



Holy Trinity Times

November 2025

Newsletter of The Church of the Holy Trinity

Helping Our Church Walk “By Faith” in 2026

We are taking pledges to our 2026 Operating Budget all through November. We’ve talked about where we’ve been and what God is calling us to. The bottom line for us is that to keep growing we need your help to grow our offerings.

Now it’s up to us. Each of us gets to decide what we can do to support our church’s future. Please pray our Stewardship Prayer. Then, as God leads, go ahead and turn in your pledge. You can do that on Sunday, or you can go to our website and click on the By Faith slide.

If you are unable to make a pledge, that’s okay, but please do keep praying for OUR church.

Stewardship Prayer: *Lord, thank you for all you have done at Holy Trinity and for all that still lies ahead. Strengthen us this day by your Holy Spirit, to boldly live BY FAITH so that all may know your love and grace as we do. Amen.*

Finally, Let Me Say THANK YOU!

Looking back over the last 5 years I marvel at what God has done here. I often thank God for his grace and his work in our midst. This month I want to THANK YOU!

God does his work through you and me. I’ve seen you be generous with your time and treasure. I’ve consistently felt your encouragement and support. You’ve been bold and willing to do new things and dream of a new stronger future.

A clergy person’s dream is to serve in a parish that is healthy, strong and committed to God. It doesn’t always turn out that way. You are that kind of church and I’m living that dream.

So... THANK YOU!

November 2025

Sun Nov 2, 2025	<i>Pledge Sunday (Daylight Saving Time ends)</i>
Mon Nov 3, 2025	6pm - 8:30pm EFM (MR)
Fri Nov 7, 2025	6pm - 9pm Parents Night Out (PH)
Sat Nov 8, 2025	3pm - 6pm Youth Group Husker Hockey @ Breslow Hockey Center
Sun Nov 9, 2025	<i>Good Life Halfsy</i> https://www.goodlifehalfsy.com/schedule-of-events/
Mon Nov 10, 2025	10am - 11am Silvertrust Memorial (S)
Tue Nov 11, 2025	<i>Veterans Day Offices Closed</i>
Thu Nov 13, 2025	1pm - 4pm Bridge (PH)
Sat Nov 15, 2025	5pm Episco-Pals
Sun Nov 16, 2025	10:30am - 11:30am Family Worship Service (S/PH)
Mon Nov 17, 2025	7pm - 8pm Vestry (MR)
Wed Nov 19, 2025	5:30pm Thansksgiving Eucharist @St. Mark's on the Campus 7pm - 8:30pm Youth Group Bible Study (Oasis Room)
Thu Nov 20, 2025	Third Thursday Eucharist
Thu Nov 27, 2025	<i>Offices Closed</i>
Fri Nov 28, 2025	<i>Offices Closed</i>
Sat Nov 29, 2025	7pm - Youth Group Lock-In (PH)
Sun Nov 30, 2025	<i>No Sunday School</i> 11:30am - 12:30pm Service Trip Info Meeting (LGR)

PH-Parish Hall
S-Sanctuary
MR-Memorial Room
CC-Children's Chapel
CR-Choir Room
(downstairs)
LGR/OR-Large Group
Room/Oasis Room
(downstairs)
BR-Bell Room

Sundays

Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30am
 Livestream Worship 10:30am
 Family Worship every 3rd Sunday of the Month 10:30
 Children's Chapel 10:30am
 Adult Sunday School 9:15am
 Dinka Language Worship 1:30pm
 Sudanese Sunday School 1:30pm
 Coffee after each service in the Parish Hall
 Free Library & puzzle exchange in the Memorial Room

M-W-F Exercise Class 9:30am Parish Hall

Mondays EFM 6pm Parish Hall



Full updated calendar of events
[Holy Trinity Episcopal Church | Calendar \(holytrinitylincoln.com\)](https://www.holytrinitylincoln.com/calendar)

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 Holytrinitylincoln.com
 402-488-7139

Looking Back... Over the Last Five Years

God has done something miraculous here.

- We Have Grown by Over 93%.
- God provided funds to begin the Master Plan.
- God has raised up new leaders.



Looking Forward...

God will Strengthen Us for Future Growth!

In 2026 we will focus on catching up. We will:

- Deepen our care for one another as a family of faith.
- Invite and Welcome ALL people to experience God for themselves here.
- Strive for excellence in our worship, our fellowship, and our faith.
- Grow our giving to catch up with our growth in people.
- Strengthen our administrative, physical, and human resources so that we can continue to grow our church.

Looking UP...

We are Asking God to Help Us STRETCH!

What are you asking us to Pledge to?

Our Pledges are to the **Operating Budget**. That budget pays for all personnel, utilities, maintenance, programs, and administrative costs. It keeps the lights on, ministry happening and the building maintained.

Who's paying for the Master Plan?

75% of the cost of these new facility improvements are being funded from the Holy Trinity Legacy Fund. Other parishioners have also made gifts to cover the rest of the expenses out of their generosity.

When will you ask us to give to the Master Plan?

We do not plan on doing a capital campaign at this time. There may be ways that folks can make a contribution for something specific, but God is providing for the Master Plan.

That Frees us up to Focus on our Operating Budget

Our goal now is to grow into that stretch budget over the next three years. **By Faith**, we are trusting that God will provide through you and me. If what God is doing in this place feeds your soul and gives you hope for our future, I'd like to ask you to make a pledge to the Operating Budget.

Looking Out...

What We do here Will Impact our World!

This isn't just about what happens here in our church, or what we want to get from being in this place. This is about changing the world IN here and OUT there. It's about changing us – and then changing the world we live in. The world needs that.

Too often, we look out and see the problems in our world, and we hope someone will do something.

The way God sees it you and I are that someone. And the something we can do is to build a strong vibrant community of faith – where we experience God's transforming power and where others can come to do the same for themselves.

Transformed people, empowered by God, do change the world – one person at a time. That's how you and I “reap the harvest.”

So Will You Help Support our Church?

Here's how:

- If you haven't yet pledged, would you please make one?
- If you are already pledging, would you please increase that pledge by 10% or more?



Note: Personally, I'm increasing my pledge by 20% because I can't ask you all to do something I'm not doing.

You can pledge by bringing one of the pledge cards up during the service. Or you can also go to our website and click on the **By Faith** slide to pledge online.

If you are unable to pledge Now:

You are still part of what God is up to here.

Thanks for being with us. And would you please give us the gift of your Prayers. Pray for God's will in this church and in all of us as God's people.

Backpacks and Big Hearts

August 26, 2025

Article by the Food Bank of Lincoln

<https://www.lincolnfoodbank.org/about/stories-of-change/>

Before many of us finished our first cup of coffee, a faithful crew from Holy Trinity Church was already in motion—packing food-filled backpacks with care, laughter and love. It was a summer Monday morning ritual fueled by kindness: these bags made their way to kiddos across our community, helping provide nourishing meals when school was out for the summer.



At first, they weren't sure what to expect. One church member and longtime volunteer, Ron, remembers the uncertainty clearly. He joined the church four years ago on Christmas Eve, and the following spring, Father Clay approached him with an opportunity to help with the Food Bank's BackPack Program. That conversation became the starting point of something quite a bit bigger than he imagined. For the last several years, volunteers from Holy Trinity Church have packed nearly all the backpacks for the Food Bank of Lincoln's Summer BackPack Program in Lincoln.

This summer, that meant 193 bags each week—an impressive total of 1,544 bags for the summer season!

With years of experience, their Monday morning routine was second nature. No instructions needed. The group—once just comprised of about six people, now close to 20—moved through the process with an unspoken coordination that came from a shared purpose, camaraderie and experience.



"It's kind of like a dairy farm," Ron said with a smile. "Where the cows just know they have to be milked at a certain time—they walk in, they already know what station to go to and what to do."

Each backpack was filled with nutritious, shelf-stable food meant to last until Monday. Each one was packed with intention.

"We just want to do our part to help make it easier on the weekends for the kids," Ron said. "We are here to help those in need."

And when all the packing and sorting is done, there's a lasting sense of fulfillment—the kind that stays with you long after you leave. "It's going to be beneficial for somebody down the road," he said. "It's pretty much an honor on our part."

When asked what he would say if he could speak directly to the children or families receiving the backpacks?

He smiled and said gently, *"Bon appétit."*

Thank you to this wonderful crew from Holy Trinity Church for your support of children and families facing hunger in Southeast Nebraska!



Gearing Up for the Giving Season this Christmas: "McPhee Giving Tree" Until December 14th

Yes! Holy Trinity is continuing our tradition of helping the families of McPhee Elementary School during the upcoming holiday season. We began this tradition during the Pandemic, and it has been extremely successful. Holy Trinity has provided countless Walmart gift cards to numerous needy families of McPhee. Every time I am at the school Lanette in the school office tells me of a different family who has received one of our gift cards to help them out during a difficult time. Holy Trinity is so generous with this gift card drive, that not only do we help families have a nicer Christmas, but the school is able to hold back

some of our cards, which enables them to help families all year long. This is just incredible! Thank you so much.

Sometime during Advent, my son David, a McPhee 5th grade teacher, will come to share some of their stories. So yes, Virginia - we will be collecting Walmart gift cards in increments of \$25 or \$50 or cash/checks from now until December 14th. It is perfectly OK to make out a check to Holy Trinity, making sure to write "McPhee" in the memo line. I cannot tell you how it warms my heart (and McPhee's) when I deliver the huge pile of gift cards to the school. I can say with confidence that every teacher at that school knows how much Holy Trinity loves, cares and prays for them and their students. You are all such a blessing.

Thank you so very much.
Sue Everett

Contact: holytrinityartsfestival@gmail.com



News Release

Holy Trinity Arts Festival 2026

And

“1,000 Birds of Peace”

Saturday, May 2, 2026

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM



(Lincoln, NE) September 25, 2025 Please join The Church of the Holy Trinity for our 5th annual Holy Trinity Arts Festival, located at 6001 A St. in Lincoln, NE. This one-day event will run from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM and will feature artists' booths, performances by local artists, floral presentations, children's art tent, bounce houses, food vendors, and beer garden.

“1,000 Birds of Peace” is a chance for people from all across our community to join in an inspiring work of public art. Our goal is to gather and display over 1,000 origami birds folded by children and adults as an expression of our prayerful longing for peace. The installation of these birds will debut at the 2026 Arts Festival and everyone is invited to come and see their birds in flight.

Origami paper/instructions are free and available to persons/groups. Email us at: susane@htlnk.org

This Festival is open to the public and free to attend.

For more information, please visit www.holytrinityartsfestival.com You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram.



Sunday School Celebration Sunday

We had our *first* CELEBRATION SUNDAY for Sunday School in October! It was a pajama party that had us moving like trains, enjoying yummy snack time, competing in a traveler relay, and earning our memory verse memorization prizes.

Parents & students, don't forget that our Celebration Sunday on **November 18th** is "dress for your favorite season!" Check in at our usual south entrance on the lower level and pick up from the Parish Hall.



October Parents Night Out was Super-Spidery!

From collaborative artwork to team relays, we had a wicked good time at Parents Night Out last month, learning all about spiders and working to catch them all! Be sure to register your kids to join us in November!



Parents Night Out - November 7th 6-9pm

Need a night off in November? Then this is for you
– and the KIDS.

Ages: Kindergarten through 5th Grade

Cost: \$10/child, max of \$20/family

Times: 6:00 to 9:00pm

Register by 11/5 at: www.HolyTrinityLincoln.com



Looking for Someone Called to Join the Children & Youth Ministry Team!

Four years ago, Jane Janesch started the children's ministry here at Holy Trinity. Since then, we've seen amazing growth. Today we've got a vibrant growing ministry, a strong team, and a full-time Children and Youth Ministry Director. With Jane's retirement, we are looking for someone new to join our team!

This is a part-time position for a team player involved in *all* of our programs. As the Children's Ministry Lead, their primary focus will be Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and our new Family Worship program.

If you know someone passionate about kids, and experienced in education or ministry, feel free to send them to our website or pass on their name and contact info to Darby or Jill!

Email Darby at this address: DarbyD@htlnk.org



Youth Group IGNITE RETREAT – Register Today!

Recharge for 2nd semester with each other at Platte River State Park, from January 9-11. This will be an *amazing* weekend of growing YOUR faith, digging deeper into the Word, opportunities to serve, delicious food, and all the fun we can stuff into our time together!

Space is limited, so register to reserve your spot today. (Registration due by **December 15th** to **guarantee a shirt!**)

Youth Group in the Fall Spirit!

October meant a few FALL activities for youth group to partake in, starting with a movie! We met at the historic Joyo Theatre to watch *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, enjoyed some delicious popcorn & pop, and even took a little Havelock stroll. Our Bible Study this month was all about how Rahab, once seen as an unworthy woman, held fast to her faith in God and eventually was a part of Jesus' lineage. Lastly, our Lunch & Serve was a great opportunity to prepare for serving our Santee Youth Group family at the end of November, as we planned "all things lock-in!"

5th-12th graders, be sure to join us in November for more time together and LOTS more fun!



IGNITE 2025 - 2026
November

<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>STUDY</u>	<u>LOCK-IN!!!</u>
Nov 8 - Hockey Game 3:00 - 6:00pm	Nov 19 - Deborah 7:00 - 8:30pm	Nov 29-30 7pm Sat. drop-off
Come to the Breslow (433 V Street) to cheer on the Huskers on Ice. Bring \$10 per person. We'll have a blast together, but be sure to dress in layers... it's a little chilly in there!	Learn & discuss how Deborah, a prophetess & judge, showed her zeal for God in the midst of her enemies! (Middle-High School Level learning) Meet in the Oasis Room @HT!	Come for a night of games, Nerf Wars, movies, snacks, and FUN! We'll include our service project, "Deck the Sunday School Halls," this night too. Enjoy church the next morning (no Sunday School=sleeping in!), followed by our Service Trip Informational Meeting from 11:30-12:30.

3rd Sunday Family Worship 10:30am

Come Join Us on the 3rd Sunday of the Month

November 16th @ 10:30am

Intentionally family friendly with communion, sermon, readings, prayer and music for young and old.

If you've been looking for a way to help your kids or grandkids feel like Holy Trinity IS a place for them, then this service is for you.

All Kids & Youth are invited to sing with us for our November 16th Third Sunday. Check out the video for words and actions for "I Thank You, Lord" by scanning the QR code.





Youth Lock-In
November 29th, 7pm

More information and the packing list is located on the TV info. table in the foyer.

Play Bridge November 13th at 1pm in the Parish Hall.

All levels of Bridge players are welcome on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Please contact Nancy Machmer at (618 704 4231) or namach2020@gmail.com to sign up.



EPISCO-PALS - Cozy up with Soup! **November 15th, 5pm @ The Everett's**

The fun and fellowship for all adults will begin at 5:00. The menu will include chili and chicken noodle soup. In the foyer is a sign-up sheet where you can list what side dish, appetizer, or dessert you intend to bring for all to share. (Hey, if you have a favorite soup, you just love - feel free to bring it!) Beer and wine will be provided as well as tea, coffee, and soda. If you would like something different - please bring it along.

Friends are always welcome.

Happy Fall!
 Sue and Alan Everett

Early Thanksgiving Eucharist – Nov. 19th, 5:30pm

@ St. Mark's on the Campus

St. Mark's has invited us to join with them to give thanks this Thanksgiving season. You are welcome to join us at St. Mark's on the Campus at 5:30pm on Wednesday, 11/19.

We are celebrating this Thanksgiving Eucharist a week and a day early for the sake of those who wish to travel. There'll be prayers, worship, music and snacks to follow the service. No RSVP is required.



Seniors Coffee Hour

November 25, 2025 @ 2pm in the Memorial Room

Every 4th Tuesday at 2:00pm we'll enjoy coffee, snacks, fellowship and a chance to learn more about the world around us.

For more information contact Rev. Verna 402-310-5854



Chalice Bearers, Greeters, and Ushers Needed for Sunday Worship

Training will be provided to help orient you to your new ministry to this community.

The most common reaction of new chalice bearers is the surprise at how much more the worship means when they are actively engaged in it.

Ushers and greeters are the first people encountered when you enter the church for services. They are the face of Holy Trinity in a very tangible way. It is truly hard to overestimate their ministry.

If you feel called to serve in these ways at the 8:00 or 10:30am services please do let us know by emailing Nicole at Nicoles@htlnk.org or scanning the QR Code.

NEW Process! We are now signing up online! Make your own schedule:

<https://tinyurl.com/mrymjd4a>

Or scan this QR code:



Fall Clean up December 6th @ 9am

Save the date!





**LPS Emergency Pantry at Bryan Community School
(300 S. 48th St.) October 24, 2025, 2:45-5:45pm**

Volunteers Needed! One Friday A Month.

Sign up in the south entrance on the NEW Community Ministry table.

The pantry is open three days a week when school is in session and Holy Trinity will provide three volunteers to work at the pantry on the fourth Friday during the school year.

Please consider signing up for one or more sessions and contact Cheryl Hejl
chejl380@yahoo.com with any questions.

Thanks to our many volunteers who make this effort successful!

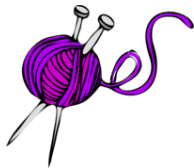


The Holy Trinity Prayer Chain

If you'd like to be part of Holy Trinity Prayer Chain. just contact the email address below.

Anytime you need prayer, you can either call or text the Prayer Chain number or email us at the address below and we will include them for a total of two weeks. Please keep us updated.

Prayer Chain #: (531) 280-8515 Email: HolyTrinityPrayer10@gmail.com



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at Holy Trinity continues to create prayer shawls and pray for the people who receive them. As we work on each shawl, we are praying for the person who will be wrapped in the love and prayer that is in each garment.

Most of the time we know who will receive our shawls, but there are times when we do not. The warmth and love that the prayers said while making the shawl is there for the recipient to feel.

If you would like a shawl or blanket for someone, please contact Jill Lein 972-948-2211, jilllein1@gmail.com or Susan Zwickle 402-730-7107, susanzwickle@gmail.com



Join us in the Parish Hall after each service for Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship!

Cookie Donations needed

We are looking for cookies or other treats to serve during coffee hour. If you would like to purchase or make something, please bring it to the kitchen or contact Vicky White dixiejaz3@gmail.com or 402-416-3404 or Liz Johnson 307-760-4623 lizelliot172@gmail.com

Exercise Class M, W, F, 9:30-11am; Parish Hall

In 2008, 3 members of Holy Trinity invited exercise class to move from St. David's to Holy Trinity: Bev Ward, Millie Ozaki, and Barbara McCabe. Their invitation was an answer to prayer. That's 17 years ago! It's meant to be a 'guilt-free' class. Come, be part of the group, get connected, ok to come and go as your schedule allows. Having the camaraderie makes exercising much more tolerable, pleasant, and fun. We focus on mobility and flexibility. We use resistance bands for maintaining strength.



Aging is increasing my commitment to exercise. I learn new exercises at Physical Therapy whenever some issue comes along: shoulder, hip, knee, etc. The basic commitment though is God. The body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, to be treated with respect and care. Body pain and that commitment to care for the temple of the Holy Spirit keep me exercising.

The routine: general stretching until 10:10, then some walk and others chat, and some do floor exercises. 10:35 we relax, then 10:45 we close with moving meditation called chi gong.

We're enjoying the new color and flooring in the parish hall! We meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9:30-11:00 a.m. You're welcome to drop in. Casual attire. If you have questions, contact Christine Grosh: 402-560-0024 or cgrosh@windstream.net.

Free Library in the Memorial Room has Expanded, Including a Puzzle Exchange!

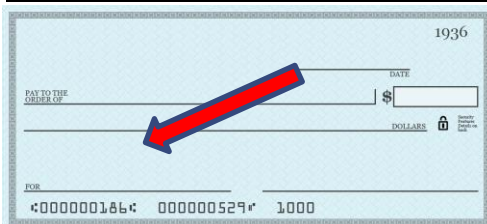


We have expanded the library in the Memorial Room. Take a book or give a book. Exchange your puzzles for fresh ones! Please place all returned or new books in the basket (please, no dictionaries).

Thank you to Nancy Machmer for keeping the library & puzzle exchange organized and up-to-date!



Gifts to Episcopal Relief & Development are a practical way to make a difference right now. They partner with local agencies with life-saving supplies and resources, medicine and emergency support. You can donate directly to them at www.episcopalrelief.org. Or write a check to Holy Trinity with "ERD" in the memo line.



Help Us Get Your Offerings to the Right Place Please specify ("Pledge") in the memo line.

Thank you for your continued support to Holy Trinity. When you write a check, please let us know in the memo line what you want that check to be for. For example it could be marked as "pledge" or "food cart" This will allow us to make sure that your giving goes where you want it to go. And as always – THANKS for Giving!



Community Ministry Now Located in the South Entry

Please keep bringing your contributions to our outreach table in the south entry

The FOOD BOX receives your food donations to be distributed to any persons in need who come to Holy Trinity with the overflow donated to St. Mark's on the Campus.

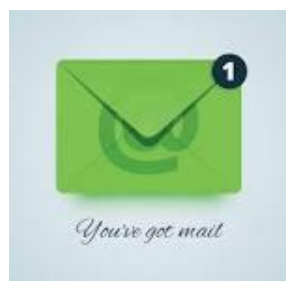
The BEST CHOICE labels are processed and the rebate distributed by the Outreach Committee.

ST. MONICA'S donations of unused, individually wrapped, travel size toiletries are given in gift bags in the season of Advent with your donations of calendars, scratch pads and greeting cards delivered during the year.

2026 Calendars will be taken to the City Mission.

Any questions please ask Cheryl Hejl chejl380@yahoo.com

New Email Addresses from Holy Trinity



If you receive an email from htlnk.org, this is not spam

The staff at Holy Trinity are transitioning to new email addresses - each ending with htlnk.org. For example - you may get an email from Father Clay at clayl@htlnk.org, or Nicole Sherer at nicoles@htlnk.org. It will take some time to transition to this new program. If you have any questions please contact

Joni or Nicole: Jonic@htlnk.org or nicoles@htlnk.org.



Holy Trinity Times & Bulletin Deadlines

Please send your articles for the next newsletter **by the 20th of the month**. Weekly Bulletin articles can be submitted as needed but will only be run as space allows for the following Sunday. Please email them to nicoles@htlnk.org.



Weekly Announcements

Are you receiving weekly announcements via email? If not (and you would like to) please email Nicole at nicoles@htlnk.org so we have your correct email address.



Building Use Forms-Yes! We still need these more than ever!

Anytime a group of two or more people meet in the church, a Building Use Form is required. These should be updated once a year for recurring meetings. Please submit a form before you meet to ensure you reserve the space. They are located by the office door or on our website. www.holytrinitylincoln.com. You may also contact the office to have one emailed to you. Nicoles@htlnk.org or 402-488-7139.

November Birthdays

1st Koch Deng
1st Gong Gai
2nd Nancy Stara
4th Mary Jo Boyce
4th Emily David
4th Dit Deng
5th Mary Graft
6th Jan Jacob
6th Julie Silvertrust
7th Teresa Evans
7th Jeff Noble
8th Ann Wahl
9th Wel Achiek
10th Lynn Bahm
10th Matt Ludwig

14th Patty Butler
14th Nicole Sherer
15th Landon Blair
15th Nancy Youngman
17th Danielle Kahler
17th Mary Lu Long
18th Lonny Zwickle
20th Charlotte Liggett
21st Austyn Meyer
23rd Daniel Coffman
23rd Luke Long, II
23rd Anyier Malou
25th Sharon Farnen
25th Deb Sneller



Helping Your Church AND Yourself

You can do both. Your donations to Holy Trinity and other charitable organizations are no longer deductible when the standard deduction option is taken. You may still be able to receive the benefits!

Payments made directly from your IRA to Holy Trinity will not be counted as taxable income. So if you can't deduct the contribution, this provision removes the donation from taxable income, giving you the same benefit as the deduction.

You must start taking RMDs by April 1 of the year after you turn 73. Let's say you celebrated your 73rd birthday on July 4, 2025. You must take the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) by April 1. You'll have to take another RMD by Dec. 31 and by Dec. 31 each year after that. (For tax year 2022, the age for starting RMDs was 72).

Also, people do not have to wait until they are 73 to make those gifts. They are REQUIRED once they're 73, but they are allowed to make the same type of gift at age 70 1/2 which is called a QCD, Qualified Charitable Distribution.

What to do? Contact your IRA provider and arrange for your donation to Holy Trinity to be made from your required minimum distribution. The check must go directly from the IRA fiduciary to Holy Trinity in order to qualify as non-taxable income. Contact Nicole Sherer or Rebecca Schultz at the church office for more information. Nicoles@htlnk.org

**Giving statements are available ANYTIME at
www.Onrealm.org**



Serving in November 2025—New Process

Dear Holy Trinity Volunteers,

Thank you for your willingness to serve as Ushers/Greeters, Chalice, and/or Readers for our Sunday services. We are trying something new for scheduling to accommodate schedules and to let you choose which days work best for your busy schedule. Because we have a lot of open spots, feel free to schedule yourself often - especially if you are a Greeter (or would like to start). You should have received an email from Realm about scheduling. If not, please let me know. As a reminder, if you can't make your scheduled time, please find a replacement then let us know in advance. Anyone can volunteer to serve! Nicole nicoles@htlnk.org or Joni jonic@htlnk.org.

NEW Process! We are now signing up online! Make your own schedule:

<https://tinyurl.com/mrymjd4a>

Or scan this QR code:



Sign up now for Christmas Eve Services!

Church of The Holy Trinity
Vestry Minutes
October 20, 2025

The Vestry of Holy Trinity met October 20, 2025, in the church Memorial Room. Present were Father Clay Lein; Senior Warden Corey Wasserburger; Junior Warden Matt Lundak; Treasurer Jeanne Gaertig; Vestry Members Michael Cover, Joe Fox, Roxane Graham, Don Rabbe and Bob Winter. Excused Absent were Clerk Mary Vaughan and Vestry Members Liz Bavitz and Karla Bahm.

Father Clay called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and gave an opening prayer. The Vestry then reflected on Psalm 22: 22-31. The Treasurer's Report was discussed and accepted as submitted.

A Phase One Project Cost Summary was presented by Father Clay. It noted the contract amount approved by the Vestry and the actual cost to date. It was noted that Hazardous Material Abatement is completed and presented expenditures in the eight other primary categories. Some construction-related damages to the Sunday School Craft Room were shown to the Vestry. The contractor will restore the room at no extra cost.

The Vestry will begin considering Plan 2026 and budget. The Finance Committee is working on an audit of past and current expenditures in anticipation of budget preparation. Father Clay noted the need to focus on catching up with what God has been doing and strengthening the church for the future. This will include raising volunteer and leadership engagement; growing ministry without adding staff; adding Invite, Welcome and Connect systems with volunteer staff; focus more on discipleship and connections; Finish Phase One project elements by Summer and continuing to revamp small church systems.

Wasserburger noted the current Vestry has three months remaining prior to the adoption of the budget and Annual Parish Meeting. It is important to remember the hard work of the staff and finance committee as well as considering what Vestry actions will be needed. The budget is a vision and he encouraged the members to ask questions, share their wisdom, and think about what action will be needed.

Father Clay led the Vestry to view the construction progress in the Children's Chapel and invited members to sign their names on the walls before they are covered with wall board. This is in keeping with the listing of names to be added in All Saints Hall. He also distributed Prayer Cards for This Season of Our Life asking members to daily pray for God's guidance in stewardship and in finding a Children's Ministry Leader.

Following a closing prayer by Lundak, the meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Don Rabbe on behalf of Clerk Mary Vaughan

Serving in November 2025

	<i>Sunday, November 2</i>	<i>Sunday, November 9</i>	<i>Sunday, November 16 Family Worship</i>	<i>Sunday, November 23</i>	<i>Sunday, November 30 Advent 1</i>	
8:00 AM						
Greet & Ushers (2)	Kaeden Meyer Roxane Graham	Ron & Jan Jacob	Jon & Bonnie Engelhardt-	Gina Fountain TBA	TBA TBA	
Lectors 1 st reading & the Psalm.	Julie Silvertrust <i>1 Sam. 17:31-40</i> <i>Psalms 32:1-7</i>	John Schomerus <i>Job 19:23-27a</i> <i>Psalms 17:1-9</i>	Chris St. Pierre <i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i> <i>Isaiah 12</i>	John Schomerus <i>Jeremiah 23:1-6</i> <i>Luke 1:68-79</i>	Louise Otero	
2 nd reading & POP	Louise Otero <i>2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12</i> <i>Prayers of the People</i>	Patt Harper <i>2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17</i> <i>Prayers of the People</i>	Melanie Gibson <i>2 Thessalonians 3:6-13</i> <i>Prayers of the People</i>	Patt Harper <i>Colossians 1:11-20</i> <i>Prayers of the People</i>	Marcia White	
Chalice (3)	John Schomerus Julie Silvertrust Rev. Dr. Clay Lein	John Schomerus Rev. John Long Rev. Verneda Kelly	John Schomerus Rev. Dr. Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Kelly	John Schomerus Rev. Dr. Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Kelly	John Schomerus Rev. Dr. Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Kelly	
10:30 AM						
Greet & Ushers (4)	Ellie Palmer Sue Everett	John Schomerus TBA	Cheryl Hejl John Schomerus	John Schomerus TBA	John Schomerus TBA	
Lectors 1 st reading & the Psalm.	Donna Kahler 1 Sam. 17:31-40 <i>Psalms 32:1-7</i>	TBA <i>Job 19:23-27a</i> <i>Psalms 17:1-9</i>	Youth	Donna Kahler <i>Jeremiah 23:1-6</i> <i>Luke 1:68-79</i>	Michael Browne	
2 nd reading & POP	Joni Cover <i>2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12</i> <i>Prayers of the People</i>	John Andrews <i>2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17</i> <i>Prayers of the People</i>	Michael Browne <i>Prayers of the People</i>	Hector Coronado <i>Colossians 1:11-20</i> <i>Prayers of the People</i>	TBA	
Chalice (6)	Beth Davidson Cheryl Hejl Joni Cover Mary Jo Tietjen Rev. Dr. Clay Lein Rev. John Long	TBA TBA Dana Visger John Schomerus Rev. John Long Rev. Verneda Kelly	TBA TBA John Schomerus Rev. Dr. Clay Lein Rev. John Long Rev. Verneda Kelly	TBA TBA TBA Rev. Verneda Kelly Rev. Dr. Clay Lein Rev. John Long	TBA TBA TBA Rev. Dr. Clay Lein Rev. John Long Rev. Verneda Kelly	
Preacher	Rev. Dr. Clay Lein	Rev. John Long	Rev. Dr. Clay Lein	Rev. Dr. Clay Lein	TBA	

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	<i>Sunday, December 7 Advent 2</i>	<i>Sunday, December 14 Advent 3</i>	<i>Sunday, December 21 Advent 4</i>	<i>Wednesday December 24 Christmas Eve...</i>	<i>Christmas Eve... Cont.....</i>	<i>Sunday, December 28 Christmas 1</i>
8:00 AM				2pm		10am
Greet & Ushers (2)	Kaeden Meyer Roxane Graham	Ron & Jan Jacob	Jon & Bonnie Engelhardt	<i>Christmas Eve... Cont. Next Page.....</i>	<i>Christmas Eve... Cont. Next Page.....</i>	10am
Lectors 1 st reading & the Psalm.	John Schomerus TBA	John Schomerus TBA	John Schomerus TBA	<i>Christmas Eve... Cont. Next Page.....</i>	<i>Christmas Eve... Cont. Next Page.....</i>	10am
2 nd reading & POP	<i>Julie Silvertrust TBA Prayers of the People</i>	<i>Patt Harper TBA Prayers of the People</i>	<i>TBA TBA Prayers of the People</i>	<i>Christmas Eve... Cont. Next Page.....</i>	<i>Christmas Eve... Cont. Next Page.....</i>	10am
Chalice (3)	<i>Julie Silvertrust Rev. Dr. Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Kelly</i>	John Schomerus Rev. Dr. Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Kelly	John Schomerus Rev. Dr. Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Kelly	<i>Christmas Eve... Cont. Next Page.....</i>	<i>Christmas Eve... Cont. Next Page.....</i>	10am
10:30 AM				5pm	8pm	10am
Greet & Ushers (4)	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	<i>Christmas Eve... Cont. Next Page.....</i>	<i>Christmas Eve... Cont. Next Page.....</i>	John Schomerus TBA
Lectors 1 st reading & the Psalm.	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	Cheryl Hejl TBA	<i>Christmas Eve... Cont. Next Page.....</i>	<i>Christmas Eve... Cont. Next Page.....</i>	Chris St. Pierre
2 nd reading & POP	TBA TBA <i>Prayers of the People</i>	TBA TBA <i>Prayers of the People</i>	TBA TBA <i>Prayers of the People</i>	<i>Christmas Eve... Cont. Next Page.....</i>	<i>Christmas Eve... Cont. Next Page.....</i>	Melanie Gibson
Chalice (6)	TBA Cheryl Hejl Mary Jo Tietjen Rev. Dr. Clay Lein Rev. John Long Rev. Verneda Kelly	TBA TBA TBA <i>Rev. Verneda Rev. John Long Rev. Dr Clay Lein</i>	TBA TBA TBA <i>Rev. Verneda Rev. John Long Rev. Dr Clay Lein</i>	<i>Christmas Eve... Cont. Next Page.....</i>	<i>Christmas Eve... Cont. Next Page.....</i>	John Schomerus Rev. Dr. Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Kelly

Christmas Eve, 2025 (December 28, 2025)

	<i>Wednesday December 24 2 pm</i>	<i>Wednesday December 24 5 pm</i>	<i>Wednesday December 24 8 pm</i>	
Greet & Ushers	TBA TBA TBA TBA	TBA TBA TBA TBA	TBA TBA TBA TBA	
1st reading & the Psalm.	TBA	TBA	TBA	
2nd reading & POP	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Chalice	TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA	TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA	TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA	
Acolytes	TBA	TBA	TBA	

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