



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
2026

**"You therefore are the body of Christ,
and each of you is a part of it."**

1 Corinthians 12:27

We are continually reminded of the power of community at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – of what happens when people of faith come together as the body of Christ with a shared mission and purpose. Our Lutheran tradition teaches us that we are saved by grace through faith, and that faith moves us to love and serve God and our neighbors.

As we look around our community – and beyond – we see a world in need of hope, healing, and love. At Holy Trinity, we know that when we come **TOGETHER** in **FAITH, GENEROSITY, and PURPOSE**, we truly make a difference in the world by touching the lives of countless people with our time, talents, and treasure as we seek to "care actively in the name of Jesus Christ."

All members and friends are invited to make a commitment to support the ministries, mission, and outreach of our congregation because **"Together We Make a World of Difference."** Every contribution makes a difference through the expanding mission and ministry of our growing congregation.

We know that the Church is not a building – it's the people. Each of us is uniquely gifted by God, and when we come together in service we become a living expression of the risen Christ's love in the world.

This is an invitation – not just to give, but to **belong**: to be part of something bigger than ourselves; and, to use the gifts God has entrusted to us – our time, our talents, our hearts – for the good of others and the glory of God.

Whether you have five minutes or five hours, whether you sing, sew, fold, visit, organize, polish, teach, pull weeds, usher, greet, read, make coffee, cook, or simply show up with a smile – your presence matters. Your gifts matter.

Thank you for being part of this faith community. We are grateful for you – and excited to see what God will do through us, because **"Together We Make a World of Difference."**

**Please prayerfully consider
the following for 2026:**

- ❖ **ASK YOURSELF:** How does your gift to Holy Trinity reflect how God has blessed you? How does it reflect what you receive from this congregation?
- ❖ **MAKE A GIFT** (weekly, monthly, annually) if you do not currently give.
- ❖ **MAKE A PLEDGE** to our growing mission and ministry as we expand our support of congregational programming; increase our partnership support of the wider church and local outreach ministry partnerships; support our staff; and, meet higher operating expenses.
- ❖ **INCREASE** giving by 1% of income or \$10 per week as a step toward reaching the biblical tithe of 10%.
- ❖ **MOVE BEYOND 10%** for those already tithing.
- ❖ **MAKE AN EXTRAORDINARY and/or LEGACY GIFT** to support current and future ministries.
- ❖ Please also consider our need for additional **altar guild members and ushers, choir members, home communion ministers, Christian education teachers, lectors, communion assistants, coffee hour servers, communications team members, greeters, lawn angels, and worship bulletin and newsletter folders.**

**We offer with joy and thanksgiving
what God has first given us –
our selves, our time, and our possessions
– signs of God's gracious love.**

TOGETHER WE MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Why should I pledge?

Pledging is about our relationship with God. A pledge acknowledges that everything we have comes from God. It allows us to share our many blessings while simultaneously furthering God's mission of love and compassion in the world. Pledging gives us an opportunity to put our faith in action and deepen our connection with God. It is an outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace of faith.

Pledging gives the work of the church a priority in our lives. It is part of our covenant of faith, evidence that we put God first – not last – in our lives. Making a commitment in the form of a pledge helps us to be regular and systematic in our giving and lets our church family know that it can count on our financial support – barring any unusual circumstances, of course. Our commitment becomes intentional and not just a part of what is left over after our other commitments have been met.

How much should I give?

Christian stewardship is grounded in the understanding that our standard of **giving** should reflect our standard of **living**. Each of us is called to make a pledge that is both responsible and proportionate, based on our financial situation.

Historically, Christians have shown their gratitude to God by tithing, that is giving one-tenth (10%) of their gross income to the work of the church. Not all can give at that level, but each of us can begin with a percentage – say 5% or 2% – and move toward the tithe as we commit ourselves to proportional giving.

- All pledges are accepted with deep gratitude and recognition of the sacrifices each of us makes in daily life.
- If you have not pledged before, please give prayerful and serious thought to making a pledge this year.
- If you are among the many generous-hearted people at Holy Trinity who have pledged before, please consider the possibility of increasing your pledge as a way to further support the good work of our congregation and the wider church.

What if I am not sure of my time or financial situation for the coming year?

You are asked to make a pledge of the gift(s) that you feel you can give. If it turns out that you are able to give or do more during the year, you may give or do more than your pledge; or, if your circumstances change in the opposite direction, you may contact the Parish Administrator to adjust your pledge accordingly.

May I give stocks, securities, real estate, or other assets? May I pre-pay my pledged amount or make a lump-sum gift?

Yes. Please coordinate those details with the church office.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

GIFTS FESTIVAL BREAKFAST at 9:00 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate our mission and ministry and review our 2026 proposed spending plan.
Please make reservations in the narthex, Fellowship Hall, or contact the church office.

REFORMATION SUNDAY FESTIVAL SERVICE at 10:30 a.m. (one service only)

We celebrate our Lutheran heritage with stirring music and worship
and consecrate our pledges of time, talent, and treasure for the coming year.