

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

November 14, 2021 9:30 AM – 25th Sunday after Pentecost





Rev. Tim Krick, Pastor PastorTim@htelc.com

Worship Information

A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today! Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God. Your presence at worship is a gift! Take a moment to introduce yourself to someone near you. To our visitors, we offer a special welcome and invite you to sign the visitor's sheet near the entrance. Please allow us to get to know you by staying for refreshments and fellowship.

Children: We love having children worship with us! During worship over the summer, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary.

Communion: It is our privilege to welcome you to the Lord's Table! We welcome all who are baptized and wish to receive the promise offered in the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, to come and share in receiving Holy Communion. As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. *Communion elements are found in a basket on the Greeters table, as we are continuing to social distancing.*

Prayer Requests: Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

Worship Photos & Videos may be taken for the purpose of posting in the media of our congregation. The photographer's credit will be provided and any image will be removed upon request. Parents are asked to fill out a release form concerning images of minors and no minor's pictures will be used without consent.

Missed Last Week's Service? Our Sunday worship service is now live-streamed on htelc.com. Watch anytime! Visit us on YouTube at youtube.com/HolyTrinityEvangelicalLutheranChurch.

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Reconciling in Christ

At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.

You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.

You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.

Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.

You are wanted here.



Today at Holy Trinity

9:30 AM: Traditional Worship 10:30 AM: Pastor Tim's Sending Celebration

Worship Assistants			
	9:30 Traditional Service		
Musician(s)	Jonathan Bock		
Greeters	TBD		
Lector	Glenn Oswald		
Fellowship Host(s)	Cristina Dolcino		
Counters	Paul and Lauren Gianino		
Sound System/Live Stream	Mark Donahue & Franklyn Vosburg		

This Week At Holy Trinity					
Day	Date	Start	Event		
Wednesday	11/17	09:30 AM	Bible Study		
Thursday	11/18	08:30 AM	Property Team		
Sunday	11/21	09:30 AM	9:30 Sunday Worship		

Last Week at Holy Trinity					
<u>Date</u>	Worship Attendance	<u>Offering</u>			
Sunday, November 7	120 (In-Person) + 40 (online) = 160	\$5,300.40			
Midweek worship is on hiatus until we receive an interim Pastor.					

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Emergency Contact Information: Please call the church office at **(603) 436-1704**. As of November 14, 2021, we won't have a sitting Pastor, and we will have to use a supply Pastor for all Pastoral Emergencies.

Prayer Concerns

Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Members & Attenders

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson.

Homebound: Marie Edin, Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin.

Military: Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

Friends

Floyd Richards (Claire Radke's neighbor), Susan Rogers (Linda Edwards' cousin), Mary Roberts (Heidi Morrison's sister-in-law), Dave Bly (Sue Althof's brother), Sharon Connors (Bonnie & Larry Sanders' daughter), Bill Hazard (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Stephanie & Chuck Pelesky (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Casey Lavoie (Stephanie Goupil's friend), Estelle Lewis (Paulette Sirois' sister), Tony Marques (Paulette Sirois' friend)

Prayers will be listed for 6 weeks unless told otherwise. If you would like a prayer concern listed in the bulletin, please fill out a Prayer Request at the Usher's table or contact the Church Office at office@htelc.com.

Lectionary (Readings)

This week: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews Next week: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93;

10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25; Mark 13:1-8; 1 Samuel 1:4- Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37; 2 Samuel 23:1-7;

20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Psalm 132:1-12 [13-18]

Notes on today's services

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

Pop-Up Pantry

Every month, the Pop-Up Pantry at Holy Trinity is requesting a different item for us to put outside on Wednesdays with the normal bags of food that we give out. This month's item is...

Butter

Please drop off your donations with the Church Office, in the refrigerator, or outside the building in the plastic bins. Thank you so much for your generous donations!

We are looking for a pair of volunteers to donate one hour on the first Wednesday of each month. You will be packing up 25 bags of pantry items prior to 8:30 AM. If you can help, please email pbsirois@gmail.com or call/text 603-781-0302.



Announcements

Pastor Tim's Last Sunday is today. After worship, please join Pastor Tim after the special 9:30 service to enjoy fellowship, memories, laughs, appreciations, and good wishes. There will be "finger food" to complement the coffee and cake that we, of course, will be cutting! If you would like to learn more about Lutheran World Relief, please visit this page: https://lwr.org/

In Honor of Our Veterans: Today we honor our veterans here at Holy Trinity. Please take a moment to look over the Veterans honor roll booklet and offer thanks and blessings to them in your prayers. We hold the utmost appreciation to all of you.

Pastor's Goodbye Journal from our congregation: It's been said that a picture is worth a thousand words but don't experiences create a thousand pictures? This is your chance to collect and share your experiences of Pastor and his family's time with us through words and pictures! This journal will be a gift for Pastor and his family. It has been placed on a podium near the entrance of church until December 1st. You are welcome to fill the pages with your fond memories, a reflective thought from a sermon, a memorable laugh, words of comfort you still hold close, and of course any pictures from the many different interactions you had during Pastor Tim's four years at Holy Trinity. You can add to the journal anytime during a service or the church's office hours. Thank you for making this gift special for Pastor and his family.

Our Covenants: One of the requirements when a Pastor leaves a congregation is the signing of two covenants. One covenant is the promise the Pastor agrees to follow and the other is what the congregation agrees to follow. This article is to summarize these covenants and in doing so, accomplishes this requirement from the Synod. The entire covenants are available from Mark in the church office. The Covenant signed by Pastor Tim (and witnessed by the vice president Judy Evans) includes the understanding that he will pray for the ongoing mission of our congregation but not be involved in any leadership, advisory, support, or consulting roles for Holy Trinity. In addition, Pastor Tim is not able to be involved with any ministerial services (e.g., weddings, funerals, visiting the sick) and will support the ministry of Holy Trinity's new pastor. The Covenant signed by the Cristina Dolcino (church council president) and witnessed by the vice president (Judy Evans) involves attendees praying for Holy Trinity and its leadership. It also states that we respect the Covenant signed by Pastor Tim and refrain from asking him to perform any ministerial services (e.g., weddings, funerals, visiting the sick). In addition, we are asked to show respect and regard for our new pastor as we seek their ministry services. In addition, to remember to celebrate what we have been and what we will be as a church.

Thanksgiving Bags: We will again be distributing 25 bags with holiday items. If you would like to help, we are looking for the following items: 25 cans of cranberry sauce, 25 pies, and 25 breads. Please email pbsirois@gmail or call Mark in the church office to sign up. All items are due on or before Sunday, November 21. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Toys For Tots: The holiday season is approaching and we will once again be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. The collection box will be in the narthex as it has been in the past and toys can be dropped off during services or office hours. All donations must be received by December 6th for timely delivery to the Marines. A suggestion list is available near the collection box and on the website. Thank you for your generosity.

Announcements

Homebound Visitation Ministry: If you know of someone who is homebound, or sick from our congregation, please reach out to the Church Office and we will make sure that person is visited by a member of our congregation in a timely manner.

Driving Daisies: If you know of someone in need of a ride to Church on Sunday mornings, please contact the Church Office. We want to make sure anyone who wants to attend our services has the chance to attend at least once or twice a month.

Children's Tables have returned to normal, including the soft building blocks, children's books, and coloring pages. Our nursery is currently not staffed, but you are welcome to supervise your child in the nursery if you wish.

Healthy Transitions Update: Even as we say farewell and Godspeed to Pastor Tim and we give thanks to God for his time with us, we are already embarking on a time of transition. Healthy Transitions is the term used by the Synod when a Pastor moves on from a congregation to another ministerial service. This transition process as outlined by the Synod includes a number of activities and events that will provide the foundation to guide the call committee when they begin the work of identifying and interviewing pastoral candidates.

The first step is the formation of the Transitions Team that will oversee the transition process over the next 8 to 10 months. The goal of the council is that the Transitions Team will be in place before Thanksgiving – an ambitious goal, but possible. The first task of the Transitions Team will be to distribute to all Holy Trinity members and friends the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT). The CAT is an online (or paper) congregation-wide survey that provides an in-depth look at the experiences, perceptions, and aspirations of Holy Trinity. Even though many of you remember completing this survey several years back, and several years before that, it is very important that we try to identify how we have changed and how our congregation is trending. Rolling out this survey to the Congregation will hopefully begin in December and continue into January. From the information provided to the Council by Pastor Steve Wilco (an Associate to the Bishop and out guide during this time) it is important for us to begin the CAT sooner rather than later. Pastor Wilco will be here at Holy Trinity on Sunday, December 19th to serve as our Supply Pastor! He will also be meeting with the Congregation following this service to explain the Transition and Call Processes.

Pastor Tim has graciously completed the roster of supply pastors for worship for all Sundays through the end of the year, as well as for Christmas Eve. Some of them are familiar to us, some may be new faces. We humbly ask all to pray for our Transition Team members, those who will prepare the call document, and Call Committee, and the Council as we all work to discern God's path for our church.

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Recognition of Veterans Day

Holy Trinity was formed partially by families located in the Seacoast area who were serving in the military via Pease Air Force Base, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and the Coast Guard. As our nation observes Veterans Day, we recognize those currently serving in the armed forces, veterans in our midst and their families who have given so much for our nation.

Gathering Song

ELW 793

Please stand as able

Be Thou My Vision



Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

Confession and Forgiveness

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
 - —A brief silence—
- P: Have mercy on us, O God.
- C: We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.
- P: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for + Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.
- C: Amen.

Greeting

- P: May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P: Let us pray.
- C: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Children's Message

—Please be seated—

The children are invited to come forward to join the Pastor at the Chancel for a message.

WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.

First Reading

- L: A reading from Psalm 16
- L: ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
 I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- C: ²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.
- L: ³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
- C: ⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.
- L: ⁵O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

- C: 6My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.
- L: ⁷I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.
- C: 8I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- L: ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.
- C: ¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.
- L: ¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

— Please stand as able—

- P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 13:1-8
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one

leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

- P: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon —Please be seated—

Prayers of the People

P: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

-A brief silence-

P: God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

P: God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

P: We lift before you all those whose work puts them in harm's way for the sake of others, especially first responders and servicewomen and men

who are stationed around the world. Allow all people to return home safely and keep them close to you. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

P: God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters. Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. —A brief silence— God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

P: We pray for our partners in mission and ministry: Presiding Bishop
Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop
James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone
Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos
Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and
the Holy Land and Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria
Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

P: God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Our offering plate is located at the entrance of the Sanctuary. After the service, please make your offering there.

Offertory Hymn

Church Choir

Offertory Prayer

P: Together, let us pray.

C: Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Celebration of Holy Communion

While we gather during the Pandemic, we will receive communion with a pre-filled communion cup and wafer. Communion cups can be found in the Narthex.

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Feel free to use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with.

P: Now, as our Lord taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

We will now take Communion. As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood.

Sending of Communion

- P: Gracious God, whose mercy endures from generation to generation:
 Bless those who go forth to carry your Word and sacrament to our sisters
 and brothers who are homebound. In your love and compassion, nourish
 and strengthen them with hope through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

SENDING

Communion Blessing

- P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
- C: Amen.

Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

A Litany of Godspeed and Farewell

A reading from Ecclesiastes:

"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together... a time to seek, and a time to lose...."

(Ecclesiastes 3:1-6)

Council Representative: Today, Pastor Tim departs this community to use his gifts in service to God in a new place and in new ways with Lutheran World Relief. Therefore, it is time to mark the ending of his ministry here at Holy Trinity. It is a time to look back and a time to look forward, a time for joy and a time for sadness. It is a time to give thanks and praise to Almighty God for what Pastor Tim has given us in our lives together. As he has been a blessing to us, so we now send him forth to be a blessing to others.

Council Representative: Blessed be God.

C: And blessed be God's holy name.

Council Representative: The Lord makes everything beautiful in its time.

C: Whatever God does endures forever.

Council Representative: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

C: And forget not all God's benefits.

- Council Representative: Pastor Tim, on November 19, 2017, we called you to be our pastor; to proclaim God's word, to baptize new members into the church of Jesus Christ, to announce God's forgiveness to us, and to preside at our celebrations of the Lord's supper. With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ and in our service to this community, and we thank you for your ministry among us.
- P: It has been a privilege and blessing to be called as your pastor and to work with you in God's kingdom. I thank each of you and all of you for welcoming me into your lives and for the ways in which we have loved and served together. It has been a blessing to have spent these years with you. After prayerful discernment I have accepted a new direction in ministry.
- **Council Representative:** Do you, the people of Holy Trinity, with thanks to God for the ministry of Pastor Tim among you, now release him from service as your pastor?
- C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.
- **Council Representative**: Pastor Tim, with thanks to God for the members of this community and for their ministry with you, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Holy Trinity.
- P: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.
- P: I thank you, the people of Holy Trinity, for the love and support you have shown me while I ministered among you. I am grateful for the ministry we have shared, and I ask your forgiveness for the mistakes that I have made. I carry with me all I have learned in this place.
- C: We receive your thankfulness and we forgive you. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness

for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave with your departure.

P: I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are held in God's mercy and love.

Council Representative: Let us pray. Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servants, Pastor Tim, his wife Vicky, and children Sam, Olivia, and Micah, who have enriched this community and brought gladness to friends and family. Now bless and preserve them at this time of transition. Day by day, guide them and give them what is needed, friends and family to cheer their way, and a joyful and blessed future. By your Holy Spirit be present in their pilgrimage, that they may travel with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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	Amen.
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Service continues with congregation blessing and sending

Sending Hymn

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Please stand as able





- God be with you till we meet a gain; by good coun-sels guide, up hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a gain; ho ly wings se cure ly hide you,
- God be with you till we meet a gain; when life's per ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you; dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain. put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;



Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

Benediction

- P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace.
- C: Amen.

Dismissal

- P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.