



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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JULY 13-19, 2025

Gather, Worship, & Learn

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

Worship replay available instantly on Facebook & YouTube

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, JULY 13

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

JESUS & ME

Children's Bible Lesson
Takes place during worship

COFFEE TIME

Fellowship Hall • After Worship

INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE TUESDAY, JULY 15

Worship • 2:45 p.m.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

Prayer Parlor • 7 p.m.

ORDINATION OF ALYSA GRACE OFFMAN

Saturday, July 19 • 3 p.m.

at Holy Trinity Livonia

with Reception Celebration to follow

DINNER CHURCH WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

with Jubilee Food Truck

Doors at 5:30 p.m.

Worship at 6 p.m.

FAITH CAFE SATURDAYS



Panera Bread • 9 a.m.

37800 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48152

COFFEE TIME SIGN UP!

A new coffee time sign up is available in the hallway. Please prayerfully consider if you would like to contribute to this part of our worshipping life!

Coffee time hosts prepare coffee, tea, drinks, and a small snack for us to share after worship on Sunday mornings and are responsible for clean up as well.

Follow us



SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025



FIRST READING

Colossians 1:1-14

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-37

WHO ARE YOU?

Who do you identify with in the parable? This is part of what makes parables so powerful. Some days we read the story through the eyes of the priest or the Levite. Some days we feel like the Samaritan. And then there are those days when we are the man in the ditch. Some days you are the windshield and some days you are the bug, as the saying goes.

It is easy to miss the shocking nature of this parable if we start to think that this story only teaches us to imitate the Samaritan. The parable says so much more about God, our relationship to God, and the lengths to which God will go to reach out to us.

Through the image of the Samaritan, Jesus lifts up a surprising rescuer as an image of the God who relentlessly cares for those in need. Could it be that we are meant to identify not with the Samaritan or even the lawyer to whom Jesus speaks the parable, but rather with the man who is hopeless and left for dead? Could it be that Christ is the good Samaritan who embraces us with the tender compassion of God?

All of the sudden the parable is turned on its head. Jesus is not just giving us a comfortable morality tale reminding us to be nice, helpful, generous people. Instead Jesus is proclaiming the good news of the kingdom. God's grace comes to us through the cross. God's grace comes to us even—and especially—when we are at our worst, when we struggle in the depths and cry out for help. Even when we cannot or will not cry out, mercy and grace come into our lives through Jesus. So whether you are on the road or in the ditch, Jesus even now is coming for you. — *Sundays and Seasons*

PASTOR (BROTHER) ANDREW'S EXCELLENT JOURNEY

I will be marking an important milestone in my faith journey later this month when I attend the Annual Chapter meeting of the Order of Lutheran Franciscans (OLF). The OLF is the first and only religious order formally associated with the ELCA, and is an inclusive, welcoming group of Lutheran Christians who are inspired by and dedicated to following the example of Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi in living as disciples of Jesus. I am currently a novice in the Order, a stage of formation in which siblings in the Order make annually renewable vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

On Monday, July 29, I will be making my Life Profession, the “final vows” that signify a life-long commitment to the Order and its way of life. I invite your prayers for me and Katie as we travel to the Baltimore area for Chapter, and for me specifically as I prepare myself for this solemn but joyous moment in my life of faith.

+ Pastor/Brother Andrew



PS: For more information about the OLF, check out our website at lutheranfranciscans.org.

SUMMER CAMP

CAMP CULTURE

Pastor Andrew, Pastor Alysa, Evie, Izzy, and Abby Chavanak, Kylie Myers, Theo, Milo, and Dustin Offman all spent the week at Living Water Ministries at Stony Lake.

Our kids (and adults) had a great time making new friends, singing camp songs, swimming, and leaning into their growing faith as Christ followers.

Living Water Ministries is an important component of our shared faith life in Michigan. We are grateful for all those who make camp possible. If you would like to learn more about Living Water Ministries, visit ELCALivingWater.com





IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

Flowers are pretty at a funeral or memorial service. However, they are temporary and do not advance ministry. An impactful alternative would be for the people who are making arrangements to request: “in lieu of flowers the family requests donations to (the decedent’s favorite charity) or to Holy Trinity.” Donations to Holy Trinity can be made for immediate use in a specific ministry or to the endowment fund as a perpetual source of funding for ministry.

Endowment questions: (Tom Musselman tmusselm@wowway.com)



ST. CHRISTINE'S SUMMER NEEDS

Our friends at St. Christine’s are asking for kid-friendly cereal, powdered/dry milk, Ensure, canned fruit and vegetables this July.

Place your items in the shopping cart near the church entrance and a volunteer will make sure they get delivered to St. Christine’s.





THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

Kim, Dorisann, Karl, Sandy, Suzanne, Barb, the Robinson family, the friends and family of Suzanne Generose

*To submit a prayer request call Sue Corney **OR** email 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.

GIVING INFORMATION

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Visit HolyTrinityLivonia.Org/Give

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Checks can be mailed to:

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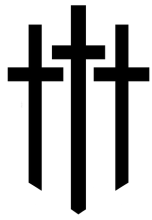
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Giving is an act of worship and thanks to our awesome God! Thank you for the many ways you give to God's mission in the church and in the world, especially your support of the ministries at Holy Trinity.

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.





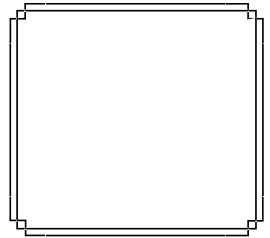
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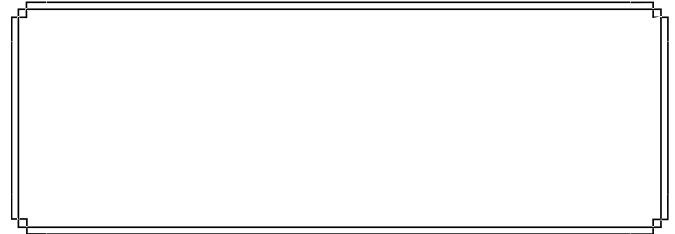
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