



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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June 21-27, 2026

Gather, Worship, & Learn

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

Worship replay available instantly on Facebook & YouTube

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 21, 2026

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Prayer Parlor • 6:30 p.m.

POTTERY-THEMED DINNER CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Fellowship Hall

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. • Worship at 6 p.m.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Following Worship

FAITH CAFE SATURDAYS



Panera Bread • 9 a.m.

37800 Six Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, JUNE 29

Prayer Parlor • 1 p.m.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026



FIRST READING:

Genesis 21:8-21

GOSPEL:

Matthew 10:24-33

“Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me”
— Matthew 10:38.

These words, made before Jesus’ crucifixion, foreshadows the cost of discipleship. To take up the cross is to embrace a way of life marked by sacrifice, service, and faithfulness. Jesus’s words affirm that discipleship is not about personal gain but about embodying God’s love and justice in the world.

This is a tough pill to swallow, especially in the modern day when comfort, convenience, and safety are so highly prized. And the final verse offers a paradox: “Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it” (10:39). This teaching calls believers to release their grip on self-preservation and embrace the deeper life found in Christ. We will find abundance in life if we take up the life of Christ.

— *excerpt from Danny Zacharias, Working Preacher*

THE GIVING COMMITTEE IS READY FOR REQUESTS

We are happy to announce that the Endowment Fund is making a sizable distribution this year. (More information about the Endowment Fund will be included in the Annual Meeting report.) The Giving Committee will be accepting requests for project funding thru July 13.

There is about \$14,400 to distribute from the Local Missions Outreach Fund. For thought starters, previous donations from this Fund supported the Jubilee Food Truck, Samaritas Family Center and Refugee Resettlement program, Kids Hope, and Living Waters Ministry.

Another \$11,800 is available from the Gail Copple Bequest Fund. These funds are unrestricted and can support projects at Holy Trinity (or other organizations). In the past, we supported the HVAC upgrade, folding chairs for the Fellowship Hall, and improved lighting over the choir area for the bell ringers. Do you see a need that we can support with funding?

Send requests to givingcommittee@holytrinitylivonia.org and include:

- Project description
- Amount you are requesting
- A brief rationale about the need or why you would like to support the specific project.

Thank You,

The Giving Committee:

Margaret Ash, Linda Schwelnus, Jeannette Wiljanen

GREAT JOB, EVIE!



*Left to right: Pastor Alysa Offman, Evie Chavanak and Pastor Sean Myers.
Katie and Evie Chavanak*

We are deeply proud of confirmed member Evie Chavanak, daughter of Pastor Andrew and Katie Chavanak, who preached her first sermon on Sunday, June 14 at St. Paul Lutheran Church as part of their annual Pride-themed service.

Evie shared her story about growing up in church and experiencing both exclusive and inclusive communities of faith. Her powerful testimony reminded us that our words and theology can shape how young people explore their relationship with God.

Together, we can thank God for Evie and the ways she shares her story to make Holy Trinity and the whole church a place where everyone can belong.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

JESUS SPEAKS TO US: If we were Jesus' disciples, he would speak directly to us in lessons and parables, and by his behavior. Before written scripture and before there were churches, Jesus stories were how the teachings of Jesus were spread from one gathering to another. Such Jesus stories will be the focus of Men's Bible Study beginning Tuesday, June 23. We will meet in the choir conference room, beginning at 6:30pm for snack and fellowship and read and discuss how Jesus speaks to us in this modern time with our modern challenges. There is a place for you here. Join us. — *Paul Stratton*



SUMMER SERVE

Every August, Holy Trinity members gather to serve both in our church and in the community. Traditionally, this program has been called **Work Camp**. This year, we're rebranding this service opportunity as **Summer Serve**.

While the plans for Summer Serve service opportunities are not yet set in stone, we'd like you to put these dates in your calendar so you can be part of this impactful ministry.

Summer Serve: Tuesday, August 18-Thursdays, August 20.

Each day we will gather in the morning to eat breakfast together at Holy Trinity and then work until about lunch time.

VBS PHOTO RECAP



Operation Restoration: VBS 2026 was a huge success. Look for more photos and words on this amazing experience next week.

St. Christine's June needs

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

Ritz and club crackers & Kid friendly cereal

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, Jo, Ron, Robert, Rhonda, Jared,
Elaine, Roberta, Steve,
Eric, Sandy, Monica, Greg, Jay, Judy,
Adam & Shannon, Betty & Skip, George,
Matt & Hillary, Ed, Steve Y., Carrie, Donna, Terry

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:

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39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia MI 48154

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.





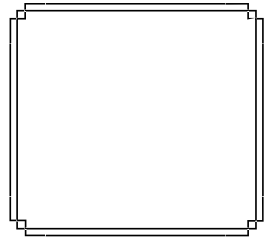
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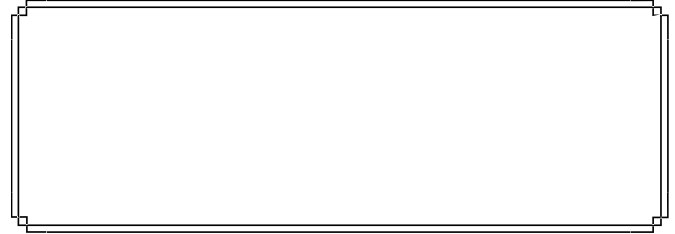
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Return Service Requested



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

Senior Pastor: **Andrew Chavanak, OLF** pastorandrew@holytrinitylivonia.org

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