

# HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Waupun, Wisconsin

## MEMBERSHIP

### *Introduction*

Finding a place of worship that ‘speaks to you’ can be challenging. Sometimes that place is distant, or poses logistical challenges. We, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, welcome everyone, accept everyone, and affirm **everyone**. We strive, as a community of ‘everybodies,’ to express our devotion to God, and follow in the Way of Love.

We recognize that it may not be practical to attend our church in person. Our desire is to offer a place for you, no matter where you are. You are invited to join our faith community as an In-Person Member or an Online Only Member.

### *Benefits of Membership*

By becoming a Member, you have all the rights and privileges of an in-person member. These include:

- You do not need to be an Episcopalian. We welcome all faith traditions.
- Based upon physical location, you would have access to priestly services such as home visits with Holy Communion and Anointing.
- You would be counted among the Holy Trinity family. It would give you access to any who wish to be available.
- If you provide birthdates, anniversaries, and any other significant information, we will offer a blessing at our Sunday service to celebrate or commemorate your event.
- By informing us, you, and others who you love, can be included in our prayer lists. The members of Holy Trinity pray for each other and raise up those who need special prayers.
- You would have automatic access to online and in-person prayer services and bible studies.
- For Online Only Members, the weekly Order of Worship (Bulletin) would be emailed to you ahead of the service.
- You would be automatically included in all parish communications and mailings.
- You would be eligible to be elected for parish leadership positions.
- You can prayerfully decide to financially support our ministries. Any donations can be made online with a credit card, or a check mailed in to us. We are grateful for any financial support.

- You would receive an Annual Statement of showing any and all financial gifts to Holy Trinity. Holy Trinity is a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization.
- You would receive all Parish Annual Meeting documentation and have voting rights.

### ***What You Need to Know for Online Only Membership***

Online Membership has some challenges associated with it. Online members should be aware of the following:

- Physical location could make logistics difficult, or impossible, to offer in-person at home visits from Holy Trinity.
- It would be difficult to have the full worship experience and sense of community when viewing services online. Online Only Members could opt to receive virtual Communion.
- As an Online Only member, we request that you engage in at least 3 services per year. While watching the live streamed service (whether live or sometime after), we request that you leave a short comment – even just a “Hi.” It allows us to know that you were there.
- To take full advantage of Online Membership, internet access and an internet-capable device would be needed. Our online services and studies will use either Facebook Live (you do not need to be a member of Facebook), and Zoom (no subscription needed).
- For best results, Holy Trinity would need the names and mailing addresses of all Online Members in your household, along with phone number and email addresses. You can provide the ages of each member, birthday, and anniversaries – but it is not necessary.
- Being an Online Member would make it difficult to get to know you intimately. Yet, every person at Holy Trinity would love to hear your story, and share theirs.
- Significant events, such as baptisms, weddings, and funerals would be managed on a case-by-case basis.

### ***Invitation***

You are invited to become a fully qualified member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Waupun, WI. Come as you are – in person or online. You are loved, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, faith tradition, sexual preference, or anything else that is used to divide people.