

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 17, 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Bread of Life, Our Host And Meal"* setting by Edwin T. Childs

*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.
(we stand)



Psalm 68

(sung responsively)

Let God arise, and let God's ene- | mies be scattered;
let those who | hate God flee.
²As smoke is driven away, so you should drive | them away;
as the wax melts before the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the pres- | ence of God.
³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;
let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.
⁴Sing to God, sing praises to God's name;
exalt the one who | rides the clouds;
I AM is that name, rejoice | before God!
⁵In your holy habita- | tion, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;
⁶you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in | desert places.
⁷O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,
when you marched | through the wilderness,
⁸the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the | God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.
⁹You sent a bountiful | rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance | when it languished.
¹⁰Your people found their | home in it;
in your goodness, O God,
you have made provision | for the poor.
³²Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth;
sing praises | to the Lord.
³³You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.
³⁴Ascribe pow- | er to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in the skies.
³⁵How wonderful you are in your holy places, O | God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be God!

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*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)

*Alleluia. I will not leave you orphaned, ' says the Lord. I am co ' ming to you.
Alleluia.*

SERVING YOU TODAY – May 17, 2026

Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer
 Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
 Acolytes.....(E) Claude Calloway (L) Landen Moody
 Lectors.....(E) Jane Potter (L) Joshua Fischer
 Assisting Ministers.....(E) Steven House (L) Joshua Fischer
 Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell/Mike Oates
 Tabulators.....Bill & Chris Dafoe

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
 PresidentRynde Dial
 Vice-President.....Mary Ann Hobbs
 Treasurer.....Diane Richardson
 Council Secretary.....Lauren Sayers

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK
 May 17 - May 23**

TODAY

8:45 a.m. Worship Service (In Sanctuary)
 Early Choir Practice
 10:00 a.m. **PRAYER GARDEN RE-DEDICATION**
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (In Sanctuary)
 3:00 p.m. Safety Team Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

MON.

6:00 p.m. Lutheran Men In Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED.

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

THURS.

6:00 p.m. Luther's Ladies Circle Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

*Hymn

“As We Gather At Your Table”

Hymn #522

*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)

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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”

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*The Prayer of the Day

O God of glory, Your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to Your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into Your bountiful presence, through 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 1:6-14) Bulletin Cover
 Psalm 68 Back Bulletin Cover
 The Second Lesson (1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11) Bulletin Cover

*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)

*Alleluia. I will not leave you orphaned, ' says the Lord. I am co ' ming to you.
 Alleluia.*

The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th Chapter.

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

*The Holy Gospel (John 17:1-11)

Bulletin Cover

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

Sermon **“THE SANCTIFYING SHIELD”**

*The Hymn of the Month **“You Are The Way”**

HYMN #758

***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 24

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Ken Earp	Landen Moody
Lectors	Bob Straup	Amy Goodson
Assisting Ministers	Suzie Bannister	Amy Goodson

May 24	Worship Service (Sanctuary) PENTECOST SUNDAY	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Children’s Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Martin Luther Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	The Whole Story Adult Sunday School Class (Pairs and Spares)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary) PENTECOST SUNDAY	11:00 a.m.
May 25	MEMORIAL DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)	
May 27	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
May 31	ONE-COMBINED WORSHIP/TRINITY SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.
	(Potluck to follow in Fellowship Hall)	
	Preventing Abuse Training Class (after the Potluck meal)	
June 3	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
June 4	Dining Divas (McGee’s Irish Pub)	
June 6	Crafty Ladies (Fellowship Hall)	9:00 a.m.
June 7	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
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OFFERINGS RECEIVED – May 10 – Operating Fund \$5,989.00, Mother’s Day Offering \$900.00, Endowment Fund \$100.00, Lutheran Men In Mission \$500.00, Prayer Garden Fund \$1300.00, Utilities Fund \$105.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE – May 10 - 8:45 a.m. (68) 11:00 a.m. (36)

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.

CALLING ALL 2026 GRADUATES

We would like to acknowledge all our 2026 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.

**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

"One Bread, One Body"

- John Foley

Refrain:

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
One cup of blessing which we share;
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. Refrain

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. Refrain

**LUTHERAN MEN IN
MISSION SUPPER
MEETING**

Ladies Night
Hamburger/Hotdog Cookout

May 18
6:00 p.m.

IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Dining Divas

June 4

6:00 p.m.

(McGee's Irish Pub)

116 W. Orr Street

Please RSVP Beth Cribbe (864)

617-6216

or email bcribbe1@gmail.com

***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.

*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.

**You are Warmly Invited
to attend the Dedication Service Today**

of

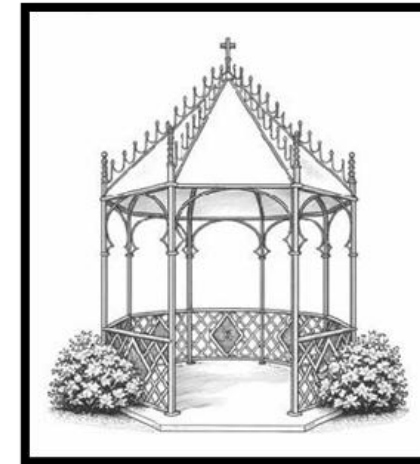
The Rev. Alton C. Clark Prayer Garden

We will gather in gratitude to celebrate and rededicate this beautifully renovated space

10:00 – 10:45 AM

Following the dedication service, you are invited to walk through the garden and enjoy light refreshments.

We hope you will join us for this meaningful occasion!



This garden, featuring a beautiful gazebo and thoughtfully selected plantings, has been generously donated to serve as a place of reflection, prayer and quiet renewal for all who enter. We come together to dedicate it with thankful hearts and to ask God's blessing upon all who will find comfort here.



Pentecost Sunday, May 24th

Pentecost is significant in both the Old and New Testaments. “Pentecost” is actually the Greek name for a festival known in the Old Testament as the Feast of Weeks (Leviticus 23:15; Deuteronomy 16:9). The Greek word means “fifty” and refers to the fifty days that have elapsed since Easter (Acts 2:1-21). **You are invited to wear red for this occasion.**

**5th SUNDAY WORSHIP
MAY 31
ONE - COMBINED WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES.**

**FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK MEAL IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. PLEASE
BRING A DISH TO SHARE. NOTE: THE MEAT WILL BE PROVIDED.**

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.

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) Hymn # 204
**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.**

*Prayer after Communion (The congregation responds with AMEN.) page 136

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 **"Go My Children, With My Blessing"** Hymn # 543

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

The Dismissal
Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude **"On What Has Now Been Sown"** -J. Newton/John Darwall

(*) "Indicates congregation to stand"

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by John & Barbara Trent to the honor and glory of God and in honor of their 67th wedding anniversary.

ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are 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 Lutheran Church is committed to ensuring a safe environment for all who step onto our church grounds. It has been several years since we last held a training session for preventing abuse from occurring to our children, youth and vulnerable adults. As part of our policy, we ask that every person who works with these groups in the church to attend a training session that gives instructions on the procedures that were developed to protect Holy Trinity from abuse or false accusations of abuse from occurring. If you are a Sunday School teacher, provide care in the nursery, youth leader, or work in any way with our children, youth or vulnerable adults, we ask that you attend our training session on May 31. A make-up training will be done if needed at a later date. We ask that if you are unable to attend this training you contact Kate Roehrs (864-356-2907) or Pastor Fischer (864-933-7434).

What: **Preventing Abuse Training**
When: **Sunday, May 31st after the Potluck Meal**
Where: **In Fellowship Hall**

**SAFETY TEAM
MEETING
3:00 p.m.
TODAY
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

PRAYER LIST

5/10 Jayson Sanstrum
 5/10 Marjorie Kuhn
 5/10 Miss Pat Morton
 5/10 Brenda Welborn
 5/10 The Family of Chris Moore
 5/10 Anna Gilliland
 5/3 The Family of Ida (Jackie) Smith
 5/3 Lamar Cromer
 5/3 The Family of Trisha Taub
 5/3 Adair Seemuller
 5/3 The Family of Sarah Gibson
 5/3 Trey and Maggie Hagerty
 5/3 The Family of Keith Smith
 4/26 Susan Singleton
 4/26 Scott Smith
 4/26 Patti Kraft
 4/19 The Family of Chris Pracht
 4/19 The Family of Kelly Campbell
 4/19 The Family of Scott McCurry
 4/19 Michael Oates
 4/19 The Family of Delise Stone
 4/19 Georgia Lou Huff
 4/19 Anne Caughman
 4/12 Kathi Davis
 4/12 The Family of Wendy Mothena
 4/12 The Family of Anne McCarthy
 4/12 Annette Kesler
 4/5 Ruth Cromer, Robin and Julie
 4/5 Shirley Pelter
 3/29 Rodney McIntosh
 3/29 Lee Moody
 3/22 Nancy Scalf
 3/22 The Family of Johnny Caldwell
 3/22 Sherry Partain
 3/22 The Sullivan Family
 3/22 James Jester
 3/22 The Family of Maureen Metz
 3/15 Danny Lewis
 3/15 Butler Spiers
 3/15 Vicki Whitehead
 3/15 Sherri Bryant

SPONSORS

Emery Sanstrum
 Kim Hill
 Olin & Rita Bell
 Bill Welborn
 Jamie Corrigan
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 Congregation
 Jill Helgeson
 Congregation
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 Diana James & Carter Boucher
 Jill Helgeson
 Jill Helgeson
 Andy & Sharon Christmas
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 Jill Helgeson
 Paul Wagner
 Jill Helgeson
 Amber Oates
 Dave & Nancy Korn
 Jay & Suzie Bannister
 Sid & Rette Stokes
 Jill Helgeson
 Jamie Corrigan
 Jamie Corrigan
 Brenda McGowan
 Jill Helgeson
 Brenda McGowan
 Bob & Susan Straup
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 Congregation
 Congregation
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 Suzie Bannister
 Paula Boller
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 Christina Fischer
 Mike & Bobbi Metz
 Brenda McGowan
 Robert & Vicki Allen

LONG TERM PRAYERS

Pat Kennedy
 Judy Jarrett
 Ben Blanks
 Jan House
 Ron McDowell
 Tom Weeks
 Ashley Booker Addison
 Katrina Sellars
 Jaron Thompson
 Phillip Roehrs
 Nick Korn
 Betty Williams
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 Ben Taylor
 Robert Cahaly
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