

HTLConnections

The weekly e-newsletter of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New Prague, MN

January 29, 2021

SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

Psalm 111
Mark 1:21-28

HUMBLY WE PRAY

Eternal light, bring healing and hope to Dan B., Karen, Bob, Deb O., David, Tammy, Beverly, Karen G., Audre J., Pr. Dave A., Hannah S., and the struggling. Bless and encourage caregivers. Give us leaders that provide for people in need. Give hope to the LGBTQAI+ community and people who suffer injustice, hunger, homelessness or unemployment. Shine your holy light, O God. Amen

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Online - Facebook & YouTube

Sunday @ 9 am
Wednesday @ 7 pm

Cable TV - Bevcomm Channel 6

Sunday @ 9:30 am
Wednesday @ 6 pm

Radio - KCHK 95.5 FM & 1350 AM

Sunday @ 9 am

RADIO SPONSOR

Our Sunday radio broadcast ministry is sponsored by Jim & Linnea Hautman. Thank you for supporting this very important ministry!

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AMAZED

By Pastor Ben Hilding

This week, we will look at a story from the Gospel of Mark, chapter 1. Fresh off his baptism and the temptation in the wilderness, and immediately after calling four disciples, Jesus heads to the synagogue. And it's here that we get what Professor Matt Skinner calls, "a fight scene."

It's here that Jesus does two things: he teaches, and he performs an exorcism. In both cases, the people who were present were amazed. They were amazed by his ability to teach as one with authority. And they were amazed by his ability to heal as one with authority. There's something different about this man.

We continue this season of Epiphany, where Jesus shows us not only who He is, but who God is. Jesus reveals God's self to this world. Where might we have seen Jesus reveal Himself to us today?



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ANNUAL SUMMIT CELEBRATION

Thank you to everyone who participated in the historic Holy Trinity Annual Summit Celebration last Sunday. With over 160 participants, Holy Trinity members proved, once again, nothing can stop our forward momentum...not even a global pandemic or the use of new technology. If you missed the meeting, don't worry, here's the [2020 Annual Summit Report](#), [2020 Recap Video](#) and [2020 Recap Video transcript](#).

COVID UPDATE

Read the latest Council-approved communication from Pastors Alicia and Ben.

GOOD BOOK CLUB

Ladies - the Good Book Club starts THIS Sunday, January 31 at 6 pm with a meet & greet call to establish the goals of the group. Haven't signed up yet? Email to [Gina](#) to receive your workbook. [Get the GBC Zoom link here!](#)

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Interested in joining the Holy Trinity community? Our next New Member class is Sunday, February 7, 10:30 am - Noon via Zoom.

[Register online](#) or contact [Jamie Bisek](#) at 952-758-3513. Zoom link will be emailed once registration is complete.



ENDOWMENT UPDATE

In 2020, the Endowment Team was blessed to be able to give **over \$13,000** in gifts to various causes which extend beyond our church walls. We are happy to report that the Endowment program has become more visible in the community and look forward to continued growth within the ministry. Last year, the team reworked the [webpage](#) to further promote visibility for those in need of a grant, and those interested in joining the HTLC Endowment Team.

Questions can be directed to HTLC Office Manager, [Jamie Bisek](#) at 952-758-3513.

FREE FOOD GIVEAWAY

Free Food Distribution for Le Sueur County residents! **Wednesday, February 10 2 - 3:30 pm**

First Lutheran Church in Le Sueur
Click on the flyer for full details.



2020 GIVING UPDATE

Financial Health as of December 31, 2020	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Actual
Revenue	\$571,121	\$503,970
Expenses	\$610,351	\$547,110
Revenue - Expenses	-\$39,230	-\$43,140

COUNCIL CONNECTION

[December 2020 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

FEBRUARY MISSION DRIVE

To help those struggling in our community, the Missions/Outreach Team is asking for household and personal care products for our [Little Free Pantries](#) by door 2. Please make sure the products are water-free so they don't freeze. Powder-based dishwashing and laundry detergent is especially helpful.

Email missions@holyltrinityonline.org with questions.

COMMENT CORNER

"I sat in on the annual meeting this morning and I am even more impressed with Holy Trinity. I think the entire team has done a spectacular job this year. I attended many more services than I otherwise would have and you held me up and supported me when I really needed it. Thank you all, I am so impressed with how EVERYONE displays the hands, feet and face of Jesus with such delight." - HTLC Member

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Jan. 31 & Feb. 3

AMAZED

Rebuked and Made Clean

February 7 & 10

UPLIFTED

Healed and Restored

February 14

TROUBLED

Transfigured and Terrified

February 17

ASH WEDNESDAY

6 pm - Online Worship
7 pm - Communion & Ashes via Zoom