sophia, DJ, Jude, & Finley Armbruster	Eli Bennett, Michael & Emma Rothenberger, Bella Edwards	Bella Kotila, Thomas Weber, Ellie, & Wyatt Bates	Caleb Heikkila-Wickstrom, Bella, & Robert Sarau, Eli Bennett
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Mary Jurgensen & Cheryl Mattson	Lynn Walker & Sue Wiles	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	Paulette Archambeau, Sandi & Jack Engel
<b>Counters</b>	Paulette Archambeau & Roberta Tapani	Julie Judson & Ann Roth	Mary Jurgensen & Sue Rossberg	Julie Judson &
<b>Altar Care</b>	Annie Soumis			

**February 23, 2025**  
**Attendance:63**  
General Offering:  
2/17/25 – 2/28/25  
**\$5,661.93**

**March 2, 2025**  
**Attendance: 67**  
General Offering:  
3/1/25 – 3/2/25  
**\$3,406.00**

Month of January Income: **\$10,215.96**  
Month of January Expenses: **\$18,661.39**  
**-\$8,445.45\***  
**(\*pledges from HTLC general budget paid to Camperships and Service Witness)**  
January 1, 2024 to December 31st 2024 Income: **\$171,510.34**  
January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 Expenses: **\$153,295.60**  
**\$18,214.74**



Blue Can for the months of March & April will go toward ELCA World Hunger.  
Memo of check & envelope should read: World Hunger  
Total to date: \$404.41



*Thank you for supporting the mission of the church, including the care of those in need within our community and beyond.*

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IF YOU OPENLY DECLARE  
THAT JESUS IS LORD AND  
BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT  
GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD,  
YOU WILL BE SAVED.

ROMANS 10:9

