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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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APRIL 28-MAY 4, 2024

## Gather, Worship, & Learn

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

*Worship replay available instantly on Facebook & YouTube*

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 28

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

### JESUS & ME

Children's Bible Lesson  
Finding Jesus Under the Sea  
*Takes place during worship*

### COFFEE HOUR

Fellowship Hall  
*Following worship*

### FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH

Sunday, April 28 • 11:30 a.m.  
Prayer Parlor  
Series: *Why Jesus*

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, April 30 • 6:30 p.m.  
Prayer Parlor

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, May 1 • 7 p.m.  
Prayer Parlor

### BELLS & CHOIR

Thursday, May 2 • 6 & 7 p.m.  
Sanctuary

### FAITH CAFE SATURDAYS



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

### SEMI SYNOD ASSEMBLY SATURDAY, MAY 11

Prince of Peace Lutheran church in Ida  
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Please pray for our delegates,  
Dick & Jen Casper, Pastor Andrew, and Vicar Alysa  
and all those attending.

### SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL START THE PARTY

June 17-20  
at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

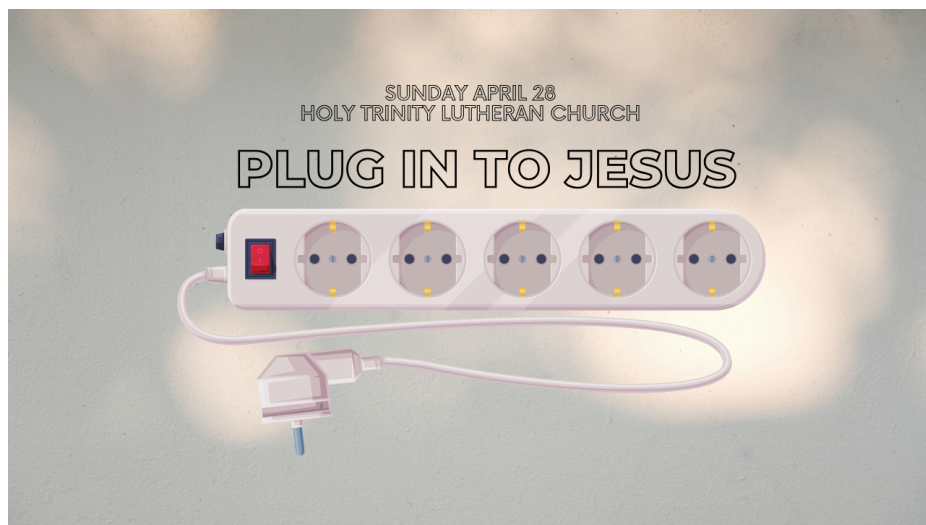


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# SUNDAY, APRIL 28 2023

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## FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

## GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

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### CONNECTED FOR LIFE

A parent stands at the bus stop on the first day of school with a kindergarten student. Another parent lingers in the doorway of a first-year dorm after unloading the final box from the car. These parents are entering new times they will not be present to help their children make some important life choices, and words of advice slip from their lips—eat your sandwich before your dessert, share with others, don't drink and drive, remember who you are. After years of preparation, their children step toward greater independence.

Jesus lingers with the disciples before his death and prepares them for the time when he will no longer be present day to day to help them make their way in the world. Words slip from his mouth: “Apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). These are difficult words as the disciples try to make sense of Jesus’ impending death and the promise of his continued presence.

“Apart from me you can do nothing” may also be a difficult word for a self-reliant, individualistic culture such as our own, focused on personal achievement and success. God is the vine grower, Jesus the vine, and we the branches, who, separated from the life-giving vine, can do nothing.

Yet, these are gracious, gospel words from Jesus. He’s been preparing his disciples for years to take this step. These are words that point not toward individualistic, self-reliant independence but toward dependence on the one whose life defies death and whose perfect love casts out all fear. Connected to the vine, these branches are given a death-defying life free from fear. These are gracious, gospel words from Jesus that point to a community nourished by this life-giving vine and bearing fruit for the sake of the world. — *Sundays and Seasons*



# Welcome to God's family, Gracelynn!



On Sunday, April 21, Gracelynn Marie Ogle was baptized and welcomed into God's family forever. Join us and the heavens in rejoicing as her family commits to raising in the faith, knowing that God's love for her is never-ending and non-negotiable.

Gracelynn is the daughter of Chase and Jennifer Ogle and the granddaughter of Jerilynn Frontiera.



# Finding Jesus Under the Sea

After Easter, the lessons in JAM will be exploring the many wonders of the sea that have been created by God. Children will take a closer look at God's creation of the sea and explore what it can teach us about God. They will focus on various sea creatures - dolphins, crabs, sharks, stingrays, whales, starfish, jellyfish, sea turtles, and more. Please pray for the children and the JAM leaders as they go deeper in exploring their faith. Interested in helping teach one of the lessons? Talk to Debbie LaFontaine or signup in the hallway. Lessons are planned out and support is provided. JAM is always a fun time with the children.



*"Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 8:39 (NIV)*

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## New Series! Fellowship of Faith: Why Jesus

*Why Jesus?*

**Because Jesus comforts us in the hard times.** That's the message we heard on Sunday at our second Why Jesus gathering. This week we will hear another message about the way following Jesus changes our lives. You're invited to this time of storytelling, faith formation, and spiritual growth.

We all have a faith story to tell, and we want you to tell yours. To join the growing list of members sharing their faith story during this series, email Pastor Andrew at [prchavanak@holytrinitylivonia.org](mailto:prchavanak@holytrinitylivonia.org).



# VBS 2024: Registration Now Open!

*Start the Party* VBS is slated for June 17-20. We are partnering with Holy Cross and Emmanuel, with the latter being our host site this year. Registration is now open! Visit [www.holytrinitylivonia.org](http://www.holytrinitylivonia.org) to register your students!

## Why Do I Give to HTLC

*BECAUSE GOD PROVIDES ME WITH ABUNDANCE*

“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”

— 2 Corinthians 9:8.

**This is why I give:** “God has blessed me, and I want to share those blessings with others.”

## Coffee Hour Hosts



Holy Trinity is so blessed to have an established Coffee Hour following worship every Sunday. Hosting Coffee Hour is a special way to volunteer your time, because you're helping to facilitate fellowship and community by simply providing some light snacks, coffee, and tea. And have you noticed how much our kids love running around in the Fellowship Hall together, fueled by doughnut holes and lemonade? They're learning that church is a place where we spend time with our friends and grow in relationship with one another. And we're doing the same thing!

There are several upcoming dates available to host Coffee Hour. Please prayerfully consider hosting this time of fellowship and relationship-building. Once you feel moved to join our roster of Coffee Hour hosts, just pick a date and sign up in the hallway.

# Honoring Women Luncheon

Saturday, May 18, 2024

from 10 am to 2 pm

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church - Livonia



Keynote speaker is  
Rev. Jen Kiefer,  
Assistant to the Bishop for  
Congregation and Synod Life,  
Candidacy



visit [www.semiwelca.org](http://www.semiwelca.org) for registration information



Southeast Michigan Synod  
Women of the ELCA

## What do pancakes, jelly & rice have in common?

Our friends at St. Christine's are asking for **syrup for pancakes, jelly, rice, instant rice, and flavored rice** this April.

Please bring what you can, one or more items this month.

Place your items in the shopping cart near the church entrance and a volunteer will make sure they get delivered to St. Christine's. Any size, flavor, or brand welcome.





# Those for whom we pray

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Emily & family, Steve, Kim, Denise, Dan, Greg, April, Rick, Juanita, Sam, Nathan, Lisa, Katie, Gracie, James, Jack, Kathy & family, Dean, Sandy, Monica

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 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.*

### Giving via U.S. Mail

**Checks can be mailed to:**

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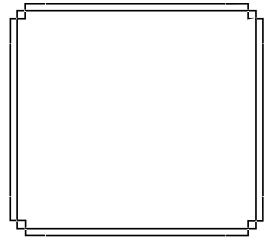




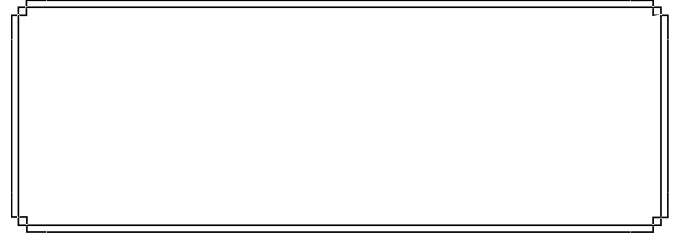
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