

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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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.
the 15th of each month.***

From the Pastor,

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Is celebration tiring?

The Sunday after Easter — more accurately, the second Sunday of Easter — was once called White Sunday, “because those who had been baptized at Easter wore their white robes all week as a sign of their new life” (Phillip H. Pfatteicher, *Commentary on the Lutheran Book of Worship*, 291). It’s also been called Low Sunday, possibly because “the spirit of the Sunday is ‘low’ compared to the high festivity of Easter Day” (Pfatteicher, *Journey into the Heart of God: Living the Liturgical Year*, 245). For many churches, including ours, that’s certainly the appropriate description — “low” — of typical attendance at worship on that day.

The intensity of Lent and Holy Week, 46 days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, is absorbing and draining even before it all gets turned inside-out and blown sky-high (so to speak) by the triumph of the Resurrection. It’s not surprising that the week following would be regarded as a time to lie “low,” to catch one’s breath, and to be temporarily occupied with other things. I myself disappeared with Beth for a few days immediately after Easter Sunday, and I know that something like that has been a long and proper pastoral tradition at Holy Trinity.

The full season of Easter goes even longer than Lent and Holy Week, though: 50 days, from the Day of Resurrection (April 20 this year) to the Day of Pentecost (June 8 this year). And that it goes so long *makes sense*.

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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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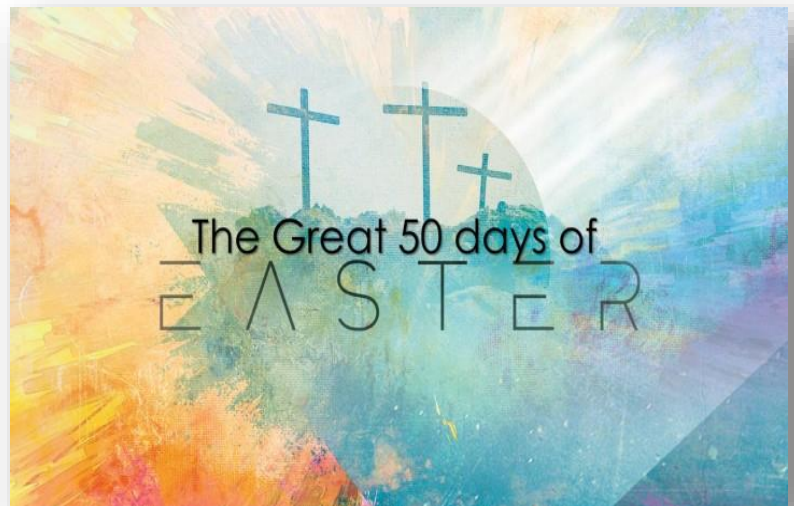
Easter is to be understood as one long and great Sunday, a week of weeks, comprising the fifty days of rejoicing. ... Throughout these days of Easter the Church itself struggles with the fact and the meaning of the raising of Jesus from the dead and encourages all those who, like Thomas, struggle to believe the impossible. (Pfatteicher, Journey into the Heart of God, 244–245)

Is it any wonder people find it hard to believe in the resurrection of Jesus if we don't throw our hats in the air? Is it any wonder we find it hard to live the resurrection if we don't do it exuberantly in our liturgies? Is it any wonder the world doesn't take much notice if Easter is celebrated as simply the one-day happy ending tacked on to forty days of fasting and gloom? (N. T. Wright, Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church, 256)

Although we might not, as Wright exhorts, serve champagne at morning prayer during the fifty days, we will continue to sing Easter hymns, and to hear Easter stories, and to say to one another: "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

Easter, after all, is not centrally about bunnies, eggs, chocolate, or flowers, and most assuredly it is not centrally about us. Easter is the greatest opportunity in all the year for the church to point (like John the Baptist) away from itself and toward the feast to come, because the host of the feast, our Lord Jesus Christ, is risen from the dead. There can be no getting tired celebrating that.

Following the lead of angels and archangels,
Pastor Maurice





Healing Prayer Ministry

Trained members of our Healing Prayer Ministry are available for private one-on-one prayer in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd directly after worship on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. We look forward to praying with you.



Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity
Women's Prayer Group
Meets 1st Monday
each month at 7:00 p.m.
in Rosemary Hinkle's
carriage house
1164 Wheatsheaf Lane,
Abington, PA 19001
All women are welcome
to join.

2025 Schedule

May 5 June 2

"We have to pray with our eyes on God,
not on the difficulties."

- Oswald Chambers

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)* The families of the members Holy Trinity together with those they love, including: Adriene, Alan, Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Angie, Ann, Anne, Antonette, Barbara, Beth, Bill, Blake, Bob, Brett, Carly, Carol, Caroline, Cheryl, Christopher, Cindy, Clare, Dallas, Darren, Dave, David, Deb, Derek, Donna, Emersyn, Emily, Eric, Erica, Erin, Ernie, Gavin, Gene, Gloria, Grace, Hannah, Jamie, Jennifer, Jenny, Jill, John, Julia, Kathy, Kellie, Ken, Kevan, Kim, Laney, Laura, Levi, Linda, Lisa, Logan, Loreto, Lori, Mandy, Mark, Martha, Mary, Mary Kate, Matthew, Melania, Melissa, Mike, Nancy, Nat, Pastor Jeff, Pat, Paul, Peter, Phil, Rich, Rick, Roger, Rosemary, Ross, Ryan, Sandy, Sam, Sharon, Sherri, Skylar, Sophia C., Steve, Thea, Tiffany, Todd, Tom, Tracy, Troy, Trudy, Valentine, Vera, Vicki, Willow.

Please pray for the following families:

All of the families of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for; especially we pray for the: Berkovitz, Cannan, Custer, Delucia, Diener, Eisenmann, Erb, Gregg, Hendrickson, Lacy, Maieron, Necker, Novak, Riehm, Schenck, Schmidt, Staedtler, Steinhof, Tavella.

Please pray for the following petitions:

That God would bless & protect all members of Holy Trinity, together with those they love & pray for.
That God would guide each of us to grow in grace & that He would 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 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 Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.
For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.
For the victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes and hurricanes and for favorable weather and 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.





Join us in an evening of prayer
SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025
6:30 PM

Prayer requests cards are in the Narthex,
please take one home, fill it out,
then return and place it in the marked box.
All prayers are strictly confidential.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Notes from Council:

We will be giving highlights from our last council meeting each month in Echoes. Once the minutes are approved from the previous month, they will be available in the Narthex.

Council met on Tuesday April 8th

Pastor's Report – we need a lay delegate to attend the Central District Convocation on May 3rd

Live-Stream equipment – The equipment has been ordered and will be installed once received

Bread of Heaven – the Picnic will be held on June 1st

Christian Ed – Confirmation will be on June 8th

Evangelism – The Walk for Water will be held on May 17th. We are hoping to raise \$2000. They are looking for volunteers to help that day, to walk or sponsor a walker. The next Prayer services will be held on May 24th.

New Business – We need to recruit a book keeper as Sue would like to retire at the end of this year. We will look within the church congregation first and then outside. Janice and Sue will meet to come up with a job description to publish in the bulletin

As always if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please talk to any of the council members. If you are unsure who we are, our pictures are in the Narthex.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP IS NOW AVAILABLE LIVE
ON YOUTUBE (HOLY TRINITY, ABINGTON)
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

March 31, 2025 (For the Year 2025)

Surplus/(Deficit) 2025	(\$26,514.80)
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Full treasurer's report
available upon request.

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

Christopher Biehl
Conor Gowton
Shaun Hall
Eric Henderson
Nathan Quinlan
Jamie Riley
Vikas Shah
Jonathan Skilton, MD
Jeremy Zar

Luther Quotes:

We need to hear the Gospel every day, because we forget it every day.

God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does.

The whole being of any Christian is faith and love. Faith brings the person to God, love brings the person to people.

A Christian is never in a state of completion but always in a process of becoming.

Peace if possible, truth at all costs.

Show me where a man spends his time and money and I'll show you his god.

Everything that is done in this world is done by hope.

You have as much laughter as you have faith.



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

NOTES OF THANKS



April 7, 2025

"I am He who will sustain you."

Dear Friends,

I was reading my devotional this morning, which featured several verses from Isaiah 46. Verse 4 states, "Even to your old age and grey hairs I am He, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you."

We praise God for His sustaining grace and provision. We also thank God for using you in helping sustain His mission, through WMPL, as we bring the Good News to those with little or no access.

I've received several inspiring newsletters from our workers that paint a picture of God's sustaining grace as He carries His people and rescues them. Here are some highlights.

From the Islands: Yesterday was a VERY EXCITING day for all of us working among Islanders here as we were able to witness and participate in the baptisms of a mother and her son - as well as the daughter of some fellow workers from another organization. The father of the boy baptized came to faith more than a year ago, which induced him to leave his second wife - alcohol - and to return to his first wife who has now also entered The Kingdom!

From Juan Fernandez in our US Office: The Online Lutheran Theological seminary of Latin America continues to grow. In February new courses on Psalms and Lutheran worship and liturgy were launched with 30 students enrolled. It has been a blessing to witness their dedication as they prepare for ministry. We are grateful for how God is using this platform to equip leaders in Latin America.

Associate Workers, Doug and Tarisa in Nepal: After 4 years of training and 2 prior years of Greek and Hebrew, Tarisa has been granted Certification for Bible Translation. She counts it a blessing to work with the teams God has connected her with in Nepal.

She steps out in her new role with "fear and trembling" knowing there is much still to learn, but also trusting that God will be faithful to lead and equip her.

Doug, as a surgeon, goes into the hospital usually uncertain of what lies ahead, but his days fill up with procedures to perform - from leeches in the nose, to C-sections, burns, abdominal issues, and even to bone operations. He continues to find both challenge and joy in teaching the Nepali junior doctors.

1 Chronicles 16:11 describes the season they are in as they remember to "seek the Lord and His strength" and "to seek His face continuously". They ask for prayer to be a clear reflection and a sweet aroma of our Savior.

In closing, May the Lord continue to sustain, carry and rescue His servants, which also includes you! Thank you for your generous support to our ministry.

In Christ,

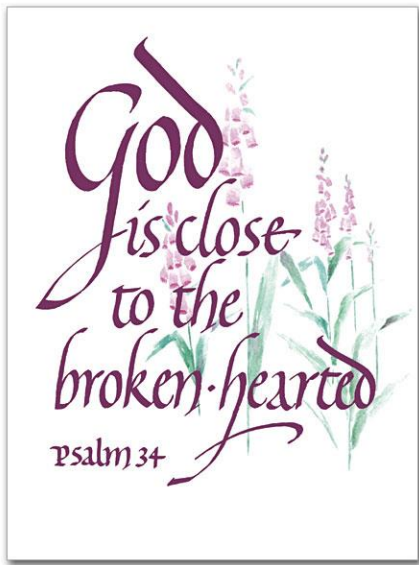

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Our Christian Sympathy to

To Barbara, Lori, Tracy, and family
on the death of **George W. (Bill) Riehm**

March 31, 2025

Beloved son, brother and uncle.

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit."

Psalm 34:18

Memorials received



The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella
Dorothy H. Erb





Freedom Steps' Annual
5K Walk/Run

Support Our Troops
Sunday, May 4th



www.FreedomSteps5k.com



Registration Starts at 8AM

Walk/Run Starts at 9:00AM

★ Pre-Registration ★

~ \$30 per adult

~ \$15 per youth

Free for ages 10 & under

*Online Registration via
www.PretzelCitySports.com*

★ Location: ★

Masons Mill Park
3500 Masons Mill Road,
Huntington Valley, PA 19006



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Speaking Up for the Voiceless

Book review by Charlotte Williams

Shawn D. Carney and Steve Karlen

What to Say When: The Complete New Guide to Discussing Abortion

(Kolby & Anthony, 2021)

One hundred and fifty three pages. That's all it takes for authors Shawn Carney and Steve Karlen to equip believers to fight for pro-life in a pro-abortion culture. That many pages is not enough to substitute for a degree in biology or ethics, but it is enough to counter, succinctly and effectively, the main weapons of argument used against the innocent unborn.

What to Say When: The Complete New Guide to Discussing Abortion celebrates the fact that pro-lifers can finally be "on the offensive," because life is always the most logical, ethical, and loving choice, even in the midst of "a society that has legally and scientifically dehumanized an entire segment of our population — unborn children — in order to destroy and discard them for any reason, or for no reason at all" (p. 9).

To live up to the quality of their cause, this book challenges pro-lifers to be logical, ethical, and loving themselves. Before highlighting all the best arguments for life, they guide readers in what not to say; the second chapter guards against unthoughtful phrases that undermine the cause. Winning hearts and changing minds can save lives; this happens when the truth is shared in love.

In that context, the book breaks down such points as: *Science is clear about when life begins*. This point counters one of the main tactics of abortion advocates to take away the baby's humanity and therefore its right to life (which begins at conception). Other points along the same line include:

- Support for abortion is discrimination (targeting the small, weak and vulnerable).
- Abortion isn't about the woman's body but the baby's.
- The baby has his or her own unique body and DNA.
- Our dependency on someone else does not diminish our equality or dignity.

While abortion advocates often label abortion "women's healthcare," pro-lifers can argue in response that *Health care is about healing, not hurting*, and that *there's nothing healthy about pitting a woman against her child*. The authors make the point early on that *bad and irresponsible men benefit the most from abortion*. But they also dedicate a whole chapter to the subject of rape, including such points as:

- Abortion does not remove rape; it adds to the pain.
- Human dignity is not defined by the circumstances of our conception.
- In no other scenario do we punish a baby for the crimes of his or her father.

Abortion advocates may also side-track into other arguments that place human life at a lower priority than population control and climate change. One of the points the authors make in response is: *Attempts to impose population control measures on the Third World are racist and imperialist*. And to give anyone who cares about human life the big picture: *Abortion is the preeminent human-rights issue because it is the most widespread and most direct attack on human beings*. Also: *You don't need to be a member of any [religious or political] group to respect the universality of human rights*.

The last chapter of *What to Say When* illustrates what the work of advocating for the unborn can do, not just for the culture but for the heart of the person who speaks up for the voiceless. The last sentence gives a worthy purpose: "Abortion is a crisis of love, and there is no better way to be a channel of love than living our lives as an instrument of the Author of Life" (p. 153).

◇ I'M JUST ◇ OUT HERE TRUSTING God

The following devotion was presented at a recent Church Council meeting by Council member Barbara Rothermel, with encouragement from Council member Helen Haun. With Barbara's permission, I've edited it very lightly, and commend it to our congregation. —Pastor Maurice

As some of you may know, I have a 2 year old grandson, Chase, who I babysit a lot. He's both a joy and a terror. I live in a split-level house, with 5 steps separating the different levels. One of his favorite things to do is to stand at the top of the stairs, blindly lean forward and hold out his arms, expecting me to catch him.

His blind trust scares the living daylights out of me. I always catch him, sometimes just in the nick of time. And it amazes me that he trusts me to catch him every time.

Trust is part of our everyday lives and means many different things to many different people. It's a key element in our social and family relationships. But trust doesn't come easy. We're often distrustful of others, based on past experiences, trauma, or just a feeling.

As Christians, we are taught to trust in God. Proverbs 3:5–6 says: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Trust springs from our faith. As our faith in God grows, so does our trust. Trust in God is believing in the promises of God in all circumstances, even when we're facing challenges or difficulties.

One of my favorite verses is Matthew 6:25 telling us not to be anxious but to trust in God:

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ... Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all."

I'm also reminded of Jeremiah 17:7-8: "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord, He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." Such beautiful imagery.

I read a short article entitled "The Power of Trusting the Lord with All Your Heart" by Debbie McDaniel. It was powerful. Essentially, she says this:

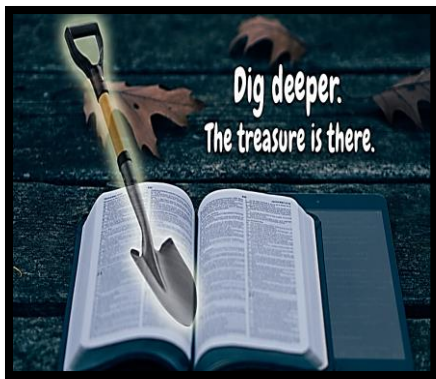
If the future feels uncertain right now, and worry keeps occupying too much room in your heart, in your mind, remember this: God is already in all of our tomorrows. He knows our way, and He has a plan. And we can be assured it's always the best one for us. God never asks us to figure it all out on our own. He just asks us to trust Him, to recognize His leadership ... in our lives. And He promises to make our pathways straight. ... We may not always see what's ahead, but He does. There's great power in trusting Him. For it clears the way for our security to be based solely on Him, not on our circumstances, or other people, not on ourselves, or our own ways of thinking. ... Keep choosing trust. Let go of worry, hold on to Him. [1]

I want to share something from one more article. It's entitled "If We Trust God With Eternity, Why Worry About Today?" by William F. Kumuyi. He writes:

Why is it that we can trust God for eternity but not for today? This is a question worth exploring because it exposes the depth of our faith. Jesus' reminder in Matthew 6:26 — "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them" — is an invitation to see God's faithfulness in creation and trust that He will be no less faithful to us, His children. [2]

Blind trust in the Lord is a recurring theme in the Bible. Like the trust baby Chase has that I'll always be there to catch him when he falls, as Christians, we need to trust in God's plan that he'll be there to catch us when we fall.

1. <https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/crosswalk-devo/crosswalk-the-devotional-feb-27.html>
2. <https://www.christianpost.com/voices/if-we-trust-god-with-eternity-why-worry-about-today.html>



Join the 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 meets in Fellowship Hall - stage end at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday.



**Thursday morning Meanderings
with Pastor Maurice**
on *3:16 Bible Texts Illuminated*,
next class on **Thursday, May 15th**
at 10:00 a.m.

Bagels and such on the house of course!
Join us for stimulating discussions
& lively conversations.



Nancy Matteo has spearheaded a wonderful collection for gift bags to be distributed in our Overlook Hills Neighborhood. She collected enough for 91 bags!

Now comes delivering them...here's where you come in! Think of it as a great way to get your steps in and help distribute these bags on

**Friday, May 9th from 10 a.m. to noon and
Saturday, May 10th from 10 a.m. to noon.**



Nancy would appreciate any and all help.
*Also good practice for the **Walk 4 Water**
being held the following week.

2nd Friday Nighters – Friday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m.



Theme: Cinco de Mayo



It seems like this church loves a competition! Keeping with the theme, we are going to have a salsa / guacamole competition. Much like our chili competition back in January, we will ask you to bring your favorite recipe for salsa/guacamole to the church in a large bowl (please bring a card with the recipe ingredients on it). We will then number each batch and provide samples for everyone to try and vote for who's was the best!!

If you don't want to make a salsa/guacamole, make another dish with a Mexican theme for all the share (tacos, quesadillas, rice, beans, etc.)

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Schied
at slschied@verizon.net.

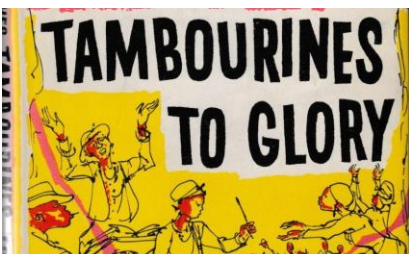


Coram Deo

Living in the Presence of God

We meet in the Sts. Peter & Andrew Study
on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
Please feel free to drop in for any or all sessions.

May 12: *J.B.* by Archibald MacLeish



June 9: *Tambourines to Glory*
by Langston Hughes

HYGIENE KITS FOR SARNELLI HOUSE



The Holy Trinity family has been very generous with donations of gently used clothing and new socks and underwear for Sarnelli House. Thanks & please keep it up - the need is constant!!

In addition, we have undertaken another important effort. Going forward we will be collecting items and assembling Hygiene Kits here at church to be taken to Sarnelli House.

The kits will contain the following items - all must be TRIAL/TRAVEL size. Shampoo, bar soap, hand sanitizer, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, skin lotion, shaving cream, a disposable razor and a comb.

Donations of any of these items (trial/travel size only) would be appreciated. If desired, items may be bought in bulk on Amazon and at other on-line sources but donations of any number are urgently needed. Monetary donations may also be made to go to the purchase of these items. Cash or checks may be placed in a pew envelope marked "Sarnelli". Note - checks should be made payable to Holy Trinity and marked "Sarnelli" in the memo line.

Thank you for your consideration and consistent support of the Sarnelli House ministry. We pray God's blessing on this new on-going program.



As the warmer weather quickly approaches
Sarnelli House is in need of...

Men's jeans and shorts (Sizes 30, 32, 34)

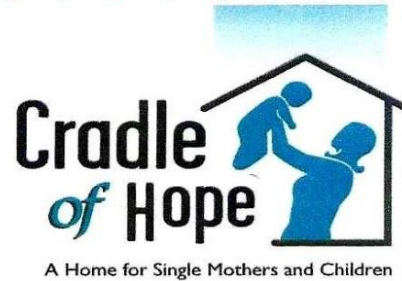
**Women's pants, jeans and shorts
(Smaller sizes)**

Men and women's underwear

Socks, sneakers, sandals

"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need,
yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" 1 John 3:17

Sunday, May 11th
LCW Mother's Day Collection



Benefiting:

**The Cradle of Hope in Glenside &
Life Turning Point of Philadelphia
Wish List**

FOR CRADLE OF HOPE:

HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES: Mops, toilet paper, paper towels, kitchen sponges, Lysol, Mr. Clean, Soft Scrub, Bleach, disinfectant wipes, Windex, Brillo pads, anti-bacterial hand soap, Purell, liquid dish detergent, liquid laundry soap, printer paper, tin foil, Saran wrap, food storage bags.

BABY SUPPLIES: diaper wipes, Crib sheets, (blue, pink and yellow), twin bedsheets.

FOR LIFE TURNING POINT: *We would like to collect \$25 Target or Walmart gift cards and hope to provide at least 10, one for each mom living there.

Gift cards can be given to Katie Beyer or Nancy Matteo at the 5 p.m. Saturday worship service.

The blue basket marked "**Cradle of Hope**" will be in the Narthex.

Each of you should give
what you have decided in your
heart to give, not reluctantly
or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7



While out shopping, donations
of these items are needed for

DISH SOAP	26 oz. or larger
LAUNDRY SOAP	40 oz. or larger
BOXED MAC & CH.	7.5 oz. or larger
CANNED CHICKEN	12.5 oz. or larger
CANNED FRUIT	15 oz. or larger
SOUP	10.5 oz. or larger



Our April numbers are in: **121 guests served = 465 people total.**
7 new guests registered.

Much gratitude and thanks for your continued generosity
that makes this ministry possible!

Have you seen the library cart display for Easter in Fellowship Hall? The second shelf has books that are about Easter (not Lent), including Martin Luther's Easter book.

It's easy to check out a book: just sign your name on the card and drop it in the box, wheter in the library room or the table next to the cart in Fellowship Hall.

Check out your Easter book soon, because the next display, setting up before Mother's Day, will be on Women, specifically women of the Bible. Women, we thank God for you!



Scan the QR code on the poster to register to walk with us or sponsor someone who is registered or to the web address listed at the bottom or just show up with a bucket or container of any size to walk with us that morning. You won't regret it!



Saturday, May 17

10 a.m.

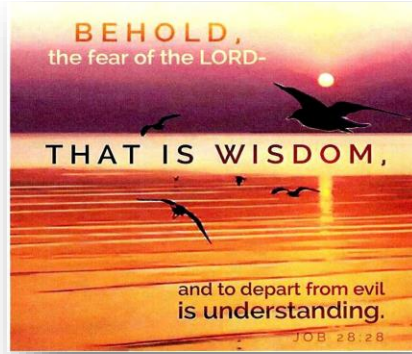
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

**walk
for**  **water**

Millions of women and children walk over three miles daily to collect water. The Walk for Water on Saturday, May 17 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church simulates this trek and lets you help bring safe water to people in need.

<https://walkforwater.rallybound.org/holy-trinity>

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



MAY CIRCLES

Words from the Whirlwind

This is our last session in Job! Of course it is God who has the final word, and Job ends with abundant blessings. But God's words to Job aren't easy to take, as he seems to be putting Job in his place. We will talk about how it is difficult sometimes to receive the words of God. But then also God tells Job what to do and he blesses him more than Job could have imagined when he was suffering. So we will also look at how God is better than we think. We will wrap up with discussion of the whole year's analysis of suffering and how our suffering is different than Job's because we do know the mediator, Jesus.

Eve Circle – Thursday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Leader: Noreen Weld (215) 659-8089 lajennyda@aol.com

Miriam Circle – Monday, May 12 at 12:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
& on Zoom
Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com

Ruth Circle – Sunday, May 18 at 11:45 a.m. in SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Katie Beyer (215) 572 - 6964 kbeyer0403@gmail.com

Hannah Circle – Monday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Sons of Thunder Youth room
Contact: Deb Mumford (267) 210 - 1789 Debssam@msn.com



Attention All Holy Trinity Women

It's Time for Spring Thank Offering!

In January, thanks to your generosity, we collected \$843 in Thank Offering, a few dollars over the amount we needed to pay the remaining shipping on our Holy Trinity Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Now we are collecting our Spring Thank Offering!

ALL Holy Trinity women are encouraged to participate. This is not just for circle members. Think of what you are thankful for:

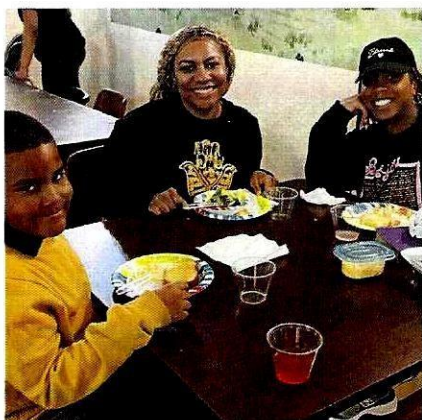
- ♦ **Family members arrive home safely from a trip.**
- ♦ **A medical test is negative.**
- ♦ **You averted an accident.**
- ♦ **You receive an unexpected phone call to catch up with you or check up on you.**

You get the idea. Each time you want to express your gratitude to the Lord, you place an amount of money in a mite box, envelope, or special container for this purpose.

During May, we invite you to either bring your Thank Offering to your circle meeting, place it in the offering plate, leave it at the office, or mail it. Most importantly,

Mark It Clearly THANK OFFERING

In honor of Mother's Day, our spring Thank Offering will be divided between Life Turning Point of Philadelphia and the Cradle of Hope in Glenside., Both provide a home for single mothers and their children and programs to help young women regain economic self-sufficiency, all in a Christ-focused environment.



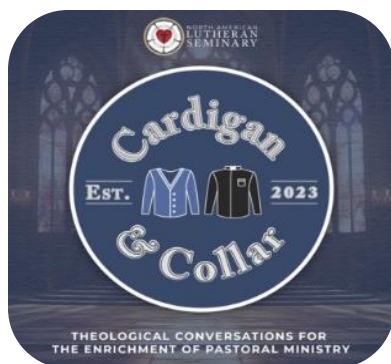
Ascension Day
Thursday, May 29
7:30 PM

Join your Holy Trinity
family for worship



⁹And when He had said these things, as they were looking on,
He was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. - Acts 1:9

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Episode 4 of the new season of
CARDIGAN & COLLAR
the podcast hosted by Pastor Maurice Lee
and Professor David Luy,
is now available for listening at

<https://www.thenals.org/learn-with-us/cardigan-collar/>

The new season is about Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
and this fourth episode is on:
“The Lutheran sources of Bonhoeffer's formation”

Podcast episodes are also available on Spotify, Amazon Music, and Apple Podcasts (links on the NALS page, or search for “Cardigan and Collar” or “North American Lutheran Seminary”).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES WANTED



Although Operation Christmas child shoeboxes are the perfect size, we are looking to offset some costs by collecting our own shoeboxes.

If you have good condition shoeboxes that you are not using, please bring them to our drop-off box on the stage. Medium sized boxes are best. We are not able to use boot boxes as they are too large, and plastic cracks too easily.

Thank you for your contributions.

Sunday, June 1st

following the worship service,
for Holy Trinity's annual 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. Sign up is in the Narthex.



Join us at the **Church Picnic!**

Once again we will be having our 4th Annual
Cornhole competition, so grab a partner & join in!



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!!)

We hope to see you there!!!

HTLC CHURCH DIRECTORY

As we look ahead to our 100th Year Anniversary Celebration, we would like to keep the Church Directory of our Holy Trinity family updated and reflecting the most current information. Our last full update was in 2021. We would appreciate it if you would log in and update your photo and contact information (where needed). We hope to have our Church Directory fully updated by July 1st.

If you are already a “Member,” updates are easy as clicking the menu lines  and scrolling down to “Edit My Family.”

Many of you are already Members but instructions for both new and existing members are shown below via applicable QR Code or link.

IOS (Apple) APP



Step by Step
instructions for Apple
devices

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Android APP



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Website



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Please call Sharon at 215-909-1982 if you have any questions.
For answers to frequently asked questions, you can also visit
[Church Member Help - Instant Church Directory.](#)



May Worship Assistants Schedule



May 4			
Usher 2	Lectors- Sat	Linda Cassady	Cantor Steve Wyszomierski
Stream Frank Ganther Team	Sun	Larry Guenzel	Acolyte Linda Borkowski
Healing Prayer Sherry Breslin	Christophers	Linda & Sherry	Crucifer Allan Shikhvarg
May 11			
Usher 3	Lectors - Sat	Bruce & Maureen Freer	Cantor Dean Lawrence
Stream Charlie Tolton Team	Sun	Scott Brown	Acolyte Suzanne Brown
Healing Prayer Helen Haun	Christophers	Frank & Beth	Crucifer Scott Brown
May 18			
Usher 4	Lectors-Sat	Karen McGovern	Cantor Beth Lee
Stream Rob Ischinger Team	Sun	Eric Gregg	Acolyte Sherri Gregg
Healing Prayer Nancy Ischinger	Christophers	Nancy & Wayne	Crucifer Frank Ganther
May 25			
Usher 5	Lectors - Sat	Linda Cassady	Cantor Ravinia Lee
Stream Hannah Mumford Team	Sun	Helen Haun	Acolyte Jonathan Mutashobya
Healing Prayer Nancy King-Berkovitz	Christophers	Deb & Sue	Crucifer Steph Templeton

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*

MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
~ "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13				1 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 10:00 Meanderings with Pastor Maurice  6:30 Bell Choir	2 LCW retreat Mother Boniface in Phila. 7:30 AA	3 8:30 CMD Convocation in Lebanon, PA LCW retreat 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
4 Easter 3 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 SS Pre-K to Adult 6:00 NA	5 7:00 Women's Prayer Group	6	7 7:30 Council	8 9:30 Abington Community Taskforce 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Eve Circle	9 6:00 2 nd Friday Nighters 7:30 AA	10 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
11 Easter 4 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult Happy Mother's Day  6:00 NA	12 12:30 Miriam Circle 7:30 Coram Deo	13 7:00 Evangelism	14	15 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 10:00 Meanderings with Pastor Maurice 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	16 7:30 AA	17 10:00 Walk for Water  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
18 Easter 5 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:45 Ruth Circle 6:00 NA	19 7:00 Hannah Circle	20	21	22 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	23 7:30 AA	24 5:00 Holy Communion 6:30 Prayer Service 7:00 AA
25 Easter 6 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 6:00 NA	26 Office Closed 	27	28	29 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 10:00 Meanderings with Pastor Maurice 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Ascension Service	30 7:30 AA	31 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA

Special Dates:

*National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2025

*Mother's Day, May 11, 2025

*Armed Forces Day, May 17, 2025

* Memorial Day, May 26, 2025

* Ascension Day, May 29, 2025

