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*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a family of Christians saved by God's grace
to proclaim the good news to our community and to the world by word and action.*

THE SERVICE

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

May 4, 2025

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Seniors

Prelude

"Thine Is The Glory"

-setting by Donald Johns

*The Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (we kneel)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Psalm 30

(sung responsively)

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-¹ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph¹ over me.

**²O LORD my God, I cried¹ out to you,
and you restored¹ me to health.**

**³You brought me up, O LORD,¹ from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down¹ to the grave.**

**⁴Sing praise to the LORD,¹ all you faithful;
give thanks in ho-¹ly remembrance.**

**⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor¹ lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes¹ in the morning.**

**⁶While I felt se-¹cure, I said,
"I shall never¹ be disturbed.**

**⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong¹ as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was¹ filled with fear.**

**⁸I cried to¹ you, O LORD;
I pleaded with¹ my Lord, saying,**

**⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down¹ to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de-¹clare your faithfulness?**

**¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mer-¹cy upon me;
O LORD,¹ be my helper."**

**¹¹You have turned my wailing¹ into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed¹ me with joy.**

**¹²Therefore my heart sings to you¹ without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you¹ thanks forever.**

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*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)

Alleluia. Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures. Alleluia.

(Luke 24:32)

DURING THE MONTH OF MAY WE ARE COLLECTING NEEDED ITEMS FOR A.I.M.

ITEMS INCLUDE: Peanut Butter, rice, dried beans, pasta, canned meat, canned fruit, canned soup, oatmeal, grits, flour, sugar, cereal, cooking oil—cleaning/personal hygiene list: bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, laundry soap, bleach, cleaning solutions (Lysol, Mr. Clean for example). Please note: perishables are not included.

SERVING YOU TODAY – May 4, 2025

Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
Acolytes.....(E) Cathy Rudisill (L) Brady West
Lectors.....(E) Robert Allen (L) Nancy Korn
Assisting Ministers.....(E) Suzie Bannister (L) Nancy Korn
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell/Mike Oates
Tabulators.....Jane Potter & Gail Cannon

Ushers (E) Mike Cox - Captain, Leslie Cox, Kenny Ossenfort, Robert Allen, Olin Bell,
Tom Adrian
(L) Mike Oates - Captain, Dave Korn, Sandi Jordan, Cherie Brown,
Kristie Evans, Chad Evans

Church Secretary.....Pat Ross
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Treasurer.....Diane Richardson
Council Secretary.....Lauren Sayers

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK
May 4 - May 10**

TODAY

8:45 a.m. Worship Service (In Sanctuary) **Senior Recognition Sunday**
Early Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Children’s Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (In Sanctuary) **Senior Recognition Sunday**

WED.

10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(we stand)

*Hymn **“Come, You Faithful, Raise The Strain” (verses 1,2,4&5)** **Hymn #363**

*The Greeting
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

*The Kyrie (sung responsively) page 120

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

*The Hymn of Praise **“This Is The Feast”** page 122

*The Prayer of the Day
Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud Your majesty and might. By the resurrection of Your Son, show Yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Children’s Sermon
The First Lesson (Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]) Bulletin Cover
Psalm 30 Back Bulletin Cover
The Second Lesson (Revelation 5:11-14) Bulletin Cover

*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)
Alleluia. Our hearts burn' within us while you open to' us the scriptures. Alleluia.
(Luke 24:32)

The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21st Chapter.

We respond: **“Glory to You, O Lord.”**

*The Holy Gospel (John 21:1-19)

Bulletin Cover

After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon **“MIXED METAPHORS”**

*The Hymn of the Month **“With High Delight Let Us Unite”**

HYMN #368

***The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,
The Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God,
Begotten, not made,
Of one Being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
And became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
In accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
And his kingdom will have no end.**

LOOKING AHEAD

Worship Assistants, May 11

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Ken Earp	Sandi Dickson
Lectors	Phyllis Barnette	Sandi Jordan
May 11	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Early Choir Practice (After Worship) Children’s Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
May 12	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	11:00 a. m. 7:00 p.m.
May 14	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall) Choir Practice	10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
May 15	Luther’s Ladies Circle Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
May 18	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Youth Sunday Early Choir Practice (After Worship) Children’s Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
May 19	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Youth Sunday Lutheran Men In Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	11:00 a. m. 6:00 p.m.
May 21	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) Choir Practice	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
May 24	Quilters (Quilting Room)	10:00 a.m.
May 25	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Early Choir Practice (After Worship) Children’s Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED - April 27 – Operating Fund \$3,127.00, Mother’s Day Offering \$300.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE - April 27 - 8:45 a.m. (52) 11:00 a.m. (37)

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Today, we will be recognizing all the seniors in our congregation, 70 years of age and over. This will take place at both the Early and Late Services.

CALLING ALL 2025 GRADUATES

We would like to acknowledge all our 2025 graduates. If you or a member of your family is graduating from High School, Technical School or College this spring, please contact the church office to let us know where you are graduating from and what your plans for college or employment may be. We will list them in the June *Messenger* edition.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

We will gather in Fellowship Hall for a time of Food, Fun & Fellowship around a Biblical theme. Adults and Kids of all ages are invited to join us! There will be crafts, games, and song. The meal will be provided.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 14 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

WHAT: "REMEMBER THE SABBATH AND KEEP IT HOLY"

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION SUPPER MEETING

Ladies Night

hamburger/hotdog cookout
May 20
6:00 p.m.
IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL

WELCA MEETINGS

Luther's Ladies

Leader: Beth Fischer

May 15

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Fellowship Hall

Quilters

Time 10:00 a.m.

May 24

Place: Quilting Room

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
Who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We
look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession (we kneel)

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

The Leader concludes each petition with "Lord In Your Mercy," and the response is, "Hear our Prayer."

The Minister concludes the prayers with these words: "Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

*The Peace Is Shared

MEAL

The Offering is Received

The Anthem

(8:45 a.m.)

"Now We Join In Celebration"

- J.W. Lundeen/Johann Cruger

Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,
Dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;
For the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,
Stoops again in love to meet us, with His very life to feed us.

Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing
Of Your loving deed on Calv'ry, of Your living self, our vict'ry,
Pledge of Your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children,
Reconciled through You, our brother, one in You with God the Father.
Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers,
Seeking justice, love, and mercy till You come in final glory.

(11:00 a.m.)

"The Whole Bright World Rejoices Now"

- David H. Williams

The whole bright world rejoices now, Alleluia!
The birds do sing on ev'ry bough, Alleluia!

Then shout beneath the racing skies, Alleluia!
To Him who rose that we might rise, Alleluia!

And all you living things make praise, Alleluia!
He guideth you on all your ways, Alleluia!

He, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost -Alleluia! Our God most high, our joy and boast.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***The Offertory Hymn** *"Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful"*

Hymn # 181

*The Prayer (The congregation responds with **AMEN.**)

*The Great Thanksgiving (sung responsively)

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L. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

L. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

L. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Preface of the Day

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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise (Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding) ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus (sung by all)

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the

highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

BEATITUDES FOR FRIENDS OF THE AGED

Blessed are they who understand
My faltering step and palsied hand.
Blessed are they who know that my ears today
Must strain to catch the things they say.
Blessed are they who seem to know
That my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.
Blessed are they who looked away
When coffee spilled at table today.
Blessed are they with a cheery smile
Who stop to chat for a little while.
Blessed are they who never say,
"You've told that story twice today."
Blessed are they who know the ways
To bring back memories of yesterdays.
Blessed are they who make it known
That I'm loved, respected and not alone.
Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss
To find the strength to carry the Cross.
Blessed are they who ease the days
On my journey Home in loving ways.

Esther Mary Walker

Vacation Bible School



Holy Trinity will again be joining forces with Abiding Savior Lutheran Church for our children's VBS program. VBS classes will take place at Abiding Savior. Children ages 3 – 5th grade are invited to come join us during the week of **June 9th - 13th from 9:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.** Friday will be slightly longer to allow time needed for the closing program and lunch with the extended families. If you have neighbors or your children have friends, that would like to venture to camping with us, invite them!! Volunteers are needed for VBS.

CRAFTY LADIES



If you are a creative person who enjoys doing crafts, this group is for you. If you are a knitter, cross stitcher, scrapbooker, painter, quilter, writer, etc. or anything else you have started and would like to make time to work on your projects, this group is for you. We are meeting once a month on a Saturday to do our crafts and socialize. You bring your projects; we will provide the space and fellowship.

**Our next Creative Day is Saturday, June 7
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

Contact Beth Fischer (fischerfive@att.net)
or (864-933-7446) for more information.

Come when you can and stay as long as would you like.

*The Eucharist Prayer and the Words of Institution

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

***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
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Communion Hymn (sung by all)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

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The Communion

Invited to commune at this altar are all baptized believers. Children not yet receiving Holy Communion are invited to come with their families to receive a blessing. On the way up, you are to pick up a cup and bring it to the altar. Prefilled cups in the center of the tray contain grape juice; otherwise wine will be dispensed at the altar into empty cups. Gluten free wafers are available as needed. Please notify the Pastor. To have the elements brought to you for communion, please notify an Usher. It would be helpful if you would sit on the front pew or on the aisle. As you go to the altar for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers into the water of the Baptismal Font and make a sign of the cross on your forehead in remembrance of your baptism.

***The Communion Blessing**

Pastor Fischer

***The Post Communion Hymn (sung by all)**

**Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Hymn # 204

***Prayer after Communion (The congregation responds with AMEN.)**

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SENDING

***The Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **Amen.**

***The Recessional Hymn**

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

Hymn # 393

(Silence is observed for meditation as candles are extinguished.)

The Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"The Day of Resurrection!"

-18th Century German Melody

(*) "Indicates congregation to stand"

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by the Service Committee to the honor and glory of God and in honor of all Seniors.

ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are now available in the Sound Room. Please see an usher to inquire about their use.

WARM GREETINGS AND LOVE IN CHRIST are extended to all members and visitors. We trust that you will experience the warmth of Christian fellowship and the inspiration of God's presence here today. Prayer Request Cards (yellow cards) are located in the pews. Please place these in the offering plate. Names will be listed in next week's bulletin.

Holy Trinity celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month and all major festivals of the church.

PRAYER LIST

4/27 Barbara Thomas
4/27 Rose Schalk
4/20 Beth Passow
4/20 The Family of David Snook
4/20 The Family of Joe Zeigler
4/20 Kathy S.
4/20 Krystal Welborn
4/20 Joe Croxton
4/20 Gerald Leard
4/20 Edna Scott
4/12 The Family of Abby Barrett
4/12 The Family of Ned Sanders
4/12 Tony Williams
4/12 The Family of Sue Walthall
4/6 The Family of Carey Doyle
4/6 Melinda Carter
4/6 Sammy Gaddis
3/30 Bonnie Emanuel
3/23 Joby Hefner
3/23 Bob Paulling
3/16 Lamar Cromer
3/16 The Family of John "Jack" Herbert Hannahs
3/16 Carey Doyle
3/9 The Family of Jean Vinson
3/9 Kati Smith
3/9 The Family of Tony Stapleton
3/9 The Family of Dr. John Walker
3/9 The Family of Holley Ware Heyward, Jr.

LONG TERM PRAYERS

Nick Korn
Edmond Pop
Ed Hartshorn
Elanor Dean
Mike Borron
Henri Holmes Adair Baker
Gabrielle Godfrey
Carolyn Culbreath
Buddy & Lesley Taylor
Ross King
Willy E. Johnson

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Nina & Larry Sherman
Gretchen Fant

Jill Helgeson
Bob Vinson
Brenda McGowan
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Brenda McGowan
Jill Helgeson
Jill Helgeson



MOTHER'S DAY is Sunday, May 11th. A special offering, sponsored by WELCA, is being received for a female student at Lenoir-Rhyne Seminary and other projects. If you would like to make a donation In Memory Of or In Honor Of your mother, please fill out the form below. The names will be listed in the bulletin on Mother's Day. **The deadline is TODAY.**

In Memory of _____

Honor of _____

Other (To the Glory of God) _____

Given by _____