

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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JUNE 2026

GARAGE SALE
Saturday, June 13
8am - 2pm

FATHER'S DAY
Sunday, June 21

**SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN
CHALLENGE VBS**
July 20-24

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 & Livestreamed
(link will be e-mailed)

**bulletins will be e-mailed & snail mailed to those that do not have email

10:30 am – Sanctuary

**Holy Communion at both services

9:30 am – Mary-Joseph Class

No Children's Sunday School or Marantha Class for the summer

Snowball Mountain Challenge

Vacation Bible School July 20-24, 2026

Kids will become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on

lessons about resilience and faith. Guided daily by Ollie the Arctic Seal, who is reporting on the events, Challengers aren't just playing games; they learn to draw strength from their faith through powerful stories of courage and hope. With a unique winter games theme filled with snowboards and ski lifts and solid theology at its core, this VBS delivers joy and meaning in equal measure, teaching kids that *"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."* (Philippians 4:13, NRSV)



Upcoming VBS Decorating Workshops!

Do you love to build, paint, cut, sew, and glue? If so, we need your help! All levels of expertise are welcome, and free training is available. Wear your old work clothes and pack a sack lunch. We'll take a lunch break each day at noon.

Please **mark your calendar** to attend one or all of our VBS decorating workshops in the education wing of Holy Trinity on the following days from 10AM to 2PM:



Monday, July 6 & 13
Wednesday, July 1, 8 & 15
Friday, July 3 & 10

We will schedule additional work time if needed. We will decorate the Family Life Center on July 17, 18, & 19 from 10AM to 2PM.



Thank you so very much for sponsoring us in the Hunger Walk! We really appreciate your support.

Mark & Alice Himes

Thank you to everyone at HTLC that donated or walked in the 2026 Hunger Walk. The final totals are in...Holy Trinity had 41 walkers and raised \$4,360. The grand total raised for the Akron/Canton Regional Foodbank was \$13,149. Thank you again for helping to do God's work.

Sincerely, Social Ministry Committee

Dear Friends in Christ,

With deep gratitude, we thank you for accompanying our congregation and community through a time of great suffering. Your generosity and compassion were an antidote to the cruelty around us. Your encouragement reminded those most impacted by the federal occupation that love is strong. You are now part of our great cloud of witnesses.

With thanks, Melanie Townsend on behalf of HTLC Mpls

SASSY SCISSORS

Sassy Scissors will meet on the following days throughout the summer:

Wednesday, June 3 & Thursday, June 4 – 10am-2pm

Monday, June 15 & Thursday, June 18 – 10am-2pm

We will NOT meet in July due to Vacation Bible School.

Monday, August 10 & Thursday, August 13 – 10am-2pm

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear friends,

In the 1970's, the Nation Enquirer coined the phrase: inquiring minds want to know. My high school biology teacher, Mr. Lang, told us to always keep asking why. I love 'why' questions. As Lutherans we often joke about change—we don't like it is usually the answer. But, knowing why we do something—or don't do something—is an important part of claiming our traditions. One of the most often asked questions is Why do we worship the way we do?

In the worship life of the church, there are seasons when certain parts of the liturgy are emphasized, simplified, expanded, or even omitted. For many worshipers this can feel surprising at first. Why do we sing "Alleluia" during some seasons but not during Lent? Why is the Hymn of Praise omitted at times? Why are some liturgies more festive while others are quieter and more reflective? The answer is rooted in the rhythm of the church year and the theological purpose of worship itself.

The liturgy is not meant to be static. According to the worship principles reflected in the ELCA's Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), the church's worship life follows the story of Christ through the seasons of the church year. These seasons shape the mood, music, language, and even the structure of worship.

For example, during Lent the church enters a season of repentance, reflection, and preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Because of this penitential character, joyful acclamations such as "Alleluia" are traditionally omitted. The Hymn of Praise ("This is the Feast" or "Glory to God") is also often set aside during Lent. These omissions are intentional. By creating a quieter and more restrained atmosphere, the church helps worshipers focus on self-examination, prayer, and Christ's journey to the cross. Then, when Easter arrives and the Alleluias return, the joy of the resurrection is experienced more fully.

Similarly, during Advent, the church balances anticipation with hope. Advent is not simply "pre-Christmas"; it is a season of watching and waiting for Christ's coming. Some congregations use more subdued music, reflective liturgies, or simpler worship settings during Advent to distinguish it from the celebration of Christmas itself.

On the other hand, festivals such as Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, and Holy Trinity Sunday often include fuller musical settings, festive banners and

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parameters, additional instruments, and celebratory liturgical elements. These practices reflect the church's proclamation of God's saving acts in Jesus Christ.

The ELW offers rubrics, the instructions written in red. May times you will see the word *may* indicating that option of using, omitting, or substituting that piece of the liturgy. The ELW encourages this seasonal flexibility because worship is meant to engage both heart and mind. Changes in liturgical practice help mark sacred time. Just as nature moves through seasons, so the church moves through seasons of expectation, repentance, celebration, growth, and remembrance.

At the same time, Lutheran worship also values continuity. Core elements such as the reading of Scripture, preaching, prayer, Holy Communion, and the gathering of the community remain central throughout the year. The structure of worship grounds us in Word and Sacrament even as seasonal variations help tell the story of salvation in fresh ways.

These changes are not random or merely stylistic preferences. They are teaching tools. Through repetition, silence, music, color, and ritual, the liturgy forms us in faith. The church year invites us not simply to remember the story of Jesus, but to live within it.

As we worship through changing seasons, the liturgy reminds us that Christ meets us in every time and circumstance—in joy and celebration, in waiting and sorrow, in repentance and renewal.

I invite you to keep asking why. Send me your questions and together we will explore why we do what we do so we may continue to grow in faith and love.

On this journey together, Pastor Juli



SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will meet Saturday, June 6 at 10:00AM in the Library. We will continue our study on *"He Chose the Nails"*. All are welcome to join us!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on Wednesday, June 3 at 10:00am in the library. We look forward to seeing you!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS!!!

- 6/02 - Ellen Wilson
June Jones
- 6/04 - Jason Slatzer
Chad Sinkovich
- 6/05 - Jessica Slater
Finn Raff
Marnie Groves
- 6/07 - Sonja Hickman
- 6/08 - David Ross
- 6/10 - Kari Sparkman
- 6/11 - Chuck DeGraff
- 6/16 - Kevin Beck
Tom Jingo
- 6/23 - Ralph Reisinger
- 6/24 - Ian Slater
Sue Bracken



- 6/25 - Cheryl Sepanik
- 6/27 - Alice Himes
- 6/28 - Rick McMichael
- 6/29 - Jacob Godwin
- 6/30 - Dave Wilkinson

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES!!!



- 6/01 - Don & Shelly Carley
- 6/07 - Bob & MaryAnn Rodgers
- 6/10 - Zeth & Nicole Boord
Bruce & Marcia Patterson
- 6/11 - Craig & Ann Godwin
- 6/13 - Rodney & Penny Buckridge
Michael & Gretchen Leckie-Ewing
- 6/14 - Gary & Carla Ohman
- 6/17 - Roger & Cheryl McClure
Dominic & Brianna Bower
- 6/18 - Mark & Jean Pitocco
- 6/27 - Ron & Shirley Slagle

WORSHIP IN JUNE

Sunday, June 7 – 2 Pentecost

Ephesians 2:4-9
Luke 15:11-32



Sunday, June 14 – 3 Pentecost

Galatians 5:1, 13-14
Mark 10:42-45

Sunday, June 21 – 4 Pentecost

Isaiah 55:8-9
Acts 10:9-16, 28-35

Sunday, June 28 – 5 Pentecost

Lamentations 3:22-23
John 6:32-35

The following groups will be taking a SUMMER BREAK:

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT MARANATHA SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHOIR

STAMPING GROUP (July & August)

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

They will resume in September.
Watch bulletins & newsletters for startup dates.



We extend our congratulations to our 2026 graduates!

High School

Brenna Leon – GlenOak – attending University of Mount Union –
majoring in Early Childhood Education

Brianna Dodd - GlenOak



HTLC's annual garage sale will be Saturday, June 13 from 8am-2pm. Items for the sale may be dropped off Monday, June 9 thru Thursday, June 12 from 9am-3pm, and the evenings of Wednesday, June 11 and Thursday, June 12 from 5-7pm. Cookie donations can be dropped off during these times. **We will NOT accept any items dropped off Friday or Saturday.**

We do NOT accept large appliances, TVs, upholstered furniture, computers, or mattresses.

Proceeds from this year's sale will benefit the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2027.

We still need youth & adult volunteers to help sort & price every day.

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

Thank You for supporting this Holy Trinity Fundraiser!

Many thanks to Joanne Murray, Chad Sinkovich, and Karen Lautzenheiser who are completing their time on Council.

Please hold in your prayers our 2026-27 Council as they select officers at the June meeting: Dominic Bower, Cindy Hower, Paul Feaser, Sarah Kebert, Linda Leckie-Ewing, Jay Moody, Ralph Reisinger.

The Council meets the second Tuesday every month for approximately 90 minutes. Two Council seats remain open. If you would like information about serving, please see Pastor Juli.

Many thanks to Craig Godwin for his beautiful work restoring the Bethel Window. It came to HTLC from Bethel Lutheran Church in 2015 and now hangs in the Library Heritage Room where it serves as a beautiful reminder that we are United in Ministry together.





COUNCIL NOTES

May 18, 2026

Devotions were based on John 7:18. In this verse, Jesus states that those who speak on their own authority do so to gain personal glory, while those who seek to honor God speak truthfully. This highlights the importance of intentions behind one’s words and actions, suggesting that true authority comes from seeking the glory of God rather than self-promotion.

Even though the temperature doesn’t show it from day-to-day, Spring has indeed arrived and everyone is busy attending to all of the things that keep our building and property in good condition so that we maintain a welcoming environment – including the Adopt a Plot project, proceeding with necessary roof repairs, and renewing our insurance for the coming year.

Plans are well underway for another amazing Vacation Bible School, and we’re looking forward to the United in Ministry: Past, Present and Future celebration on November 15 as we commemorate our 220th Homecoming Celebration.

This month marks the one-year anniversary of Pastor Juli joining us and gratitude was expressed for her dedication to our church and its members, as well as for her involvement in and support of community activities and initiatives. This month also marks the end of service for three Council members who have now completed two consecutive terms: Chad Sinkovich, Karen Lautzenheiser and Joanne Murray. The three of them encourage HTLC members to remain active in worship, and to explore the numerous opportunities in which you can share your passion and enthusiasm, time, talents and treasures to keep our church a beacon in the community. There is something for everyone, and your support and involvement will be a blessing.

**Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
(Hebrews 13:16)**



2026 Budget Update

	INCOME	EXPENSES	REMAINDER
APRIL	\$36,642.40	\$50,296.37	(\$13,653.97)
YEAR TO DATE	\$115,246.56	\$155,340.65	(\$40,094.09)

***This includes Replacement of AC in the Education Wing

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

JUNE FOCUS: FOOD BOX

It’s summertime so there is a greater need for items for kid’s breakfasts & lunches which were provided when school was in session. Please consider bringing some items such as....

Non-perishable items: cereals, pancake mix and syrup, crackers, stew, canned meats, tuna, ravioli, spaghetti, peanut butter, jelly, soups, canned fruits and veggies, rice mixes, noodle mixes, snack bars, etc.....**Personal care items:** soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, laundry detergent, feminine products, toilet paper, paper towels, etc...

Donations can be put in the large plastic bin in the main hall by the bulletin boards labeled “FOOD BOX”. Monetary donations may also be made to help purchase food. Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity and mark “food box” in the memo.



CROCHET/KNITTING GROUP



We will meet on Thursdays, June 11 & 25 from 5:30-7:00pm in the Conference Room.

JUNE WORSHIP SERVERS

Date	Service Time	Lector	Comm. Assistant/Acolytes	Sound/Live Stream/Slides
June 7	8:30 AM	Trudi VanOrman	Larry Robenstine Reuben Woolf	Sound: Ken Groves Stream: Deanna Woolf
	10:30 AM	Pastor Don, Rice Jr.	Joanne Murray NO ACOLYTE	Matt Halvorson
June 14	8:30 AM	Carolyn Perlog	Mark Himes Teagan Woolf	Sound: Darlene Fast Stream: Deanna Woolf
	10:30 AM	Kari Sparkman	Joanne Murray Anneliese Halvorson	Wade & Karen Lautzenheiser
June 21	8:30 AM	Linda Allende	Paul Feaser Mary Feaser	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Deanna Woolf
	10:30 AM	Gretchen Leckie-Ewing	Pastor Don Rice, Jr. Eliza Halvorson	Jay Moody
June 28	8:30 AM	Don Carley	Carolyn Perlog Reuben Woolf	Sound: Ken Groves Stream: Deanna Woolf
	10:30 AM	Linda Ramsell	Joanne Murray NO ACOLYTE	Laurie Soliday

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:30 p.m. Stamping Group 7:00-8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00-8:30 p.m. Family Support Group	2	3 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sassy Scissors	4 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sassy Scissors 4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark	5 Noon AA Meeting Synod Assembly	6 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Synod Assembly
7 8:30 W/CM 10:30 CPS/CM	8 9:00am-3:00pm Drop off, pricing & sorting 7:00-8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	9 9:00am-3:00pm Drop off, pricing & sorting 11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting 6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group	10 9:00am-3:00pm Drop off, pricing & sorting 5:00-7:00 p.m. Drop Off	11 8:15am-Noon Habitat Build 9:00am-3:00pm Drop off, pricing & sorting 4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark 5:00-7:00 p.m. Drop Off 5:30-7:00 p.m. Crochet/Knitting	12 Noon AA Meeting	13 8:00am-2:00pm 
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21 8:30 W/CM 10:30 CPS/CM Happy Father's Day!!	22 7:00-8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	23 11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark 6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group	24	25 4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark 5:30-7:00p.m. Crochet/Knitting 6:00-8:00p.m. P2P	26 Noon AA Meeting	27 8:15am-Noon Habitat Build
28 8:30 W/CM 10:30 CPS/CM	29 7:00-8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	30 11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark 6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group				