
WELCOME

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church! The Gospel of John has “I am” statements that describe Jesus as the bread of life, the light of the world, and the good shepherd, among others. Today we hear Jesus define himself as the vine and his followers, the branches. It is good news to hear that our faith is not based on what we can do but on what God does when we abide in him. God’s blessings to you and your loved ones today.

- Pastors Alicia and Ben Hilding

PRAYERS

Present God, your Word tells us that there is nothing that can separate us from your love (Romans 8). Today, we pray for your presence and care to be with those who have requested prayer: for Joanne, Darrin, Al, Jake, Sara, Noah, Tosha, Phil, Laurie, Laura, Gary, Mary, Cheryl, Barb, Jim, Darbie, and Jodi. We also pray for Charles “Chuck” Moore and family as they grieve the loss of Fay Moore. Please remind all of us that on our good days and the difficult ones, we are not alone. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

SPONSORS

This week, the Radio Ministry is sponsored in honor of Redick Valek’s birthday by Loree & Brian Valek. Happy Birthday, Redick, and thank you, Loree & Brian!

The Hospitality Ministry has openings for sponsors.

Sponsoring a week is a great way to support the church, honor a special event, or memorialize a loved one. Contact Jamie at 952-758-3513 to contribute to these important ministries and to choose your preferred date.



WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

KYRIE/GLORIA

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CREW TIME DISMISSAL

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31 (read responsively)

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus

CREW TIME RETURNS

OFFERING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

Lamb of God
Love Divine All Loves Excelling, ELW #631
What A Beautiful Name It Is

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, ELW #836

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

NOTES

HOLY COMMUNION: Every person has a place at God’s table. No exceptions. All are welcome to join this Holy Communion meal, regardless of church membership or denomination. Follow the direction of the ushers to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Receive a wafer (regular or gluten-free) in your hand, and then select red wine or juice. Children (under 4th grade) and others who do not commune are welcome to come for a blessing.

NURSERY: If you have someone who needs room to move, check out the Kids Corner behind the soundbooth or the nursery next to the sanctuary (includes a private room for nursing mothers.)

OFFERING: Experience the joy of giving! Give via cash or check using the envelopes near your seat. Please place it in the collection plate as the ushers pass your row. Give electronically by scanning the QR code. Please select “General Operating.” Lastly, all are welcome to make a joyful noise by placing their offering or loose change in the metal milk can. You may also give your coins to a child, and they will deliver your “noisy offering.” 10% of the offering supports Holy Trinity’s Mission Outreach projects. Thank you!



QR CODES: Access digital information with your smartphone! To use a QR code, open your smartphone camera, hold the camera over the QR code, and tap the link on your smartphone.

RESTROOMS: Located in the same hallway as the cross wall or by Door 2. All gender-neutral restrooms have changing tables.

WIFI: Username: *HTLC-Guest*, Password: *Fellowship*

FINANCES

| Finances as of March 31, 2024 | Year-to-Date Budget | Year-to-Date Actual | Campaign Gifts received to date |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Revenue | \$158,803 | \$186,252 | \$548,138 |
| Expenses | \$161,801 | \$162,016 | |
| Revenue - Expenses | -\$2,998 | \$24,236 | |


RESPOND

FACILITY FORUMS: Sunday, May 5, and Wednesday, May 8

Following worship, the NEXT Facility Team members are hosting a forum to learn about the latest designs. All are welcome to stick around after worship to hear updates about the facility plans.


PREFERRED GIVING DATE: The Capital Campaign was a huge success and 44% of the pledges have been received. Submitting your pledge early helps reduce the financing costs of the construction loan. *If able, please give your pledged amount by May 1.* Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 10-12, 5:30 pm - 7:45 pm

 Registration is open for students, families & volunteers. Learn how God created everyone with unique gifts to help care for his creation. *Scan the QR code*, email kate@holytrinityonline.org, or call 952.758.3513 to register.

KIDS CLOTHING DRIVE: Support Le Sueur County families with donations of gently used and new clothing and personal hygiene items for kids and teens. Drop your items in the cart located in the Fellowship Hall. See the flyer attached to the cart for information regarding suggested donations. Thank you for your generosity!

RIBFEST: June 14, 4 - 8 pm. Make a difference! Corporate

 Sponsors and Silent Auction donation opportunities are available. *Scan the QR to sign up* or contact Gina Fadden at gina@holytrinityonline.org.

TUESDAYS AROUND TOWN: Starting May 7! FREE SHUTTLE from 10 am - 1 pm. Are you a senior in the New Prague area who could use a lift to run errands, attend local activities and appointments, or meet up for social gatherings? New Prague Area Community Education is offering a new weekly shuttle service for seniors. Every Tuesday between 10 am-1 pm, a shuttle will pick you up and drive you anywhere you need to go in town. Call 952.758.1734 by Monday at noon to request a ride for the following day.

NEW MEMBER BROCHURE: Last week, two families joined Holy Trinity. Get to know them by picking up a New Member Brochure near the Cross Wall. Welcome, New Members!

SERMON NOTES

Listen closely to the pastor's message, take notes, and discuss them with your Confirmation small group.

Name: _____

- 1) What is the relationship between a branch and a vine?
- 2) What do you think it says about our relationship with God when Jesus is described as the vine and we are described as branches?
- 3) The Bible reading says that God prunes the branch to make it bear more fruit. Is there something that you need God's help to prune (take away) to make your life healthier?

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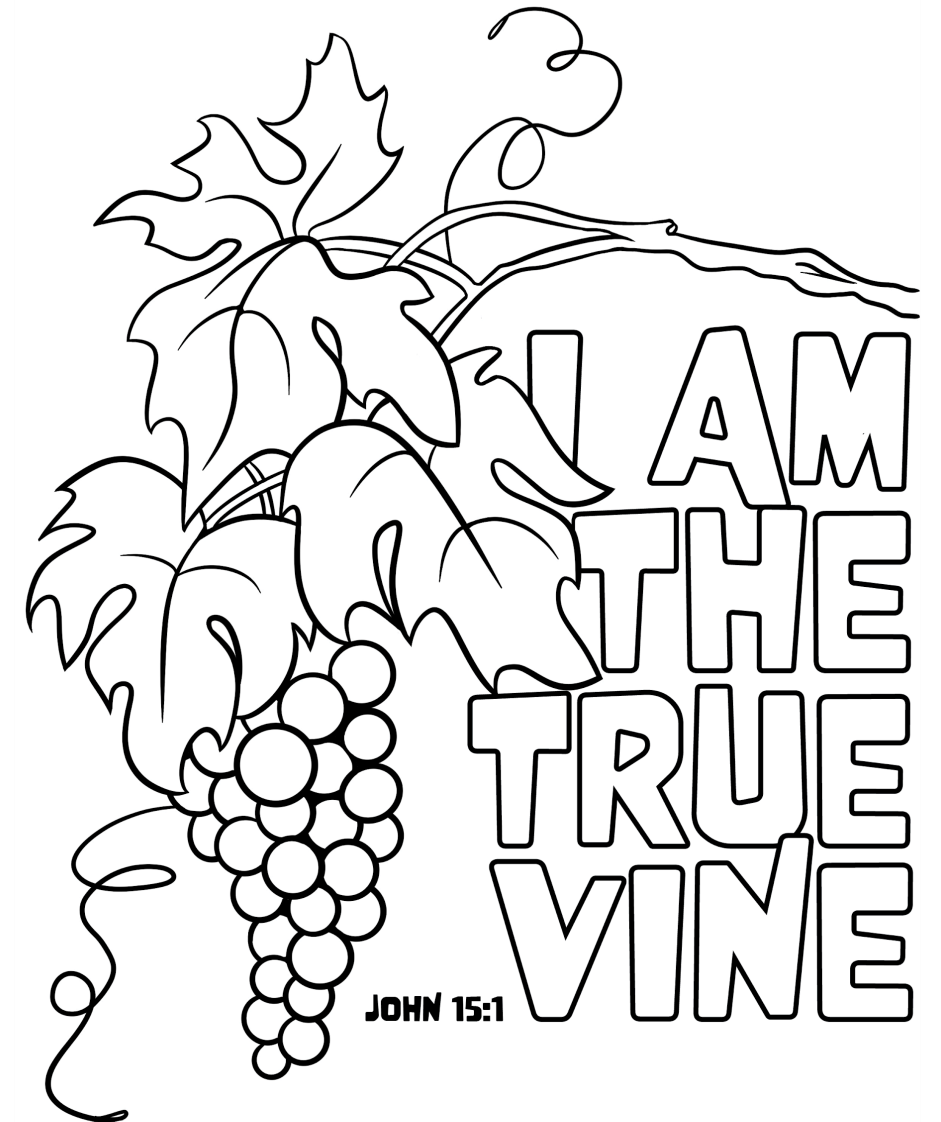
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APRIL 28, 2024

SUNDAY: 9 AM

MAY 1, 2024

WEDNESDAY: 6 PM

Share God's love for all people from one generation to the next

Welcome • Worship • Respond

