



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of September 7 - 14, 2025

Our Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
- 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
- 10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org

New Ministry Opportunities

Church Fam Connect Resumes Sunday, September 7

Our Sunday morning learning time for all ages will resume on September 7th and happen each Sunday from 9:20-9:50 am (between worship services). This is a time to deepen faith as our Church Fam Connects with:

- the Bible story for each week and
- our church family.

Whether you attend Church Fam Connect after worshipping at the 8:30 service or prior to the 10:00 service, you'll encounter God through conversation, song, storytelling, group activity, prayer and blessing.

Church community provides a unique opportunity for enrichment through intentional interaction across the diversity of generations. Everyone's participation helps nurture this ministry in unique ways. Please join us!

The New Season of *Concerts at Holy Trinity* is here!

Join us for an uplifting afternoon of organ music when our own Artist-in-Residence, Joshua Brodbeck, kicks off the 15th season of *Concerts at Holy Trinity* on **Sunday, September 28 at 4:00 p.m.** This season features a diverse lineup of artists who bring their musical gifts to enrich and inspire. Watch your mail for this year's schedule. Please join us on September 28th and invite a friend!

Together in Christ

Abiding in God's eternal Word, embodied by Jesus and active in us

The 2025-2026 Theme Team has drawn this year's ministry theme from the weekly Bible passages for Year 4 of the Narrative Lectionary. "Christ" is central to the theme, given the unique opportunity presented by the gospel of John, serving as the foundation for Year 4, focusing on the dimension of Jesus' identity, which is different from the emphasis in the synoptic gospels.

Our worship dismissal for the year will be **"Go in peace, together in Christ. Thanks be to God!"**

Here "Together" intends to encourage us, embolden us and empower us to be sent into the world, knowing that whatever our age, color, sex, politics, and so on We go together in Christ, whose infinite, gracious love unites us.

Opportunities to Serve at Holy Trinity

The start of a new ministry year is a great time get involved, rediscover or explore new ministry opportunities. Here are just a few groups resuming this fall that are always looking for new faces:

Bell Choir – meets Thursdays from 6:30-7:20 pm. Rings seasonally at 10:00 am worship. Contact Josh Brodbeck for more information or to get connected.

Card Ministry – meets the third Thursday of the month from 1:00-3:00 pm in the church library. Sends greetings of support and celebration. Contact Joanne Duncan for more information or to get connected.

Chancel Choir – meets every Thursday from 7:30-8:30 pm. Sings weekly on Sundays at 10:00 am worship. Contact Josh Brodbeck for more information or to get connected.

WELCA Bible Study – meets the last Tuesday of the month from 10:00-11:00 am in the church library. Led by a rotation of attendees. Contact Genie Craven or Shirley Boyd for more information or to get connected.

Welcome Center Greeters – Welcome people as they arrive for 10:00 worship service. Serve as scheduled, approximately once every 6-8 weeks. Training is provided. Contact Josh Brodbeck for more information.

Trinity Seminary Sunday - September 14, 2025

On Sunday morning, September 14, Holy Trinity looks forward to welcoming Trinity Seminary Interim Dean Rachel Wrenn and Director of Congregational Engagement and Advancement Rev. Mary Ann Seifke for Trinity Seminary Sunday. Dean Wrenn will serve as preacher for the day with Pastor Seifke bringing greetings. Then at 11:15am after 10:00 worship, both will be available in the Conference Room for conversation about seminary education today. It will be a great opportunity to connect with one of the ministries that Holy Trinity supports with 1% of all offerings received.

Bio for Dr. Rachel Wrenn

Dean Wrenn teaches biblical studies at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Her research interests include the Psalms, biblical bodies and emotions, divine-human relationships, and Old Testament roots of the New Testament. Dr. Wrenn has published multiple articles on anger in the Psalms and in liturgies.

Dr. Wrenn is an ordained Lutheran (ELCA) pastor. A sought-after presenter, she often speaks at pastoral gatherings and lay church conferences. Dr. Wrenn has also written multiple articles on biblical commentary and preaching for WorkingPreacher.org. She is the co-host of the podcast First Reading, an Old Testament lectionary podcast for preachers and teachers of the Bible (<https://firstreadingpodcast.com/>). Dr. Wrenn invites and challenges her students to experience both the delights and the difficulties of the biblical text.

Bio for Rev. Mary Ann Siefke

Pastor Siefke is a graduate of Muskingum College and Trinity Lutheran Seminary. She now serves as Director of Congregational Engagement and Advancement for Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

Expect the Unexpected - Financial and Career Planning for an Uncertain Time Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 5:30-7:00 pm

Holy Trinity's **Hot Topic Happy Hour** for September will be focused on current uncertainty surrounding the financial and job markets. Gathering at 5:30 pm around discussion tables in the Gathering Space at church, career counselor Sharon Hamersley will present and lead conversation on the topic *Resources and Strategies for a Layoff*. Business executive Jeff Sammons will present and lead conversation on the topic *Fiscal Planning for Uncertain Times*.

Whether these topics are relevant to you or someone you know and love, please join us. Chicken wings, thighs and popcorn will be provided. Please bring a favorite beverage, a snack to share and a friend!

Stewardship Corner:

There really is no differentiation between what is ours and what is God's. Psalm 24:1 reminds us, "*The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.*" Quite clearly, everything belongs to God, including ourselves! Contrary to the world that teaches us that our bodies are our own to do with as we please, the Apostle Paul declares, "*You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body*" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Brian Johnson, at Riverside Hospital, recovering from a fall

Nancy Shaw, Cyndy Decker's friend, facing a breast cancer lumpectomy

Prayers for Our Members:

Helen Griffith, UAHS senior, undergoing heart tests

Dick Hardgrove, recovering from eye surgery

Miriam Ringquist, at Senior Start Retirement Village in Dublin, recovering from a fall

Cheryl Kriska, recovering from hip replacement surgery

Gail Svendsen, recovering from a respiratory illness

Floradelle Pfahl, at Ganzhorn Suites

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

Chuck Jentes, Jill Banicki's father, hospitalized with a serious infection

Joe Berkemer, Matt Berkemer's uncle, undergoing chemotherapy

Phyllis Bliss, friend of Holy Trinity, undergoing kidney dialysis twice/week

Wayne Engel, Shirley Boyd's cousin, struggling with cancer

James Gildea, Shirley Boyd's friend, recovering from a fall that fractured vertebra in his neck

Betty Mak, Shirley Boyd's friend, undergoing daily home dialysis

Pom, Na Brown's friend, who recently suffered a stroke

Violet, Carolyn and Clyde Cramer's neighbor's 8-year-old granddaughter, diagnosed with leukemia

Joe Stone, Genie Craven's son-in-law, dealing with the result of neck surgery

Tommy and Rosey Brackett, Cyndy Decker's friends, who were seriously injured in an ATV accident

Abby Moeller, Kristin Farley's friend's 14-year-old daughter, recovering from an ATV accident

Tim Curry, Bev Farrell's brother and JoAnn Curry's brother-in-law, struggling with Parkinson's

Melissa, Sue Ferguson's daughter, diagnosed with colon cancer

Alan Greiner, Barb Keller's brother, dealing with multiple serious medical issues

Rodney Larson, Don Larson's brother, diagnosed with cancer

Pastor Aaron Layne, All Saints Lutheran Church, Worthington, recovering from colon surgery

Darvin Williams, Chase Leibold's coworker, undergoing chemotherapy for cancer

Nate Poole, Janet Maxwell's friend, following a severe neck injury resulting in paralysis

Darlene Madden, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with cancer

Chris Stewart, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with cancer

Maggie Carr Miller, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with cancer

Squire Aschinger, John & Judy McKittrick's nephew, diagnosed with cancer

Julianna Nemeth, Mary Nemeth's daughter, recovering from brain surgery

Lucas, Susan Poling-Jones and Tony Jones' nephew, recovering from seizures and a brain bleed

Heidi McCarthy, Susan Poling-Jones' friend and mother of 3 children, undergoing radiation for breast cancer

Stephanie Gotemoeller, Susan Poling-Jones' friend, undergoing radiation following breast cancer surgery

Ben Souders, Susan Poling-Jones' friend's son, diagnosed with bipolar disorder

Terry and Pam Reed, Dave Reed's parents, struggling with complications of Terry's Parkinson's Disease

Kristin, Miriam Ringquist's niece, dealing with mental health issues

Lois Rozenquist, Susan Setterlin's friend, battling non-operable lung cancer

Leia Kaufman, Suellen Sharp's cousin, in the ICU at Riverside

Caitlyn Carey, Matt & Suellen Sharp's sister-in-law, diagnosed with cancer

Amy Lavoie, Becky Warnement's cousin, battling a recurrence of lung cancer

Those affected by natural disasters, the Armed forces, victims of terror, and all those on the margins of society most vulnerable to unrest, oppression and exploitation.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers beautify our worship space and are a lovely way to acknowledge special events or remember loved ones. There are currently many openings for altar flower memorials and dedications in the coming months. You can sign up at the flower table next to the Info Center in the Gathering space or by contacting

the church office at 614-486-9433 or laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org. Checks, electronic drafts, or credit card payments can be made payable to Holy Trinity with “flowers” noted in the memo line. The cost is \$35.

News of Embrace Ministries

Audit Team to Lead Discernment around Employee Retention Tax Credit

Along with other churches and businesses across the country, Holy Trinity applied for an Employee Retention Tax Credit [ERTC] from the Internal Revenue Service [IRS] in December 2023. The congregation qualified for an ERTC because our income over the second, third and fourth quarters of 2020 as well as the first, second and third quarters of 2021 was less than the same quarters in 2019.

Due to a backlog in applications, the IRS didn't process our application until July 2025, at which time we received a credit in the form of checks totaling \$283,794.41. That amount has been temporarily deposited to the church's Special Gifts Fund. Holy Trinity's Audit Team will be leading Council's discernment of a faithful way to share, apply and invest those funds across ministries of the congregation and preschool alike, each of which retained its staff leadership during the course of the pandemic. That discernment will be reported as part of the 2025 Annual Meeting that will be conducted on Sunday, January 25, 2026. Co-chairs of the Audit Team are Council Treasurer Nicole Carothers and Financial Secretary Peter Ward.

News of Empower Ministries

Habitat for Humanity Update

The Northwest Partners are doing great things at the Habitat house located at 1493 Arlington Ave. in Linden. We are working on flooring, installing doors and trim carpentry as well as finishing up porch handrails. We will be on to painting and touch up soon. It's getting close! Come on out and lend a hand! No experience required! Please contact Benson Ross at detailsdetails96@gmail.com for more information.

Impacting Community Discussion Series

First English Lutheran Church, in connection with Urban Connections, is sponsoring a discussion series on issues critical to the well-being of the community. The events will take place on the 4th Sunday of the month at First English. The next event will be **Sunday, September 28, from 4:30-6:00 pm** when the focus will be mental health and feature a speaker from ADAMH. For additional information, please contact Becky Warnement at bwarnement124@gmail.com or info@urban-connections.org.

Empowerment Shelf - September 2025

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Social Justice Parenting, *We Are Not Broken*, and *On Savage Shores: How Indigenous Americans Discovered Europe* are books of note. This literature intends to expand our awareness, theology and/or acceptance of diverse viewpoints. We in Neighbor-to-Neighbor hope you'll discover how these writings from various generations embrace what it means to be human and to walk in spirit. ...

Social Justice Parenting by Baxley, Traci.

So often, this diversity professor suggests, parents make choices based on what's best for their children, versus what's best for all children in their community. Dr. Baxley helps readers take inventory of their actions and beliefs, develop self-awareness and accountability, and become role models.

We Are Not Broken by Johnson, George

This is the vibrant story of George, Garrett, Rall, and Rasul--four children raised by their fiercely devoted grandmother. The boys hold each other close through early brushes with racism, memorable experiences at the family barbershop, and first loves and losses. And with Nanny at their center, they are never broken. George M. Johnson captures the unique experience of growing up as a Black boy in America through rich family stories that explore themes of vulnerability, sacrifice, and culture. For senior high and older readers.

On Savage Shores: How Indigenous Americans Discovered Europe by Dodds Pennock, Caroline.

From the Brazilian king who met Henry VIII to the Aztecs who mocked up human sacrifice at the court of Charles V; from the Inuk baby who was put on show in a London pub to the mestizo children of Spaniards

who returned “home” with their fathers; from the Inuit who harpooned ducks on the Avon river to the many servants employed by Europeans of every rank: here are a people who were rendered exotic, demeaned, and marginalized, but whose worldviews and cultures had a profound impact on European civilization. Drawing on their surviving literature and poetry and subtly layering European eyewitness accounts against the grain, Pennock gives us a sweeping account of the Indigenous American presence in, and impact on, early modern Europe.

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Sunday, September 7, 2025

8:30 am – Morning Prayer
9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
10:00 am - Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study
1:30 pm – WELCA Esther Circle II

Thursday 6:30 pm – Handbell Choir
7:30 pm – Sanctuary Choir

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8:30 am – Morning Prayer
9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
10:00 am - Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
7:00 pm – Middle School Confirmation
7:00 pm – High School Hangout

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – September 2025

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Sept. 7	10:00 am		Elli Cucksey	Karen Larson	Chris Pryor Adam Wagenbach Peter Ward	Herb Maxwell Janet Maxwell	Ben Kaffenberger	Becky Warnement	Terri Michael Joanne Duncan
Sept. 14	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	Ben Kaffenberger	Tom Wuichet Tim Stock	Jody Passafume Jeff Sammons	Matt Fox		Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson Madeleine Guggenaster
Sept. 21	10:00 am	Bob & Barb Campbell	Peg Steele	Beth Myser	Matt Sharp Ben Kaffenberger	AC Cochran Janet Benedick	Tim Rice	Suellen Sharp	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, September 7 – John 1:1-5; Genesis 1:1-2:4a **Creation by the Word**

Sunday, September 14 – John 1:29; Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14 **Binding of Isaac**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

Pastor: Steve Wachtman (steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org)
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