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## WELCOME

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Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church! Today, we continue our worship series, *Seeking Refuge*, with the opening words of the book of Revelation. John writes from the island of Patmos, exiled from his community because of his witness to Jesus. His story reminds us that many people have been displaced, imprisoned, or forced to flee because of their faith. Yet even from a place of uncertainty, John receives a vision of hope. Revelation begins not with fear, but with a promise of love.

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, wherever you may be carrying burdens or seeking hope, you are welcome here.

- Pastor Kjell Ferris

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## PRAYERS

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Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Darbie B., Karen H., Kris P., Laura C., Janet H., Nancy F., Candee W., Ellie R., Brenton B., Dylan E., Don M., Rob N., Debbie K., Allen K., Mary Lou M., Lynn N., Joanne R., Robin R., Noah S., Dennis J., Donna G., Brynlee G., Seanna S., Nathaniel K., and Brenda T.

Please contact [office@holytrinityonline.org](mailto:office@holytrinityonline.org) to be added to the prayer list.

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## SPONSORS

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Daryl & Addie Thietje sponsored the Radio Ministry this week, in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary, Addie's birthday, and Elijah Thietje's birthday. Thank you for your gift in honor of these great celebrations!

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 call 952.758.3513 or email [office@holytrinityonline.org](mailto:office@holytrinityonline.org). Thank you!



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## WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Holy Holy Holy*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CANTICLE OF SOLIDARITY

*Hallelujah*

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 1:4-11

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

*Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past*, ELW #632  
vv. 1-3, 6

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

United Church of Canada

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

OFFERING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

*Lamb of God*  
*This Is My Father's World*  
*Good Good Father*

COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

BLESSING SONG

SENDING SONG

*How Great Is Our God*

SENDING

POSTLUDE

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## NOTES

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**HOLY COMMUNION:** Every person has a place at God's table. No exceptions. All are welcome - regardless of church membership or denomination. Follow the direction of the ushers. Receive a wafer (regular or gluten-free) in your hand and then select red wine or juice. Children younger than 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! Please give cash or checks during the Offering using the envelopes found at the Usher Station. Give electronically by scanning the QR code. 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.



**FRIENDLY FACTS:** All are welcome! Age-appropriate Worship Bags are located in the back of the Sanctuary. Visit the Nursery to find sensory items (noise-cancelling headphones, weighted blankets/toys), or anytime you have a little one who needs room to wiggle. Worship is livestreamed in the Nursery for families and in the Small Group room for a quieter environment. Exit the Sanctuary and turn right to find these rooms.

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

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

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

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

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## FINANCES

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Finances as of April 30, 2026	Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Campaign Gifts Received
Revenue	\$212,523	\$222,286	\$1,176,795
Expenses	\$214,314	\$218,254	Gifts to receive
Revenue -Expenses	-\$1,791	\$4,032	\$75,604

Pave The Way Campaign pledges: 33 received, \$147,685.48

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## RESPOND

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**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY:** Today, all fathers and father-figures are celebrated. Whether you're a dad, a step-dad, or the guy everyone turns to for advice, you are appreciated!

**THANK YOU:** RibFest was successful thanks to the volunteers, sponsors, and silent auction donors. Your gift of time and treasure is greatly appreciated!

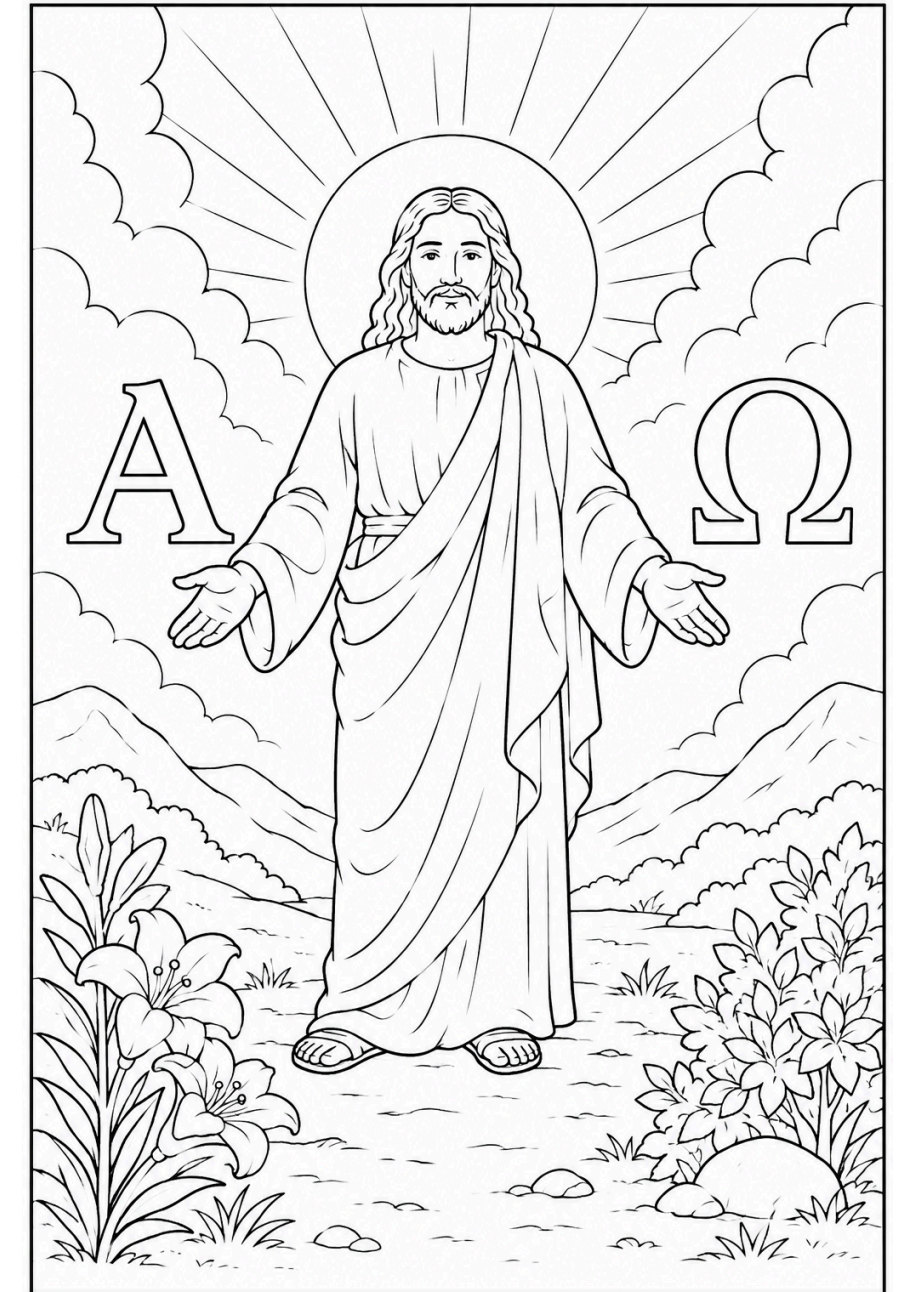
**BLESSING OF THE BIKES: This Wednesday!** Bikers of all ages are encouraged to bring their scooters, bicycles, or motorcycles to church. Come for a picnic supper starting at 5 pm, as the Hospitality Team is serving Walking Tacos. Stay for outdoor worship at 6 pm. Worship ends with a Bike Blessing and a ride through a fun path around the church parking lot.

**MANNA BAGS:** Now in their 5th summer, it's time for Manna Bags. Your generosity supports local families who use the Peace Center. Please bring donations of granola bars, instant oatmeal, and 100% juice boxes to the kitchen after worship or to the office during normal business hours. Thank you!

**PET BLESSING: Wednesday, July 22, at 6 pm.** All are welcome to worship in Holy Trinity's front yard. Dinner is served starting at 5 pm. For safety, all pets must be caged or on a 6' leash at all times.

**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Sometimes, as the Call Committee gets to know a pastor, it becomes clear that the candidate isn't the right fit for Holy Trinity's needs and culture. And there are times when a pastor discerns that *WE* may not be the right fit for their calling. The Call Committee has experienced both outcomes; they are normal parts of the call process. Finding a mutual fit ensures the eventual match is one when both the pastor and the congregation can thrive. Please remember - hiring a pastor isn't like filling a corporate job because it's about **calling**, not just qualifications. Both the church and the pastor are discerning whether they're meant to grow together, which makes the process slower, more relational, and rooted in prayer rather than paperwork. The Synod is sending candidates to the Call Committee, and several candidates are in various stages of the interview process. Your continued prayers and grace are appreciated.

**SEEKING REFUGE LITURGY:** Words and music by Jason Lukis and Tom Struwve, used with permission.



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**JUNE 21, 2026**

**SUNDAY: 9 AM**

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