



Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

October 1, 2023 9:30 AM – Morning Devotional Service



Rev. Luther Zeigler, Pastor

PastorLuther@htelc.com • office@htelc.com • (603) 436-1704 • htelc.com

WELCOME

to Holy Trinity

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.

September Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

Erik Bygd, Annie Wesley, Janet Maleski, Elijah Bygd, Serena Gerome, Tracy Barry, Leo Larson, Mary Kuck, Bill Clapp, Peter Johnson, Rich Swiatocha, Don Gindlesperger, Ann Stephan, Emily Goupil, Steven Bauer, Yosua Siagian, Edie Hudak, Paul Eide, Heidi Morrison, Sonia Talabessy, Russ Hilliard, Joan Parseghian, Cam Eide, Judy Gessner.

Happy Anniversary!

Rich & Martha Belanger, Mark & Erlinde Beliveau, Jim & Kathy McKenna, Dan & Lara Scammon, Paul & Lauren Gianino, Carl & Eileen Kackenmeister, Angie & Paul Eide.

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!

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

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.

Office Hours & Pastoral Emergencies:

Church Office: *Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm*

Pastor's Office: *Tuesday afternoons & Wednesdays 11am-2:30pm*

If you need a Pastoral Visit, or experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact the Church Office and we will connect you with our Pastor as soon as possible. Email office@htelc.com or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

Donate to Holy Trinity: You can place your offering in the offering plate during the service. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you.

To give online, visit

www.elexiogiving.com/App/Giving/htelc OR scan this QR code with the camera app on your phone.



Follow us on Facebook and YouTube:

@HolyTrinityEvangelicalLutheranChurch

PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, Bob Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Shirley Jackson. **Homebound:** Carol Sauflley, Barbara Werdelin, Ron Evers, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom, Judy Hollister, Jean Klein. **Military:** Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

Friends: Dave Bly (Sue Althof's brother), Cinda DeWerff (Rich Wilcox's sister), Kathy Wyrick (Linda Marshall's friend), Jacquelynn & Richard Murray (Jessica Feeley's sister and brother-in-law), Rich Conway & Karin Otero (Lois Laurence's friends), Carol & Charlie Dunican (friends of Bobbie Febbo).

Prayers will be listed for at least 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.

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

Today's service will be a short service without hymns or communion. This will be a "Morning Devotion Service" to allow our church time to prepare for tonight's "Celebration of New Ministry" under the new leadership of Rev. Luther Zeigler.

You are welcome to read and reflect on the lectionary of the week, as provided on the right hand side, when you are home.

LECTIONARY

This Week: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32; Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16.

Next Week: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46; Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): N/A

Choir Director: N/A

Sound System: Mark Donahue and Franklyn Vosburg

Counters: Phyllis & Barry Philbrick

Altar Guild: N/A

Lector: Bonnie Sanders

Liturgical Deacon: Julie Kath

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, October 4

9:30 AM: Bible Study

THURSDAY, October 5

8:30 AM: Property Team

SATURDAY, October 7

2:00 PM: Celebration of Life for Gisela Wemple

SUNDAY, October 8

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, September 17:	118 (In-Person) + 19 (Online) = 137	Offering:	\$11,305.40
Sunday, September 24:	107 (In-Person) + 25 (Online) = 133	Offering:	\$4,794.90

Announcements

Pastor Luther's Installation Service is *this afternoon* at 4:00 PM, as we formally install Pastor Luther Zeigler as our 11th Pastor.

A Celebration of Life for Gisela Wemple will be held on Saturday, October 7 at 2:00 PM.

New Member Classes: For those of you who are new to the church and/or are interested in becoming a member of Holy Trinity, Pastor Luther will be offering a three-session "New Member Orientation" on the third Sundays of October, November and December, right after church. Those dates are October 15, November 19, and December 17. If you are interested in enrolling, please email or contact Mark in the Office.

Looking for "Green Christians": Do you think and feel that stewardship of God's Creation, environmental justice, climate change and/or sustainability the like are important in the life of the Christian church? If so, then you likely are a "Green Christian" ... and our church needs you! The HTELC Council recently endorsed the formation of a "Creation Care Task Force" to study and explore the possibilities of our church becoming a "green church." If you would like to learn more about this possibility for service, please contact Glenn Oswald (603-507-7363 or glenn canoe@gmail.com).

Social Ministry Guest Speakers: During the month of October, our Social Ministry team will welcome three guest speakers to talk about the ministries they run and how Holy Trinity supports them. On Sunday, October 8, we welcome LaTonya Williams, Communications Director for the NH Community Loan Fund. As a church, we gave our hem an \$8000 interest free loan, which is renewed every two years. On Sunday, October 15, Tammy Joslyn of Operation Blessing will speak to our congregation about how they support individuals and families in need. On Sunday, October 22, Marguerite Ferrer will speak about Dover Friendly Kitchen.

OPERATION BLESSING Needs. For food: Macaroni and Cheese, any kind of pasta, and sauce or cans of pasta, peanut butter and jelly, any kind of juice (either a large bottle or juice boxes). Clothes needed are children's clothing from size 5 to junior sizes. Thank you for all you can do. Please put in the green boxes under the mailboxes.

Youth Confirmation Classes with Pastor Luther: Glenn Oswald and Lara Scammon have done a terrific job in leading our youth confirmation program during the long stretch of "interim time" between pastors. Now that Pastor Luther is on board, however, and with the Council's encouragement, he has committed to leading these classes going forward so that he can begin to connect more deeply with our youth and families with children. Accordingly, youth and their parents who are currently in the confirmation program or who are interested in joining are invited to attend a short (twenty minute) organizational meeting on Sunday, October 8, immediately after church in the Sanctuary. Pastor Luther will outline the calendar and curriculum for the coming season at the meeting.

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
18th Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday, October 1, 2023—9:30 a.m.
Morning Devotions

Welcome and Opening Sentence

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: *God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

Psalm 25:1-8

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *

*let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.*

² Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

³ Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
*for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.*

⁵ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
*remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.*

⁷ Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸ He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

The Lesson *Philippians 2:1-13*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own

interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
 but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
 he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.
 Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
 so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reflection

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth;*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit*

*and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.*

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God for all gifts so freely bestowed upon us: For the
 beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and time to rest and worship,
We thank you, Lord.

For all who earnestly seek after truth, and all who labor for justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For all that is good and gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the
 image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for those in need: For the homeless, the hungry, the poor, refugees, the incarcerated, and those struggling to make ends meet.

Hear us, Lord.

For those in this country and abroad who have been affected by natural disasters.

Hear us, Lord.

For the sick, the disabled, those suffering from mental illness, and those in danger of losing hope.

Hear us, Lord.

For those in harm's way, including especially the men and women who serve in the armed forces, in law enforcement, and in other public health and safety vocations.

Hear us, Lord.

For those who are experiencing loss, grief, and mourning those they love but see no longer.

Hear us, Lord.

I invite you to name now, either silently or aloud, those other persons or concerns on your heart.

[Pause to allow time for free prayer.]

The Lord's Prayer

*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,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray: *Gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, rich in love, we bless your name and give you thanks. In our need, you make haste to help us. You plant us beside streams of your wisdom, teach us in pastures greenening with truth, and guide us on the path of your promise. By your Spirit awaken our faith, that, feasting on your Word, we may love you more fully and serve our neighbor more faithfully; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

The Final Blessing and Dismissal