



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of November 23 - 30, 2025

Our Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry
- 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

Advent Workshop

Advent is a beautiful season of preparation as we await the coming of Christ. You are invited to be a part of this joyous journey! After our 10:00 am worship service on **Sunday, November 30**, Holy Trinity will host an Advent workshop filled with fellowship and fun. Come help us decorate the church as we create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for the Christmas season. Enjoy some delicious hospitality snacks as we connect with one another. We'll also reach out to some Holy Trinity friends by signing cards, engaging in a creative craft, and bringing home meaningful devotions. These devotions are designed to guide you and your family through the Advent season, helping to prepare your hearts and minds for the joy of Christmas.

Thankfulness Abounding!

The Lutheran Social Services Network of Hope provides hope and healing for people in crisis. The LSS Food Pantries serve people in need by offering a source of nourishment to families who are food insecure. Active in hunger relief since 1927, the LSS Food Pantries operate an eight-county food pantry system, one of Ohio's largest. The pantries provide emergency food to 3,800 families each month.

This year, Holy Trinity responded to this need by donating **150 Thankfull bags** providing families with food to prepare a Thanksgiving meal. The bags were picked up last Monday for distribution in the coming days. Thank you to all who donated by shopping for food or providing financial support for others to shop!

Cookies for Boulevard Presbyterian Christmas Boxes

Holy Trinity is once again partnering with Boulevard Presbyterian Church in the Community Christmas Box project by donating 40 dozen cookies. Homemade cookies of any kind are welcomed. Please package your cookies in boxes or containers so they can easily be transported and divided at Boulevard. The cookies will create festive plates to be distributed to support survivors of human trafficking through Freedom ala Cart. Be sure to have your cookies on the table in **Holy Trinity's church sacristy** (the room near the parking lot doors just outside of the sanctuary) by **11:00 am Thursday, December 11th**. You can sign up in the Gathering space or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ADA92DA0F9C52-46285693-cookies#/>. Thank you for your ministry to make the Christmas season special for those in need.

Interested in Learning More about Holy Trinity?

A simple lunch gathering will take place on **Sunday, December 7 at 11:15 am** for anyone interested in learning more about Holy Trinity. We'll get to know one another a little better and the ministry we share. People interested in membership will be received later in the month. It would be helpful for planning purposes if you would indicate your interest by emailing Pastor Steve (steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org) or Laura Hudson (laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org) or signing up at the signup table in the Gathering Space.

Congregational Meeting

A brief congregational meeting for the purposes of electing council members and introducing Breeze, Holy Trinity's new online membership database, will be conducted on **Sunday, December 14 at 11:15 am**, immediately following the 10:00 worship service. See you there!

Concert at Holy Trinity

Please join us **Sunday, December 21 at 4:00 pm** when the Brass Band of Columbus returns with their beloved annual Christmas program, a festive celebration for the whole family. A light reception follows. Come for an afternoon of beautiful music and invite a friend!

Planning Ahead for Christmas Eve

Invite your friends and family to join us for any of our worship opportunities on **Wednesday, December 24:**

- **4:00 pm** – Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
- **8:00 pm** – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion and Choir

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Immigration and Refugees Educational Opportunity

Many Christians are currently concerned about issues related to immigration and refugees and want a deeper understanding of the problems. This **Sunday, November 23 at 4:30 pm** at First English Lutheran Church (FELC), Teresa Gibson, Community Engagement Coordinator for Community Refugee & Immigration Services (CRIS), will discuss issues related to this topic. Her presentation is sponsored by FELC and Urban Connections. It is designed for those who want to identify steps that will have an impact on the community.

UPCOMING TOPICS in the FELC/Urban Connections Speaker series include:

- January 25, 2026: Human Trafficking (Freedom a la Cart)
- February 22, 2026: Domestic Violence (LSS Network of Hope)
- March 22, 2026: Hunger, SNAP, and What Next?

Holy Trinity is a ministry partner of First English Lutheran Church (1015 East Main St., 43205) and our support includes providing and serving a free breakfast on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Stewardship Corner

In Titus 3:14 we read, *"Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good...and not live unproductive lives."* One way we live productive lives is by being active and involved in the work of the church. Each of us has a special role to play in extending God's kingdom through the church. God calls us to be participants, not spectators. We may sing in the choir, teach Sunday school, serve coffee, collate bulletins, serve on a committee, or usher. Whatever we do, we need to *"serve wholeheartedly, as if we were serving the Lord, not men"* (Ephesians 6:7). For more information, contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

Prayers for Our Members:

Marge Markowich, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery
Joanne Duncan, recovering from various medical issues
Miriam Ringquist, at Dublin Retirement Village
Floradelle Pfahl, at Ganzhorn Suites

Removed from the Prayer List: (all are recovering well)

Melea Wachtman, eye surgery

Mandy Richards, ear surgery
Donna Marie Jones, medical procedure
Judy McKittrick, broken hip
Brian Johnson, a fall
Helen Griffith, heart testing
Cheryl Kriska, hip replacement surgery
Pastor Aaron Layne, All Saints Lutheran Church, Worthington, colon surgery
Julianna Nemeth, Mary Nemeth's daughter, brain surgery

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

Chuck Jentes, Jill Banicki's father, recovering from major surgery
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
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
Randy Isaacson, Anna Lynch's father, dealing with health challenges
Jerry Markowich, Pastor Dave Markowich's brother, hospitalized with an infection
Mary Ortwine, Pastor Dave Markowich's sister, undergoing health tests
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
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
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.

Rutter Requiem

If you couldn't attend the November 2nd presentation of John Rutter's *Requiem* featuring Holy Trinity's choir and orchestra or if you did attend and would like to hear the beautiful music again, you can now do so at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JF8C8jPOual>. Feel free to share with family and friends!

2026 Altar Flowers

Altar flowers beautify our worship space and are a lovely way to acknowledge special events or remember loved ones. Sign-up sheets are now available for 2026 altar flower dedications. Sign up at the flower stand near the Info Center or by contacting the church office at laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org or 614-486-9433. Checks, electronic drafts, or credit card payments should note "flowers" in the memo. The cost is \$35.

News of Embrace Ministries

It's Christmas pageant time!

Holy Trinity's Children's Christmas pageant will take place on **Sunday, December 14th during the 10:00 worship service.** If your child is interested in taking part in the program, please contact Josh Brodbeck at Joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org or Noelle Fox at Noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org. Rehearsals will primarily be on Thursday evenings from 6:00-6:25 pm through December 11. A simple meal is available on Thursdays from 5:30-6:00 prior to practice. We look forward to another wonderful pageant!

Council Seeking Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for a slate of candidates to serve 3-year terms on Church Council. All confirmed members of Holy Trinity are eligible to serve. Church members are invited to suggest candidates (including themselves) to Council President Chase Leibold leibold.9@gmail.com, Pastor Steve Wachtman steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org or the church office email@engagedbygrace.org or 614-486-9433.

Daily Devotions

A Daily Devotion for the Narrative Lectionary is now available on the homepage of Holy Trinity's website under [Daily Devotions](#).) Each day has a key Bible verse, Bible passage, and a devotion to read. Since our electronic devices (cell phones, tablets, and laptops) are such an integral part of our daily lives, bookmarking the above link may be a convenient way for your faith to be nurtured. The devotions go along with our Narrative Lectionary readings and support Biblical literacy while connecting God's story to our daily lives. Please let Noelle Fox know if you have any questions.

News of Empower Ministries

Habitat for Humanity News

Last Saturday, November 15, the Habitat for Humanity Northwest Partnership had the dedication ceremony of our latest Habitat house, marking the culmination of months of hard work as well as some blood, sweat and tears. It was a wonderful ceremony with all the volunteers, the homeowner and his young family, and Pastor Steve provided the blessing. Congratulations and thanks to all for your help!

Empowerment Shelf - November 2025

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Ordinary Notes, *The Devil's Half Acre*, and *Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution* are books of note for this month. 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. ...

Ordinary Notes by Sharpe, Christina

Explore this series of 248 notes. Their themes and tones, sometimes about language, beauty, memory; sometimes about history, art, photography, and literature—always attend to the ordinary-extraordinary dimensions of Black life.

The Devil's Half Acre by Green, Kristen

New York Times bestselling author Kristen Green draws on years of research to tell the extraordinary and little-known story of young Mary Lumpkin, an enslaved woman who blazed a path of liberation for thousands. She was forced to have the children of a brutal slave trader and live on the premises of his slave jail, known as the "Devil's Half Acre." When she inherited the jail after the death of her slaveholder, she transformed it into "God's Half Acre," a school where Black men could fulfill their dreams. It still exists today as Virginia Union University, one of America's first Historically Black Colleges.

Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution by Winston, Sherri

This story features a young Black girl who summons the courage to fight against her school's dress code. Lotus Bloom just wants to express herself--with her violin, her retro style, and her peaceful vibe, not to mention her fabulous hair.

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8:00 – First English Breakfast Ministry
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 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

Thursday **Thanksgiving Day – Church Offices Closed**

Friday **Church Offices Closed**

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, November 30, 2025 – First Sunday of Advent

8:30 am – Morning Prayer
 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
 10:00 am - Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
 11:15 am – Advent Workshop

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – November & December 2025

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Nov. 23	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Lynn Anderson	Beth Myser	Mark Abell Doug Myser	AC Cochran Janet Benedick	Jared Forts		Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson
Nov. 30	10:00 am		Keith Townsend	Dyann Taylor	Dan Perry Skip Duncan	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Mark Abell	Debbie Cochran	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Dec. 7	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	Keith Townsend	Ron Benedick AC Cochran	Herb Maxwell Janet Maxwell	Ben Kaffenberger	Becky Warnement	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
Dec. 14	10:00 am		Ron Benedick	Ron Benedick	Chris Pryor Adam Wagenbach Peter Ward	Jody Passafume Jeff Sammons	Noah Fox		Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, November 23 – John 14:25-31; Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 **Jeremiah's Letter to the Exiles**
 Sunday, November 30 – John 18:36-37; Daniel 3:1, [2-7], 8-30 **Daniel**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

Pastor: Steve Wachtman (steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org)
 Preschool: Molly Capuano and Jackie Newlon (directorhtcdp@gmail.com)
 Administrator: Laura Hudson (laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org)
 Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck (joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org)
 Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox (noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org)

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