



# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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May 31-June 6, 2026

## Gather, Worship, & Learn

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

Worship replay available instantly on Facebook & YouTube

### HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY MAY 31, 2026

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



### FAITH CAFE SATURDAYS

*Panera Bread • 9 a.m.*

*37800 Six Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152*



### CELEBRATION OF DR. DAN'S MUSIC MINISTRY SUNDAY, MAY 31

*Cake reception following worship*

### SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY SUNDAY, JUNE 7

*Honoring Dylan Christopherson*

### CATECHISM CLASS SUNDAY, MAY 31

*Holy Trinity • 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.*

### MEMORIAL FOR BARBARA CARSON GARDNER SATURDAY, JUNE 13

*Visitation • 10 a.m.*

*Service • 11 a.m.*

*Luncheon in Fellowship Hall following  
worship*

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

*Prayer Parlor • 7 p.m.*

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 15-18 • 9 A.M.-NOON

*in partnership with*

*Emmanuel & Holy Cross*

*Held at Holy Cross • 30650 Six Mile Road*

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# SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026



## FIRST READING:

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

## GOSPEL:

Matthew 28:16-20

# I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

In Matthew, Jesus's teaching aims to result in obedience. Jesus teaches to shape behavior, not simply to inform. This is made more explicit in this concluding scene, in verse 20, where Jesus's commission involves "teaching [all nations] to obey everything that I have commanded you."

Jesus's commands, throughout Matthew, are situated in his words and deeds. They focus largely on showing mercy, especially to those most in need of it.

Of course, baptizing disciples is about initiating them and yoking them to Jesus (and to the Father and to the Holy Spirit). Even more so, in this scene, Jesus presents baptism as part of the process of adding collaborators and accomplices to a movement that places mercy and compassion at its core. It does that because it follows the lead of the Messiah who, vindicated through his resurrection, possesses "all authority in heaven and on earth" (verse 18). Baptism, according to this passage, calls the baptized to action and promises them divine empowerment for that action. — *excerpt from Matt Skinner, Working Preacher*

# FEEDBACK NEEDED

Over the last two years, Holy Trinity and our fellow conference congregations have been participating in a pilot program to help people have difficult conversations about challenging topics.

Holy Trinity has hosted five long bridging dinners and many of you participated. *Here's what we need from you.*

**We are looking for impact stories from participants to share with our partners at the Institute of Othering and Belonging and Moses and as well as during our workshop at Synod Assembly.**

If you have an impact story about how long bridging helped you have a hard conversation, please email it to Pastor Alysa at [pastoralysa@holytrinitylivonia.org](mailto:pastoralysa@holytrinitylivonia.org).



# CONGRATULATIONS



**DYLAN!**



On Sunday, June 7, we will celebrate our graduating high school seniors. Every year, our seniors receive a quilt handmade by members of Holy Trinity. The quilt is a reminder that Holy Trinity is a place where they will always belong — even when they are far from home!

This year we are celebrating Dylan Christopherson, who



graduates from Novi High School this year.

Dylan is an accomplished student. He is captain of the swim team and was in marching band all four years of high school. He also participated in boy scouts, and enjoys biking, camping, and working on his car.

Dylan will attend Albion College this fall, where he will continue swimming competitively.

Congratulations, Dylan! God has big things in store for you!

# OPEN SURVEY: WE NEED YOU!



We wanna know what you know!

Holy Trinity is working with LEAD to gather information about how to best communicate with you. Right now, we have a survey open to collect your thoughts. It's about how and where you get information about Holy Trinity. It is a quick and easy survey, but we need you to take it soon. **The survey closes June 7.**

You can take the survey online at this link:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/0198e2e05fd97a2d816376e5f898808b>

Paper surveys are also available. Please contact Eric Nelson for more info!

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## WHY I GIVE

***“We love because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19)***

***“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39)***

GOD FIRST LOVED ME: I give to Holy Trinity to say thank you to my good and gracious God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon me and my family. Everything we have is from God.

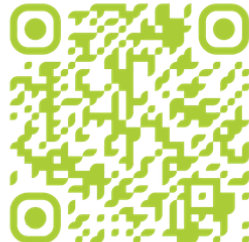
# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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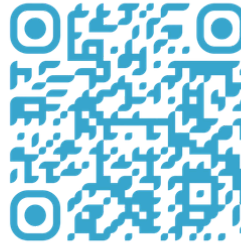


**Date:** June 15-18  
**Time:** 9 a.m. - Noon  
**Ages:** 4 yrs - 5th grade

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



Volunteer Sign Up



Registration Form



## **SPRING INTO GIVING** *St. Christine's May needs*

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

**Canned chicken, canned tuna, spam, and Vienna sausages**  
**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. Christines.



# THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

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Kim, Dorisann, Steve Y., Jo, Ron, Robert, Rhonda,  
Jared, Elaine, Roberta, Neil, Steve, Jenny, Carrie,  
Donna H., George, Kaamil, Janet,  
Eric, Titus, Sandy, Monica, Greg  
family & friends of Barb Carson Gardner

*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](http://HolyTrinityLivonia.Org/Give)

## Giving via U.S. Mail

Checks can be mailed to:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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.*





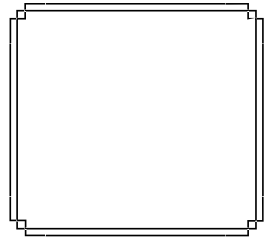
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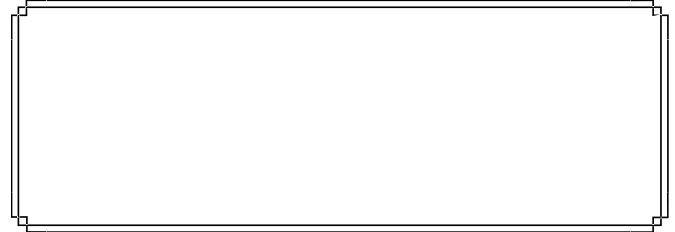
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CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
God's work. Our hands.



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