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**THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
God's work. Our hands.



We are a welcoming  
community of believers in  
Jesus Christ who witness  
our faith by serving  
together, praying  
together, and living  
generously together.

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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APRIL 21-27, 2024

## Gather, Worship, & Learn

Sunday Worship • 10 a.m. in person & YouTube Live

*Worship replay available instantly on Facebook & YouTube*

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Holy Trinity Sanctuary & YouTube Live • 10 a.m.

**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY  
AS WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM OF**

*Gracelynn Ogle*

*Let's welcome her to into God's family*

### JESUS & ME

Children's Bible Lesson  
Finding Jesus Under the Sea  
*Takes place during worship*

### FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH

Sunday, April 21 • 11:30 a.m.  
Prayer Parlor  
Series: *Why Jesus*

### BELLS & CHOIR

Thursday, April 25 • 6&7 p.m.  
Sanctuary

### FAITH CAFE SATURDAYS



*Panera Bread • 9 a.m.*  
37800 Six Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152

### SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL START THE PARTY



June 17-20  
at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

### SEMI SYNOD ASSEMBLY SATURDAY, MAY 11

Prince of Peace Lutheran church in Ida  
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

*Please pray for our delegates,  
Dick & Jen Casper, Pastor Andrew, and Vicar Alysia  
and all those attending.*

*Follow us*



# SUNDAY, APRIL 21 2023

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## FIRST READING

Acts 4:5-12

## GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

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### LIFE LAID DOWN

How does faith in the risen Christ call one to live? What shape does one's life take?

The readings for this fourth Sunday of Easter are rich in their imagery, and at the center is the image of the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. Five times in eight short verses Jesus mentions laying down his life for the sake of the sheep.

The First Letter of John picks up the same theme: "We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?" (1 John 3:16-17). Laying down one's life for another might take many forms, but it at least means this: extending help, as much as you are able, when another is in need.

A friend tells the story of her grandfather, a faithful man who earned a modest income. Each year when tax time rolled around, he was audited. According to tax records he earned so little and gave away so much. The astounded auditors questioned him, wondering why he gave so much of his income to the church. Incredulous, he responded, "You can't outgive God."

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep, and joined to the risen life of Christ, the lives of the baptized are shaped by generosity and sacrifice. Giving one's life, resources, gifts, or whatever one holds most dear for the sake of another is both a witness to the love we have first been shown and an act of faith. Hearing Jesus' words in this Easter season reminds us that laying down one's life is not an act to be feared; rather, it is an act that defies death, as we trust that, washed in the waters of baptism, we already live in the resurrected life of Christ. — *Sundays and Seasons*



# New Series! Fellowship of Faith: Why Jesus

## *Why Jesus?*

Because life is better with Jesus. That's the message we heard on Sunday at our first Why Jesus gathering. This week we will hear another message about the way following Jesus changes our lives. Your invited to this time of storytelling, faith formation, and spiritual growth.

We all have a faith story to tell, and we want you to tell yours. To join the growing list of members sharing their faith story during this series, email Pastor Andrew at [prchavanak@holytrinitylivonia.org](mailto:prchavanak@holytrinitylivonia.org).

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## Finding Jesus Under the Sea

After Easter, the lessons in JAM will be exploring the many wonders of the sea that have been created by God. Children will take a closer look at God's creation of the sea and explore what it can teach us about God. They will focus on various sea creatures - dolphins, crabs, sharks, stingrays, whales, starfish, jellyfish, sea turtles, and more. Please pray for the children and the JAM leaders as they go deeper in exploring their faith. Interested in helping teach one of the lessons? Talk to Debbie LaFontaine or signup in the hallway. Lessons are planned out and support is provided. JAM is always a fun time with the children.



*“Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” - Romans 8:39 (NIV)*



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# Why Do I Give to HTLC

*BECAUSE GOD PROVIDES ME WITH ABUNDANCE*

“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”

— 2 Corinthians 9:8.

**This is why I give:** “God has blessed me, and I want to share those blessings with others.”

**SOUTHEAST MI SYNOD  
SOCIAL JUSTICE**  
*Summit*

**CALLED  
TO BE FREE**

**APRIL 27TH 2024  
9AM-3PM**

St. John Farmington Hills  
23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills MI 48335

† REGISTER:  
† [semisynodjustice.com/justicesummit](https://semisynodjustice.com/justicesummit)



St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills is hosting the 2024 Justice Summit on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is a free event with worship, workshops, learning and growth designed to help us as a community explore how God is calling us to participate in the work of liberation, justice, and care for our neighbors.

A \$15 donation per person is suggested to cover lunch! Workshops on **Ableism, Inclusive Worship and Immigration at the Southern Border** are among 14 choices to choose from. Volunteers are also needed to assist throughout the day.

These workshops will help us learn how to serve our community and share in God's great love for all people.

# Coffee Hour Hosts



Holy Trinity is so blessed to have an established Coffee Hour following worship every Sunday. Hosting Coffee Hour is a special way to volunteer your time, because you're helping to facilitate fellowship and community by simply providing some light snacks, coffee, and tea. And have you noticed how much our kids love running around in the Fellowship Hall together, fueled by doughnut holes and lemonade? They're learning that church is a place where we spend time with our friends and grow in relationship with one another. And we're doing the same thing!

There are several upcoming dates available to host Coffee Hour. Please prayerfully consider hosting this time of fellowship and relationship-building. Once you feel moved to join our roster of Coffee Hour hosts, just pick a date and sign up in the hallway.

# Honoring Women Luncheon

Saturday, May 18, 2024

from 10 am to 2 pm

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church - Livonia



Keynote speaker is  
Rev. Jen Kiefer,  
Assistant to the Bishop for  
Congregation and Synod Life,  
Candidacy



visit [www.semiwelca.org](http://www.semiwelca.org) for registration information



Southeast Michigan Synod  
Women of the ELCA

## What do pancakes, jelly & rice have in common?

Our friends at St. Christine's are asking for **syrup for pancakes, jelly, rice, instant rice, and flavored rice** this April.

Please bring what you can, one or more items this month.

Place your items in the shopping cart near the church entrance and a volunteer will make sure they get delivered to St. Christine's. Any size, flavor, or brand welcome.





# Those for whom we pray

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Emily & family, Steve, Kim, Denise, Dan, Greg, Jimmy, April,  
Rick, Juanita, Sam, Nathan, Lisa, Katie, Gracie, James

To submit a prayer request call Sue Corney **OR** email [prayers@holytrinitylivonia.org](mailto:prayers@holytrinitylivonia.org)

**OR** call the church at 734-464-0211.

*You may include a specific prayer need, or just a name. Those for whom we pray are printed here so that you may also offer prayers during the week. The prayer chain is intended to serve the short-term, emergency, and confidential needs of members, friends, and family. Prayer requests remain on the list for four weeks unless otherwise noted.*

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## Giving Information

### Giving Online

Visit [HolyTrinityLivonia.Org/Give](http://HolyTrinityLivonia.Org/Give)

*Giving is an act of worship and thanks to our awesome God! Thank you for the many ways you give to God's mission in the church and in the world, especially your support of the ministries at Holy Trinity.*

***Your gifts are appreciated.***

*Because of your continued generosity, we are able to reach out with the message of God's love and grace in Jesus. Thank you for your support of God's mission in the world through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.*

### Giving via U.S. Mail

**Checks can be mailed to:**

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

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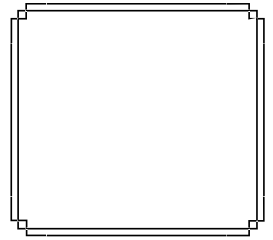




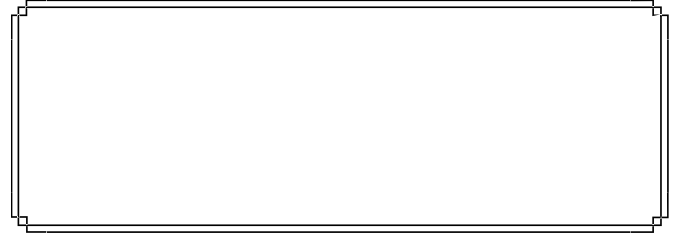
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