



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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March 29-April 4, 2026

Gather, Worship, & Learn

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

Worship replay available instantly on Facebook & YouTube

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

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

COFFEE TIME

Fellowship Hall • Following Worship

FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH

Prayer Parlor • 11:30 a.m.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Prayer Parlor • 6:30 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship • 7 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Community service • noon at Holy Cross
Evening worship • 7 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY



Breakfast • 9 a.m.

Worship • 10 a.m.

Egg Hunt • Following Worship



FAITH CAFE SATURDAYS

Panera Bread • 9 a.m.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026



**PROCESSIONAL
GOSPEL:**

Matthew 21:1-11

**FIRST
READING:**

Philippians 2:5-11

GOSPEL:

Matthew 26:14—27:66

A CROSS WRAPPED IN HOPE

In Matthew's passion story, the cross is wrapped round with hope. There is real devastation for the land in Jesus's innocent blood, as in all the innocent blood that has been poured out upon the earth. Darkness covers the land. The earth is shattered. But this is not the end. By the grace of God there is more to this story than the capacity of human sin to destroy. Jesus's death, in Matthew, is intertwined with resurrection. Out of the shattered earth the people rise, bones knit together as God promised in Ezekiel 37, dry bones alive again. They rise at Jesus's death. And after his resurrection — because the saving act is not complete in Jesus's death alone, because death and resurrection are two movements in a single song of grace — after his resurrection the risen people of Israel come into the holy city and are seen by many. They are called "saints," then and now, these people knit together and forgiven, given new life, in Jesus's blood and his empty tomb.

— *excerpt from Catherine Sider Hamilton, Working Preacher*

LIFE AFTER DEATH

After my parents Del and Marilyn Wilbert passed away, in 2018 and 2025 respectively, my siblings and I were tasked with what we should do with the finances that were given to us by our parents. Del and Marilyn were long term members of Holy Trinity since 1989. After their passing, they live on through their children and the countless other lives who were touched and blessed by knowing them. Also, they live on through their estate plan, which was passed on to their three children. Our parents gave to several charities throughout their lives including their church. Gifts to Holy Trinity were directed at the discretion of their children.



Specific direction was given to include the music program at Holy Trinity; since our parents loved this aspect of worship and our mother was a long-term member of the church choirs. As I am preparing my own estate plan, I am following in my parents footsteps in wanting to leave something to Holy Trinity in the way of something donated while I am still around, so I can visibly see the benefits of my monetary gifts; as well as contemplating the possibility of a portion to the endowment fund of the church to support future ministries of the church.

Since I do not have any children of my own, this is a way that I can help the people of Holy Trinity connect their lives to Christ after I am gone.

In God's love and remembrance and with honor to my parents, Del and Marilyn Wilbert.

May God bless Holy Trinity!

— *David R. Wilbert*

HANGING WITH MY PEEPS

Catechism Recap

On Sunday, March 22 our catechism kids gathered at Emmanuel Lutheran Church to make bible story dioramas using a classic marshmallow confection and perennial Easter basket favorite — Peeps.

A variety of flavors were used, include strawberry shortcake, Dr. Pepper, Rice Krispie Treat, and more.

The kids broke into groups and created scenes from Noah's Ark, Palm Sunday, and David & Goliath.

Afterward, we continued our study of the Apostle's Creed and ended, as always, with a game of Sardines.

Top photo, left to right: Noah Christopherson, Jacob West, and Jakob Christopherson.

Middle photo, left to right: Lily Schoder, Izzy Chavanak, Abby Myers, Pastor Sara, Grace Ultz, Avery Cox.

Bottom photo, left to right: Justin Parrish, Jacob West, Eli Finkenbine, Noah Christopherson, Jakob Christopherson, Abby Myers, Izzy Chavanak, Avery Cox, Grace Ultz, Lily Schoder, Lucas Finkenbine.



EASTER BREAKFAST

Please join us on Easter morning for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall starting at 9 a.m. Choir members are invited to join us at 8:30 a.m. prior to rehearsal.

This meal is a continental breakfast with quiche, french toast sticks, fruit, coffee, juice, and more.

Breakfast is sponsored by the women of Holy Trinity, especially Karen and Lisa Hissong and Margaret Ash. We thank them for their dedication to this HTLC tradition. If you would like to help set up or clean up, contact Margaret Ash.



EGGS-ELLECT EGG HUNTS

Thank you to everyone who stuffed and hid eggs for our Tiny Tots Easter Egg hunts!

Our 85 students enjoyed this tradition before their Spring Break!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Hosted by Livonia area Lutheran Churches • Holy Trinity, Holy Cross, and Emmanuel

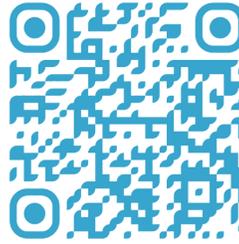


Date: June 15-18
Time: 9 a.m. - Noon
Ages: 4 yrs - 5th grade

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran
30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Between Merriman and Middlebelt



Volunteer Sign Up



Registration Form



SPRING INTO GIVING

St. Christine's April needs

This month consider donating the following items to our friends at St. Christine's.

Canned Chicken and Canned Tuna
Paper and Plastic Bags

Any quantity you bring is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support of St. Christine's mission. The need is great and your donation is appreciated.

Drop off your donations by the shopping cart near Door 1. A volunteer will deliver donations to St. Christine's.



THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

Kim, Dorisann, Dan, Steve, Jo, Robert, Barb,
Rhonda, Jared, Elaine, Roberta, Ray, Barb H.,
world peace, Gene

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

Giving Online

Visit HolyTrinityLivonia.Org/Give

Giving via U.S. Mail

Checks can be mailed to:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

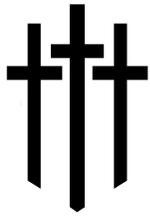
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Giving is an act of worship and thanks to our awesome God! Thank you for the many ways you give to God's mission in the church and in the world, especially your support of the ministries at Holy Trinity.

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.





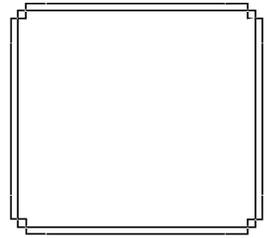
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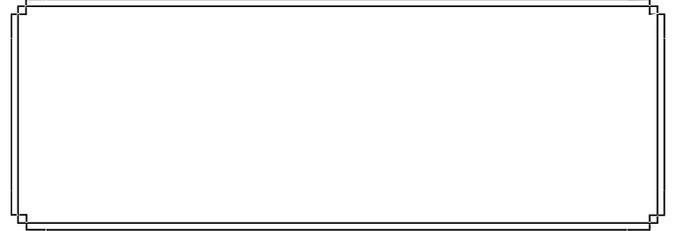
Rise Up
Southeast Michigan Synod • ELCA



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



Return Service Requested



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