

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Maurice Y. Lee

Staff

Mr. Thomas Hobson Williams,

M. Mus., Director of Music

Mrs. Deborah Mumford,

Office Administrator

Worship Services

Saturday at 5 p.m.

Sunday at 9 a.m. (also live-streamed)

Sunday Church School at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion

Saturday evening, Sunday morning

& Festival Days

***Deadline for submission
of material for the Echoes
Newsletter is 9 a.m. on
the 15th of each month.***

From the Pastor:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

An article in what looks like a local newspaper (I'd like to know which one) reported the following in October 1936:

Climaxing almost six years of steady growth in the face of most trying conditions, Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran [actually, something dropped out here; what's printed is "Ev-utheran"] Church will dedicate its new building Sunday morning, October 4, at 11 o'clock.

The article, preserved in the first volume of our congregation's scrapbook collection, is accompanied by a picture of a shockingly young-looking REV. ELMER P. TRUCHSES, who took over from founding pastor Silas Daugherty.

Holy Trinity has a rich and fascinating history. As we approach the centennial of our 1930 founding, I, the relative latecomer, will be immersing myself in that history. There's an overflowing cornucopia of avenues for research and reasons for gratitude. But, in terms of the increase described by the article, we are not alone, and our history is not unique.

A good case could be made that the *standard situation*, over two thousand years, of the church for which Jesus died and rose, and on which he poured out the Holy Spirit, to the glory of God the Father, is "growth in the face of most trying conditions," and that the *true climax* of that growth is not the dedication of a building, or the changing of a pastor, or the reaching of a particular numerical or financial goal, but the — yet to come — completion of God's kingdom and the renewal of all creation for his everlasting worship.

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Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

We proclaim the
Gospel of Jesus Christ,
worshiping,
making disciples and
serving in his name.



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers have been presented to the Glory of God by the people of Holy Trinity. Altar Flowers must be ordered no later than the Tuesday afternoon preceding the Sunday they are presented. They may be ordered through the Church Office (215-659-2642). You may pay by placing \$20.00 in a small white pew envelope checked, "Altar Flowers." If you know it, indicate your envelope number.

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I have long had suspicions about the superabundant use, within Christian circles, of the word *growth* in its various forms to describe what our faith and worship are all about, whether that's referring to growth in numbers or a vaguely defined "spiritual growth." The core problem, of course, is that an emphasis on growth puts the focus on us human beings — our interests, our institutions, our fears — rather than on the God who gives growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7; note that Paul is using growth as a *metaphor* here).

There's nothing wrong with good growth, in numbers or in spirit, whatever those look like. "Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into the head, Christ, from whom the whole body in all its parts receives its growth, building itself up in love" (Ephesians 4:15–16). But once we regard growth of any kind as the *goal* of our life, which has been redirected and reconstructed by God in Jesus by the Spirit, once we think of growth as what our energies and efforts are to be concentrated toward and as the result by which our work is to be evaluated (I've always been puzzled, for example, as to how "spiritual growth" is to be measured), we're on the wrong track.

The goal of our life as Holy Trinity Church is not growth but God's glory. It really is that simple. That doesn't by any means diminish the "trying conditions," the wartime situation (Ephesians 6:12), under which we've been called to serve. It certainly doesn't revoke our commissioning to make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching them (Matthew 28:19–20). But it implies that our work — in body and soul, individually and together, in season and out of season — is to obey, to praise, to proclaim, and to thank the Lord. That's plenty to be doing! He'll take care of the growth.

Less independent than *in dependence*,
Pastor Maurice

Soli Deo Gloria



Healing Prayer Ministry

Prayer cards are available in a basket on the Altar in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Fill out your prayer requests and members of the Healing Prayer Ministry will pray for your needs. If you leave your contact information a team member will contact you.



Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity
Women's Prayer Group
Meets 3rd Monday
of each month.
at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Rosemary @
Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net
for more information.

All women are welcome to join.

2024 Schedule
June 17

"All these with one accord were
devoting themselves to prayer,
together with the women
and Mary the mother of Jesus,
and his brothers."
Acts 1:14

Prayer List

One of the beautiful aspects of Christian Fellowship is that we can share one another's concerns through prayer. Please pray for the following:

Please pray for the following individuals & their families: *(we cannot add last names or initials)* Adriana, Alexa, Alice, Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Ann, Ashley, Becky, Beryl, Billie, Blanche, Bob, Caliq, Carly, Carmela, Carol, Charles, Charlie, Chris, Christopher, Craig, Dallas, Dave, Derek, Diane, Dick, Duke, Ekaterina, Elizabeth, Emersyn, Emma, Eric, Erica, Ernie, Errol, Flo, Gabe, Gavin, Harrison, Ilze, Jamie, Jeff, Jen, Jennifer, Jill, John, Julia, Julie, Kathy, Landon, Laura, Levi, Linda, Lisa, Logan, Lorraine, Maggie, Margie, Margot, Mary, Mary Kate, Mary Lou, Matthew, Melody, Meredith, Michael, Mike, Miley, Nancy, Philip, Randy, Ray, Rick, Rodney, Roger, Rose, Roy, Sandra, Sandy, Sarah, Sharon, Shary, Sherri, Sherry, Shirley, Solomon, Steph, Steve, Teena, Tiffany, Todd, Tom, Tony, Tonya, Trevor, Trudy, Valentina, Vicki, Vince, Virginia, Violet, Willow.

All of the families of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for; especially we pray for: Ambrose, Bradley, Britton, Burton, Carr, Casey, Custer, Edinger, Dobbins, Edythe, Forsythe, Gregg, Gulden, Hamilton, Huddleston, Lacy, Lockhart, Marsella, Miller, Novak, Pharye, Quici, Schenck, Singley, Staedtler, Tavella, Tolton, Weiss, Wildemore, Young.

Please pray for the following petitions:

That God would bless and protect all members of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for.
That God would guide each of us to grow in grace and that He would please send workers into the Harvest.
For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in. For all who are fighting addiction to drugs and alcohol.
For those who are struggling with cancer of any kind.
For the sick and the grieving.
For all congregations of the NALC.
For all travelers and for the dying.
For the military and their families.
For all Native Americans living on U.S. reservations.
For refugees and immigrants.
The unemployed, the underemployed & the uninsured, especially those in our own families.
All Caregivers, rescue workers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs,
For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.
For our sister congregations: Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and First Lutheran in Kirkland Illinois.
For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.
For the victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes; for favorable weather & an abundance of crops.
For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.
For those suffering from racial injustice, bigotry, and oppression in our nation and in the world.
For the people of Ukraine.
For peace in the world and shootings to stop in our cities.
For a peaceful political atmosphere.



STEWARDSHIP

Hey, friends, can we talk about a sensitive subject? Stewardship.

WHAT IS IT?

It's the responsible management of resources that God has given us.

Our time, our talents, our treasures.

We're called to use these gifts for God's glory and taking care of those less fortunate.

1 Peter 4:10: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

Stewardship is rooted in the belief that everything we have comes from God.

When we accept that God is the giver of all things, we wake each day grateful for what we have and manage responsibly the resources entrusted to us. We are blessed in so many ways. Deuteronomy 8: 17-18 "Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth'. You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth that He may confirm His covenant that He swore to your father."

WHY SHOULD I CARE?

As Christians, we are called to give with a cheerful and generous heart.

Please look within your heart, and ask yourself...Have my contributions stayed the same over time, or am I able to gradually increase them?

We don't think about inflation affecting our church offering, but it does.

What about your time and talents? Can you do more?

Did you know that Holy Trinity tithes 10% to various benevolent organizations in accordance with Old Testament teachings on tithing?

Will you join me in increasing your offering 5%, 10%, or more?

I know this is an uncomfortable subject, but please ask yourself.

Are there others worse off than yourself? How can we help them?

Thank you for considering the value you bring to this community.



Our Christian Sympathy to

To Todd and Lauren and their families
on the death of **Philip Bertsch**

April 23, 2024

Beloved husband, father and grandfather.

To Alice, Tonya, Lisa and the entire Tolton family
on the death of **William Tolton**

May 13, 2024

Beloved husband, father, cousin and uncle.

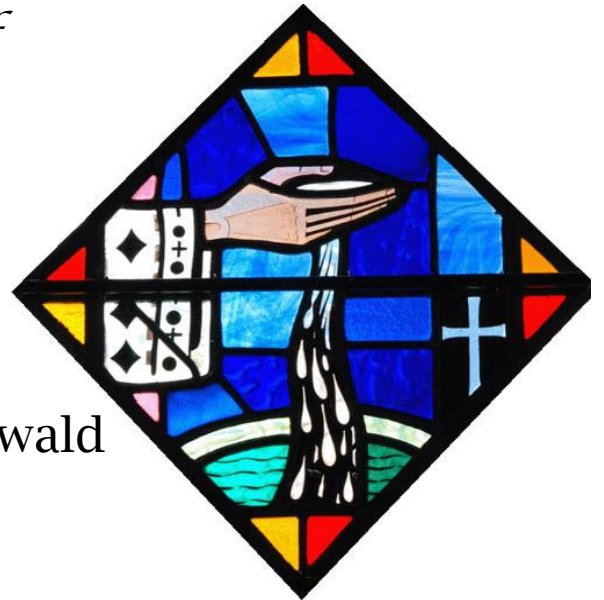
Psalm 112:6

“For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.”

Congratulations on the Baptism of **Josie Lynn Dewald**

Sunday, April 28, 2024

1st born daughter of
Kirsten Doherty & Daniel Dewald
1st grandbaby of Michael & Nancy Dewald



*Through water and the word
you have become
a child of God and are sealed
as Christ's own forever.*



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE
LIVE ON YOUTUBE (thehtlconline)
OR OUR WEBSITE HOLYTRINITY.NET
JOIN US AT 9 AM ON SUNDAYS

Support Us

Please consider a gift of appreciated securities to Holy Trinity as you do your tax planning for this year. You may direct questions about how to do this to Alan Hinkle @ alanhinkle@comcast.net

Treasurer's Report

April 30, 2024 (For the Year 2024)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 122,688.31	\$ 26,933.53
Carry over from 2023	(\$4,369.83)	\$ 44,254.33
Expenses paid to date	\$ 131,479.21	\$ 19,132.95
Surplus/(Deficit)2023	(\$13,160.73)	\$ 52,054.91

Luther Quotes:

"To gather with God's people in united adoration of the Father is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer."

"Grant that I may not pray alone with my mouth; help me that I may pray from the depths of my heart."

"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times."

"Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."

Keep in your prayers the following individuals serving in the armed forces:

Christopher Biehl
Michael Boerner
Conor Gowton
Shaun Hall
Eric Henderson
C.J. Hess
Nathan Quinlan
Vikas Shah
Jonathan Skilton, MD
Jeremy Zar

**Please remember your
Church in your will.**



NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you so much for the emails, text messages, cards, and fruit baskets with which you have showered Pastor Mike during this difficult time. Especially, thank you for your prayers!

We both thank Pastor Maurice for his visits -- both to Pastor Mandy during Mike's surgery, and to Pastor Mike in the hospital. Your kindness has meant so much.

Neither of us can begin to understand how anyone can go through open heart surgery without a church family.

May god always bless you for your kindness.

Always with Love,
Pastor Mandy



www.FreedomSteps5k.com

PO Box 118 Willow Grove PA 19090

May 2024

Dear Holy Trinity,

On behalf of the Freedom Steps committee and volunteers, we would like to thank you for your sponsorship of the 2024 Freedom Steps' 5K. Without local support from businesses such as yours, we would never be able to fulfill the mission of our organization. We strive to support our service members in any way we can, those both deployed at home and abroad. Your support is integral to that mission and is greatly appreciated. Below is a reminder of the level of sponsorship you provided.

Sponsorship: *Active*

Masons Mill Park was once again our site for this year's 5k. While the weather wasn't perfect, we were reminded that our troops survive in much worse conditions for an extended period. Members from the community joined together to celebrate the 16th anniversary of this organization and remember those servicemembers, veterans, family, and friends, who are no longer with us. Our mission has continued throughout the year, and we were able to ship many deployed service men and women. Each of our contacts were thrilled with their packages and so were their fellow troops.

Over the last 16 years, we have shipped over 1,000 boxes around the world, each of which has enough supplies for approximately ten people. Your sponsorship not only helps with expenses from the 5k but even more importantly, your sponsorship helps purchase the supplies for the troops as well as cover the cost of mailing all these boxes. We couldn't do it without you!

Enclosed you will find an Event Program where we listed your business as a contributor to our event. In addition, we are giving you a complimentary T-shirt from this year's event. We hope that you will continue to support our organization in the future, and we once again thank you for your current support not only of Freedom Steps but also of our troops. Freedom Steps 5k is an official 501c3 non-profit organization and your donation is tax-deductible.

To stay updated on Freedom Steps' happenings "Like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FreedomSteps or "Follow" us on Instagram at @FreedomSteps5k.

Respectfully,

Freedom Steps
The Freedom Steps Committee

*Thank you for your on-going support
over the years. You are appreciated. God
Bless you.*



Time to begin a summer project with children, teens, or on your own?
Start collecting items for
Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes!

How many pairs of shoes do you own?

Have you ever counted?

Sneakers, boots, casual shoes, work shoes dress shoes, sandals, flip-flops.

Many children living in poverty in Africa, Asia, South America, and island countries have NO shoes!

They must walk to their various destinations with no protection on their feet, making them susceptible to cuts which can lead to infections and diseases.

Because International makes **The Shoe That Grows** for children impacted by poverty.

The shoe can be adjusted to accommodate five different sizes!

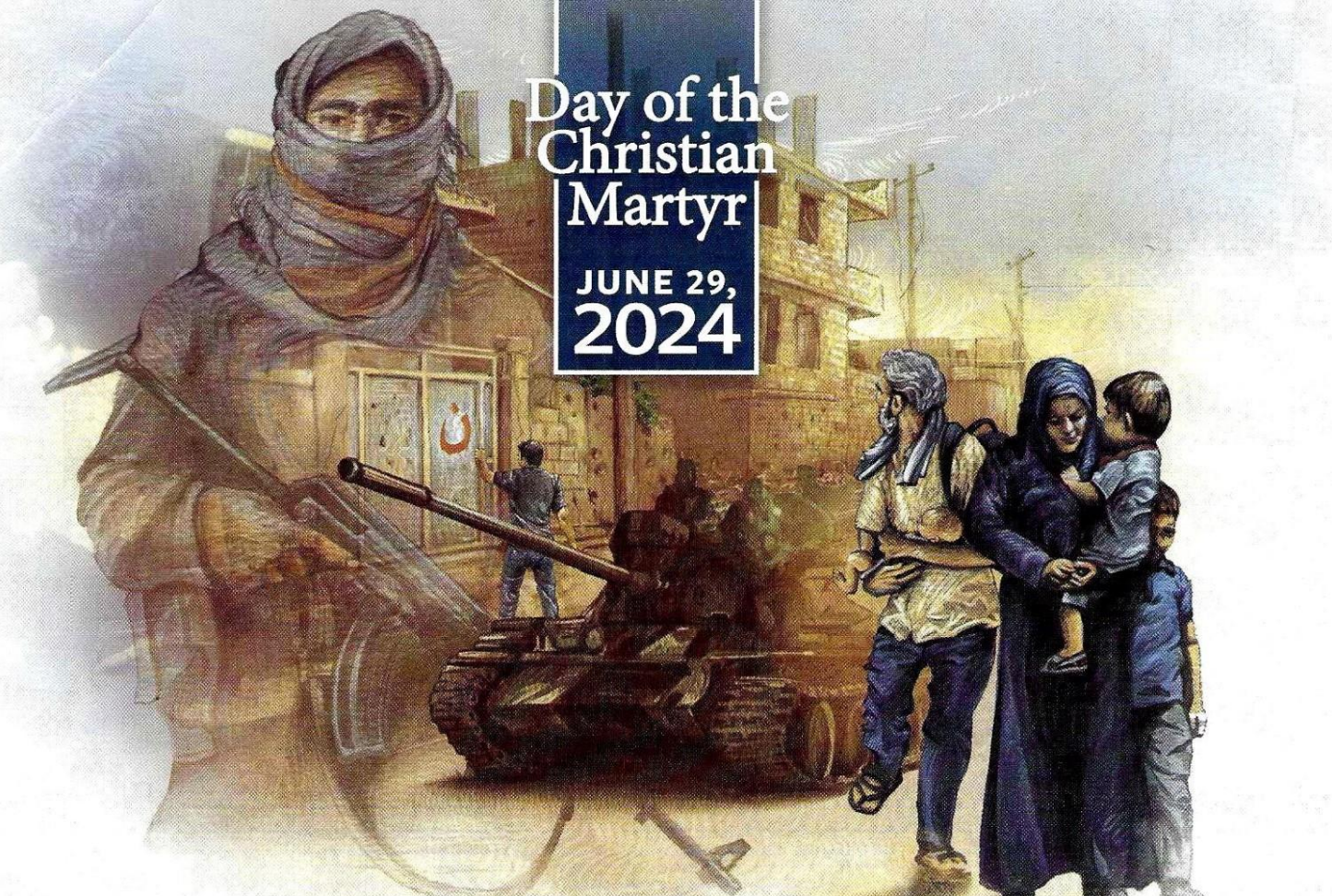
There are shoes for children ages 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14.



**The cost is normally \$20.
HOWEVER,
you can place a one-time order
for as many shoes as you wish
to provide and receive
a 10% discount
by entering the code **Christie10**
before checkout.**

These adjustable shoes are easy to clean and easy to use, have compressed rubber soles, antibacterial synthetic uppers, high-grade velcro straps, and no mechanical parts or gears to break.

Questions: Rosemary Hinkle



Day of the Christian Martyr

JUNE 29,
2024

Day of the Christian Martyr **JUNE 29, 2024**

In June 2014, militants from the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS) advanced across Syria and northern Iraq. As they entered each village, they marked Christians' homes and businesses with the Arabic letter "N," or ن, for "Nazarene."

This symbol served to identify and threaten Christians, who then had a difficult decision to make: Convert to Islam, leave the area or be killed.

More than 100,000 Christians were forced to flee in the stifling heat. Most escaped with only the clothes on their backs, and many died on the road or were taken by ISIS.

Separated from their loved ones, these bold Christians refused to deny Christ. They were willing to give everything for the Savior who had given his life for them.

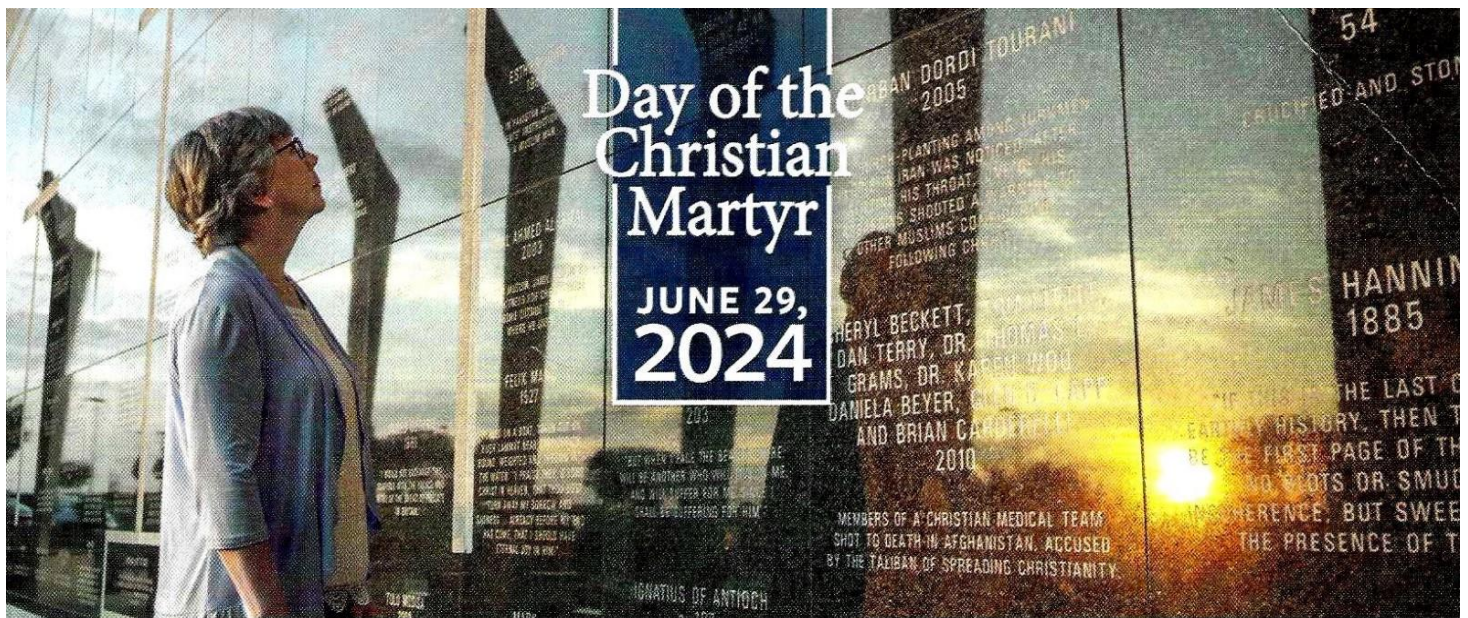
May we be inspired by their examples, confidently proclaiming Christ at any cost.

*"We are not all called to die a martyr's death,
but we are all called to live a martyr's life."*

—Richard Wurmbbrand, founder of The Voice of the Martyrs

Learn more about their sacrifice, and watch
this year's Day of the Christian Martyr video at

vom.org/martyr



Martyrs Memorial at VOM-USA headquarters

According to church tradition, June 29 marks the martyrdom of the Apostle Paul. This month, join Christians around the world to honor the faithful witness of those who, like Paul, have sacrificed their lives for the advancement of the gospel. And be inspired to have that same boldness to share Christ in your community.

EQUIP YOUR FAMILY, GROUP, CLASS OR CHURCH
to be bold witnesses for Christ at any cost.

The Voice of the Martyrs is pleased to offer the following downloadable, digital resources to equip your family and friends to advance the gospel:

- » Inspiring videos
- » Questions for reflection and discussion
- » Church bulletin insert
- » Guided prayer slides
- » Shareable social media graphics
- » Sermon outline

Get free resources for your family, group,
class or church at vom.org/martyr.

Sunday, June 23rd

following the worship service,
for Holy Trinity's annual church picnic.



Join us at the
**Church
Picnic!**

Come out and meet new members
and catch up with those you haven't seen
in a while. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will
be provided. Families are encouraged to
bring a side dish to share.

Once again we will be having our 3rd Annual Cornhole competition,
so grab a partner and sign-up to compete.



Again this year will be a church pie / cake raffle. Donations of cakes and pies (baked by our wonderful church members) will be raffled off and all proceeds will be donated to the Bread of Heaven Food Pantry. You will purchase raffle tickets (1 ticket is \$2.00 or 3 tickets for \$5.00) and place your ticket(s) by the cake or pie you want to win. Winning tickets will be drawn after the cornhole competition and hopefully you go home with a delicious cake or pie (and maybe a cornhole trophy!!)

A Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for:

- Attendance & Side Dish
- Donations of a cake or pie
- Cornhole competition

We hope to see you there!!!

Holy Trinity is hosting a blood drive

On Friday, July 14, 2023

1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Did you know...

That every 2 seconds, someone in the US needs blood

That every unit donated can save up to three lives

That type O blood is the blood that hospitals request most

That 16-year-olds can donate blood with their parent's permission

That you can donate blood every 56 days

If you are able and willing to donate
please call Karen McGovern at 267-968-5485 for an appointment.



Unofficially **SUMMER HAS ARRIVED!**

There is a great need at Sarnelli House
for gently used warm weather clothing -



Shorts, tee-shirts, sneakers, sandals & hats.

**New men's and women's underwear
is an urgent and on-going need.**

Thank you for your continued consideration of this vital ministry.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Do you know of any graduating seniors that should be on our list for 2024 (high school, college, graduate school)

email Deb at secretary@holytrinity.net so we can be sure to include their names and info in our upcoming July/August Echoes.

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Coram Deo



For the month of June

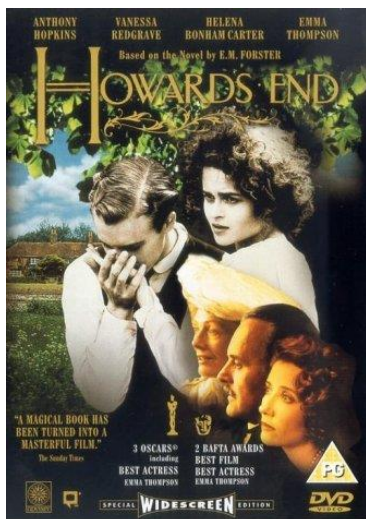
Monday, June 10 at 7:30 PM

From Haruki Murakami's *Blind Willow, Sleeping Woman* collection of short stories. Please be prepared to discuss the following titles:

Blind Willow, Sleeping Woman * Birthday Girl * New York Mining Disaster * A Perfect Day for Kangaroos * The Year of Spaghetti * The Rise and Fall of Sharpie Cakes * Crabs * Where I'm Likely to Find It

Monday, June 17 at 6:30 PM

Movie Night showing "Howard's End"





The Epistle of Thomas Hobson Williams, Director of Music, to the people of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Abington, PA

To the people of Holy Trinity, Greetings!

I am excited to have begun what I hope will be many years of fruitful and meaningful service as Director of Music and Organist at Holy Trinity. The first few days have been wonderful, as I get to know choir members and other people, as I become more acquainted with the peculiarities of the organ (because pipe organs can be so different from one another and each one tends to be unique), and become accustomed to the Lutheran liturgy (having just come from a similar but just slightly different liturgical tradition). I am pleased to have come into a situation with a well-trained choir of volunteers. My observations from the first choir rehearsal say a lot about the good work of my predecessor, as well as the talents and dedication of the people here. It will be my aim to continue this good work with our choir members and handbell ringers, while also looking for ways to expand the music ministry, with Holy Trinity being a musical lighthouse in the community.

Although this “epistle” is not meant to be a biography, I will say a few words about myself. Originally from rural Georgia, I began my musical education as a child and became very serious about musical pursuits as a teenager, went through two music performance degree programs (Bachelor of Music from Shorter College in Rome, GA, and Master of Music from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers — New Brunswick, NJ), and, through a long series of events too complicated to detail here, gradually came to realize that my previous ideas about working primarily in a university music department were not meant to be, all the while finding a deeper calling in sacred music.

It has been said that the name Thomas, which literally means “a twin” (which I am not), also has the spiritual meaning “seeker of truth,” and this has always described me well. Like the disciple Thomas, who is often remembered for his doubts, I hold truth to be among my highest values. I highly value seeking and knowing the truth about all things, be they profound or mundane, spiritual or physical, and I value the destruction of falsehoods. On this note, it bears mentioning that my past experience has shown me the dangers of an anti-intellectual version of Christianity that devalues education and dares not ask questions (an experience from my now-distant childhood and teenage years). Experience and observation have also shown me the dangers of the clownish ideology now popular in many mainline church circles, with its promotion of trendy current-day leftist fads that often value feelings over the truth, and leave people confused about everything from the value of life to the biological reality of the male-female binary. While there will always be questions and nuances with which we must wrestle, I believe the North American Lutheran Church represents a reasonable middle ground, which is a significant part of what attracted me to apply for the opening at Holy Trinity last fall.

Don't be strangers! While there will be times when I appear very focused on the tasks of practice, rehearsing, planning liturgical music, and so on, I look forward to getting to know all of you! You all are welcome to catch me after services to chat. Although there may be times when I find myself running out quickly after service, I (along with my wife, Charlotte) may often find myself staying for coffee and the Sunday school hour. The congregation chose to extend the offer for me to come and serve as your music minister, I chose to accept the position, and I will do my best to maintain and build upon a fine sacred music program at Holy Trinity, with God's help. To borrow the words of Martin Luther (in a completely different context), *Hier stehe ich. Ich kan nie anders. Gott helff mir. Amen.* (“Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen.”)



Music Notes

from Holy Trinity Sunday, May 26

There are many factors that go into the selection of hymns, choir anthems, preludes and postludes, but the readings for the day and the feast days and seasons of the liturgical year are always the main starting point.

This being Trinity Sunday, all of today's hymns comment on or make clear allusions to the doctrine of the Trinity. The prelude and postlude are no exception. Today's postlude, being an organ voluntary on one of the most well-known Trinitarian hymns ("Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty...") doesn't demand much commentary; however, the connection of today's prelude with Trinity Sunday may merit a bit of explanation.

The prelude for today is the opening movement of Johann Sebastian Bach's Trio Sonata No. 1 in E-flat major, which is not specifically written for a particular occasion, nor with a particular theological meaning in mind. However, it is well known that Bach, being both the brilliant composer and the devout Lutheran that he was, dedicated his work to the glory of God, and had a keen interest in numeric symbolism in his music.

A "trio sonata" is a musical form in which there are exactly three lines of music --- in this case, a work for organ, with one line played by the right hand, one played by the left hand, and one played in the pedals. These three lines of music interweave with one another in exquisite and complex ways, making them a bit like "three in one and one in three."

There is arguably no material comparison that can fully explain the mysteries of the Triune God, but I think it fitting to use a trio sonata movement as a symbolic musical meditation upon the Trinity on this liturgical occasion. (And I am sure Bach would have approved.)

~ Thomas Hobson Williams



Interested in singing in a choir but not sure about commitment? Give it a try for one or more Sundays in June! We will have a "summer choir" for the month. Anyone interested is welcome to show up in the sanctuary at 8:15 a.m., at which time we will rehearse a simple choir anthem (and hymns) for the service. (Simple enough that it can be sung with any number who show up, be it a choir of 3 or a choir of 30.) There will be no midweek rehearsals during the summer.

Contact the Director of Music at musician@holytrinity.net
if you have any questions.



The Adult Breakfast Fellowship scheduled for
Saturday, June 1 at 9:00 AM
"The Templeton Project"
by Pastor Mike Tavella

Has been postponed and will be
rescheduled for early fall.

We appreciate your patience & understanding!



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BACK HALF OF FELLOWSHIP HALL:

A Longer Look:

Here is an opportunity to dig deeper into
each week's three Scripture readings with
A Longer Look at the Lessons.
This Bible Study, based on the Bible readings
in our worship, provides information about
the readings and their contexts.

**The class will continue through the month
of June in Fellowship Hall after worship.**

Pastor Guenzel facilitates the discussion.
All older teens and adults welcome.

welcome baby girl

Congratulations to:

Eric & Mari Henderson
on the birth of
Victoria Henderson
April 18, 2024
8 lbs., 2 oz.
and to proud grandmother
Deb LaPointe

Richard & Claire David
on the birth of
Peyton Claire David
May 7, 2024
7 lbs., 14 oz.
and to proud grandparents
Scott & Suzanne Brown & Aunt Audrey

It's Back! A - BOX - O - BAG - A - METER

(If you say it fast, it won't sound so bad)

Bread of Heaven is again in need of

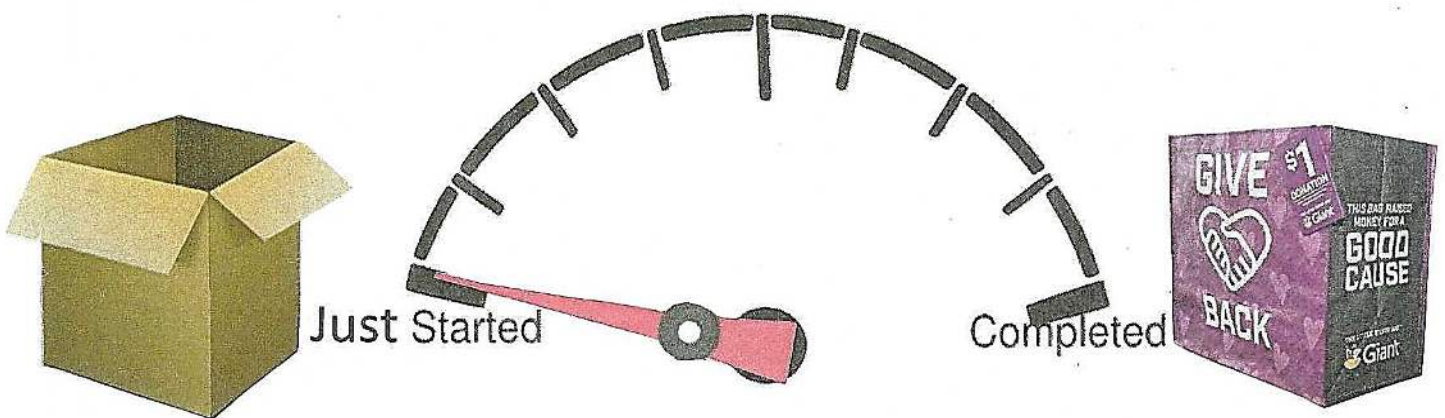
NEW Reusable grocery bags.

Giant bags or that size
fits the paper bags best!

Starting JUNE 2nd

Fill the BOX -O -BAG

Move the Meter



(Giant Grocery Store offers the bags for 99¢
with a percentage going to charity)

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



June Gatherings

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

The Holy Trinity mission statement reads, "We proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, worshiping, making disciples, and serving in His name." The LCW Circles finished the study of Discipleship, which delved into the topics of love, faith, knowledge, service and Christlikeness. As God's people, we gathered together, opened His Word and invited His Spirit to work in our lives. Now it is time for us to go out and be witnesses to the Gospel, sharing, serving, inviting and loving in the name of Jesus.

In June, Circles may gather for a special lunch or dinner and enjoy a time of fellowship and socializing. Even if you have not attended a meeting this year, now is a great time to informally gather with a circle, fellowship with a meal, and mark your calendar to reconvene in September to begin a new bible study.

Ruth Circle -No meeting in June.

Leader: Katie Beyer (215) 572-6864 kbeyer0403@gmail.com

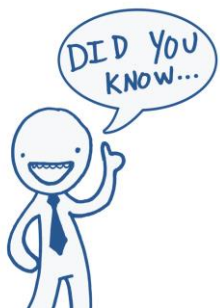
Eve Circle - **Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m.** meet at Olive Garden in Willow Grove

Leader: Sue Tolton (215) 659 - 7054 suetolton@comcast.net

Miriam Circle - No meeting in June.

Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657 - 5065 sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com

Regarding the LCW's Giant Gift Card Program...



- If you don't happen to shop at the Giant you could buy the cards to donate to the ***Bread of Heaven*** Food Pantry...
- Every card purchased goes to help the LCW provide scholarships for the women of Holy Trinity...
- It's easy to order-speak to Nancy Ischinger any given Sunday...
- Card purchases are offered in any denomination...
- Now that you know why not order some...



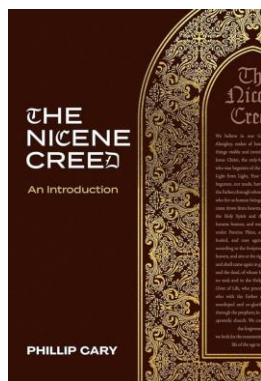
The LCW invites all women to join us for:
Sunday, June 30 at 10:30 a.m.



in side rooms of Fellowship Hall

Program: Review of London Trip
Presenter: Ravinia Lee
Menu: British Tea & Treats
General Meeting following the program
with important elections.

Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex or email secretary@holytrinity.net to RSVP.



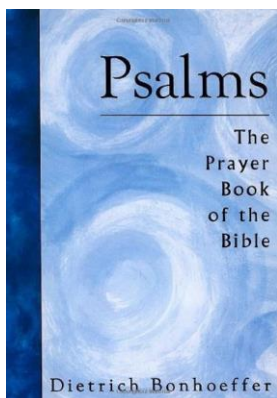
Thursday Morning Meanderings

Biblical and theological discussions
with Pastor Maurice on the Nicene Creed
will begin **Thursday, June 13, at 10:00 a.m.**
and go through the summer at least.

Bagels and such on the house, of course!

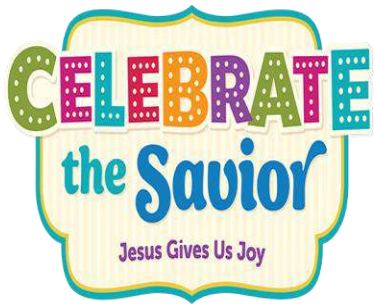


July Term Adult Study: *Psalms, the Prayerbook of the Bible* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.



The Sundays in July we have the opportunity to grow in our prayer life as we see the Psalms as the Prayerbook of the Bible. Lutheran Theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "The richness of the Word of God ought to determine our prayers, not the poverty of our heart." This study will give participants opportunity to evaluate one's personal prayer life as well as seeing the Psalter as God's prayers for us. In the five Sundays of July, using Bonhoeffer's book, *Psalms the Prayerbook of the Bible*, as well as the entire Psalter, we will consider our own prayer life and see how the Psalter can deepen our faith and life in Christ. We will learn how Jesus prays the Psalms with us and leads us into deeper faith and trust in the God who longs for our prayers.

Those who wish to participate are asked to sign the list in the Narthex or call the church office 215 ~ 659 ~ 2642 so that books can be available for all. The class will meet Sundays in Fellowship Hall following Morning Worship. Pastor Guenzel will be the leader. All are welcome!



2024 Vacation Bible School

Yes, it's that time of year again.

Unofficially summer is soon to be upon us!

With that in mind, we are beginning to plan this year's VBS.

Our theme for VBS 2024 is "Celebrate the Savior: Jesus Gives Us Joy!"

We need *your* prayers, and we also need **your participation** to provide the best Vacation Bible School possible. We need all kinds of people, with all kinds of gifts and abilities. Please consider volunteering your time and talent to make this year's VBS one of the best weeks of the summer for the children in our community.

Thank you for your willingness to help! Please place the volunteer form in the offering plate or return it to the office. The earlier I have the classes and centers staffed, the sooner I can distribute all of the necessary materials. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Ischinger at 267-803-1384 or email at nancymaeisch@yahoo.com.

VBS Dates: August 5th to August 9th 9:15 AM to 11:45 AM

Be a Vacation Bible School Volunteer! Don't miss the fun!!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Full Address: _____

Yes! I would like to help with VBS in the areas I have marked below.

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| ☐ Pre-School teacher/helper | ☐ Bible Story Center leader/helper. |
| ☐ Kindergarten teacher/helper | ☐ Game center leader/helper |
| ☐ Art Center teacher/ helper | ☐ Group Guide |
| ☐ Snack Center helper | |

All volunteers over the age of 18, will need to provide a copy of their PA state clearances in order to volunteer

* You can register as a participant or volunteer by going to our website www.holytrinity.net



June Worship Assistants Schedule

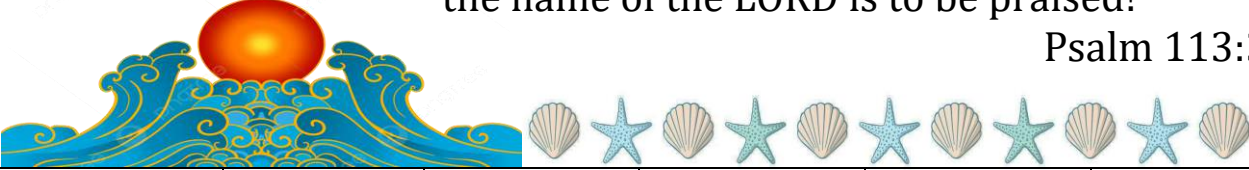


June 2			
Usher 4	Lectors-Sat Bruce & Maureen Freer Sun Charlie Tolton	Cantor	Sandy Schmidt
Stream Team Hannah Mumford	Acolyte Benet Donnelly		
	Crucifer Janice Donnelly		
June 9			
Usher 5	Lectors-Sat Karen McGovern Sun Allan Shikhvarg	Cantor	Tom Schied
Stream Team Rob Ischinger	Acolyte Allan Shikhvarg		
	Crucifer Charlie Tolton		
June 16			
Usher 1	Lectors - Sat Bruce & Maureen Freer Sun Nancy Necker	Cantor	John Minges
Stream Team Charlie Tolton	Acolyte Gloria Ischinger		
	Crucifer Rob Ischinger		
June 23			
Usher 2	Lectors-Sat Bruce & Maureen Freer Sun John Bleimaier	Cantor	Deb Mumford
Stream Team Frank Ganther	Acolyte Otis Bricker		
	Crucifer Charlie Tolton		
June 30			
Usher 3	Lectors - Sat Karen McGovern Sun Linda Borkowski	Cantor	Beth Lee
Stream Team Gloria Ischinger	Acolyte Sherri Gregg		
	Crucifer Matthew Gregg		

If you cannot serve please contact someone on the list for that particular service team and find a replacement.
If you cannot find a replacement contact the office (215)659-2642 or email Deb at secretary@holytrinity.net

Called to *Serve*

JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!" Psalm 113:3 						1 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
2 Pentecost 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Adult SS 6:00 AA	3 7:00 Every Tear	4	5 6:30 Eve Circle at Olive Garden	6 10:00 Bread of Heaven	7 7:30 AA	8 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
9 Pentecost 3 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Adult SS 6:00 AA	10 7:00 Every Tear 7:30 Coram Deo	11	12	13 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Meanderings	14  7:30 AA	15 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
16 Pentecost 4 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Adult SS HAPPY FATHER'S DAY  6:00 AA	17 7:00 Every Tear 7:00 Women's Prayer Group	18 7:00 Evangelism	19	20 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Meanderings 	21 7:30 AA	22 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
23 Pentecost 5 9:00 Holy Communion  6:00 AA	24 St. John the Baptist  7:00 Every Tear	25 7:00 Stewardship	26	27 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Meanderings	28 7:30 AA	29 10:00-5:00 Council Retreat 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
30 Pentecost 6 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Adult SS 10:30 LCW General Meeting 6:00 AA	SPECIAL DATES: *Flag Day, June 14, 2024 *Father's Day, June 16, 2024 *First day of summer, June 20, 2024 *Saint John the Baptist, June 24, 2024					

