

HTLConnections

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

February 26, 2021

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Ephesians 2:1-10

HUMBLY WE PRAY

God of our tomorrows, give hope to those in need: Karen H., Geo, Deb O., Christine, Mark J., Eric G., those impacted by the weather and those seeking healing. Encourage those seeking justice, food, homes or employment. Guide us into a deeper understanding of our faith this Lenten season and thank you for answered prayers.
In Jesus' name, 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

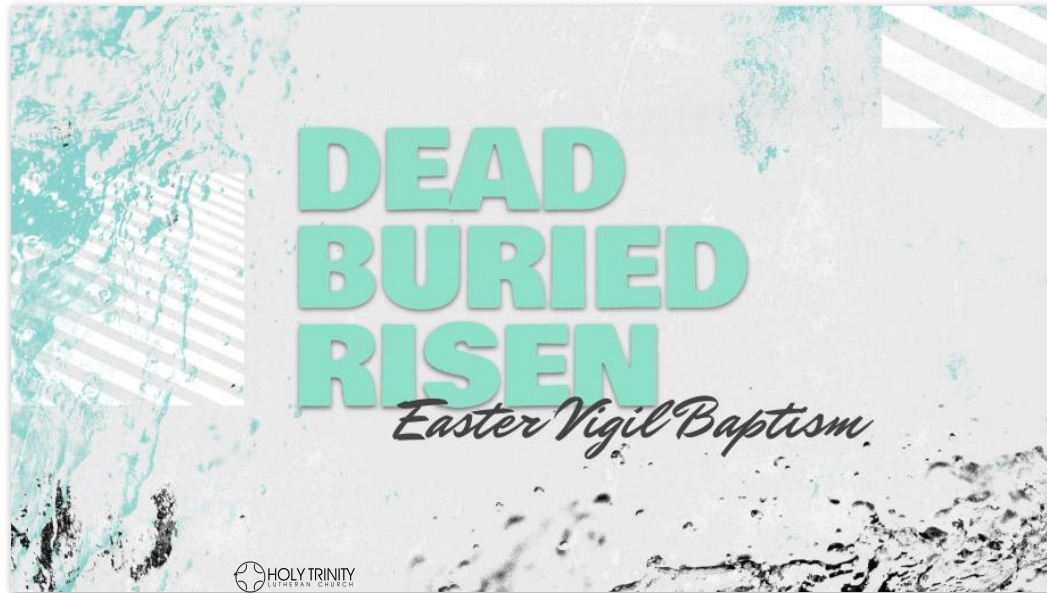
Radio - KCHK 95.5 FM & 1350 AM

Sunday @ 9 am

RADIO SPONSOR

Our Sunday radio broadcast ministry is sponsored by Frank and Margaret Arko. Thank you for your support in this important ministry!

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By Pastor Ben Hilding

Do you have someone in your life that's waiting to be baptized? Have you been holding off because of COVID-19? Are you wondering if we're doing baptisms right now at all?

Holy Trinity is hosting a special baptism service on Saturday, April 3. There's a long-standing tradition in the Christian church of having Holy Saturday (the night before Easter) as a special baptism service. Some churches only perform baptisms on this Holy day, as the baptized join in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This service will be in Holy Trinity's parking lot (weather dependent) at dusk. We'll have multiple baptism fonts at different parts of the parking lot for each family unit. In the middle, we'll have a fire (an Easter Vigil tradition). We'll share a couple stories about how God brings life out of death in the Bible. We'll hold onto the resurrection of Jesus as our hope that we too join in the promise of eternal life through the waters of baptism.

If you're interested in participating in this service, please contact Pastor Ben at ben@holytrinityonline.org.



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EASTER SINGERS INVITED



If you watched our Christmas Eve services, you saw an amazing virtual choir sing "O Come, All Ye Faithful." We are looking to recreate that magic for Easter with the song, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today." Interested singers, please [contact Pastor Ben](#) or call Jamie in the HTLC office at 952-758-3513.

2021 GIVING UPDATE

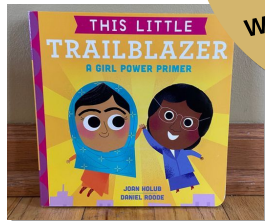
Financial Health as of January 31, 2021	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Actual
Revenue	\$50,286	\$50,639
Expenses	\$47,380	\$39,171
Revenue - Expenses	\$2,906	\$11,467

COUNCIL CONNECTION

January 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

RACIAL JUSTICE

Black History Month is coming to an end, but our work on racial justice is not. Educating yourself using the HTLC [Little Free Library](#) of anti-racism books is a good first step, but don't stop there. Check out our [Racial Justice Task Force](#) and the work they're doing to combat racism.

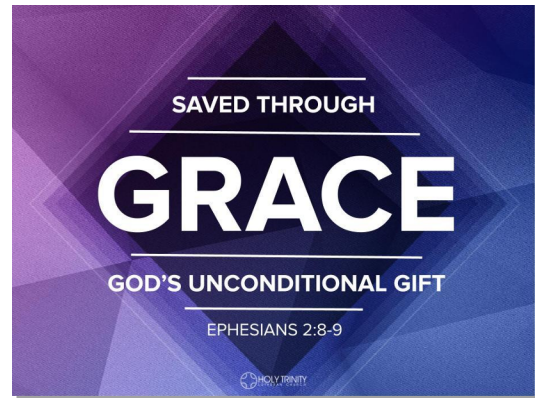


HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Online via Zoom
Wednesday's @ 7:45 pm
[Email Casey](#) to join

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

This week our, we continue our Five-week Lenten Sermon Series, "Why Lutheran?" Each week, we'll dive deeper into what makes us Lutheran.



JIM'S DISHWASHER



Thank you to everyone who contributed to Jim's Dishwasher. A new commercial-grade dishwasher with a tankless water heater has been purchased with donations and will be installed shortly. Jim is smiling down on Holy Trinity from his recliner in heaven!

COVID UPDATE

Read the latest [COVID-19 update](#) from the Pastors, Church Council and Risk Management Team.

THANK YOU

Thanks to your generous donations, the Missions/Outreach Team voted to donate over \$1,000 to [River Valley Health Services](#), an organization that cares of the most vulnerable by ensuring access to healthcare. [Here is their Thank You!](#)

MARCH MISSION DRIVE

To help our ministry partner, [Christo Obrero](#), to have a fun Easter season, we are collecting:

- *peanut-free candy
 - *small trinkets that fit inside an Easter egg (stickers, small toys, hair ties/barrettes, temporary tattoos, coins, etc.)
- Please place items inside the bin located at Door 2 from Feb. 26 - March 19. Thank you!

MARCH FOOD SHARE DRIVE

[Minnesota FoodShare's](#) March Campaign is the largest food drive in the state and relies on the generosity of congregations like HTLC. [Click on the picture](#) to learn how you can donate to our local Peace Center.



UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February 28 & March 3

LENT 2

Justification by Grace Through Faith

March 7 & 10

LENT 3

Law and Gospel

March 14 & 17

LENT 4

Theology of the Cross

March 21 & 24

LENT 5

Vocation