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**THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH IN AMERICA**
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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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February 22-March 1, 2026

Gather, Worship, & Learn

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

Worship replay available instantly on Facebook & YouTube

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

COFFEE TIME

Fellowship Hall • Following Worship

FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH

Prayer Parlor • 11:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Welcome Center • 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
with lunch

HTLC BOARD MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Prayer Parlor • 5 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Prayer Parlor • 4:30 p.m.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SOUP SUPPER • 6:30 P.M. WORSHIP • 7 P.M.

BELLS & CHOIR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Sanctuary • 6 & 7 p.m.

FAITH CAFE SATURDAYS

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

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026



**FIRST
READING:**
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

GOSPEL:
Matthew 4:1-11

THE DEVIL VS. IDENTITY

The devil presents Jesus with three proposed actions that have highly desirable outcomes. If Jesus accepts the devil's options, he can address extensive food insecurity for many in the Roman world by turning stones into bread. This is a brilliant idea. He can also gain power over all the empires of the world. Here the Gospel makes a crucial political statement in revealing the devil as the power that controls the Roman Empire. And Jesus can rely on God's protection in a dramatic public and attention-getting display.

In fact, Matthew's Gospel will later narrate Jesus performing powerful acts: feeding crowds (14:13-21; 15:32-39), gaining all authority in heaven and earth in his resurrection (28:18) and return (24:27-31; 26:64), and publicly displaying God's power and compassion in healings and exorcisms (4:23-25).

Yet Jesus rejects the devil's invitations. Why? If Jesus acts on the devil's bidding, he becomes the agent or son of the devil. He ceases to be the agent or son of God. He would betray his identity. — Warren Carter, *Working Preacher*

LENT AT HOLY TRINITY

Ash Wednesday - February 18

Ashes to Go

Circle Drive
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

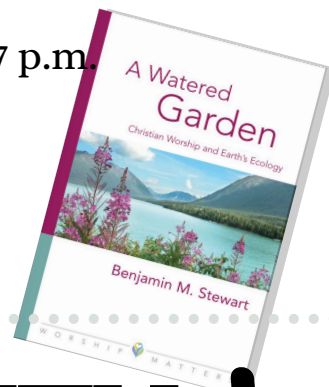


Ash Wednesday Worship

Holy Communion and Imposition
of Ashes
7 p.m.

Lenten Midweek Worship

February 25-March 25
Soup Supper • 6:30 p.m.
Holden Evening Prayer • 7 p.m.



FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH

Clarence C. Stoughton, former president of Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH, once wrote, “Stewardship is everything we do after we say, ‘I believe.’” This Lent, as we ponder the truth that the saving love of God resets our priorities, Pastor Andrew will partner with the Stewardship Team to hold a six-week Fellowship of Faith series exploring the wide-ranging ways that we are called to be stewards. We’ll look at stewardship across the four corners of our ministry – Prayer (February 22), Generosity (March 1, 8, 15), Service (March 22), and Community (March 29). Join us this Lent as we reflect on how God calls us to use what we’ve been given for our growth and for the good of others.

This year, Holy Trinity is participating in a synod-wide Lenten series. While we will follow the traditional lectionary readings, we will also read *A Watered Garden* by Ben Stewart as we explore Christian worship and Earth’s ecology.

LENTEN SERIES

Each participant will receive a copy of the book. Copies are available in the Welcome Center.

As part of the series, a workshop will be held on Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to noon. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Six Mile in Livonia.

BOWLING OUTING

On Sunday, March 15, we we're heading to Merribowl for a bowling outing with our church family and friends! We've also inviting our friends from Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Seven Mile in Livonia to join us.

Where: Merribowl

30950 Five Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48154

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20 per person

Included: 2 hours of bowling, shoes, pop, pizza, wings, and fries.

Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.
You can leave your money in an envelope in Pastor Alysa's mailbox.



JUBILEE NEEDS YOU!



Jubilee Food Truck is looking for 5-6 volunteers to help serve meals at Freedom House on March 21. Freedom House is located in the city of Detroit and the address will be shared directly with volunteers.

We're looking for volunteers to serve meals on the food truck from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We're looking for two volunteers to do dishes and clean up at Holy Trinity from 2:45-3:45 p.m.

Use this link to sign up and contact Pastor Alysa for more information.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EAAA623A3FEC07-62115793-jubilee#/>

FROM OUR FRIENDS AT SAMARITAS

Dear Holy Trinity Members,

Holy Trinity donated 200+ items, but that's an estimate, probably on the low end. The church donated men's, women's and children's new and used winter coats, hats, scarves, mittens, boots, and warm winter clothing like sweaters. This has been able to help SO many of our clients, many of whom are from warmer climates. As I've mentioned before, rent and food are the top priorities spending-wise for our families, so it has been great to be able to help in keeping their families warm especially in the frigid temperatures this winter, when they otherwise may have had to go without.

Thank you so much again for your ongoing support.. We really cherish and value Holy Trinity as one of our partners, and I can't say enough how much the members have helped our refugee clients.

Sincerely,

Courtney Hedeman
Refugee Volunteer Coordinator
Samaritas



MAKE A LUNCH — MAKE GOD'S LOVE REAL



Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 22 to make NOAH lunches for some of God's most beloved children.

This ministry feeds hungry people in downtown Detroit. Lunches are served out of Central United Methodist Church on Woodward Avenue.

FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH

What is the relationship between our life as people of faith and our lives as citizens? How are we as Lutheran Christians called to participate faithfully and responsibly in our civic life? These questions are at the heart of the ELCA's newest social statement,



“Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All,” adopted by a vote of 762 to 16 at the 2025 Church Assembly. Join Pastor Andrew this Sunday as we continue a Fellowship of Faith series on this important and timely document and how it can help guide our thinking on these questions and more.

WE ST. CHRISTINE'S

At Holy Trinity we **LOVE** to give. This month, consider making St. Christine's your valentine by donating the following items in February.

Ensure
Ritz and Club Crackers
Kid friendly cereal



If you donate large packages St. Christine's will break them down into family size packs using the plastic bags you donate. Any quantity you bring is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support of St. Christine's mission.

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



THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

Kim, Dorisann, Dan, friends and family of Erik Hellstrom, Steve, Ron, Jo, Robert, Barb, Rhonda, Jared, Courtney, Dave, Elaine, Donna, national & international leaders, family and friends of Jean Stegen, Tim, Ron M., Jeremy, Linda, Vickie, Ed, Bonnie, Mary Lou, Jackie, Scott, Judy, Tom, Kaamil, family & friends of John Mount-Campbell, Dave, Roberta, friends and family of Linnea Schulz

*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 awesome God! Thank you for the many **39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia MI 48154**

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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