

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
2551 – 55th St. NE
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*TRINITY
TRUMPET*

April 2026



Maundy Thursday (4/2/26)
Worship at 11:00am & 7:00pm
Communion & Stripping of Altar

Good Friday (4/3/26)
Worship at 11:00am & 7:00pm

Easter Sunday (4/5/26)
Worship at 8:30am & 10:00am

Easter Breakfast
9:30am – FLC
NO Sunday School

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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

Holy Trinity Staff:

Pastor: Juli Lejman-Guy
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

10:30 am – Sanctuary

**Holy Communion at both services

9:30 am – Sunday School

Snowball Mountain Challenge

Vacation Bible School
July 20-24, 2026

This year's VBS will be the week of July 20-24 and the theme is "Snowball Mountain Challenge".

The theme verse is "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13, NRSV)

Volunteers are needed and the sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the main entrance.



Stark Hunger Walk

Hunger affects 1 in 7 people in our communities. 1 out of 6 area children lack regular access to food. Help us **STOMP OUT HUNGER** one step at a time.

Date of Walk: Sunday, May 3, 2026

Starting location: Community Christian Church, North Canton

2:00 pm – Registration

3:00 pm – Start of approximately 2.1 mile walk

To contribute, please make checks payable to Akron/Canton Regional Foodbank and return your envelope to Community Christian Church the day of the walk. **100% of all donations go directly to the FoodBank. Watch for envelopes at the Welcome Center.**

*****Walkers are encouraged to wear your GOLD "God's Work Our Hands" shirt.**

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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



4/04 – Ralph Ickes	4/25 – Brody Kebert
4/05 – Bethany Cox	4/27 – Craig Godwin
4/06 – Alexandra Cox	Anneliese Halvorson
4/09 – Evan Slatzer	4/28 – Valane Messerly
4/10 – Ron Schaedler	4/30 – Karen Robenstine
4/14 – Margo Daniels	Janice Husted
4/20 – Denise Fudge	
4/24 – Tim Bailis	



4/07 – Tim & Dawn Hart
4/29 – Ken & Stephanie Groves



Holy Trinity Family,
We are so thankful for the love and support you showed us during our Scout Sunday service. We look forward to growing our relationship and helping serve in any way we can be available.

Troop 127

Dear members of Holy Trinity,
Our deepest thanks to you for your matching funds donation of \$3230 to Urban Ark. We would also like to thank those that volunteer for the selfless time they give to make our mission successful. We couldn't do it without you!

Sincerely, Your friends at Urban Ark

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear friends,

We are in the middle of Holy Week. Just a few days ago, we waved palm branches and shouted *Hosanna*.

The word *hosanna* originates from the Hebrew, which literally means “save, we pray” or “please save us” (Psalm 118:25) and is related to the Aramaic word, meaning “save” or “rescue”. In its original Jewish context, it was a plea for divine help. The first Palm Sunday was a political rally rather than a religious experience. The people wanted the promised King to come to save them. Instead, a very different path awaited; a path to the cross and on to the grace.

Holy Week invites us into a sacred tension that we do not rush to resolve. It is a week marked by both deep grief and quiet hope, where we walk step by step with Jesus through betrayal, suffering, and death. In a world that often urges us to skip past pain, Holy Week asks us instead to pause, to feel, and to remember that grief is not something to avoid—it is something God enters fully.

On Maundy Thursday, we witness love poured out in humility. On Good Friday, we stand at the foot of the cross, confronted with loss, injustice, and sorrow. These moments are not softened or explained away. They are real, heavy, and necessary. They mirror the grief we carry in our own lives—the losses we have known, the brokenness we see around us, the questions that remain unanswered.

And yet, this grief is not the end of the story.

Holy Week teaches us that God does not turn away from suffering but meets us within it. Even in the silence of Holy Saturday, when hope feels distant and the future uncertain, God is still at work. The tomb is not a place of defeat, but a place where something new is quietly beginning.

Then comes Easter morning. The resurrection does not erase the grief of Holy Week; it transforms it. The wounds of Good Friday are not forgotten—they are carried into new life. As the Gospel proclaims,

He is not here, for he has been raised (Matthew 28:6, NRSVue).

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This is the heart of our faith: that life emerges from death, that hope rises from despair, and that love proves stronger than the grave.

As Easter people, we are called to live in this resurrection reality. We do not deny the pain of the world, but we also do not let it have the final word. Instead, we carry the good news into our daily lives—into our relationships, our communities, and our acts of compassion. We become witnesses to the truth that even in the darkest places, God is bringing forth new life.

This Holy Week, may we allow ourselves to grieve honestly. And this Easter, may we rise with Christ into hope, trusting that God is always making all things new.

Blessings as we journey together,

Pastor Juli

WORSHIP IN APRIL

April 2 – Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14
John 13 :1-17, 31b-35
Psalm 22



April 5 – Easter

Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

April 3 – Good Friday

Isaiah 52 :13-53 :12
John 18:1-19:42

April 12 – Second Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 19 – Third Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35



April 26 – Fourth Easter

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10



GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE

\$10: Taco Bell, Arby's, Panera, Subway, Chipotle, Bob Evans, Sonic, Dairy Queen, Target, Bath & Body, Cracker Barrel, BW3, Applebee's, Burger King, Papa John's, Domino's, Pizza Hut, McDonald's, Red Lobster, Dunkin', KFC; **\$25:** Dunkin', Red Robin, Blaze, Chili's, Bob Evans, Giant Eagle, Panda Express, Jimmy John's, Olive Garden, Wendy's, Starbucks, Amazon, Chipotle, Outback, Cracker Barrel, McDonald's, Texas Roadhouse, Meijer, Marathon, Speedway, Kohl's, Walgreens, Home Depot, Michael's, Target, TJ Maxx/Home Goods, Bath & Body, Visa; **\$50:** Visa

Stop in for any last-minute gifts and help support Holy Trinity's ministries.



CROCHET/KNITTING GROUP



We will meet this month on Thursdays, April 16 & 30 from 5:30-7:00pm in the Conference Room.

STAMPING GROUP

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



SASSY SCISSORS

We will meet on Monday, April 13 & Thursday, April 16 from 10am-2pm. All are welcome!





WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 - 10:00 at the church. We will be beginning a new study from Augsburg Fortress "From Beginning To End - Studies in Revelation". Our Bible study moves at an easy, relaxed pace and 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 not meet this month. We will resume on Saturday, May 2 at 10:00 AM in the library. We will continue our series by Max Lucado called "He Chose the Nails". Please join us, all are welcome!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on Wednesday, April 1 at 10:00am in the library. Bring your Bible. We look forward to seeing you!



We will meet on Monday, April 13 at 7:00pm at Holy Trinity. Bring your Bible, snacks and drinks. All are welcome!!!

We are trying something new this year. The church grounds have been split into plots. We would like you, alone or as a family, to sign up to keep your plot weeded, trimmed, and cleaned up throughout the year. There is an easel in the main hall with the plots and a sign-up sheet. Many hands makes for light work.



COUNCIL NOTES

March 10, 2026

Devotions were based on Numbers 6:24-26. . .The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. And, with St. Patrick's Day celebrated this month, it's a good time to be reminded of the traditional Irish blessing. . .May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Council members reported on the variety of opportunities and projects currently underway or coming soon, and it's clear that Holy Trinity remains a welcoming, active and energized place of worship. February marked the beginning of Lent, including the start of Lenten Bible Study, and there was good attendance at the Ash Wednesday worship services. Pastor Juli's monthly report included a wide and extensive range of duties and activities both within our church and throughout the community as she continues to share her devotion, abilities and dedication to service.

Details regarding the new Congregation Directory were reviewed, so please be sure to look for information on where, when, and how to sign up - we want all of your smiling faces to be included! Also, in the gathering area, please take a look at the overview poster of our property and think about how you might participate in the "Adopt a Plot" project starting soon. And finally, we are still in dire need of volunteers for Vacation Bible School (July 20 - 24) in the area of teen/adult partnering. . .no special talents needed, just a servant's heart; see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Thank you to every member who remains faithful in your actions, words and deeds as you worship, pray and share the love of God throughout your daily lives.

We love because He first loved us (1 John 4:19)

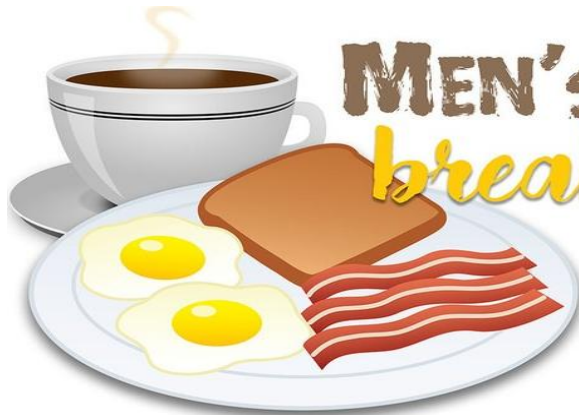


2026 Budget Update

	INCOME	EXPENSES	REMAINDER
FEBRUARY	\$27,087.40	\$35,849.07	(\$8,761.67)
YEAR TO DATE	\$48,246.99	\$75,929.15	(\$27,682.16)

***This includes Snow Plowing, Property Insurance, Minneapolis collection, and water damage to Resource Office

\$36,300 (monthly amount needed to meet 2026 expenses of \$435,700)
Thank you for your faithful support of our many ministries!



MEN'S breakfast

Saturday, April 11
8:30am - FLC

Please sign up on the
bulletin board



Church Photo Directory

Pictures will be taken Thursday, April 23 from 2-8:30pm, Friday, April 24 from 2-8:30pm, and Saturday, April 25 from 10am - 4pm.
Schedule your time on Sunday between services or call the office.
Each family photographed will receive an 8x10 and a directory.



The HTLC annual garage sale will be Saturday, June 13 from 8:00 am-2:00 pm.

We will need youth & adult volunteers to help sort & price every day. Even if you only have a few hours to spare, please consider helping.

More details about sale items accepted, as well as drop off times, will be published closer to the sale date. If you're spring cleaning, please set aside items you don't want anymore.

If you have questions, please contact Laurie Soliday (330-284-5502) or catch her before the 10:30 am Sunday service.

There will be a Garage Sale meeting on Wednesday, April 8 at 9:00am in the Library.

Thank You for supporting this Holy Trinity Fundraiser!



Reformation Pilgrimage

October 27 thru
November 7, 2026

If you are planning on going on the Germany trip and haven't sent in your registration, **now is the time.**

There will be a meeting at Holy Trinity on Monday, April 13 at 6:00pm.



APRIL WORSHIP SERVERS

Date	Service Time	Lector	Comm. Assistant/Acolytes	Sound/Live Stream/Slides
April 5 Easter Sunday	8:30 AM	David Ross	Carolyn Perlog Reuben Woolf Mark Himes - Crucifer	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Sharon & Renee Gaul
	10:30 AM	Gretchen Leckie-Ewing	Pastor Don Rice, Jr. Annaleise Halvorson Chad Sinkovich - Crucifer	Matt Halvorson
April 12	8:30 AM	Linda Allende	Ken Groves Teagan Woolf	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Sharon & Renee Gaul
	10:30 AM	Linda Ramsell	Joanne Murray Eliza Halvorson	Laurie Soliday
April 19	8:30 AM	Carolyn Perlog	Paul Feaser Mary Feaser	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Sharon & Renee Gaul
	10:30 AM	Kari Sparkman	Linda Ramsell Oliver Halvorson	Wade & Karen Lautzenheiser
April 26	8:30 AM	Darlene Bailis	Tim Bailis Reuben Woolf	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Sharon & Renee Gaul
	10:30 AM	Pastor Don Rice, Jr.	Joanne Murray Annaleise Halvorson	Jay Moody

APRIL 2026

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1

9:00-10:00 a.m.
Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study
NO
Choir Practice

2

11:00 am & 7:00 pm
Maundy Thursday
Service
4:00-5:30 p.m.
Urban Ark

3

11:00 am & 7:00 pm
Good Friday Service
Noon
AA Meeting

4

9:00 am
Setup Easter Breakfast

5

8:30 W/CM
NO Sunday School
10:30 CPS/CM
9:30 Breakfast - FLC
Easter Sunday

6

CHURCH CLOSED
6:30 p.m.
Stamping Group
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Family Support Group

7

11:00am-1:00pm
Urban Ark
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Peer Conn. Group

8

9:00-10:00 a.m.
Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m.
Garage Sale Meeting
NO
Choir Practice

9

4:00-5:30 p.m.
Urban Ark
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Boy & Cub Scouts

10

Noon
AA Meeting

11

8:30 a.m.
Men's Breakfast

12

8:30 W/CM
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 CPS/CM

13

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sassy Scissors
6:00 p.m.
Germany Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Bibles & Brews

14

11:00am-1:00pm
Urban Ark
6:30 p.m.
Council Meeting
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Peer Conn. Group

15

9:00-10:00 a.m.
Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice

16

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sassy Scissors
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

17

Noon
AA Meeting

18

19

8:30 W/CM
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 CPS/CM

20

7:00-8:30 p.m.
Family Support Group

21

11:00am-1:00pm
Urban Ark
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Peer Conn. Group

22

9:00-10:00 a.m.
Men's Bible Study
NO
Choir Practice

23

2:00-8:30 p.m.
Directory Pictures
4:00-5:30 p.m.
Urban Ark
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Boy & Cub Scouts

24

Noon
AA Meeting
2:00-8:30 p.m.
Directory Pictures

25

10:00am-4:00pm
Directory Pictures

26

8:30 W/CM
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 CPS/CM worship
2:30-4pm FLC Rental

27

28

11:00am-1:00pm
Urban Ark
1:30 p.m.
Host NCMA
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Peer Conn. Group

29

9:00-10:00 a.m.
Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice

30

5:30-7:00 p.m.
Crochet/Knitting

