#### **WELCOME**

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church! Thank you for attending this "Service of Blessing" as we give thanks to God for this chapter of ministry that we have shared together. We are being called to serve as Deans of Christ Chapel/Chaplains of Gustavus Adolphus College. While we are honored and excited about this opportunity, we are also sad to mark the conclusion of our call to Holy Trinity. In today's worship service, we celebrate many wonderful moments that we've shared, acknowledge the grief associated with change, and pray for God's blessing for all of us going forward. May God bless you and your loved ones as we all continue the work to which we have all been called: to share God's love for all people from one generation to the next!

- Pastors Alicia and Ben Hilding

## **PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers this week: Al G., Allen K., Brad L., Brenda T., Cheryl G., Cheryl M., Darbie B., Janet H., Joe S., John S., Karen H., Kris P., Laura C., Matt G., Michelle N., Mikki H., Oliver F., and Ray M.

\*If you would like to be added to this public prayer list, please contact office@holytrinityonline.org.

## **SPONSORS**

The Radio and Hospitality Ministries have openings for sponsors.

Sponsoring a week is a great way to support the church, honor a special event, or memorialize a loved one. The Radio Ministry is \$70, and the Hospitality Ministry (Wednesday evening meals) is \$300 (full week) or \$150 (half week). Please contact Jamie at office@holytrinityonline.org or call 952.758.3513 to support these important ministries. Thank you!



#### WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** 

**WELCOME** 

**OPENING HYMN**Be Thou My Vision, ELW #793

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS** 

PRAYER OF THE DAY

MUSICAL OFFERING Me and Jesus, Nate Kahnke

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26
Psalm 32:1-7

Psalm 102: 1-2, 11-12, 25-28

Pastors Alicia and Ben Hilding

VIDEO

**OFFERING** 

**MESSAGE** 

GREETING Bishop Jen Nagel

THANKSGIVING AT THE CONCLUSION OF CALL

**GIFT PRESENTATION** 

**BENEDICTION** 

**SENDING HYMN** The Blessing

DISMISSAL

**POSTLUDE** 

## **NOTES**

**HEARING DEVICES:** Please visit the Soundbooth for assistance.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** Holy Trinity is located on the original homelands of the Wahpekute (Dakota) people.

**NURSERY**: If you have someone who needs room to move, check out the Nursery! Exit the Sanctuary and turn right. You'll find comfortable seating, toys for little ones, and a TV to view worship.

OFFERING: Experience the joy of giving! Give via cash or check using the envelopes at the Usher Station. Place it in the collection plate as the ushers pass your row. Give electronically by scanning the QR code (select "General Operating"). Lastly, all are welcome to make a joyful noise by placing your loose change in the metal milk can or giving your coins to a child to deliver your "noisy offering." 10% of the offering supports Holy Trinity's Mission Outreach projects. Thank you!

**QR CODES:** Easy as 1, 2, 3! Open your smartphone camera, hold it over the QR code, and tap the link.

**RESTROOMS/CHANGING TABLES**: Located directly outside the Sanctuary in the Lobby and the Fellowship Hall (north side).

WIFI: Username: HTLC-Guest, Password: Fellowship

## **FINANCES**

Finances as of April 30, 2025	Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Campaign Gifts Received
Revenue	\$221,677	\$239,901	\$937,770
Expenses	\$229,743	\$225,616	Gifts to receive
Revenue -Expenses	-\$8,066	\$14,285	\$314,629

\$150K RESERVE MATCH FUND: Holy Trinity received a generous gift of up to \$150,000 of matching funds towards Holy Trinity's Reserve Fund. This fund is intended to exceed any Ministry Offering and NEXT Capital Campaign gifts. It prevents costly borrowing to cover short-term expenses due to fluctuating monthly cash flow. Please consider donating toward Holy Trinity's designated "Reserve Fund" in 2025. Thank you for helping Holy Trinity achieve more financial stability!

#### **RESPOND**

**RECEPTION:** All are welcome to honor Pastor Alicia and Pastor Ben with a reception in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Be sure to sign the guest book and view the slide show on the TV.

WELCOME, BISHOP JEN!: Welcome to Bishop Jen Nagel, bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod! A native of New Ulm, MN, Bishop Nagel was serving at University Lutheran Church of Hope (Minneapolis) before being called as bishop in 2024. Rev. Nagel is married to the Rev. Jane McBride, a pastor in the United Church of Christ. They have a teen and a tween and live in North Minneapolis. Holy Trinity is grateful for Bishop Jen, Pastor John Hulden, and the Minneapolis Area Synod staff, who actively support Holy Trinity during this transition.

OFFICE HOURS: Summer office hours begin this Friday. Throughout the summer, the church office will be closed on Fridays. The office is also closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 16-18, 5 - 8 pm. Registration forms must be turned in (no Google Form this year). Led by Luther Crest staff with the theme "We Are The Church," this year's VBS will be a blast! Registration information is available at holytrinityonline.org. Please call Kate at 952.758.3513 or email kate@holytrinityonline.org with any questions.

RIBFEST: Friday, June 13, 4:30 - 8:30 pm. Don't miss this great community event! Delicious food, beverages from Giesenbrau, kids' activities, live music from Little Chicago, and a huge silent auction - it's the perfect way to kick off summer. Scan the QR code to volunteer or call 952.758.3513.

RIBFEST DONATIONS: Make a difference for RibFest! Corporate

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Fadden at gina@holytrinityonline.org.

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