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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. and 11:00 a.m.**

**May 10, 2026**

### GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements and Recognition of Mothers

Prelude

***"Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"***

-arr. Don Phillips

\*The Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God, who forgives all our sin whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection. (We kneel.)*

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of (+) Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

[we stand]



## Psalm 66

(sung responsively)

Bless our <sup>1</sup> God, you peoples;

let the sound of <sup>1</sup> praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup>**Our God has kept us a- <sup>1</sup> mong the living  
and has not allowed our <sup>1</sup> feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have <sup>1</sup> tested us;  
you have tried us just as sil- <sup>1</sup> ver is tried.

<sup>11</sup>**You brought us in- <sup>1</sup> to the net;  
you laid heavy burdens up- <sup>1</sup> on our backs.**

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through <sup>1</sup> fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place <sup>1</sup> of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup>**I will enter your house <sup>1</sup> with burnt offerings  
and will pay <sup>1</sup> you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup>those that I promised <sup>1</sup> with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I <sup>1</sup> was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup>**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the <sup>1</sup> smoke of rams;  
I will give you ox- <sup>1</sup> en and goats.**

<sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you <sup>1</sup> who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has <sup>1</sup> done for me.

<sup>17</sup>**I called out to God <sup>1</sup> with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord <sup>1</sup> with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil <sup>1</sup> in my heart,  
the Lord would <sup>1</sup> not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup>**but in truth <sup>1</sup> God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound <sup>1</sup> of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not reject- <sup>1</sup> ed my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing <sup>1</sup> love from me.

\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all). *Alleluia. Those who love me will keep my word, and my Fa ' ther will love them, and we will come to them and make our ' home with them. Alleluia.*

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### 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.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Worship Assistants

May 17

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Lucy Roehrs	Landen Moody
Lectors	Susan Straup	Joshua Fischer
Assisting Ministers	Susan Straup	Joshua Fischer

May 17	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	<b>PRAYER GARDEN DEDICATION</b>	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
	Safety Team Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	3:00 p.m.
May 18	Lutheran Men In Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
May 20	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
May 21	Luther’s Ladies Circle Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
May 24	Worship Service (Sanctuary) <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	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) <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	11:00 a.m.
May 25	<b>MEMORIAL DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)</b>	
May 27	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
May 31	<b>ONE-COMBINED WORSHIP /TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	10:00 a.m.
	(Potluck to follow in Fellowship Hall)	
	Child Protection 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.

**ATTENDANCE**

Sunday Worship Services – May 3 – 8:45 a.m. (61) 11:00 a.m. (34)

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED May 3** - Operating Fund \$6,949.00, Mother’s Day Offering \$610.00, Endowment Fund \$50.00, Lutheran Men In Mission Fund \$203.00, World Hunger Fund \$50.00

\*Hymn

*“Our Father By Whose Name”*

**Hymn #640**

\*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)

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.**

\*Hymn of Praise (sung by all)

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(Refrain)

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. (Refrain)**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. (Refrain)**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. (Refrain)**

\*The Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, You hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In Your great mercy receive the prayers of all Your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of Your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**WORD**

The Children’s Sermon

The First Lesson (Acts 17:22-31)

Psalm 66

The Second Lesson (1 Peter 3:13-22)

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\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all) *Alleluia. Those who love me will keep my word, and my Fa ' ther will love them, and we will come to them and make our ' home with them. Alleluia.*

*The gospel is announced:* The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

\*The Holy Gospel (John 14:15-21)

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

Sermon

**“THE HELPER”**

\*The Hymn of the Month

**“You Are The Way”**

**Hymn #758**

\*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;**

**SERVING YOU TODAY – May 10, 2026**

Minister .....Rev. J. Chris Fischer  
Organist/Choir Director..... Jill Helgeson  
Acolytes.....(E) Ken Earp (L) Kathleen Burroughs  
Lectors.....(E) Phyllis Barnette (L) Bobbi Metz  
Video/IT Engineer..... Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell/Mike Oates  
Tabulators.....Mike & Leslie Cox

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

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK  
May 10 – May 16**

**TODAY**

8:45 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
Early Choir Practice  
10:00 a.m. Children’s Sunday School (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)  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**MON.**

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**WED.**

10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)  
5:30 p.m. Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

**SAT.**

10:00 a.m. Quilters (Quilting Room)  
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved

**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.

**LUTHERAN MEN IN  
MISSION SUPPER  
MEETING**

Ladies Night  
Hamburger/Hotdog Cookout

May 18  
6:00 p.m.  
IN  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

**All adults are invited to visit “The Whole Story” Sunday School class today in the Pairs and Spares room at 10:00 a.m.**

**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 13 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**WHO: THE DISCIPLE – THOMAS**

**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.**

**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 Peace Is Shared  
The Offering is Received

The Offertory Anthem                    *"Love Beyond All Telling"*                    -                    Marty Haugen

Praise to You who made creation, You who shaped the skies and earth;  
You named us as Your children and carried us to birth.  
You are near to all who suffer, You are one with ev'ry fear;  
You know our ev'ry sorrow and share our ev'ry tear.

Refrain:  
You are love beyond all telling, You are life beyond all death.  
Formed to be Your children from the start,  
You carry us forever in the space beneath Your heart.

To the ones who walk in shadow, to the ones who live in fear,  
We sing a God of mercy, a God who holds us near;  
Who is rest for all the weary, who is hope when hope is gone;  
New freedom for the captive, our story and our song. (Refrain twice)

\*The Offertory Hymn                    *"Create In Me"*                    Hymn #186

The Prayers of Intercession

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation. (we kneel) *The Leader concludes each petition with “Lord In Your Mercy,” and the response is, “Hear our Prayer.”*

The Lord’s Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

**SENDING**

The Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

\*The Recessional Hymn      ***“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”***      **Hymn # 836**

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

\*The Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.    Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude                              ***“In Thee Is Gladness”***                              ***Giovanni G. Gastoldi***

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(\*) Indicates congregation to stand

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Matt & Kate Roehrs to the honor and glory of God and in celebration of Max’s graduation and his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

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

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

of the

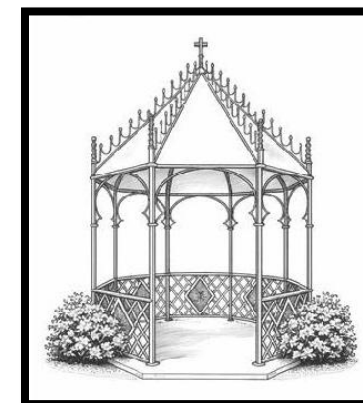
**Alton C. Clark Prayer Garden**

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

**10:00 – 10:45 AM  
May 17, 2026**

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.

Ashley Booker Addison  
Katrina Sellars  
Jaron Thompson  
Jayson Sanstrum  
Phillip Roehrs  
Nick Korn  
Betty Williams  
Ben Taylor  
Robert Cahaly  
Edmond Pop  
Ed Hartshorn  
Elanor Dean  
Mike Borron  
Henri Holmes Adair Baker  
Gabrielle Godfrey  
Carolyn Culbreath  
Buddy & Lesley Taylor  
Willy E. Johnson  
Susan Socha  
Danny Rouse  
Nina & Larry Sherman  
Gretchen Fant

Jill Helgeson  
Jill Helgeson  
Kati Smith  
Emery Sanstrum  
Rev. Stephen & Anita Roehrs  
Dave & Nancy Korn  
Connie Adams  
Jill Helgeson  
Phil & Jane Cahaly  
The Fischer Family  
Pat Ross  
The Stokes Family  
Paul Wagner  
The Stokes Family  
Brenda McGowan  
The Stokes Family  
Marisa Adrian  
The Stokes Family  
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt  
Brenda McGowan  
Jill Helgeson  
Jill Helgeson



**TODAY IS MOTHER'S DAY.** A special offering, sponsored by WELCA, is being received for a female student at Southern Seminary, Lenoir-Rhyne and other projects.

**IN MEMORY OF**

\*In Memory of Ayleen Jordan & Alice Smith, given by Kati Smith.

\*In Memory of their Mothers, Frances Christmas & Betty Caldwell, given by Chris and Anna Caldwell.

\*In Memory of Daisy Freeman (Grandmother) Estella Wynne (Mother) Bobbie Jordan (Mother-In Law), given by Sandi Jordan.

\*In Memory of Audrey Vircks & Virginia Potter, given by Jane Potter.

\*In Memory of their Mothers, Mrs. Frances K. Metz & Mrs. Frances Ballentine, given by Mike & Bobbi Metz.

\*In Memory of their Mothers, Marie Heape & Maude Hunnicutt, given by Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt.

\*In Memory of their Mothers, Donna Grace Hannahs and Stella Ruth Rasche, given by Dave and Sue Rasche.

\*In Memory of their Mothers, Rochelle O'Connor & Tatiana Rudawski, given by Robert & Sophie O'Connor.

\*In Memory of her Mother, Doris Richardson, given by Diane Richardson.

\*In Memory of their Mothers, given by Dave & Nancy Korn.

\*In Memory of her Mother, Margaret "Peggy" Shirreffs, given by Susan Askew.

\*In Memory of Mamye E. Morris and Beth McDowell, given by Terry & Beth Cribbe.

\*In Memory of their Mothers, Luella Kraner & Geraldine Sanstrum, given by Emery & Janet Sanstrum.

\*In Memory of his Mother, Elizabeth Vinson, given by Bob Vinson.



We extend our Christian sympathy to Kati Smith and family upon the death of her Trisha Taub, who entered the Church Triumphant on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. May God's promises of grace and eternal life give the family peace and comfort in their time of grief.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Bill Dial and family upon the death of his grandmother, Ida (Jackie) Smith, who entered the Church Triumphant on May 5th. God's promises of grace and eternal life give the family peace and comfort in their time of grief.



**Pentecost Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

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.**

\*In Memory of their parents, Mrs. Harold Holmes & Mrs. Allen Straup, given by Bob & Susan Straup.

\*In Memory of Carla Stricker (Mother) & Deloris Stricker (Step-Mom), given by John Stricker.

### **IN HONOR OF**

\*In Honor of her daughters, Ashley Jordan and Suzanne Jordan, given by Sandi Jordan.

\*In Honor of their Mothers, Hervie Thomas and June Fischer, by Beth and Pastor Fischer.

\*In Honor of Rachel Caldwell, given by Chris & Anna Caldwell.

\*In Honor of Leslie Eldridge & Carrie Potter, given by Jane Potter.

\*In Honor of Tina, Anna & Brooke, given by Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt.

\*To the Honor and Glory of God, given by Tamara Polsdorfer.

### **MOTHERS ARE THE PLACE WHERE LOVE**

Mothers are the place where love  
Emerges from the earth,  
And happiness rings out like bells  
In honor of our birth.

Mothers are the sun that lights  
For life our inner sky,  
So we may know that we are loved  
And need not questions why.

Mothers are the moon that shines  
Upon our black despair,  
So even when we weep, we know  
That someone's always there,

Whatever fear, or stress, or pain  
Might them to anger move,  
We know that underneath the storm  
We have, always, their love.

### **PRAYER LIST**

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

### **LONG TERM PRAYERS**

Pat Kennedy  
Judy Jarrett  
Ben Blanks  
Jan House  
Ron McDowell  
Tom Weeks

### **SPONSORS**

Congregation  
Jill Helgeson  
Congregation  
Lucy Roehrs  
Diana James & Carter Boucher  
Jill Helgeson  
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Jill Helegson  
Paul Wagner  
Jill Helegson  
Amber Oates  
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Jay & Suzie Bannister  
Sid & Rette Stokes  
Jill Helgeson  
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Brenda McGowan  
Jill Helgeson  
Brenda McGowan  
Bob & Susan Straup  
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Congregation  
Congregation  
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Suzie Bannister  
Paula Boller  
Mike & Bobbi Metz  
Christina Fischer

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