

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.
the 15th of each month.**

From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Near the end of his letter to the Romans, Paul of Tarsus opened a fascinating window onto his motivation and strategy as an apostle:

From Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, but as it is written: "Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand." (Romans 15:19-21)

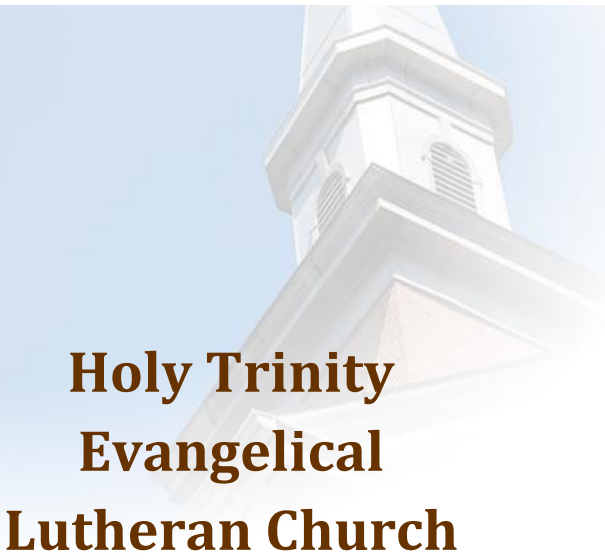
(That last sentence is a quotation of Isaiah 52:15, referring to the suffering servant of the Lord.)

The one holy catholic apostolic church is fundamentally a missionary organization — not in addition or in contrast or in opposition to, but as a logical outworking of, its core identity as a community of disciples and discipling worshippers and its sole function to be a sign of God's coming kingdom in his Son.

After all, Jesus' own summative command to his people was (and is):

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20)

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Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

We proclaim the
Gospel of Jesus Christ,
worshipping,
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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But every congregation of which we're members — and now, of course, I'm speaking of Holy Trinity specifically — has the obligation and the opportunity to send, to support, to learn about, to hear from, and to pray for some of those who, like Paul, have made it their ambition to preach the gospel in places and among people where Christ has not already been named. That's one of the first principles of being a missionary church.

We of Holy Trinity have the enormous privilege of contributing to the work of the gospel through our relationships with missionaries both near and far. We've always been enthusiastic participants in the church's mission. Our affiliation with the NALC has done nothing to change that; indeed, the NALC rightly considers the mission of the gospel a top priority. Therefore, we'll be doubling down on that aspect of our church life: enlarging our budgeted missionary support, publicizing the needs and deeds of our missionaries, integrating times to pray for them and to hear from them into our fellowship, study, and worship activities, and so forth.

This is both a matter of obedience to our Lord's clearly-expressed wishes, and a chance to deepen what Paul called our "partnership in the gospel" (Philippians 1:5) with people who are giving their lives to announce salvation through faith in Jesus Christ — the best news and the most important thing that any human being could ever hear — to all the world.

Most of all, it's to the glory and honor of God. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" (Isaiah 52:7).

To the praise of his glorious grace,
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

Holy Trinity's
Women's Prayer Group
meets once a month on the
1ST Monday of each month
At Rosemary Hinkle's
room over her garage.

All women are invited to join us
Contact Rosemary at
rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net

Remaining 2025 Schedule

November 3

December 1

"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 individuals & their families: Adriene, Aimeé, Alan, Alex, Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Angie, Anita, Ann, Anna, Anne, Antonette, Art, Audrey, Baby Wilkinson, Barb, Barbara, Ben, Benjamin, Beth, Bill, Blake, Bob, Brian, Brett, Caden, Candy, Carly, Carol, Caroline, Cassidy, Charles, Charlie, Charlotte, Cheryl, Chris, Christine, Christopher, Cindy, Claire, Clare, Dallas, Dana, Danielle, Darren, Daryl, Dave, David, Deb, Demvysere, Derek, Diane, Donna, Ed, Elly, Emersyn, Emily, Eric, Erica, Erika, Erin, Ernie, Frank, Gavin, Gene, Gerry, Gloria, Grace, Grant, Hannah, Harrison, Helen, Jamie, Jen, Jennifer, Jenny, Jeremy, Jill, Jim, Joe, John, Julia, Julie, Kathleen, Kathy, Kayla, Kellie, Ken, Kevan, Kevin, Kile, Kim, Laney, Larry, Laura, Levi, Linda, Lisa, Logan, Loreto, Lori, Mandy, Marcia, Maria, Marissa, Mark, Martha, Marty, Mary, Mary Ellen, Mary Kate, Matthew, Maureen, Melania, Melissa, Michal, Michael, Mike, Monica, Nancy, Nick, Nikki, Pastor Jeff, Pat, Patti, Paul, Peter, Phil, Rachel, Rich, Rick, Roger, Rose, Rosemary, Ross, Ryan, Sadie, Sandy, Sam, Scarlett, Selah, Sharon, Shary, Shelli, Shelly, Sherri, Sierra, Skylar, Solomon, Sophia C., Sophie, Spencer, Steve, Stover, Susan, Teri, Thea, Theodore, Tiffany, Todd, Tom, Tracy, Troy, Trudy, Valentina, Valentine, Vera, Vicki, Will, William, Willow, Zach, Zack.

Please pray for the following families: Beck, Berkovitz, Boehm, Cannan, Custer, Delucia, Diener, Dikhov, Eisenmann, Erb, Favorin, Frame, Frey, Gregg, Hendrickson, Hopkins, Johnson, Kirk, Lacy, Lowry, Maieron, Martin, McGear, Meyers, Nickens, Novak, Riehm, Ripley, Robinson, Rothermel, Schenck, Schmidt, Smith, Staedtler, Steinhof, Tavella, Wanger, Wilkinson, Williams.

Please pray for the following petitions:

That God bless and protect all members of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for.
That God 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 travelers and for the dying. For all congregations of the NALC. 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 Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
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.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP IS NOW AVAILABLE LIVE
ON YOUTUBE (THEHTLConline)
OR [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/
@HOLYTRINITYABINGTON/STREAMS](https://www.youtube.com/@HOLYTRINITYABINGTON/STREAMS)
JOIN US AT 9 AM

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 at alanhinkle@comcast.net

Treasurer's Report

October 31, 2025 (For the Year 2025)

Current Fund Deficit ~ (\$48,397.49)

Full Report available on request.

Martin Luther Quotes:

"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

"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."

"My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary."

"As long as we live there is never enough singing."



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

Christopher Biehl
Michael Boerner
Connor Gowton
Eric Henderson
Nathan Quinlan
Vikas Shah
Jonathan Skilton, MD
Jeremy Zar

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



A Note from your Council President...

I was asked to briefly explain the various Major Funds the church maintains.

The Outreach Fund is just for that, outreach to our community and Christian organizations. We take the interest income and the Benevolence committee directs those funds appropriately. **If you would like to be a part of that committee, please come see me.**

The Special Projects Fund is used for larger projects done through-out the church. All funds used by this Fund are not in the normal budget and are approved by council.

The Congregational Fund is for the Congregational needs. When our giving does not meet up to our expenses we rely on the Congregational Fund. At the end of the year, the interest income as well as 10% of the principle can be used to make up any deficit we have. So how do we get into a deficit?

When our incoming funds (your generous offerings) are not enough to pay our expenses (the budgeted items approved by the congregation each year at our congregational meeting). Each year we seem to fall into a deficit. The Budget and Finance committee will review the budget and expenses during several meetings. **If you would like to join the Budget and Finance committee please come see me.** Each year the committee reviews how the money is spent. Is there somewhere we can save money? What should or could be cut? We strive to be good stewards. Any cuts in our ministries would truly affect our church and congregation of members and visitors alike. However, our bills need to be paid. We have salaries, benefits, insurance, along with utilities, maintenance, and supplies. We need funds for all our ministries.

The ministries of Holy Trinity also need the time and talent of our congregation. Everyone has something to give, to participate in, to help, to care, and to show the love of Christ. To answer the call.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Donnelly, Council President

Can We Talk Money?

Give to Holy Trinity During Retirement Years through A Qualified Charitable Distribution

The end of the year is approaching, and that means it is time to think about tax-efficient year-end giving!

Retirement-age individuals and couples may find that they don't need income from their traditional IRAs in certain years or all years. Their other sources of income may be sufficient.

Some may not want all of the IRA income because these withdrawals are subject to ordinary income tax, and more taxable income may push these IRA owners into a higher tax bracket. In particular, a higher tax bracket can have adverse impacts on Social Security payments and Medicare benefits.



Regardless, when you reach age 73 the IRS mandates that traditional IRA owners take annual income withdrawals, known as Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs). Failure to take these withdrawals could subject you to stiff penalties.

Thankfully, charitably-minded individuals and couples age 70½ and older have a tax-smart strategy available with traditional IRAs: the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). The QCD allows a donor to instruct a traditional IRA¹ administrator to send up to \$108,000 per year—all or part of the annual Required Minimum Distribution—to an operating charity. Couples who submit tax returns with married filing jointly status each qualify for an annual QCD of up to \$108,000.

You must specify that your IRA distribution goes directly to a designated charity or charities so that you do not need to report the Qualified Charitable Distribution as taxable income, and you do not owe any taxes on the QCD. In addition, the assets can be put to good use by your favorite operating charity (**think Holy Trinity!**), making QCDs a win-win strategy.

Sometimes you may also find that the QCD provides greater tax savings than cash donations for which charitable tax deductions are claimed. This is because Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) is reduced, as shown in the following case study, and AGI is used in several key

calculations, such as determining the taxable portion of Social Security benefits or what deductions and credits donors qualify for receiving.

In addition, although the QCD is not deductible as a charitable contribution a Qualified Charitable Distribution allows a donor to receive a tax benefit even if the donor does not itemize deductions. This is the result of the QCD being excluded from taxable income.

Case Study: Enhancing Tax Savings with A QCD Gift

Bob will submit tax returns with the single filing status and have ordinary income of \$80,000 in 2025. Bob is 75 years old in 2025 and needs to take a Required Minimum Deduction from his traditional IRA. In this instance, Bob's IRA is valued at \$1,050,000, resulting in a projected RMD of \$42,683 (\$1,050,000 divided by the IRS mandated age 75 distribution period amount of 24.6). If Bob makes a QCD for \$3,000, his adjusted gross income is reduced to \$77,000. If Bob takes the standard deduction, as most people do, he saves the tax on \$3,000. The reduced income may also reduce taxes on Social Security benefits and Medicare premiums.

Holy Trinity is prepared to receive your gift and, in fact, has already received a QCD gift.

If you think a Qualified Charitable Distribution is for you, contact your IRA administrator.

If you need more information, contact your financial advisor or call Alan Hinkle at 215-704-4511.



**QUALIFIED CHARITABLE
DISTRIBUTION FROM YOUR IRA**



NOTES OF THANKS

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Thank you very much sponsoring me in the **CROP Walk** with your prayers and financial gifts! Allan Shikhvarg and I had a good time doing the CROP walk together. We did it in under an hour! Your gifts of over \$650.00, sponsoring us will go a long way in feeding our hungry neighbors near and far away. We are all part of the body of Christ working together to share God's love and mercy with all. God bless you. It's not too late to be a sponsor. Gifts may be sent to;

events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/rev-larry-guenzel

In Christ, the Bread of Life,
Pastor Larry Guenzel

The Convocation is over and it was a great success. Thank you to everyone who came out and cleaned the church, touched up paint, completed special projects, provided tech support, helped in the kitchen and attended the convocation services.

It is wonderful to see our church family come together to host this wonderful event!

Your planning committee.



October 26, 2024

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Rev. Maurice Lee
2086 Parkview Ave
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Dear Pastor Maurice and the disciples at Holy Trinity,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and Our Lord Jesus Christ!

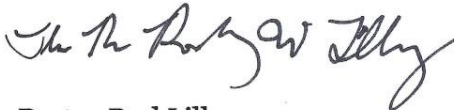
On behalf of the Atlantic Mission Region Council and the 2025 Lutheran Week planning teams I would like to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation for the outstanding hospitality you all extended to the Atlantic Mission Region when you hosted our annual Theological Conference, Women's Conference, and Convocation earlier this month.

The members of Holy Trinity were very friendly and so helpful; the meals and snacks were wonderful. The building was so welcoming and accommodating, and you ordered up some beautiful weather! Your Convo team was fantastic. They had everything planned and organized from start to finish.

Thank you to Mr. Thomas Williams, Director of Music, choir and worship leaders who put in extra time for the liturgies. Thank you to the many hands who prepared and served the meals—they were great! Thank you to those who helped get the church building ready for this large gathering and to those who cleaned up behind us.

Special thanks goes to Pastor Maurice for leading us in worship and for being our host; to the HT planning team, especially Charlie & Janice, to Deb for taking care of the copying tasks, the Stuff the Truck Generals, Wayne & Benet, and many others too many to name); to Charlie who kept the technology up and running. THANK YOU!

The AMR is blessed to have such faithful disciples to join in the work to serve our Lord.



Pastor Rod Lilley
Atlantic Mission Regional Dean

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Praising the Lord for Answered Prayer!

October 6, 2025

Dear Friends,

We praise God for your generosity in supporting God's mission through the Prayer League! I'm delighted to share the numerous praise reports of answered prayer that we've received from our workers around the world.

1. Nepal: The Applied New Testament Commentary in Maitili is almost ready. (Thorson's)
2. Tajikistan: Praise God for friendships developing with neighbors who are friendly and inclusive. For 2 girls who are happy to play, providing opportunities for the kids to grow in cross-cultural relationships & language, & which opens doors to sharing deeper things. (Adnon & Kwyn)
3. Mongolia: A 73-year-old Kazakh man felt encouraged to continue in ministry after seeing the Carters, who are older than he, serving in Mongolia. Miriam writes, "Just by being here and being old, we were an encouragement." Rich and Miriam are grandparents to 8 young Kazakh women who are new believers and university students living in a dorm. Monday through Friday, Rich leads evening family devotions for the young women and prepares to teach a one-week intensive course at the Bible School. Miriam is focusing on getting to know the girls and tutoring them in English.
4. Nepal is in turmoil, but PRC continues: July & August PRC registered 2 human trafficking and rape cases, rescued 3 from India, and 8 arrests were made. Border staff rescued 7 women traveling to Kuwait via India illegally. On July 30th, all branches celebrated "World Day Against Trafficking" under the theme: "Human trafficking is organized crime - End the exploitation." (Carmen)
5. DRC: Didi traveled with the Global Health Ministry to the DRC to assess the needs of health centers belonging to the Confessional Lutheran Church in the Congo, with the goal of equipping them with materials and rehabilitation. (Didi)
6. RTC (Radio Televisión Caranavi) in Bolivia: On September 16th, the final documents were signed, officially transferring the radio and television ministry to the Assembly of God Church, which now has full responsibility for that work. Paul & Jay Mikaelson were with the ministry of RTC for about 38 years. God enabled them to see the ministry grow and reach thousands of people throughout Bolivia, and now see it passed on to others to steward. To God be the Glory! (Jay)
7. Middle East: Praise God for Discovery Bible Studies, and the important questions & conversations that are arising from Liv building relationships & living in the homes of religious leaders, and among those she is sharing the Truth with. May the Father draw hearts to Him!
8. Nepal: We praise God for Christian Vestergaard, who was denied permission to work in Bangladesh, but God has opened an opportunity to use his many varied gifts and deep love for students as the Director of an International school in Nepal. It not only serves 200 students onsite in Kathmandu, but also works with 40 schools in other parts of Nepal.
9. Bangladesh (LAMB): Buelah Chandran is recovering well from her heart attack and bypass surgery. They are grateful for your prayers and are thankful for God's provision of funds!

In Christ,

~~Kyle~~
Kyle Scott, Executive Director



WORLD
MISSION
PRAYER
LEAGUE

TOGETHER IN CHRIST, GLOBAL PRAYER & MOBILIZATION

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All Saints

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Their Lights still shine!

On All Saints Sunday, families (and individuals) who wish to commemorate a loved one are invited to place a lighted memorial candle on the altar. Ushers will direct you as to when to bring them forward.

If you wish to participate, be sure to bring a votive candle with you from home.

Your votive candle must be in a glass votive candle holder.

(Suggested colors for the glass candle holder are clear, red, or white.)

At the appropriate time you will be invited to place your candle on one of the tables near the baptismal font, as you speak aloud the name of the person whom you are remembering before God.

These are the saints. Their lights still shine before the throne of God.

After worship, please remember to take your candle home with you, to use during your personal or family devotions.

Names of Saints who have died

Kenneth Humphreys

Joan Klass

The Rev. Dr. Michael Tavella

Dorothy H. Erb

Sigrid Frandsen-Cannan

Gladys Lurie

William Riehm

James A. Jones

Edna Natvin

Ann Frey

Roger Gorman, Jr.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY





November 11 is VETERAN'S DAY!

Get to know and pray for those on HTLC's Armed Forces' list.

Christopher Biehl



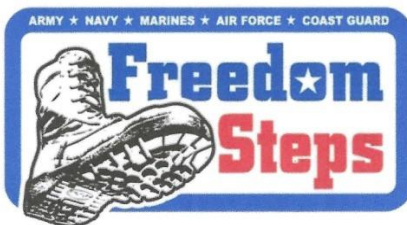
Christopher Biehl graduated from Upper Moreland High School in 2012. He then attended Virginia Tech, graduating in 2016 with a BA in History and commissioned into the United States Army as a 2LT. He has held numerous staff and leadership positions over the last nine years, with the highlight being the Company Commander of the 204th Military Police Company from April 2023–September 2024. Christopher has deployed twice to Europe to support America's strategic objectives in deterring Russian aggression. During both deployments, he has received numerous care packages from Freedom Steps for himself and his soldiers which would not have been possible without Holy Trinity's support. He is currently stationed at Fort Polk, LA, serving as an Observer/Coach/Trainer with the Joint Readiness Training Center Operations Group, the Army's premier combat training center, responsible for preparing brigade combat teams for large-scale combat operations. He greatly appreciates all the support Holy Trinity has provided to himself and Freedom Steps over the years and wishes God's blessings upon Holy Trinity and its mission to be the hands and feet of Jesus to America's servicemen and women.

Submitted by Cindy Biehl

Eric grew up in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania. After graduating from William and Mary University, he enlisted in the US Army/ Special Forces. He served 3 deployments to Afghanistan and various deployments to Latin America and South America. He and his platoon received a package from Freedom Steps while in Afghanistan. They were moved to know that those at home were thinking of them. Eric continues to serve in the National Guard with duties and drills stateside.

Submitted by Deb LaPointe

Eric Henderson



You can support our Armed Forces year-round by donating to Freedom Steps. There is a box in the narthex for this purpose.



Phil Diener – Navy

Amy Haviland – Army

Frank Houpt – Air National Guard

Stephen Mandell – Navy

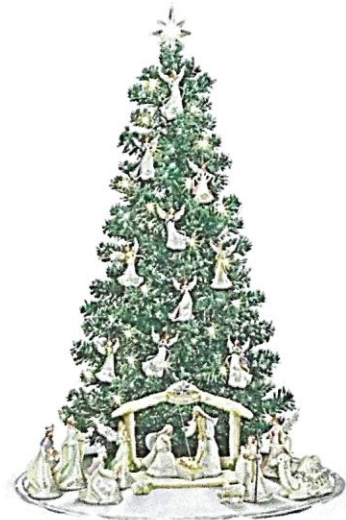
Charles Tolton – Air Force

Arthur Zbinden – Army

Christ's Home
Caring. Compassion. Community.

Christmastime Collection for Christ's Home Children and Teens

Each November/Early December, Holy Trinity holds a special collection to support the needs of children and teens, including teen moms and their little ones, at Christ's Home. We encourage you to include contributions on your Christmas shopping list to support the home life that house parents at Christ's Home provide for the children and teens from disadvantaged homes. There are three ways you can participate:



1. **Purchase diapers of all sizes.** The need is great.
2. **Select and purchase an item or items from the Amazon wish list** and bring them to our collection basket in the narthex. We do ask you to bring your gifts to church as opposed to having them delivered from Amazon to Christ's Home due to complications that sometimes arise. That way, we can track any gaps in needs and also be sure to know what is coming from Holy Trinity.
<https://www.christshome.org/how-to-help/donate/>
3. **If you are not a shopper, you may give cash or a check** in an envelope marked "Christ's Home." Please put "Christ's Home" in the memo section of your check.

Thank you for the generosity you always extend.

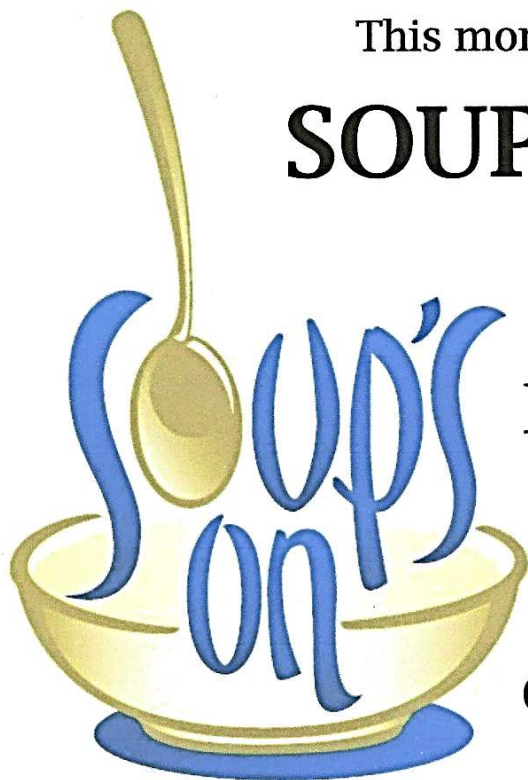
2ND **FRIDAY NIGHT**
ers

NOVEMBER 14TH

We start at 6:30 p.m. no sign up required.
Each month has a theme. Bring a dish to share.

This month's theme:

SOUP'S ON!



Bring your favorite
homemade soup
or a side dish
of salad or bread.

It's Time to Prepare and Pack Our Shoeboxes And Support Shipping Costs

Here Are Ways You Can Participate in Operation Christmas Child at Holy Trinity this November:

Participate in setup for our packing party. We will need help assembling boxes and detagging & unpackaging items. Times to come and help will be listed in the bulletins, especially for the week of November 10.

Come to our Shoebox Packing Party on Saturday, November 15, 9:00 AM, in Fellowship Hall. View a video of shoebox recipients sharing their stories. Experience the fun and joy of putting together boxes of gifts for children in need.



Bring your personally packed shoeboxes to our ingathering at Saturday & Sunday worship services the weekend of November 15/16. A special time in these services will be devoted to praying for the safe delivery of these boxes and for the children who will receive them.

Make a contribution to defray the shipping costs incurred by Samaritan's Purse. Shipping shoeboxes is costly. Please help Holy Trinity cover the suggested donation of \$10/box for the boxes that will be packed at our party. Please place your contribution in an envelope marked "OCC." Make out checks to Holy Trinity and write "OCC" in the memo section.

Tips to Remember

Do NOT seal your boxes. Rubber band them.

Place a check made payable to Samaritan's Purse inside to defray shipping costs.

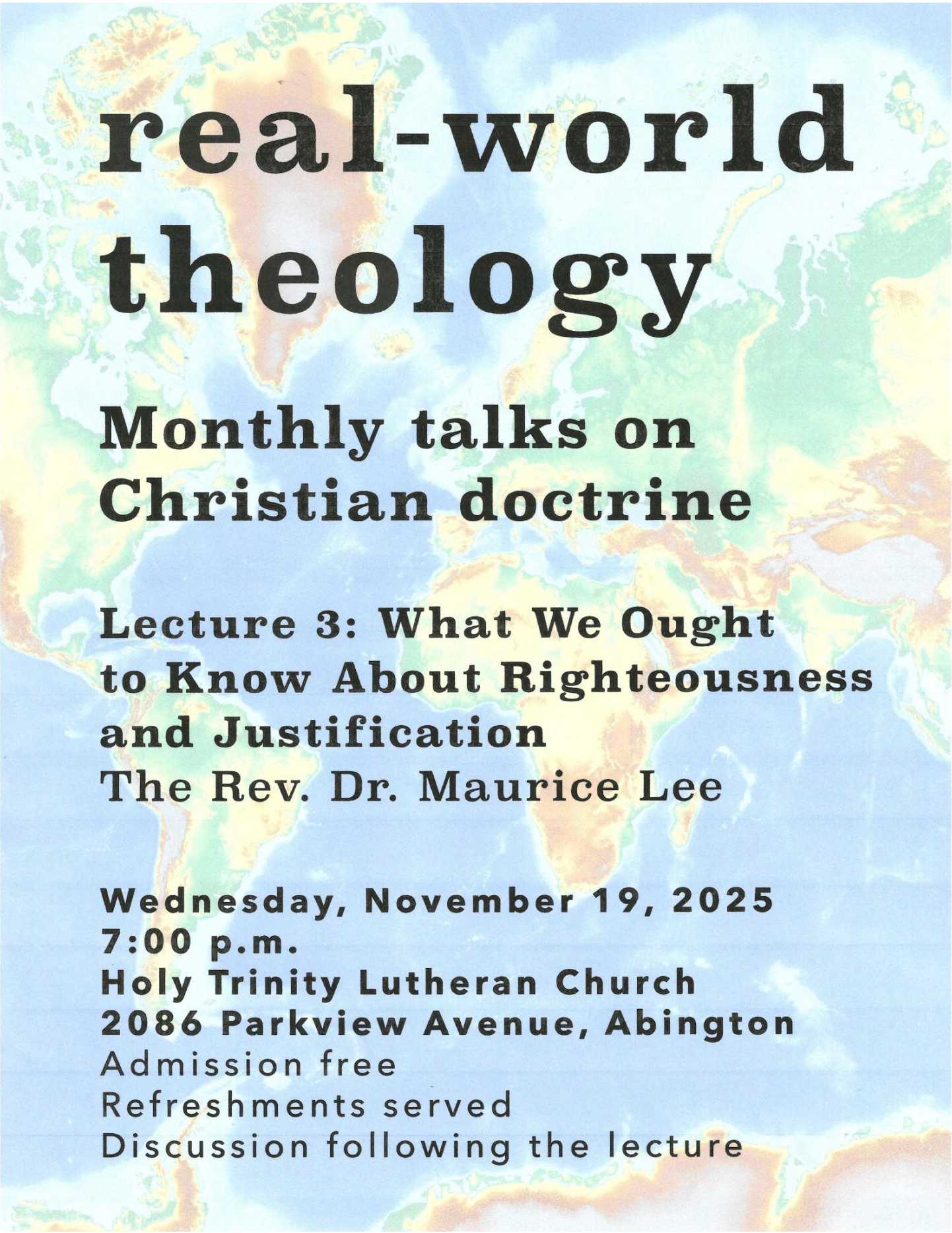
Only one check is needed if you pack multiple boxes.

Use a label with a barcode to follow your box to its destination. Include your photo and/or name, address, and/or email. It is exciting to hear from recipients!

Thank you for everything you do to make Holy Trinity's shoebox contributions possible.

You are conveying the love of Jesus and bringing the Gospel to children and families.

Questions: Rosemary Hinkle or Nancy Ischinger

A stylized world map with a color gradient from blue (oceans) to green and yellow (landmasses). The map is centered on the Atlantic Ocean, with North and South America visible on the left and Europe and Africa on the right.

real-world theology

Monthly talks on Christian doctrine

Lecture 3: What We Ought to Know About Righteousness and Justification

The Rev. Dr. Maurice Lee

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

2086 Parkview Avenue, Abington

Admission free

Refreshments served

Discussion following the lecture

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE JEHOIADA CHEST

"Then Jehoiada the priest took a chest and bored a hole in the lid of it and set it beside the altar on the right side as one entered the house of the LORD. And the priests who guarded the threshold put in it all the money that was brought into the house of the LORD." (2 Kings 12:9)



The house of the Lord – the church – is a sacred space that requires both offerings and stewardship. We are called to be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us.

God desires our hearts and our willingness to support his work in this world. The Jehoiada chest symbolizes not just the physical act of giving, but the spiritual act of offering ourselves – our time, talents, and treasures – to God.

The location of the chest is a reminder that our offerings are part of our worship. How we give exemplifies our understanding of God's grace in our lives. **When we approach giving as an act of worship we find that it becomes a reflection of our gratitude for what God has done for us.**

We offer an opportunity the weekend of November 8 & 9 to drop a pledge card in the Jehoiada Chest, graciously given to Holy Trinity by our loving sister in Christ, Dottie Erb. It will be in the Sanctuary. Prayerfully consider filling out a pledge card and placing it in the chest at either worship service. Pledge cards will be in the bulletins and are available in the Narthex.

May God continue to bless our church family here at Holy Trinity and all who call on him and believe!

Your Stewardship Team



Stewardship Life

"So let each one give as
he purposes in his heart."

2 Corinthians 9:7

\$ _____ ☐ Week ☐ Month ☐ Quarter

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

*Prayerfully consider free automatic withdrawal from your bank
account. (215) 659 - 2642 or secretary@holytrinity.net for info.

Print this out and bring it to church to place in the Jehoiada chest for
Stewardship Weekend Saturday, November 8th & Sunday, November 9th.

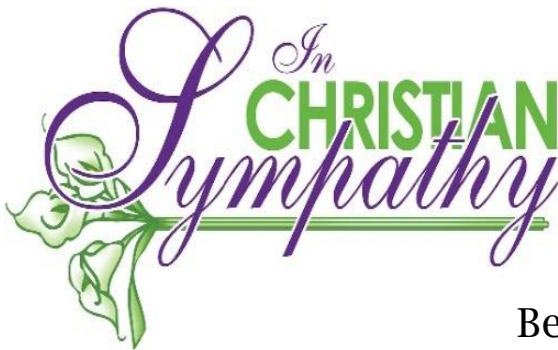
Copies of this Pledge Card are available in the Narthex should any have a need.



IN NOVEMBER:
Sunday, Nov. 9

11:30 AM
in the Study

Join us in a time of remembrance
for our sister in Christ, Ann Frey.



To Allan, Laurie and the Shikhvarg family
on the death of Allan's mother,
Eda Natvin, October 6, 2025

Beloved mother, mother-in-law, & grandmother.

To Bill, Mark, Tim and their families
on the death of their sister

Ann Frey, October 10, 2025

Beloved sister, aunt, cousin and disciple in Christ.

To Suzanne, Scott and the entire Brown family
on the death of Suzanne's father,

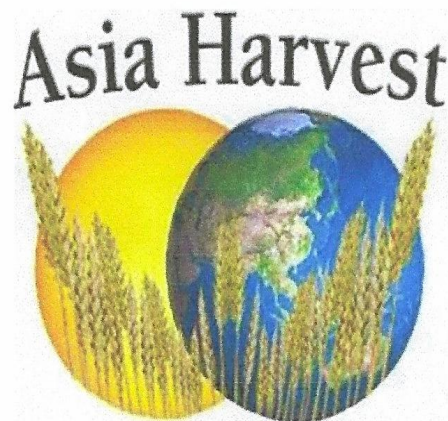
Roger Gorman, Jr., October 17, 2025

Beloved father, grandfather & great-grandfather.



Will You Give Bibles to New Believers?

A core need for any new Christian is a Bible. Having one's own copy of the Word of God is a precious gift to thousands, if not millions, who are hearing the Gospel for the first time and responding. Asia Harvest believes that the Gospel must be preached to every nation, tribe, and tongue. So they focus on outreach to thousands of people groups throughout Asian countries, who have not yet heard the Word.



Asia Harvest is a small organization following the command of Matthew 24:14 to proclaim the Gospel throughout the entire world, and then Jesus will come. They are our evangelistic hands and feet halfway around the world, which is why Pastor Maurice and your Social Ministry committee feel it is vital that we continue providing them with **Bibles for New Believers.**



Asia Harvest states, "Providing God's Word is central to our mission to nourish and establish new believers in their faith." They go on to note the significant shortage of Bibles in Asian countries where millions of new Christians still lack access to one. Sometimes a church is blessed to have just one copy.

A Bible costs an average of \$3 to print and deliver in Asia. How many will you consider giving as a gift to new believers who, more than anything else, desire God's Word to hold in their own hands and read, just like you can do every day, any time you wish?

Please place your contribution (check made out to Holy Trinity with "Asia Harvest" in the memo section) in an envelope marked "Asia Harvest Bibles."

Expanding Holy Trinity's Mission Outreach and Support



For some time, it has been Pastor Maurice's heart's desire that Holy Trinity expand its mission outreach and support. With his guidance, your Social Ministry committee will be sharing a relationship we are forming with two missionaries who are church pastors and additionally evangelize in their respective countries. These new relationships are in addition to our ongoing support for our members Didi and Serafina Panzo, who will soon return to the Democratic Republic of the Congo; all our current support for them will continue.

We introduce you to Alex Montano in the Philippines and Martin Luther in the state of Andhra Pradesh in southeast India. They are both native servants of the Lord, loving and serving their people and making disciples of Jesus Christ. We want you to meet them.

From Pastor Alex:

I am a tribal missionary pastor whose passion is to plant churches among the tribal communities. I pioneered churches and planted churches with mission teams mobilized throughout the Philippines. I network with hundreds of indigenous, independent churches throughout the Philippine islands. My ministry base is the city church in Cagayan de Oro, which I started 30 years ago in the midst of a slum area and whose members are mobilized to train and empower indigenous church leaders to obey the Great Commission. I presently reside in Cagayan de Oro and have been the Senior Pastor of Jesus Our King Church for more than 30 years. I extend my thanks to your church and family. I appreciate your support.



Pastor Alex, son & daughter-in-law with child, and wife Emma.

Last Sunday, I preached on the Parable of Hidden Treasure in Matthew 13:44 in our Sunday Worship service. I emphasized the immense value of the Kingdom of God compared to earthly possessions. God wants us to treasure His Kingdom, which is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Please pray with us that the brethren love God more than this world can offer. The priority of the word worship and mission is not an option. There is nothing that can be more satisfy-



ing than Jesus. He is the ultimate source of satisfaction. He is the only one that can satisfy the deep longings of the heart.

A month ago we had been from Camiguin island to empower the leaders by providing them encouragement.

During the meeting, we distributed secondhand books, audio bibles, and solar lamps. We also provided secondhand clothes to the church we had started to pioneer. Please pray with us to continue to spread the Gospel of the Kingdom in obedience to Matthew 24:14 as the signs of the last days are very frequent and becoming intense. More earthquakes and typhoons are hitting us.

Thank you for your prayers and kind support for the mission in continuing to advance. May God bless you.

in His grace,

Alex and Emma (wife of Alex)

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From Pastor Martin Luther:

Greetings to you in Jesus Christ our loving Saviour, To introduce myself, I am 63 years old. The Lord called me for his ministry through Isa 41:9-10 in 1983, then in 1987. I went to the Union Biblical Seminary where I earned my Bachelor of Divinity degree by 1990. Since then, I am in the Lord's



Pastor Martin Luther (plaid shirt) with his family at church to celebrate his 63rd birthday.



Left: Martin Luther provides rice and clothes to 22 suffering from leprosy. Right: Preaching and teaching

ministry. I am involved in teaching ministry, training the young people for ministry, and doing pastoral ministry in my church, called Agape Christ Church. We have several branch churches. I also minister to poor widows and a leprosy colony. In the past, I have done street ministry, but that is currently being curtailed under the Modi regime.

Recently, we arranged our Annual Fasting and Revival Prayer meetings for three days, September 30 through October 2. We invited two guest servants of God to minister unto us while we fasted for various prayer concerns. We also prayed for your family, our family, and our country, which is

against the Christians under Modi Government. We served meals for all participants on the third day.

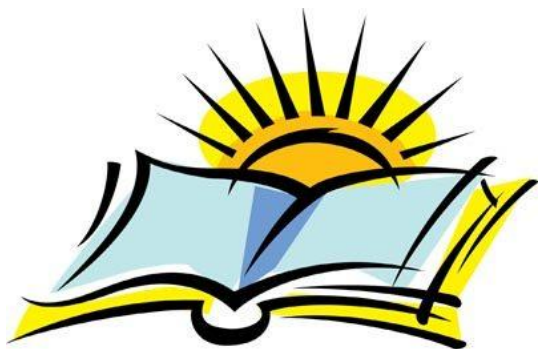
Thanking You,

Your Brother M. Martin Luther

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We hope to share these missionary pastors' letters throughout the year. Their monthly support will come from our Mission budget. If you feel led along the way to provide additional support, you may do so by writing a check to Holy Trinity and placing one or both names in the memo section. All support is being sent through Advancing Native Missions, based in Virginia and in operation since 1992. They ask for prayer in seeking large donors who would provide their operating expenses. Until such time, they must take 15% of contributions to cover paperwork and reports, wiring fees, and accountability.

We hope you will enjoy getting to know two new global mission workers as Holy Trinity expands its outreach for His Kingdom.



CHURCH LIBRARY *News*

The Library Ladies are meeting on November 12 and will set up Advent books in the Library corner of Fellowship Hall. Look for it!

The Library Ladies tucked children's books into fidget bags for kids to use during church if they would like. These bags stay at church (in the Narthex) and the books will be rotated out monthly.

Also, along with the Family Ministry Advent Wreath making on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30th, the library has purchased several copies of books in the "Family Story for Advent" series. There are three books in the series, so families can take one this year and a different one the next two years. It includes a short reading for each night in Advent. It works as historical fiction: introducing you imaginatively to the city of Jerusalem at the time of Christ's birth. There are short discussion points at the end of each reading. We want to have enough of them, so please connect with Beth (who can show them to you at Sunday School) to let her know you are interested. Thank you.

Holy Trinity Craft Fair and Bake Sale



Saturday, NOVEMBER 22ND
9 AM -12 PM

In Fellowship Hall
Crafts and baked goods for sale.

**Calling all bakers and crafters: It's time for the
THIRD ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR AND BAKE SALE!**

We will be presenting our wares for the church members and the public to come and enjoy. Prices will be marked by the maker, all funds collected will go to a church project. This year it will be for reducing our deficit (catching up our giving to our spending).

If you have questions, call the church office. If you are wondering about baking something when you haven't before, just do it! If you have an art or craft that you would like to donate (or an opportunity like something made to order or teaching the skill), that is wonderful!

The Craft Fair and Bake Sale is a church community event the Saturday before Thanksgiving so we can gather not only Christmas gifts but also Thanksgiving food and hostess gifts. Share in the celebration!



While out shopping prayerfully consider picking up one or more of these needed items:

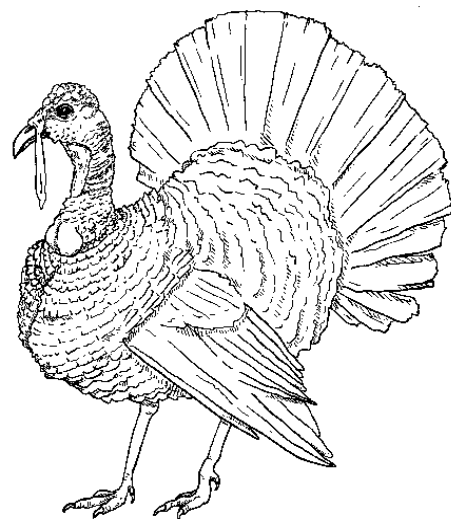
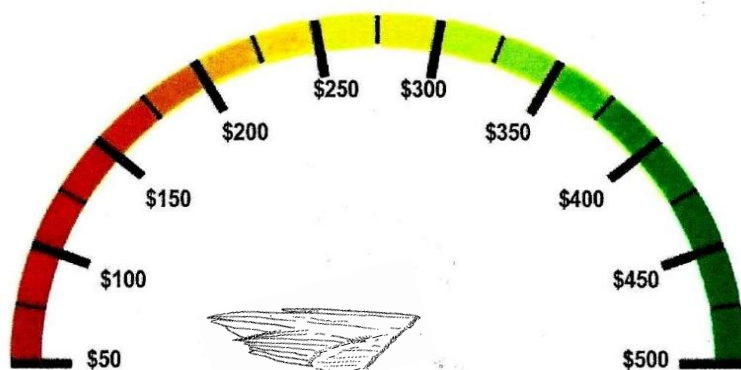


Sugar	4 lb. or larger
100% Fruit Juice	64 oz. or larger
Pasta Sauce	24 oz. or larger
Pasta	1 lb. or larger
Pancake Mix	32 oz. or larger
Syrup	24 oz. or larger

We welcomed 158 guests in the month of October totally 650 people served! with 19 new guests signed up for the food pantry.

We give thanks to God for your generosity and consistent support without which we could not continue to serve our neighbors in need!

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**BREAD OF HEAVEN  
TURKEY CHALLENGE!**

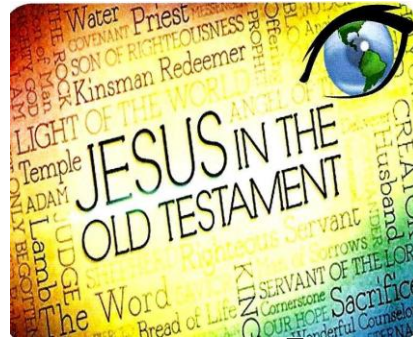


Can we reach \$1,000 or more?  
Anonymous donors have challenged  
to give us \$500 if we can raise \$500.

This is to purchase turkeys for our guests.  
To contribute toward our goal,  
use the white pew envelope and mark it **TURKEY!**



# Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



## November

In September we saw how all the members of the Trinity were involved in the creation of the world, which gives us a picture of God drawing near to his creation, not just commanding things to happen and seeing that his command was good! The Spirit was present, brooding on the waters. The Son was the Word which accomplishes things, and the verse about God walking in the garden in the cool of the day gives us the picture of Jesus walking with his disciples.

In October we looked at sin entering the world, both at the fall with Adam and Eve which progressed in Cain killing Abel and to the point where God said everything is evil always, and also at the post flood reset of the world when people disobeyed God's command to fill the earth by building themselves a tower to make a name for themselves (rather than glorifying God). Again and again, God comes close and visits them: looking for Adam and Eve in the garden, warning Cain that sin is crouching at the door, giving Noah instructions for the Ark, and visiting Babel to see and stop people's rebellion.

In November we're going to see an even closer connection as God makes a covenant with Abraham and promises blessings. When it says the Lord appeared to Abram, what form did he take? The pre-incarnate Son of God comes as a man, a messenger from God but the text at some point calls him the Lord. In the first stories of Abram's relationship with God, we will see the basic storyline of the people of God. In the amazing kindness of God to the Egyptian servant girl we honor the first person who gives a name to God.

**Ruth Circle** - Sunday, November 9 at 11:45 a.m. in SS Peter & Andrew Study.

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

**Miriam Circle** - Monday, November 10 at 12:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

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

**Eve Circle** - Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in SS Peter & Andrew Study.

Leader: Noreen Weld (215) 659-8089 [lajennyda@aol.com](mailto:lajennyda@aol.com)

**Hannah Circle** - Monday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Contact: Deb Mumford (267) 210-1789 [Debssam@msn.com](mailto:Debssam@msn.com)

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Holy Trinity LCW have Giant Food Stores Gift Cards for purchase. If you are interested in obtaining Giant Gift Cards, contact Nancy Ischinger, she will complete your orders. Cash purchases are always welcome. All checks for gift cards should be made payable to "HTLCW". HTLCW receives a 5% cash back award for each card sold which goes to our scholarship fund. Thank you for your support.

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LCW Admin. meeting

**Sunday, November 16**  
**at 11:30 AM**  
in the Study.

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**Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Trinity**  
**Black Friday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:00 Noon – 5:00 PM**

Call Steph Templeton (215) 901- 6171  
to schedule an appointment

- ✓ Every unit donated can save up to 3 lives!
- ✓ Every 2 seconds someone in the US needs blood!



# Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 26, 2025 7:30 PM

Please join your church family in thanks and worship  
Remember to bring your food donations  
for our ***Bread of Heaven*** Food Pantry.



## Coram Deo

Holy Trinity's long-running book club!  
Meeting once a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month  
in the SS Peter & Andrew Study at 7:30 p.m.

All are invited to join - even if it's "just for one book".

Books we will be reading for the monthly gatherings:

**November 10 - *The Sea* by John Banville**

December 8 - *The Ladies' Paradise* by Emile Zola

January 12 - *Shop Class As Soulcraft: An Inquiry Into the Value of Work*  
by Matthew Crawford

February 9 - *The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers*  
by Maxwell King

March 9 - *A Sportsman's Notebook (aka Sportsman's Sketches)*  
by Ivan Turgenev

April 13 - *The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror*  
by Bernard Lewis

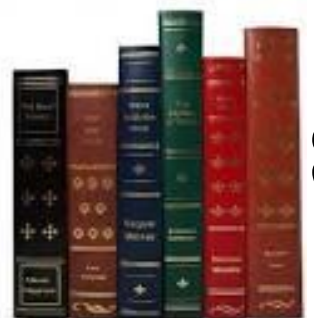
May 11 - *Lucky Jim* by Kingsley Amis

June 8 - *Once Upon a Wardrobe* by Patti Callahan

July 13 - *All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren

August 10 - *Oblomov* by Ivan Goncharov

September 14 - *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather



**FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING  
CRAFT TIME  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>  
AFTER WORSHIP**



**ALL SUPPLIES PROVIDED  
JOIN WITH YOUR  
CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN  
OR JUST BY YOURSELF  
ALL ARE INVITED**





Frysville Farms offers your choice of three beautiful colors and prices that match 2019 costs! Thanks be to God!

## Poinsettia Order Form

**Deadline: December 8, 2025**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Red Poinsettias (6 1/2" plant) @\$10.00 per plant

\$\_\_\_\_\_ White Poinsettias (6 1/2" plant) @\$10.00 per plant

\$\_\_\_\_\_ White Glitter Poinsettias (6 1/2" plant) @\$10.00 per plant  
to see a picture visit [frysvillefarms.com](http://frysvillefarms.com)

\*Plants **must** be taken home  
after the service on Christmas Eve.\*

Dedicate or memorialize as follows:

**To the glory of God and** (with thanks for the life of ... / with gratitude for...)

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Your Name:

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Enclose your order with payment, checks payable to Holy Trinity  
and place in the offering plate.



# November Worship Assistants Schedule



## November 2

|                              |                             |              |                |
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| Usher 3                      |                             | Cantor       | Beth Lee       |
|                              | Acolyte Janice Donnelly     |              |                |
|                              | Crucifer Benet Donnelly     | Christophers | Nancy & Wayne  |
| Healing Sue<br>Prayer Tolton | Lay Reader- Sat Bruce Freer |              |                |
|                              | Sun Lois Hamilton           | Stream Team  | Hannah Mumford |

## November 9

|                               |                                |              |                |
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| Usher 4                       |                                | Cantor       | Dean Lawrence  |
|                               | Acolyte Otis Bricker           |              |                |
|                               | Crucifer Steph Templeton       | Christophers | Sue & Deb      |
| Healing Deb<br>Prayer Mumford | Lay Reader- Sat Karen McGovern |              |                |
|                               | Sun Helen Haun                 | Stream Team  | Charlie Tolton |

## November 16

|                                  |                             |              |                |
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| Usher 5                          |                             | Cantor       |                |
|                                  | Acolyte Jonathan Mutashobya |              |                |
|                                  | Crucifer Rob Ischinger      | Christophers | Sherry & Linda |
| Healing Sherry<br>Prayer Breslin | Lay Reader-Sat Bruce Freer  |              |                |
|                                  | Sun Allan Shikhvarg         | Stream Team  | Rob Ischinger  |

## November 23

|                              |                                  |              |                  |
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| Usher 1                      |                                  | Cantor       |                  |
|                              | Acolyte Jim Necker               |              |                  |
|                              | Crucifer Nancy Necker            | Christophers | Beth & Frank     |
| Healing Helen<br>Prayer Haun | Lay Reader-Sat Kathleen Ingerson |              |                  |
|                              | Sun James Necker                 | Stream Team  | Gloria Ischinger |

## November 27 Thanksgiving Eve

|                         |        |                |
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| Usher 2                 | Stream | Charlie Tolton |
| Lay Reader Nancy Necker | Team   |                |

## November 30

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| Usher 2                           |                            | Cantor       |               |
|                                   | Acolyte Michael Mutashobya |              |               |
|                                   | Crucifer Charlie Tolton    | Christophers | Nancy & Wayne |
| Healing Nancy<br>Prayer Ischinger | Lay Reader-Sat Bruce Freer |              |               |
|                                   | Sun Charles Tolton         | Stream Team  | Frank Ganther |

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 simply contact the office (215) 659-2642 or email Deb at [secretary@holyltrinity.net](mailto:secretary@holyltrinity.net)

Called to *Serve*



# 2025

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                            | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Tuesday                                                                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                                                              | Thursday                                                                                                                                                     | Friday                                                                                                                                                    | Saturday                                                                                                                                              |
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| "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."<br>1 Thessalonians 5: 18                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                           | <b>1</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br>7:00 AA                     |
| <b>2 ALL SAINTS</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>Pre-K thru Adult<br><br>6:00 AA                                                                                              | <b>3</b><br><br>7:00 WPG                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>4 ELECTION DAY</b><br>                             | <b>5</b>                                                                                                                               | <b>6</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven<br><br>6:30 Handbell Choir<br>7:30 Chancel Choir                                                                              | <b>7</b><br><br>7:30 AA                                                                                                                                   | <b>8</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br><br>7:00 AA                                                                                                    |
| <b>9 PENTECOST 22</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>Pre-K thru Adult<br>11:30 REMEMBRANCE FOR ANN FREY<br><b>11:45 Ruth Circle</b><br><br><b>STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY</b><br>6:00 AA | <b>10</b><br>12:30 Miriam Circle<br><br>7:30 Coram Deo                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>11</b><br><br><b>Veterans Day</b><br>7:30 COUNCIL | <b>12</b>                                                                                                                              | <b>13</b><br>10:00 Bread of Heaven<br>10:00 Theology with Pastor Maurice<br><br>7:00 Eve Circle<br>6:30 Handbell Choir<br>7:30 Chancel Choir                 | <b>14</b><br><br>6:30 2 <sup>ND</sup> <br>7:30 AA                     | <b>15 9 AM</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br><br>7:00 AA           |
| <b>16 PENTECOST 23</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>Pre-K thru Adult<br><br>6:00 AA                                                                                           | <b>17</b><br><br>7:00 Hannah Circle                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>18</b><br><br>7:00 Evangelism                                                                                                       | <b>19</b><br><br><b>Real World Theology</b><br>7:00 | <b>20</b><br>10:00 Bread of Heaven<br>10:00 Theology with Pastor Maurice<br><br>6:30 Handbell Choir<br>7:30 Chancel Choir                                    | <b>21</b><br><br>7:30 AA                                                                                                                                  | <b>22 9 AM - 12 PM</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br><br>7:00 AA |
| <b>23 Christ the King</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>Pre-K thru Adult<br><br>6:00 AA                                                                                        | <b>24</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>25</b><br><br>7:00 Stewardship                                                                                                      | <b>26</b><br><br>7:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service                                                                                         | <b>27 Happy Thanksgiving</b><br>Office Closed<br><br>Happy Thanksgiving! | <b>28</b><br><b>12 - 5 p.m.</b><br><br><b>BLOOD DRIVE</b><br>7:30 AA | <b>29</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br><br>7:00 AA                                                                                                   |
| <b>30 Advent 1</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>Pre-K thru Adult<br><b>Advent Wreath making</b><br><br>6:00 AA                                                                | <b>Special Dates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ All Saints' Day, November 2, 2025</li> <li>♦ Daylight Saving Time ends, November 2, 2025</li> <li>♦ Election Day, November 4, 2025</li> <li>♦ Veterans Day, November 11, 2025</li> <li>♦ Christ the King, November 23, 2025</li> <li>♦ Thanksgiving, November 27, 2025</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                       |

