

MAY 2024

Sunday, May 5, Communion

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48
Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 15:9-17
Preaching Pastor Hanus

Sunday, May 12

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13
Gospel: John 17:6-19
Preaching Pastor Hanus

Sunday, May 19, Pentecost, Communion

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21
Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27
Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Preaching Pastor Hanus

Sunday, May 26, Holy Trinity, Communion

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8
Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17
Gospel: John 3:1-17
Preaching Pastor Hanus



"How many Lutherans does it take to change a lightbulb? Zero. Lutherans don't like change."

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven..." Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NRSV) And with each season in life will come some change:

- A change in weather
- A change in attire
- A change in diet
- A change in health
- A change in daily routine
- A change in activity level
- A change in purpose
- A change in vocation
- A change in relationship or role
- A change in the place we call "home"
- A change in direction
- A change in _____.

Recently, I was talking with some folks about this topic, because like it or not and ready or not, change is inevitable in this world along life's journey. Yet, not everyone can appreciate the opportunities that change can bring our way, whether personally or within the community. Here at Holy Trinity, we have reason to celebrate some of the changes that are happening (*cont.*)

Mission Statement

Under constraint of the Gospel, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, the mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity is to bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ as his disciples.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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We welcome the Reverend Dr. Janyce Jorgensen, our new Visitation Pastor. Pastor Jorgensen comes to us as a recent retiree from full-time parish ministry. Cliff and I have been blessed to know Janyce and her spouse, the Reverend Richard Jorgensen, for over forty years and are delighted to welcome Pastor Janyce to the staff of Holy Trinity.



We welcome Mr. Christopher Prestia, our new part-time Organist/Choirmaster. Chris brings to Holy Trinity a wealth of experience on the organ bench and a passion and energy for both playing and teaching. We are excited to welcome Chris to Holy Trinity and look forward to his arrival on May 1st.

We invite you to introduce yourself and join us in extending a warm Holy Trinity welcome to both Pastor Janyce and Chris. How blessed we are!

Speaking of blessings, on Sunday, May 19th we shall celebrate the **Festival of Pentecost** and the sending of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's followers, "birthing" Christ's Church. Pentecost is the fiftieth and final day of the Easter season. The Paschal Candle shall be extinguished after having burned throughout the fifty days. It shall be returned to the baptismal font and will burn only at baptisms and funerals until next Easter. Holy Communion will be celebrated, and all are invited to wear red on Pentecost Sunday.



On Sunday, May 26th, we shall celebrate the festival of **The Holy Trinity**. This is the only festival on the church calendar that celebrates a Christian doctrine and not an event in the life of our Lord Jesus. And while it is impossible to fully understand all that there is to know about our Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), we celebrate this holy mystery and the ways in which God has and continues to reveal God's self to us. Holy Communion will be celebrated on Holy Trinity Sunday.

Also, starting in May, some Holy Trinity families will be celebrating graduations and upcoming retirements! We rejoice with you and pray that this milestone time of endings, new beginnings and change will bring much joy and hope and dreams for a future filled with God's richest blessings. Congratulations to all!

And last but certainly not least, many thanks to the Holy Trinity Call Committee members who continue to call upon the power, wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit, as they discern God's will for the future pastoral ministry here at Holy Trinity. This can be a lengthy and challenging task requiring many meetings, long and difficult discussions, patience, and unceasing prayer. We are grateful for your faithful and good work and hold you in prayer.

It is indeed a time of many changes here at Holy Trinity. However, we can be sure that God will always provide for our every need during change and that God's love and presence and promises for us through Christ Jesus, our risen and *ascended* Lord and Savior will **never** change.

(The Ascension of our Lord, the fortieth day of Easter, is celebrated on May 9th this year).
"Christ is risen!" "Christ is risen, indeed!" "Thanks be to God!"

Wishing you the peace of our Lord amid the changes in your life,
Pastor Linda

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Annual Assembly of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA, will be held the evening of **Friday, May 31**, by Zoom, and **Saturday, June 1**, in person at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, York, PA.

Congregations may send two lay voting members to the Assembly. Loren Good and Beth Diehl Petka will represent Holy Trinity, along with Pastors Hanus.



SENIOR COMMUNITY WORSHIP

Communion at Willow Valley - Wednesday, May 15 at 3 p.m.,

Manor North Auditorium

Communion at Woodcrest - Thursday, May 16 at 1 p.m.,

Eagle Commons Chapel

UPDATE from the Vestry President

We Are Busier Than You Think

This article is to make everyone aware of how busy the worker bees at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church are in reaching out to the community. They not only worship on Sundays but during the week in their work for the church. I have placed the event dates in **bold print**. While the newsletter arrives in households on different dates due to mail delivery, and some events may have passed, I do not want you to miss knowing about all the available opportunities.

- 1) Currently the Call Process has nothing additional to report.
- 2) The Annual Report to the Congregation will be presented by Vestry Members during the forum time on **April 28 in the Fondersmith Auditorium**. The Annual Report is a time to notify the congregation of what is going on in the church. It is a time to ask questions you may have.
- 3) Vestry elections are here again. Thank you to all those who provided names to Vestry for the election. Please vote in the upcoming election. Leadership in churches is crucial for effectively guiding the community through changes. The goal of leaders is to help explain what, why, and how while going through transitions. Voting is one way you can get involved.

- 4) Eric R. Riley was our guest organist for **April 7, 14, and 21**. I heard many good responses and loved seeing all who stayed for the postlude to hear him play.



5) Speaking of organist, we are excited for you to meet our new Organ/Choirmaster, Christopher Prestia, who will be filling the part-time organist/choirmaster position. He will be playing the organ on the first Sunday in May. There will be a meet and greet **at the end of April** for all interested voices who would like to be involved in the choir. The **May 12 Forum** is scheduled for the congregation to meet Chris. We feel, through the help of Rob Horton, we have found another talented musician to grace our church and guide us in raising our voices to the Lord. Please check upcoming announcements so you can attend the meet and greets.

6) We would like to introduce another newcomer to our staff. It has been difficult for our nine Homebound Visitors and the Pastors to have consistent contact with our 50 + Homebound Disciples. It was determined that the best solution would be to look for a part-time Homebound Visitation Minister. Through the Lower Susquehanna Synod, Holy Trinity has a year contract with Pastor Janyce Jorgensen. Pastor Janyce Jorgensen very recently retired from her church in York. By the time you receive this newsletter, she will have started directing our Homebound Visitors and visited some of our Homebound Disciples. She will also cover pastoral care needs that may arise. The Pastors Hanus have known Pastor Jorgensen for many years and feel she will be a great addition to Holy Trinity. I hope you will come to the meet and greet when it is scheduled. Until then Pastor Janyce will stop by to be introduced to the congregation on **April 28th**. You will learn more about Pastor Janyce in the future.

- 7) We were lucky to have as a guest speaker, Rabbi Jack Paskoff, to educate us about the Seder on **Wednesday, April 24th at 6:00 p.m.** The Seder is a spiritual, festive holiday meal served in Jewish homes commemorating the Exodus, the historical deliverance of the Jewish people from Egyptian bondage in the days of Moses. Seder means "order." It is called this because the meal is done in a certain order which takes you from slavery to freedom. Hope all who attended this event were enlightened about this holiday festive meal.



- 8) Career Connections is a first-time social networking event happening on **May 15th at 6:00 p.m.** The intent is to reach young professionals (primarily ages 25-40), introduce them to Holy Trinity, and ultimately, the possibility of forming another small group that could meet several times per year and maybe transition to be part of our worship community. The evening will begin with a social time in the café followed by a guest speaker, Deborah Brandt from FIG Industries, and a tour of Trinity. Good luck on this adventure!

- 9) Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund event will be held **May 17th at 6:30** in the church. Each year the MLK Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to graduating J.P. McCaskey seniors who have been accepted to an accredited higher education program and have shown financial need. The scholarships are awarded to those who reflect Dr. King's ideals of commitment to school, community, family, and faith. All funds are raised by the Board of Directors. This year there are 38 participants to be interviewed and \$200,000 of available scholarships. This year, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will donate \$2,500 which will be matched by MLK, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund to present a \$5,000 scholarship in Geoff Herr's honor. Geoff loved everything about this event and MLK staff cared greatly for Geoff. We thank them for showing how much they appreciated his help each year to make their night so special for many young people. This is for you, Geoff!!
- 10) The African American Historical Society of South-Central PA. annual tea is scheduled to occur in **Fondersmith Auditorium on Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. until 2: 00 p.m.** It is an annual fundraiser. Dr. Sheryl Jones-Henderson and Dr. Camille Upchurch are the speakers. Dr. Michael Jamanis from Music for Everyone will play live jazz music along with catered refreshments, and special gifts. Proceeds support the African American Archives Auxiliary of the Western Reserve Historical Society.
- 11) Quest for Learning spring sessions are scheduled **from April 4 through May 9.**
- 12) We have a catering service that is renting our kitchen on Wednesdays starting in April. All the hoops that needed to be jumped through for licenses and permits from the county/city have finally ended. Good luck to Delphine Butcher!
- 13) It takes dedicated people to network, schedule and execute the needs required for the venues and church activities. This kind of outreach is another way of worshiping. It helps Holy Trinity flourish and grow into a favorable and notable environment for all. Thank you to all who share your gifts participating in this jigsaw puzzle for Holy Trinity. You may be the missing puzzle piece that is still needed.
- 14) **April 24th** is Administrative Professionals Day. Even though this date may have passed by the time you receive this newsletter, take the time to write a note or e-mail our two wonderful ladies in the office, letting them know how much we appreciate them. Thank you, Andrea Collins, and Anna Marie Snyder for all you do!

Romans 8:28. "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

1 Peter 4:10-11 says, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms... so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."

Serving is a form of worship, a way to express gratitude for what Jesus has done for us, and to share...

Carol Pennington, Vestry President

BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Breaking Barriers. Building Community.

Our Breakfast Fellowship continues to be a marvelous Holy Trinity Ministry. On average, a warm breakfast is served to more than 100 needy people. Some Sundays we've served up to 170. And, up to 80 or so bagged lunches are provided as well. WOW! Food prep is led by Cathy Dobish. Informal worship by Doug Frazer and Tim Wentworth. Linda Flick shares her talent on the piano each Sunday. Many volunteers are involved. Thank you to those who serve!



EDUCATION

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP 10:30-10:45 a.m. in the Fondersmith Auditorium, prior to Forum.

SUNDAY FORUM

The Sunday Forum begins at 11:00 a.m. in the Fondersmith Auditorium.

Adult Forum Schedule:

May 5th – A Baby Shower with Bethany Christian Services

May 12th – Meet and Greet with Chris Prestia, Holy Trinity's Organist and Choirmaster

May 19th – Amos Stoltzfus – SOWE (Our current Challenge Grant recipient)

May 26th – Lemonade on the Lawn – The tradition continues.

FAITH TALK: Basically Lutheran

Faith Talk continues the series, Basically Lutheran, a discussion of some of the basics of the Lutheran Reformation. While our discussion will concentrate on what makes us Lutherans, we will see that many of our core beliefs are also part of essential Christianity. You can find resources for these conversations at Holy Trinity's website (Small Catechism and Augsburg Confession): www.trinitylancaster.org/about/who-we-are/ You can also find Faith Talk discussions on the Small Catechism and The Augsburg Confession at <https://www.youtube.com/@FaithTalk-HolyTrinity>

Faith Talk meets after the church service, or about 10:30 a.m. each Sunday, in the Library in the Parish House. We also operate a Zoom link if you would like to attend remotely. The Zoom link is available by contacting the church office, or by contacting Doug Frazer. Each class session is independent, so we encourage you to attend when you can.

Schedule of Classes in the Basically Lutheran Series

May 5 The two natures of Jesus Christ - true man and true God.

May 12 God's word is divided into Law and Gospel, and thereby, we can make sense of God's revelation.

May 19 Faith and Good Works: Do Lutherans do Good Works, or is that a Catholic thing?

May 26 The Real Presence in the Sacrament of the Altar and why this doctrine has divided the church, including Protestants, for 500 years.

Next Topic: Starting approximately June 2, we will begin the Gospel of Matthew.

TWIST (Trinity Women in Study Together)
meets Wednesdays at 9:45 a.m. in the Café from September
through May.

All women are invited.

CHILDREN, FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY

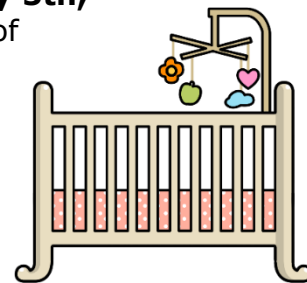
Trinity's Friendship Babyshower

Happy Spring! Signs of new life are everywhere! I have spotted birds building nests to lay their eggs in. I have seen flowers poking through the ground getting ready to bloom, as well as buds on trees getting ready to open. I have also seen numerous expectant mommies who are clients from Bethany Christian Services walking about Trinity's Parish House. New life means new energy, vitality, and most importantly, hope. As we approach the end of our Easter Season, let's celebrate the new life we see around us. Let's celebrate our new lives with God made possible by Jesus' resurrection, and let's celebrate a new life for Trinity Lutheran Church, as we navigate through this time of transition in our church.

To celebrate new life, we are having a baby shower on **Sunday, May 5th, following worship** in Fondersmith Auditorium. A baby shower gift of diapers (any brand, any size) can be placed in the purple bin in the Narthex or in the crib outside the church office in the Parish house.

Everyone is invited to a party on **Sunday, May 5th** with special refreshments and Baby Shower games! All baby shower diaper gifts will go to our friends at Bethany Christian Services and our friends at Breakfast Fellowship. Be sure to listen to scripture lessons on May 5th (1 John 5:1-6 and John 15:9-17). The lessons use the image of the risen Christ to show friendship, love, and a deep mutuality of the relationship into which we all are called.

Children's Sermon Sundays



Please bring your kids and/or grandkids to worship for the children's sermon! Children's sermons are always on the second Sunday of the month. Upcoming children sermon Sundays are **May 12th, June 9th, July 14th, and August 11th.**

Summer Bible Story Time

Sunday, May 19th, is the festival of Pentecost, which marks the last day of Children's Sunday School for the academic year. Everyone is invited to **wear red** to church and Sunday School that day! However, during the summer on **Sundays, June 9th, July 14th, and August 11th**, children can hear a Bible story in Holy Trinity's Cafe following worship at 10:45 a.m. The theme for the summer stories is **Pentecost Parables**; stories that turn our world upside down! The story time will be designed for the 12 & under crowd, but all ages are welcome to attend.



Make Waves Vacation Bible School

Our theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is called "Make Waves;" a VBS that encourages every child to know that with God's power in them, they can change the world!

We are partnering with Grace Lutheran Church, 517 North Queen Street, to offer VBS this year. We will meet Wednesday evenings throughout the month of June and finish up in July. Each evening will begin with a family dinner at 5:30 p.m. The dates, locations, and nightly themes are below:

- **June 5th**, Grace Lutheran - God made people with a purpose.
- **June 12th**, Holy Trinity - Jesus invited people to follow him.
- **June 19th**, Grace Lutheran - You can trust Jesus with your life.
- **June 26th**, Holy Trinity - Love others the way Jesus loves you.
- **July 10th**, Grace Lutheran - God can help you change the world around you.



This is a family-style Vacation Bible School, parents are encouraged to attend and participate with their children, tweens, and teens! No one is too young or too old for VBS! Contact Rachel for information regarding parking when Grace Lutheran hosts VBS. There is a registration form in this newsletter. Fill it out and snail mail, email, or drop it off at Trinity Lutheran's Office. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School. Volunteer roles needed include registration and greeters, game station, and extra help in the kitchen to serve dinner to families before VBS starts. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Rachel at rachel@trinitylanaster.org. Thanks!

*Rachel Kramer,
Director of Children's and Family Ministry*

Make Waves Vacation Bible School
Wednesday, June 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and July 10th
Starting at 5:30 pm with a family dinner

Child(ren) Name(s): _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone # & Email: _____

Permission to Participate: I give my child(ren) _____
permission to participate in Make Waves Vacation Bible School.

Choose one:

_____ Without restrictions

_____ With restrictions (please list all food and medical allergies and any special considerations)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Media Release: I/we understand that, during Vacation Bible School, the participant may be photographed or recorded and hereby authorize and agree to Holy Trinity's use, reuse, and distribution of images and recordings for any purpose, including, but not limited to educational, Facebook, and other public media as may be deemed appropriate. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will not include children's names in such publications.

_____ I have read and understand that my child may be photographed/recorded during VBS.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

ONLINE/DIRECT DEPOSIT GIVERS

Thank you for your generosity!

Online giving is an option for those who want to contribute to support the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity Church. To make an online gift, open the Camera App on your phone and scan the QR code on this page. You will be directed to a secure webpage to make a contribution. Thank you for your generosity!



A laminated blue card is available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate as an act of worship, symbolizing the gift you have given using online, direct deposit, or other means.

COMMUNITY

THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Martin Luther King, Jr Scholarship Fund was established in 1982 when a group of teachers from Lancaster's Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School along with civic leaders of the Southeast Community, and Holy Trinity pastors began the program and decided to contribute toward a scholarship for a graduating senior at McCaskey. The student needed to be planning to go on for post-secondary education and had attended King



Elementary. Today, any graduate of the McCaskey Campus is eligible to apply. Applicants must demonstrate academic excellence, service to school and community, financial need, and the values of Martin Luther King, Jr. Generally the scholarship is used the first year of their education. However, some scholarships total \$25,000 and they can be used throughout their education. In 1982, one scholarship for \$500 was awarded. In 2023, 38 scholarships were awarded totaling \$254,500. A \$5,000 scholarship is presented each year from Trinity. This year there will also be an additional \$5,000 Trinity and Board scholarship presented in memory of our sexton, Geoff Herr who passed away in May 2023. Over \$1,000,000 has been given away since 1982.

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The awards ceremony will be held in our sanctuary on **Friday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m.** All are invited to attend. Thanks to our volunteers, it will also be available on Facebook and YouTube. A small reception will be held after the ceremony in the Fondersmith Auditorium.

The board of the MLK, Jr. Scholarship wants to thank Trinity for all of the assistance given over the years, especially from Geoff, and those members of Trinity who contribute every year.

Susan Garofola, MLK, Jr. Board Member and Trinity representative

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY WALKING TOUR

The African American Historical Society's walking tours begin on **Saturday, May 4.** Groups depart from the Lancaster Visitors' Center, 38 Penn Square, Lancaster City. Conductors lead guests on a tour of twelve sites around town, including four with connections to the Underground Railroad.

Go to <https://www.aahsscpa.org/programs> for ticket prices and the complete schedule.

LANCASTER HISTORICAL TOURS



Historic Lancaster Walking Tours have begun for the 2024 season. Each Tuesday, Holy Trinity's sanctuary is open for guests who have signed on for the tour. There are two tours daily. As you'd expect, those visiting are most appreciative of the opportunity to see our beautiful space and learn of Trinity's history.

May 1 John 14:18-31
May 2 Acts 10:1-34
May 3 Psalm 98
May 4 Mark 10:42-45
May 5 John 15:9-17
May 6 1 Timothy 6:11-12
May 7 1 Timothy 6:13-16
May 8 Mark 16:19-20
May 9 Luke 24:44-53
May 10 Psalm 47
May 11 John 16:4-11
May 12 John 17:6-19
May 13 Philippians 1:3-11
May 14 Titus 1:1-9
May 15 John 16:16-24
May 16 1 Corinthians 15:42b-49
May 17 Psalm 33:12-22
May 18 John 7:37-39
May 19 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
May 20 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
May 21 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
May 22 John 20:19-23
May 23 Romans 8:1-8
May 24 Psalm 29
May 25 John 15:18-20, 26-27
May 26 John 3:1-17
May 27 Revelation 4:1-8
May 28 1 Corinthians 2:1-10
May 29 Mark 4:21-25
May 30 Romans 3:1-8
May 31 Psalm 103:1-13, 22

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Rev. Dr. Janyce Jorgensen, Visitation Pastor, Christopher Prestia, Organist and Choirmaster
Rachel Kramer, Director of Children's and Family Ministry; Loren Good, Director of Marketing

For centuries, this has been a place of inspiration and courage. We are devoted to breaking barriers between people through social outreach and by providing a nurturing environment that embraces all viewpoints in hearty discussions about faith. We are passionate and unwavering in our pursuit to build a thriving community.

We are Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

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