## WELCOME

Welcome to worship on this 13th Sunday after Pentecost, and welcome to Kickoff Week. We are glad that you are here! Today, from Luke chapter 14, Jesus shares a lesson about the cost of discipleship and the need to prioritize faith above all earthly relationships and personal comforts. How fitting for the start of a new program year! God's blessings to you and your family. Thank you for joining worship today!

- Pastor Joy Bussert

# **PRAYERS**

This week, please keep in your prayers: Brad L., Darbie B., Joe S., Karen H., Kris P., Laura C., Jim N., Ray M., Deanna L., Janet H., Don M., Marlys J., Nancy F., Heidi S., Candee W., Ellie R., and Brenton B.

\*If you would like to be added to this public prayer list, please contact

Jamie (office@holytrinityonline.org).

#### **SPONSORS**

The Radio Ministry is sponsored by Joan & George Winn in honor of Joan's birthday. Thank you, and happy birthday, Joan!

Jim & Barb Niemeyer are sponsoring the Hospitality Ministry in honor of their wedding anniversary. Thank you and congratulations, Jim and Barb!

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**Blessed Be Your Name

**GREETING** 

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**CREW TIME DISMISSAL** 

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1 (read responsively)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Change My Heart O God, ELW #801

GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33

MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY**I Am A Child Of God

**CREW TIME RETURNS** 

**OFFERING** Take, O Take Me As I Am, ELW #814

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**HOLY COMMUNION**Lamb of God
Jesus Loves Me, ELW #595

Lord, I Need You

**COMMUNION PRAYER** 

**BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING** 

**BENEDICTION** 

**SENDING HYMN** My Lighthouse

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 4<sup>th</sup> grade) and others who do not commune are welcome to come for a blessing.

MINISTRY 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"). All are welcome to make a joyful
noise by placing coins in the metal can or giving them to a child to
deliver your Noisy Offering. 10% of the Ministry Offering
supports Holy Trinity's Mission Outreach projects. Thank you!

**HEARING ASSIST:** 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.

**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 June 30, 2025	Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Campaign Gifts Received
Revenue	\$353,028	\$368,695	\$954,695
Expenses	\$347,161	\$360,366	Gifts to receive
Revenue -Expenses	\$5,867	\$8,324	\$297,704

Reserve Fund Contributions: \$5,327 Reserve Fund Remaining Need: \$144,674

#### **RESPOND**

**CALL COMMITTEE ELECTION: Wednesday, September 24, after worship.** Mark your calendars to approve the slate of Call Committee members. The election will take place in person and via Zoom. Watch the *HTLConnections* for more information.

**KITCHEN TEAM:** Wednesday evening meals are resuming this week, and the Kitchen Team has room for volunteers to serve on a rotating and on-call basis. Food servers (5:30 - 5:50 pm) and table washers/cleanup (5:30 - 6 pm) are needed. Please contact Jamie at office@holytrinityonline.org or 952.758.3513.

**LIVESTREAM TECH:** Do you love technology? Have you ever wanted to direct a TV show about Holy Trinity? Help tell Holy Trinity's story behind the scenes as a livestream tech on Sunday mornings! This position is vital to Holy Trinity's online worshippers as well as the radio and TV ministry. Training is provided. Please contact Jamie at office@holytrinityonline.org or call 952.758.3513.

**BE THE ONE:** Are you the one? You can make a big difference by volunteering a small amount of time. Holy Trinity has a GREAT team of disciples who volunteer their time. There is always room for more! If you are interested in serving as a worship assistant (usher, reader, communion server, or slide runner), please contact Jamie at office@holytrinityonline.org or call 952.758.3513.

MINDFUL YOGA: Sunday, September 21, 4 pm. Fellowship Hall. Join Jen Sayler for an hour of mindfulness, strength, ease, and gratitude. All levels are welcome. Ages 14+.

\$150K RESERVE FUND: Holy Trinity received a generous gift of up to \$150,000 of matching funds towards Holy Trinity's Reserve Fund. It prevents costly borrowing to cover short-term expenses due to fluctuating monthly cash flow. Thank you for helping Holy Trinity achieve more financial stability!

**WELL-BEING POLICY:** Please stay home if you or someone in your household has experienced severe illness symptoms, such as diarrhea, vomiting, or fever within the past 24 hours. Please worship remotely via livestream. Thank you for caring for Holy Trinity's well-being!

#### **SERMON NOTES**

Listen closely to today's scripture and sermon, take notes, and discuss them with your Confirmation small group.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. In today's Gospel, what does Jesus say we must give up to be his disciple?

2. Listen to Pastor Joy's message. Write down at least 1 comment or question you have.

3. What's on your mind today? What questions, comments, or prayer requests do you have to share?

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SUNDAY: 9 AM

**WEDNESDAY: 6 PM** 

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