



**HOLY TRINITY**  
Lutheran Church  
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Fall 2025 Stewardship Series

“Here I am. Send me.”

-Isaiah 6:8

# A CALL TO SERVE

**The Bible is full of stories about ordinary people who God calls in various ways to do extraordinary work. Examples include:**

- A story of a young boy named Samuel, who heard God’s voice while nestled in his bed at night.
- The fugitive Moses called through a burning bush. Elijah hearing a call through a still, small voice.
- Isaiah getting the mandate to share God’s word with a vision of six-winged angels
- A fisherman earning a living heard Jesus call him with the simple words, “follow me.”

Each one of these individuals felt inadequate to accept the call to speak God’s word. Yet each one overcame their fears and reluctance to say yes and respond,

**“Here I am. Send Me!”**



**All of us, in one way or another, have been issued a call to serve God and be God’s messengers of unconditional love in our community.**

What answer will we give when God asks you to share your time, talent and other treasures with others? Will it be, Sorry God, I don’t have the ability or I don’t have time OR will it be, **“Here I am. Send me.”**



During the next few weeks as the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity for the upcoming 2026 year is shared with you, take the time to ponder your answer to God’s call to support the work of HTLC.

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# EQUIPPED TO SERVE

When Moses was summoned by God to lead God’s people out of Egypt, his response was he felt inadequate to fulfill the task. He said he did not have the ability to be a speaker who could convince the Pharaoh to free his fellow Israelites.

**God would not take no for an answer. Moses was promised God would equip him to do the task.**

As people of God who are called to share our talent, time and treasured gifts within the community of faith, we too feel inadequate to carry the mission forward. Yet, as Moses discovered, God equipped him with the abilities necessary to do what God was asking him to do.

**God did not leave Moses helpless but provided Moses with the tools and gifts he needed to fulfill the mission.**

In the coming year God will equip those of us who call HTLC our church home, with the tools necessary to carry out the work God has called us to fulfill.

Through the visionary leadership of **Pastor Chris Stoxen, Pastor Bernie Carl and Vicar, Grant Brockhouse**, you will be given the tools necessary to fulfill the mission of sharing God with the community and the world. You will be given the opportunity to learn and be equipped for the mission of sharing God’s unconditional love and care with the world.

1.

**Weekly Worship**



2.

**Bible Studies**



3.

**Book Groups**



4.

**Fellowship opportunities**



5.

**TheALEgy sessions**



6.

**Service opportunities**



God made each of us in HIS image and endowed us with talents and gifts to be used and shared with our neighbors and friends. God will provide whatever we need to do, what God asks us to do, as his hands and voices in the world created.

**We do God's work, not just with our hands, but with our hearts, our minds and our talents.**

# SELF REFLECTION

LIST FOUR OF YOUR GREATEST  
STRENGTHS

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# SENT WITH PURPOSE

How does a church community share the news, “The Kingdom of God has come near to you?”

**Jesus communicates to those sent to fulfill his mandate by supporting communities and assisting with healing to those who need relief from their suffering.**

All of God’s People are given the ability to provide healing to those who are ill, those who are houseless, those navigating food insecurity and those going through a rough patch.

To help, we support organizations that provide healing and hope to those in need.

This past year HTLC has shown support by sharing time, talent, prayers and monetary resources to community organizations such as **AZCEND, Chandler CARE Center, Borderlands, Crossing Borders, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry AZ, Valley Interfaith Project** and **ELCA World Hunger**. We will also continue to provide leadership in conjunction with the Grand Canyon Synod and Evangelical Lutheran church, to people who call Casa Grande home.

The work Jesus calls us to do is not confined to the walls that surround our faith community **BUT is a mission to be taken outside our doors** to the people and communities our friends and neighbors call home.

As we leave the comfort of our self-made boxes and venture out as sheep among wolves, we are promised God will be with us every step of the way.

God will provide us with everything we need to meet the needs of the diverse communities we enter. Our presence will be a sign, **“the Kingdom of God has come near.”**



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## A TIME TO RESPOND

How do we thank God for all HE has done for us? How can we respond to the gifts God has given us? When Jesus healed the ten lepers from the debilitating effect of leprosy, a disease which ostracized them from normal society, he was dismayed when only one of the ten returned to give thanks.

Where were the other nine? One wonders if Jesus was disappointed in the nine who chose not to return to say, thank you.

You have the opportunity to do what the nine lepers failed to do...return thanks to a God who is with you and saved you from yourselves. How can you do this? Pray, then take action in the following ways:

- 1 Make a weekly, monthly or yearly monetary gift to the work of Holy Trinity by completing a **Commitment Card**
- 2 Provide time to serve as an usher, worship assistant, lector, communion server, bread-baker, or coffee fellowship provider for weekly worship.
- 3 Share your time and talent as a member of the choir, praise band, bell choir or youth worker.
- 4 Support various service opportunities as a care team member, Homeless Advocacy Team volunteer or member of various committees that provide support for the work of HTLC.
- 5 Get involved in a service project such as Day of Service where we giveback to the community.
- 6 Support Fifth Sunday gatherings (food, school supplies, etc.) for community organizations and synod ministries.