



A congregation of
**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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MAY 11-17, 2025

Gather, Worship, & Learn

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

Worship replay available instantly on Facebook & YouTube

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, SUNDAY, MAY 11

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

JESUS & ME

Children's Bible Lesson
Takes place during worship

BELLS & CHOIR PRACTICE THURSDAY, MAY 15

Sanctuary • 6&7 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 18

Sanctuary • following worship

HTLC BOARD MEETING MONDAY, MAY 12

Prayer Parlor • 5 p.m.



FAITH CAFE SATURDAYS

Panera Bread • 9 a.m.

37800 Six Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152



OUTREACH TEAM MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 13

Prayer Parlor • 6:30 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 18

Sanctuary • following worship

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

House of Michelle Spunar • 7 p.m.

TINY TOTS MOVING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

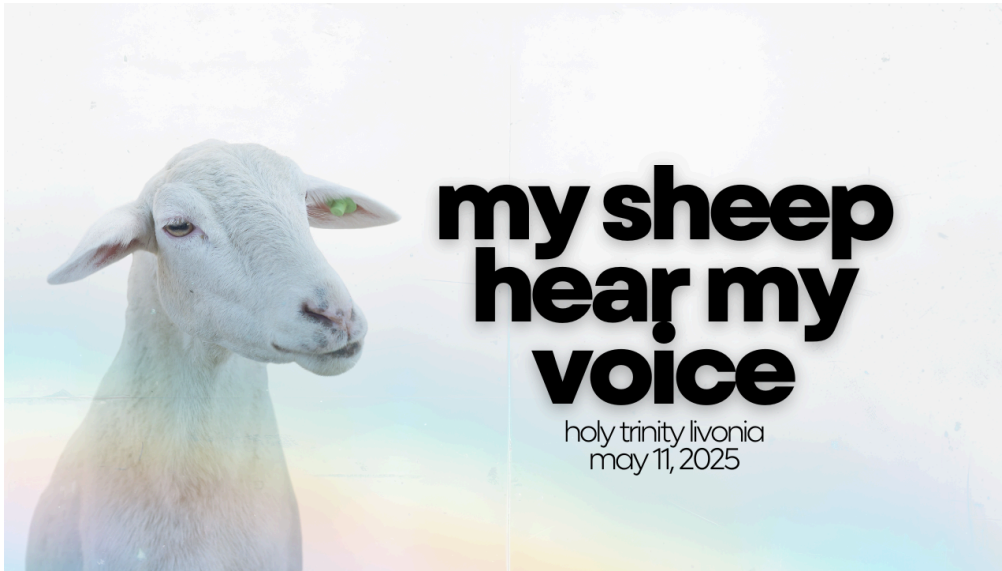
Sanctuary • 7 p.m.

HAPPY
**Mother's
Day**

Follow us



SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025



FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

GOSPEL READING

John 10:22-30

THE SEARCHING SHEEP

Messages and information today are texted, tweeted, broadcast, e-mailed, phoned, lectured, announced, packaged, and repackaged. The means and avenues for communication are many. Yet when it comes to the person known as Jesus of Nazareth we are often left standing in the place of the Jewish people who gathered around Jesus at that portico (John 10:22-23). We long to know, Who are you, Jesus? and perhaps want to probe, What are you really about? Of course the qualification is for him to “tell us plainly” (John 10:24). As the church we have grown accustomed to the idea of Jesus seeking out the lost sheep and bringing them safely home—of knowing the sheep intimately by name. Today’s texts are rich in reframing who is searching for whom. Who is seeking after Jesus, and to what does that seeking lead? Still, will we be satisfied with any answer? The faith of Tabitha and the miracle-working Peter, the vision of saints and mythical beasts, and even Jesus’ works point to one who is in and of God. Yet we wonder if it can’t be spelled out for us more clearly. In this season of proclaiming a Christ who breaks the powers of death and whose realm is one of glory, we open ourselves to questions of exactly who this Jesus is—and see answers coming to life in story, miracles, and testimony. Today is an opportunity for us in weakness and glory, in doubt and in faith, in simplicity and awe to seek and embrace the one who is already in our midst. — *Sundays and Seasons*

DIRECTORY

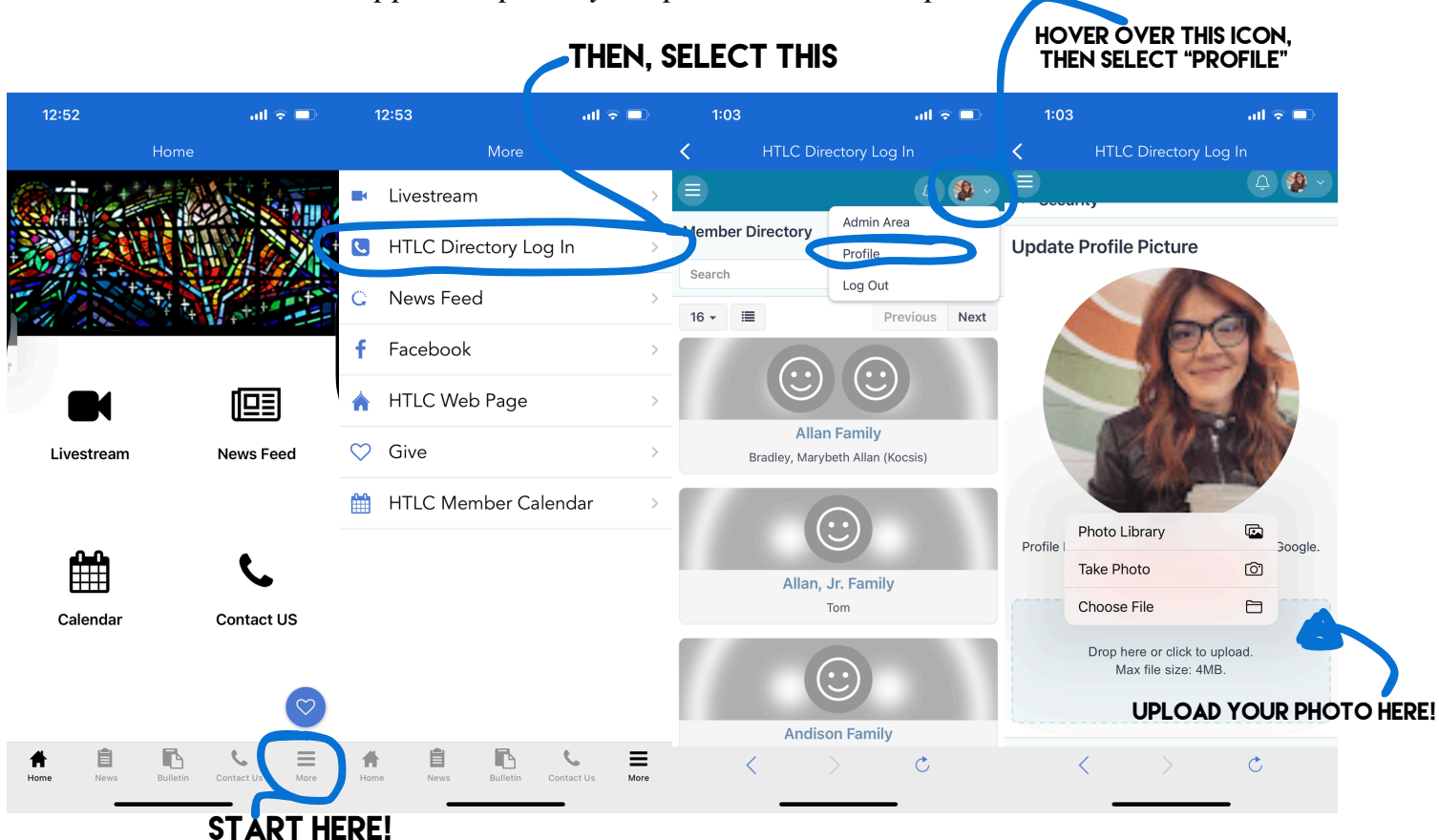
A NEW PICTURE DIRECTORY IS IN THE WORKS, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have heard your pleas for an updated photo directory and we want to deliver. As Holy Trinity continues to grow, we know the importance of having a resource to help us contact each other and get to know one another. We have plans to release an updated photo directory at our annual congregational meeting this June, but we need your help!

Thanks in large part to Debbie LaFontaine and other church leadership, we have robust online records through our online database and Church App. We can use these resources to create a photo directory in-house. In order to make this a reality, we need to add photos to the online database.

There are two ways you can do this:

1. Select the photo you'd like to use and email it to Vicar Alysa at vicaralysa@holytrinitylivonia.org. She will upload the photo on your behalf.
2. Go to the church app and upload your photo. Follow the photo directions below.



VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Sign up now for the fun! Let's LIVE IT OUT!

Brought to you by Livonia area Lutheran Churches - Holy Trinity, Emmanuel and Holy Cross.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." — John 13:34

Each day will include a bible story, craft, service project, games and a snack.

Where: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154)

When: Monday, June 23- Thursday, June 26 from 9-noon

Who: 4yrs- 5th grade

Registration is open now until filled; register by June 10, 2025 to get a t-shirt
Amount- \$10 per child (maximum of \$20 per family). Register using the QR code below.

You can find more information on our Facebook page linked at the QR code below.

We hope you can join us. Tell your friends and neighbors.

VBS - Your Help is NEEDED!

Let's make this a fun week for the children and share the good news of Jesus love!

Please consider signing up to help. You can sign up for one day or all four days. Whatever time you can give is appreciated.

Training and support will be provided.

You can signup to help us make this a fun week using our volunteer registration form available at the QR code below.



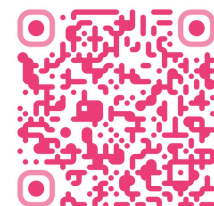
REGISTRATION

**REGISTER
KIDS HERE**



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

**SIGN UP
TO VOLUNTEER**



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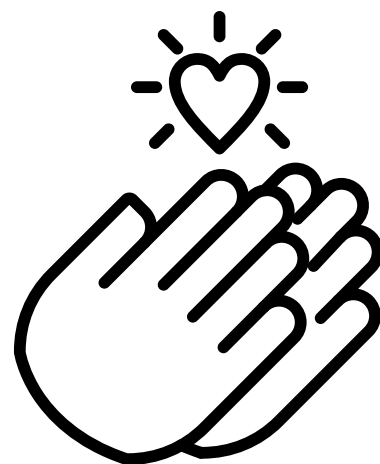


WHY I GIVE:

BECAUSE I AM GIVING THANKS TO GOD

This is why I give: “We donate to Holy Trinity to promote God’s work in our community and as a ‘thank you’ to God for all He has given to us.”

The Bible tells me so: 2 Corinthians 9:11-12. “You will be enriched in every way for your generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.”



NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Holy Trinity Board is calling a Special Congregation Meeting on Sunday, May 18, following our 10 a.m. worship service. The agenda for the meeting consists of three agenda items:

1. Authorizing the purchase of a new commercial lawnmower and bagging system from Weingartz for \$11,811.99, with all funds for the purchase coming from a memorial gift given by David and Kathryn Doyle from the estate of David's sister, Kathleen.
2. A vote on the proposed call of Alysia Grace Offman to serve as Associate Pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.
3. A vote on the proposed compensation and benefits package for Alysia Grace Offman.

Please plan to join us on Sunday, May 18, 2025, for worship and for this very important meeting of the congregation to follow.

WELCOME, JOSEPH

On Sunday, May 4, 2025, Joseph Perri was baptized into Christ and sealed by the Holy Spirit forever! William is the son of Michael Perri and Jaclyn Crawford, and the little brother of James, Andrew, and Julia!

Join us in rejoicing over William's baptism and his new life in Christ!



Left to right: Michael Perri, Joseph Perri, Jaclyn Crawford, Pastor Andrew Chavanak, and Vicar Alysa Offman

CEREAL GIVERS

Our friends at St. Christine's are asking for **kid-friendly cereal** and **jelly**.

Please no egg cartons, brown paper nor plastic grocery bags are needed at this time.

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, Mary, Jo, Jim, Lisa, Kinsley, Jeni, Will,
Vickie, Elaine, Jim & Kathy, Victoria, Dan, Barb

*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

Giving is an act of worship and thanks to our **39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia MI 48154**

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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Return Service Requested

Ministers: **All Baptized People of Holy Trinity**

Senior Pastor: **Andrew Chavanak** prchavanak@holytrinitylivonia.org

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