November 30, 2025

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Pastor Ed Backell

Pastor Ed's Office Hours: Monday—Thursday, 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Welcome: We are so glad you are here to worship with us today! If you are here for the first time, please complete the yellow "Welcome/Prayer Request Card" (in the back of the pew) for more information about our church. Also, if you regularly attend and have changes to your contact information, you can make updates on the card. Cards can be placed in the basket on the round table in the Narthex or hand it to an usher or the Worship Assistant when you leave.

Our Mission: To proclaim the Good News of God's Saving Grace and to minister to our community through our relationship with God.

Holy Communion: Holy Communion is observed every Sunday at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We believe the sacrament of Holy Communion is a visible way--such as bread and wine--for God to give to us His grace and love. At the Lord's Supper we remember the meal that Christ shared with His disciples the night before He died. We also believe that Christ is truly present with us through this meal. The bread and wine are the spiritual food needed for our life's journey. ***All who believe that Christ is present are welcome at the Lord's table***. The ushers will guide you to the altar.

Assistive Hearing Devices Available: Located on the table on the left as you enter the Narthex. The receiver can be turned on by rotating the volume control on the top. There are unused "Ear buds" located with the receivers that can be used and taken home for reuse. ***See Jack Tiley for assistance.***

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request and would like your request emailed to our congregation so that we can pray for you, write your request on the yellow "Welcome/Prayer Request Card" (in the back of the pew). Cards can be placed in the basket on the round table in the Narthex or hand it to an usher or the Worship Assistant when you leave. You can also contact the HTLC office by phone or email to submit your prayer request.

COUNCIL MEMBERS			
President: George Simon	**Vice President:** LaLita Tadena	**Secretary:** Sandy Hoveskeland	**Treasurer:** Vicki Egesdal
Members @ Large: Diane Fried, Denel Ingraham, Charlie May, Pat Woods, Nancy Purcell			

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1st Sunday of Advent—Hope

Prelude		
Greeting		
Call to Worship:	*"Prepare Our Hearts to Worship You"*	**Screen**
Lighting of the Advent Candle	*"Hope"*	**Diane Fried & Jen Bomhard**
Confession of Sin		
Absolution		
(Forgiveness of sins)		
Prayer of the Day		
Hymn:	*"Prepare the Royal Highway"*	**Screen (Green #26)**
First Reading:	*Malachi 1:5-11*	**Pew Bible Page 949**
Second Reading:	*Hebrews 1:13 — 2:4*	**Pew Bible Page 1184**
Gospel Reading:	*Luke 1:1-25*	**Pew Bible Page 1012**
Sermon:	*"You'd Better Believe It—God Prepares His People"*	**Pastor Ed Backell**
Hymn:	*"On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"*	**Screen (Green #36)**
Nicene Creed		
(Confession of our Christian faith)		
Prayers of Intercession		
(Prayers for our world, community, family & friends)		
Sharing of God's Peace		
(With our fellow worshipers)		
Offering		
(Returning God's gifts to further His work)		
Offertory:	*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*	**Screen**
The Lord's Supper		
Words of Institution		
The Lord's Prayer		
Communion		

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Communion Blessing		
(After receiving communion)		
Prayer after Communion		
Hymn:	*"I Surrender All"*	**Screen**
Benediction		
Announcements		
Sending		

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RightNow Media (RNM):

RightNow Media is a powerful and inspiring resource that we're confident you will love. Everyone in our congregation can access free biblical videos on topics like marriage, parenting, youth, recovery, leadership, finances, and much more. ***Use this QR Code: scan with your phone camera, to access our registration page for easy sign-up.***

RightNow Media (RNM) Video of the Month: "Advent"

This month's video focuses on Advent. We encourage you to watch this ***four-session series called, "Advent"*** that takes a deeper look at Jesus. If you need help accessing RightNow Media, email or call the church office.

Decorate the Church for Christmas:

Join us as we decorate for Christmas on ***Saturday, December 6, at 10:00 am***. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. *Chili and cornbread will be served after we are done.*

10th Annual Neighborhood Holiday Food Drive: Bag Distribution

Come one, come all! ***Sunday, December 7, at 2:00 pm.*** Help us deliver the food drive bags to our neighbors.

Council Meeting:

The next Council Meeting is ***Tuesday, December 9, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.***

Union Gospel Mission (UGM) Men's Shelter:

Please join us as we serve lunch to the men at the UGM Men's Shelter the second Thursday of each month. Next date is ***Thursday, December 11, from 11:15 am—1:00 pm.*** Carpool from HTLC at 10:40 am.

10th Annual Neighborhood Holiday Food Drive: Bag Pick-up and Christmas Caroling

Please join us on ***Sunday, December 14, at 1:00 pm.*** We will be picking up the food drive bags and Christmas caroling. Meet at HTLC @ 1:00 pm. Hot chocolate, and pizza will be served once we are done.

Worship & Music Committee Meeting:

The next Worship & Music Committee Meeting is ***Thursday, December 18, at 1:30 pm*** in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study:

Join us ***Wednesdays at 10:00 am*** in the West Classroom. Nancy Purcell is leading us through Genesis.

Craft Club:

All are welcome to join us on ***Wednesdays from 1:30 pm—3:30 pm*** in the Fellowship Hall.

Choir Practice:

We would love to have new voices join us on ***Thursdays at 7:00 pm*** in the HTLC Sanctuary.

Friday Morning Breakfast & Bible Study:

Come and have a delicious (and free) breakfast with us ***Friday mornings at 7:30 am.*** We meet for breakfast, Bible study, and fellowship. We are discussing subjects available from "Right Now Ministry".

Partners INW (Food Bank):

- **Donations this month:** *Let's focus on boxed desserts: brownies, cupcakes, muffins, cake mix, frosting, etc.*
- **2025 total donations = 388 lbs.** *Contact Drew Taes for more information: drew.taes@gmail.com*

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TODAY, 11/30	**9:30 am—10:15 am**	**Sunday School—Fellowship Hall**
	10:30 am—11:30 am	**Worship Service, with Communion (fellowship after)**
	10:00 am—11:00 am	AA-SMG (Sunday Morning Group)—Large AA Room
	5:30 pm—6:30 pm	NA Committee Meeting—Large AA Room
	7:00 pm—8:00 pm	AA-SRG (Sullivan Road Group)—Large AA Room
Monday, 12/1	**9:00 am—5:00 pm**	**Pastor Ed's Office Hours**
	12:00 pm—1:00 pm	AA-VNG (Valley Noon Group)—Fellowship Hall
	5:30 pm—6:30 pm	AA-HHG (Happy Hour Group)—Large AA Room
	5:30 pm—7:30 pm	TOPS ("Weigh-in" Meetings)—Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm—8:00 pm	NA-MNM (Monday Night Miracles)—Large AA Room
Tuesday, 12/2	**9:00 am—5:00 pm**	**Pastor Ed's Office Hours**
	12:00 pm—1:00 pm	AA-VNG (Valley Noon Group)—Fellowship Hall
	5:30 pm—6:30 pm	AA-HHG (Happy Hour Group)—Large AA Room
	7:00 pm—8:00 pm	NA-B2B (Back to Basic Group)—Large AA Room
Wednesday, 12/3	**9:00 am—5:00 pm**	**Pastor Ed's Office Hours**
	10:00 am—11:30 am	**Bible Study—West Classroom**
	12:00 pm—1:00 pm	AA-VNG (Valley Noon Group)—Fellowship Hall
	1:30 pm—3:30 pm	**Craft Club—Fellowship Hall**
	5:30 pm—6:30 pm	AA-HHG (Happy Hour Group)—Large AA Room
	6:00 pm—8:00 pm	NA-WNW (Wednesday Night Wecovery)—Large AA Room
Thursday, 12/4	**9:00 am—5:00 pm**	**Pastor Ed's Office Hours**
	11:00 am—1:00 pm	**Tracy's Office Hours**
	12:00 pm—1:00 pm	AA-VNG (Valley Noon Group)—Fellowship Hall
	4:00 pm—6:00 pm	INW Jr. Fiddlers—Fellowship Hall
	5:30 pm—6:30 pm	AA-HHG (Happy Hour Group)—Large AA Room
	7:00 pm—8:00 pm	**Choir Practice—Sanctuary**
Friday, 12/5	**7:30 am—9:00 am**	**Breakfast & Bible Study—Fellowship Hall**
	12:00 pm—1:00 pm	AA-VNG (Valley Noon Group)—Fellowship Hall
	5:30 pm—6:30 pm	AA-HHG (Happy Hour Group)—Large AA Room
	6:30 pm—7:30 pm	NA-BSG (Book Study Group) — Large AA Room
Saturday, 12/6	8:00 am—9:00 am	AA-MWU (Men's Wake Up)—Large AA Room
	10:00 am—12:00 pm	**Decorate the Church for Christmas—Chili & cornbread provided**
	10:00 am—11:00 am	AA-SMM (Saturday Morning Miracles)—Large AA Room
	8:00 pm—9:00 pm	AA-SNM (Saturday Night Miracles)—Fellowship Hall
Sunday, 12/7	**9:30 am—10:15 am**	**Sunday School—Fellowship Hall**
	10:30 am—11:30 am	**Worship Service, with Communion (fellowship after)**
	10:00 am—11:00 am	AA-SMG (Sunday Morning Group)—Large AA Room
	2:00 pm—4:00 pm	**Annual Holiday Food Drive Bag Distribution—meet at HTLC**
	7:00 pm—8:00 pm	AA-SRG (Sullivan Road Group)—Large AA Room

SHARING IN MINISTRY

Ministers:	*The People of Holy Trinity*	**Fellowship:**	*Tom & Nancy Purcell*
Pastor:	*Ed Backell*	**Communion Assistant:**	*Squeaky May*
Assisting:	*Squeaky May*	**Communion Bread:**	*Jen Bomhard*
Piano/Organ:	*Judy Ingraham*	**Acolyte:**	
Ushers/Greeters:	*Charlie May*	**Basket Holder:**	
Flowers:	*Barbara Miller*	**Altar Guild:**	*Squeaky May*
Lector:	*Cindy Slaton*	**PowerPoint:**	*Tom Purcell*