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March 2025

LENTEN STUDY

“Babette’s Feast”



Wednesday, March 12, 19, 26 – 6:00pm

Thursday, March 13, 20 – 10:00am

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday
7:30am-3:30 pm

Holy Trinity Staff:

Interim Pastor: Barbara Bartholomew
Choir Director: Robin Whitacre
Praise Team Leader: Jolene Moody
Secretary: Stacy Lake
Custodian: Julie MacKim

Mission Statement

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church exists to:
HEAL – Through Word and Sacrament,
TEACH – Through Word and Deed,
LOVE – Through being Sent to Serve,
In **CHRIST JESUS**

Please turn in your articles for the Trinity Trumpet by the third Sunday of every month.

E-mail
your articles to
htlc.canton@gmail.com

**Sunday Morning
Schedule**

8:30 am – Sanctuary &
Live streamed
(link will be e-mailed)

**bulletins will be
e-mailed & snail
mailed

10:00 am – Family Life
Center

**Holy Communion at
both services

10:00 am – Sunday
School



Join the men of Holy Trinity for breakfast, spiritual conversation, and prayer. *See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.*



AROUND THE CONGREGATION

We give thanks for the lives of these saints, who in their deaths were commended to the mercy of God.

Judith Keevil
Linda Shier
Patricia Linz

January 28, 2025
February 6, 2025
February 10, 2025

EASTER FLOWERS

Lilies, Daffodils, Tulips, or Hyacinth can be ordered Sunday, March 9 thru Sunday, March 30. The cost is \$10.50 each. Please put your completed form and payment (*payable to Holy Trinity*) in the wooden box located on the card table by the Welcome Center.

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 5

11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

We need **VOLUNTEERS** for **each service**:
1 lector, 1 communion assistant





LENT MADNESS
WHO WILL WIN THE GOLDEN HALO
THIS YEAR?

The Bracket poster is posted on the bulletin board and will be updated during Lent so that all can see which saints are moving onward to the final 4 and then onto winning the Golden Halo. You can make your own bracket and see how it compares to the unfolding official bracket.

Just go to lentmadness.org each day beginning on Thursday, March 6 to read the biographies of the first two saints and place your votes. Visit each day, except Sundays, to read, reflect on the saints presented and place your vote.

MARCH FOCUS GIVING: "SUNDIES UNDIES"

Refuge of Hope has a clothing giveaway 5 days a week, which includes underclothes. (Refuge of Hope also houses Urban Ark.) They are in need of men's socks, colored boxers, and briefs and women's underwear and bras. Donations can be put in the bin UNDER THE Focus Giving sign.



2025 Budget
Update

	INCOME	EXPENSES	REMAINDER
JANUARY	\$26,262.70	\$24,206.40	\$2,056.30
YEAR TO DATE	\$26,262.70	\$24,206.40	\$2,056.30

\$34,800 (monthly amount needed to meet 2025 expenses of \$417,600)
 Thank you for your faithful support of our many ministries!



"He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.'" (Mark 10:32-34)

In this season of Lent, we make the journey to Jerusalem with Jesus and the disciples, knowing all too well, what awaits Jesus; death on the cross. It is an unsure journey we make. Most of us would rather focus on Easter and the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. But the only way to that celebration is the hard road to Jerusalem and the cross. Indeed, if we are courageous enough and take that walk with Jesus and the disciples we will be led through betrayal, denial, fear, suffering and being confronted with a death undeserving, yet willingly gone through out of a profound love for us and all humanity.

When we sit with the challenge of all Jesus went through and suffered for us, we are transformed and touched deeply to the very core of our being. We ponder the times we've been betrayed, denied, full of fear, suffered, and died to some degree - losing a beloved one, losing a job, facing a move, battling an illness, giving up and over our youthfulness as our bodies age and energies wane. It is hard to spend time reflecting on these things, but the only way is through, just as it was for Jesus.

We are distressed by the happenings in our world, the mass shootings especially, in schools, wars, natural disasters like tornadoes, hurricanes with destructive rains washing away homes in North Carolina and the devastating wildfires in California leaving whole communities in utter destruction. And we wonder, in the face of such things, where is God?

I would venture to say, suffering in the very midst of us. God, on Good Friday, suffered the very death of God's own Son, given up, out of love for each and every one of us. He knows our deep grief, anguish, and yet offers hope, new life, eternal life, and grace in the resurrection of Christ.

Frederick Buechner, the late Presbyterian pastor and author, notes, that the grace of God of says to us, "Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you."

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The cross is God saying to us, "Don't be afraid. I am with you. I love you so very much and deeply that I came to be with you, suffered alongside of you, and give to you new life, and eternal life. I promise you this. Trust me. Love me. I did this all for you."

So as this interim time comes to an end and you move through Lent this year, you do so with the hope of a new pastor and a new life before you as a congregation, even as we do each Lent with the hope of the resurrection in our hearts, knowing how it all turns out so wonderful and amazing in the end.

As we make our way to Jerusalem and the cross this Lenten month, may we know that God walks with us, is loving us and ever-leading us into new life. May we trust God in all things and know a love so deep and real that makes us worthy to die for. The only way to the celebration of Easter and the resurrection is through the betrayal, denial, mocking, suffering and death. Don't be afraid. Don't be afraid of the newness of life that awaits you.

Yes, it is uncertain, and unknown, but don't be afraid. God is with us every single step of the way. Pastor Barbara

WORSHIP IN MARCH

Sunday, March 2

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36

Sunday, March 9 – Lent 1

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, March 16 – Lent 2

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 1:31-35

Sunday, March 23 – Lent 3

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, March 30 – Lent 4

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We gather on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-10:00 at the church. We will be using a study guide based on writings in "Matthew" entitled "Matthew – Heaven On Earth". This study delves deeper into what it means for heaven to come to earth: studying Jesus' words, his way of life, and the manner in which he loved. Discover how we are the change agents Jesus is calling forth to make the Kingdom of heaven a reality on earth! Our Bible study moves at an easy, relaxed pace. All men are welcome. If you are free on Wednesday mornings, we would be honored to have you join us.

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on Saturday, March 1 at 10:00 AM in the library. We will continue our video series "You Are Never Alone". Please join us...all are welcome!

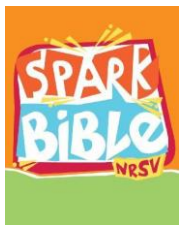
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on Wednesday, March 5 at 10:00am in the library. We will continue our study using "Understanding Temptation". This study will use a study guide and our study Bibles. We look forward to seeing you!



We will meet on Monday, March 10 at 7:00pm at New Berlin Brewing Company. Since we have already done a lot of work in the Gospel of Matthew, let's continue. We'll focus on Chapters 8, 9, and 10. Thank you to Sandy for filling in for me in February.

Join us for good food and good discussion!



EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Saturdays, March 29 and April 5 & 12
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Explore the Bible class for second graders (or third graders that haven't done it) will be held on March 29 and April 5 & 12 from 9:30-11:00am. Participants will receive their Bible on Palm Sunday, April 13. If you will be attending, please email Linda Ramsell at lrpandagirl@att.net or text Linda at 234-207-0387.



CROCHET/KNITTING GROUP



We will meet on Thursday, March 6 and Thursday, March 20 from 5:30-7:00pm in the Conference Room.

STAMPING GROUP

We will meet on Monday, March 3 at 6:30pm at Holy Trinity. The cost is \$3.



SASSY SCISSORS

We will meet on Monday, March 10 & Thursday, March 13 from 10am-2pm.
All are welcome!



COUNCIL NOTES

February 11, 2025

Devotions were based on Deuteronomy 4:9: "Only be careful and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them." We all have beautiful memories of family and friends, and when we remember how God has blessed us, it encourages and strengthens us. We would not be who we are without God in our lives, and when we share our stories, we give God the glory. Take time to pause and think about some of the ways you remember God's goodness in your life.

For many years, HTLC has supported the Boy Scouts of America as a "Charter Organization." David Snedeker, Scoutmaster Troop 1127, attended our Council meeting to request that we approve the annual renewal of our Charter Agreement that names HTLC as the "charter organization". A motion was approved, and we thank Kerry Elkins for serving as our "Charter Organization Representative".

We will be doing a Lenten "Giving Calendar" again this year, and our contributions will be split 50/50 to support the Lutheran Disaster Relief efforts in conjunction with the California wildfires and the North Carolina floods. There will be only two weeks for the Lenten study, so it will be based on the movie "Babette's Feast" which is about **hospitality, giving and community.**

Those three words are poignant reminders of several upcoming annual events that need your support. Please mark your calendars now, and please give prayerful consideration to offering to volunteer some of your time and talents to lend a helping hand: Hunger Walk on May 4; Garage Sale on June 14; Vacation Bible School on July 14 – 18.

**In the words of Audrey Hepburn,
"As you grow older, you will discover that you have
two hands. . .one for helping yourself,
the other for helping others."**

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please contact the church office at 330-492-0072 if we have missed your birthday, anniversary, or have the incorrect date.



3/02 – Gloria Mahaffey	3/15 – Dawn Hart
3/03 – Matthew Aikens	3/18 – Bob Kraus
3/04 – Carole Amatangelo	3/22 – Debbie Beck
Paul Feaser III	3/25 – Paul Feaser II
3/06 – Jim Keevil	Shirley Love
3/09 – Darlene Bailis	3/26 – Donnie Brown
3/14 – Sandy Knapski	



3/05 – Brendan & Susan Dick
3/23 – Wade & Karen Lautzenheiser



SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School
July 14-18, 2025

HOW TO OBSERVE AND LIVE THE FORTY DAYS OF LENT

Begin the season by joining us for worship on **Ash Wednesday, March 5** at **11am or 7pm** where there will be the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

Lent Madness is back. The bracket is posted on the bulletin board and you can visit lentmadness.org or their Facebook page, every day and read about the lives of the two saints for that day and then vote for the one you want to move ahead. It's a wonderful way to learn more about these faithful and sometimes quirky people and be inspired and encouraged by their example of faith.

A new **Lenten Giving Calendar** will be given out on Sunday, March 2. Receive a little house (one per household) to collect your daily giving during Lent. This year our extra and sacrificial offerings will go to Lutheran Disaster Response. We will split our offerings for both Hurricane relief, those affected in North Carolina, and for Wildfire relief, those affected in California. So many have lost their homes, possessions and businesses, that the little house is a reminder of helping to rebuild and recover homes and communities as well as the blessing of the homes we have.

Lenten Study this year will be shorter and we will use the movie, "*Babette's Feast*" to explore the many themes so appropriate for Lent. The study will begin Wednesday, March 12 at 6pm and Thursday, March 13 at 10am. Since choir members often come on Wednesday evenings, we will try for a three week study. Thursday mornings will be two week studies but will go over an hour.

"Guided to the Cross" devotional booklets have been sent out to all. Use them daily in your time with God.

Worship with us each week as live these forty days of Lent and follow Jesus to the cross.

Give of your time to help with any or all our mission projects during Lent and serve others even as Christ served us.

Worship with us during Holy Week: Palm Sunday, April 13, Maundy Thursday, April 17, and Good Friday, April 18. Worship times will be announced later.

Easter Sunday will be celebrated on April 20.

MARCH WORSHIP SERVERS

Date	Service Time	Lector	Comm. Assistant	Sound/Live Stream/Slides
March 2	8:30 AM	Darlene Bailis	Tim Bailis	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Sharon & Renee Gaul
	10:00 AM	Kari Sparkman	Linda Ramsell	Laurie Soliday
March 9	8:30 AM	Jan Whitacre	Larry Robenstine	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Sharon & Renee Gaul
	10:00 AM	Linda Ramsell	Joanne Murray	Matt Halvorson
March 16	8:30 AM	Carolyn Perlog	Paul Feaser	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Sharon & Renee Gaul
	10:00 AM	Kari Sparkman	Linda Ramsell	Chad Sinkovich
March 23	8:30 AM	Linda Allende	Ken Groves	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Sharon & Renee Gaul
	10:00 AM	Gretchen Leckie-Ewing	Linda Ramsell	Matt Halvorson
March 30	8:30 AM	Trudi VanOrman	Howard VanOrman	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Sharon & Renee Gaul
	10:00 AM	Linda Ramsell	Joanne Murray	Chad Sinkovich

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
2 8:30 W/CM 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 CPS/CM	3 6:30 p.m. Stamping Group 6:00-8:00p.m. Hearts & Minds	4 11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark 6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group	5 9:00-10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 11:00 am & 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	6 4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark 5:30-7:00 p.m. Crochet/Knitting 7:00-8:30 p.m. Boy & Cub Scouts	7 Noon AA Meeting	8 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Pinewood Derby-FLC
9 8:30 W/CM 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 CPS/CM Daylight Savings begins Spring Forward	10 10:00am-2:00pm Sassy Scissors 6:00-8:00p.m. Hearts & Minds 7:00 p.m. Bibles & Brews	11 11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark 6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting	12 9:00-10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Lenten Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	13 10:00am Lenten Study 10:00am-2:00pm Sassy Scissors 4-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark 7:00-8:30 p.m. Boy & Cub Scouts	14 Noon AA Meeting	15 11:00 a.m. Garage Sale Meeting Noon Senior Activity
16 8:30 W/CM 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 CPS/CM	17 6:00-8:00p.m. Hearts & Minds	18 11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark 6:00-8:30 p.m. F2F 6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group	19 9:00-10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Lenten Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	20 10:00am Lenten Study 4-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark 5:30-7:00 p.m. Crochet/Knitting 7:00-8:30 p.m. Boy & Cub Scouts	21 Noon AA Meeting	22
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