



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 10-16, 2026

Gather, Worship, & Learn

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

Worship replay available instantly on Facebook & YouTube

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WORSHIP

MAY 10, 2026

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Welcome Center • 7 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH

Prayer Parlor • 11:30 a.m.

BELLS & CHOIR

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Sanctuary • 6 & 7 p.m.

HOSPITALITY TEAM

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Prayer Parlor • 1 p.m.

FAITH CAFE SATURDAYS



Panera Bread • 9 a.m.

37800 Six Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Prayer Parlor • 6:30 p.m.

DINNER CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Fellowship Hall • Door at 5:30, Worship at 6 p.m.

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

Cake reception following worship

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SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026



FIRST READING:

1 Peter 3:13-22

GOSPEL:

John 14:15-21

LOVE, OBEDIENCE, PROMISE

In John 14:15–21, Jesus offers solace and encouragement to his disciples, intertwining the themes of love, obedience, and the promise of the Paraclete. Genuine love for Jesus manifests in keeping his commandments, rooted in the expansive love of God. The promised Advocate, the Spirit of truth, will empower the believing community to embody and proclaim this love.

Jesus begins by directly linking love and obedience: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” This is not a transactional statement but rather a reflection of the nature of love itself. Authentic love is not passive; it is active and demonstrative. Jesus highlights that faith devoid of love is incomplete.

In John’s Gospel, love originates in God, who demonstrated ultimate love by sending his Son to save the world. This love transcends self-interest, prejudice, and parochialism; it embraces all people and creation. For Jesus, true religion is practical and tangible, expressed through acts of love that mirror God’s own. His commandments, therefore, are not arbitrary rules, but invitations to participate in God’s loving mission. — *excerpt from Yung Suk Kim, Working Preacher*

WOMEN'S RETREAT RECAP

Our 2026 Women's Retreat was a great success! Twenty-seven women joined us at the Maryville Retreat Center in Holly for a weekend of fellowship and belonging. We worshiped, played games, talked around the bonfire, rode the pontoon boat, walked the campus, and spent time growing in learning about beloved community and creating spaces of belonging.

Thank you especially to Michelle Spunar, Donna Troike, and Karen Rysztak for planning and executing this retreat. We look forward to more retreats to come!



GIVE THE GIFT OF PLANNING

We are all going to face death sooner or later – and we usually don't want to talk about it. When that time comes, whether suddenly or after a long illness, the people who are left behind are the ones who need to make arrangements for a funeral or other celebration of life. The time after a loved one's death is very overwhelming for the family. You can help to make this time a bit easier by thinking about the details of how you would like your funeral or celebration of life to be handled.

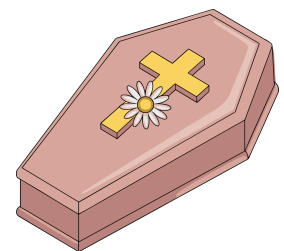
Holy Trinity has put together a Funeral Planning Packet for you to use in documenting your wishes for your funeral or celebration of life. This worksheet details what you would like to be included in your service: songs, readings, people involved, and much more. A copy of this document will be kept in your file at Holy Trinity to assist the pastor and your family in planning your funeral or celebration of life. It is not a binding document, but a guide and starting point for having conversation about what is to come.

Speaking from recent experience, I can say that this document would be a real gift for family members left behind. When my mom passed away, I went looking for this information and was disappointed that I did not find these details in her files. There were a few notes about her wishes which were helpful, but my brother and I still had to fill in a lot of details on our own.

Copies of the Holy Trinity Funeral Planning Packet can be found on the Welcome Table as well as online in our Holy Trinity Information Center. Or, talk to one of our pastors.

Your planning now will be a real gift to your loved ones who will be called upon to make these arrangements in the midst of their own grieving.

Submitted by,
Debbie LaFontaine



WHY I GIVE

“We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift. For we are taking great care to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men.” (2 Corinthians 8:20-21):

NO WASTE, FRAUD OR ABUSE: I can give generously to the ministries of Holy Trinity, and I am free from concern about waste, fraud or abuse. I am confident that my offerings will be used for ministries that make people's lives better. The budget is posted for all to see. Questions are answered honestly. Most of the work of ministry is done by volunteers, and, if I want to know how something is done, I am welcome to join in the work.

FAREWELL TO DR. DAN MIKAT

As most of you know, our Music Minister Dr. Dan Mikat will be retiring at the end of May. There will be reception after worship on Sunday, May 31 for everyone to say farewell to Dr. Dan. There will be cake and other yummy treats. Holy Trinity will present Dr. Dan with a special gift. If you would like to make a gift in his honor, we suggest making a monetary donation to the Holy Trinity Music Fund so that our next music director can continue the same excellence in music that we have come to enjoy with Dr. Dan.

The search for a new Music Minister is in progress. A task force has been appointed: Pastor Andrew, Pastor Alysa, Audrey Andison, Bob Hawkins, Grace Lodeman, Michelle Groven-Nelson and Roland Troike. This task force will be responsible for reviewing and posting the job description, doing interviews and making a recommendation to the Board for someone to fill the position. In the meantime, we have arranged for guest musicians to be with us in worship until we find a suitable replacement. Please pray for this process and the task force that we may find a suitable candidate within a reasonable amount of time.

If you have questions, please direct them to Pastor Andrew.

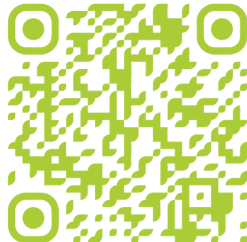
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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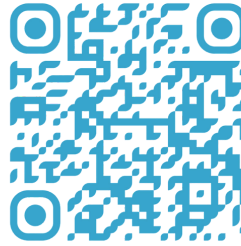


Date: June 15-18
Time: 9 a.m. - Noon
Ages: 4 yrs - 5th grade

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

Kim, Dorisann, Steve Y., Jo, Ron, Robert, Barb, Rhonda, Jared, Elaine, Roberta, Donna, Sandy, Neil, Erik, Judy, Steve, Jenny, Carrie, Donna H.

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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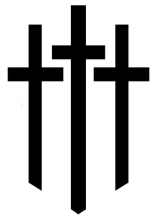
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Giving is an act of worship and thanks to our awesome God! Thank you for the many ways you give to God's mission in the church and in the world, especially your support of the ministries at Holy Trinity.

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.





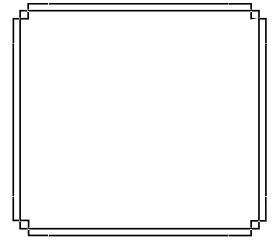
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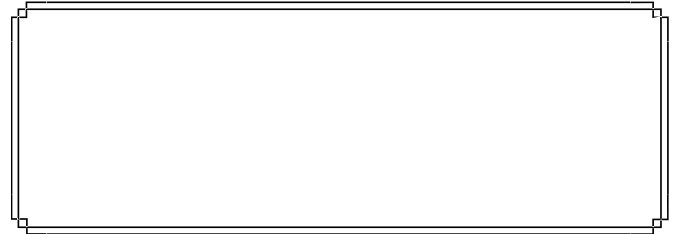
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 CHURCH IN AMERICA**
 God's work. Our hands.



Return Service Requested



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

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

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