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# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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JULY 20-26, 2025

## Gather, Worship, & Learn

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

Worship replay available instantly on Facebook & YouTube

### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, JULY 20

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

### JESUS & ME

Children's Bible Lesson  
*Takes place during worship*

### COFFEE TIME

*Fellowship Hall • After Worship*

### DINNER CHURCH WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

with Jubilee Food Truck

*Doors at 5:30 p.m.*

*Worship at 6 p.m.*

### BOOK CLUB TUESDAY, JULY 29

*Prayer Parlor • 6 p.m.*

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

*Prayer Parlor • 7 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 20, 2025

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**FIRST  
READING**  
Colossians 1:18-25

**GOSPEL  
READING**  
Luke 10:38-42

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## UNEXPECTED AND INTENTIONAL DISTRACTION

As digital tablets and smart phones keep us busy and on the go, today's gospel reminds us of a struggle: when are we to set aside our busy calendars, duties, and to-do lists and simply rest in God's presence, listening to what God has to say to us? This tension mounts in our gospel as Jesus addresses Martha's busyness, worry, and distraction, juxtaposed with Mary's contemplation, focus, and desire to sit at the feet of the great teacher.

But is "quietly sitting" even possible in our age of distractions? Perhaps we can find helpful advice in our first reading, as Abraham rests in the heat of the day. In that time of rest, he was ready to receive the three guests who came bearing the news that Sarah would have a son, fulfilling God's promise given years earlier. With the heat keeping him from moving on to other things, the guests had Abraham's undivided attention. These readings remind us how crucial it is to set aside time to spend with God. We might even wonder what sort of things Jesus was saying to Mary.

Were they profound words, akin to the "mystery" the author of Colossians addresses in the epistle? Jesus was the person in whom God was pleased to dwell, that same one who is "the hope of glory."— *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](http://lutheranfranciscans.org).



# WORKCAMP RETURNS TO HT

## ALL ARE INVITED!

Mark your calendars for August 12-14. We will meet at church around 8:30 am each morning and return by about 2 p.m. Holy Trinity will have three days of service with various organizations in our neighborhood.

**Tuesday, August 12** - Plans are still in the works, so stay tuned for details.

**Wednesday, August 13** - We will host a fun event at Samaritas Wayne County Family Center. We will provide games and crafts for the residents, as well as lunch served from the Jubilee Food Truck, followed by entertainment from Crazy Craig. We hosted a similar event last year which turned out to be a lot of fun for both the residents and for Holy Trinity participants.

**Thursday, August 14** - We will go to Micah 6 Community in Pontiac to work in their community garden. Micah 6 Community is a 501(c)3 nonprofit community development corporation serving Pontiac, Michigan since 2012 through their community gardens, kids programs, and large community events.

Please plan to join us. More details will be available soon. Signup sheets will be posted in the hallway. Contact Debbie LaFontaine ([dlafontaine@holytrinitylivonia.org](mailto:dlafontaine@holytrinitylivonia.org)) if you have questions.





# **GOD SIGHTING: SCENES FROM THE PRAYGROUND**

After JAM on Sunday, I went and sat in the Prayground with the kids and was blessed to have a couple of God sightings while I was there.

First, two of the children, Izzy and Clare, were sitting at the little table together, coloring. They were not just coloring side by side, by working on the same coloring sheet, each taking a turn coloring a part. As they were working, they were whispering to one another about their work. It was refreshing to watch their interactions and see them growing in relationship with each other.

Second, when it was time for Communion, little Ruby jumped right up, anxious to go up to the altar for her blessing. As she jumped up, she turned to me and said, "Come with us!" It warmed my heart that she wanted to make sure to invite me to join her for communion. Isn't that what we should all be doing — enthusiastically inviting others to God's table?

God is at work in the Prayground, even when it gets a little noisy! — *Debbie LaFontaine*

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## **YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT GOES HERE!**

Want to keep people informed about your ministry, project, team, or upcoming event? Our robust and well-read announcements page is the way to do it! Here's how:

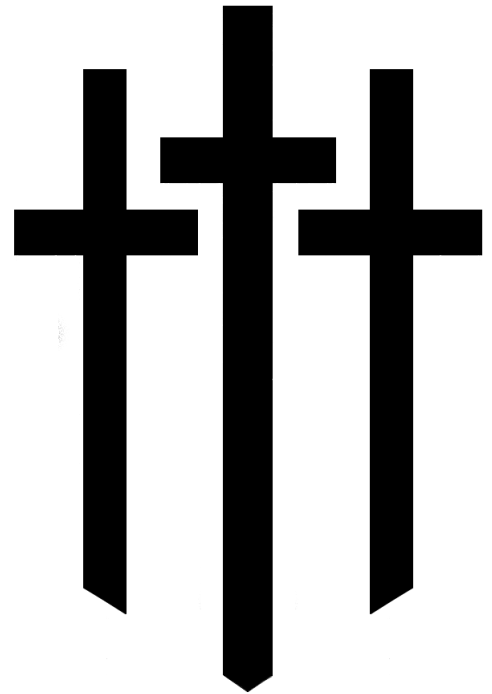
Email [communications@holytrinitylivonia.org](mailto:communications@holytrinitylivonia.org) all relevant information by Monday at noon to be included in that week's announcements page. Bonus points if you include a photo or graphic to go along with it!

If you would like a spoken announcement during worship on Sunday, please contact Pastor Andrew or Vicar Alysa prior to worship. This helps us to be thoughtful about the announcements we share during our assembly. ***Unless you have spoken to our pastoral team ahead of time, please do not plan to share an announcement during worship.***

# NEWS FROM HTLC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The new Board of Directors met together on Monday evening. New officers for the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year are as follows: President - Debbie LaFontaine; Vice-President - Ruth Hagen; Secretary - Eric Nelson; Member-at-Large - David Doyle. You can contact all members of the Board of Directors, including the pastors, by sending an email to [board@holylivonia.org](mailto:board@holylivonia.org). Your questions, suggestions, and feedback are always welcomed.

We would like to again acknowledge and thank Michelle Spunar and Sherri Wisniewski for their service on the Board. Michelle and Sherri have both made valuable contributions to the Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. Thank you Michelle and Sherri!



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## 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

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Kim, Dorisann, Karl, Sandy, Barb, Rhonda, Kevin, Bob, Ed, Bonnie, Vickie, Will, Hugh, Martha, Chase, Lauri, Erik, Jodi, the Robinson family, the friends and family of Suzanne Generose

*To submit a prayer request call Sue Corney **OR** email [prayers@holytrinitylivonia.org](mailto: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.*

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## GIVING INFORMATION

### Giving Online

**Visit [HolyTrinityLivonia.Org/Give](https://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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