



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of March 15 - 22, 2026

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
- 11:15 am – Adult Faith Formation - Music of the Passion

New Ministry Opportunities

Adult Faith Formation for Lent

Minister of Music Joshua Brodbeck will offer a special educational series the **last three Sundays in March (15, 22 & 29) at 11:15 am** following the 10:00 worship service. The sessions will focus on the music of the Passion, exploring how composers throughout history have interpreted the story of Christ's suffering and death through sacred music, from traditional hymnody to larger choral and liturgical works. Those who attend will gain insight into the theological themes, historical context, and musical expressions that have shaped Passion music across the centuries, enriching their understanding of the Lenten season.

Mark Your Calendars for Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday, March 29

- 8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Palms and Communion
- 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
- 10:00 am – Worship with Palms, Choir and Communion
- 11:15 am – Adult Faith Formation - Music of the Passion

Maundy Thursday, April 2

- 11:45 am – Worship with Communion
- 7:00 pm – Worship with Communion and Choir

Good Friday, April 3

- 7:00 am – Sanctuary open for individual Prayer
- 7:00 pm – Worship with Choir

Easter Sunday, April 5

- 8:30 am – Easter Festival Worship with Choir and Communion
- 8:30 am – Breakfast in Grace Hall
- 9:30 am – Easter Egg Hunt on the playground and front lawn
- 10:00 am – Easter Festival Worship with Choir and Communion

Lenten Offerings Benefit LSS

Lenten offerings and contributions made at our Lenten lunches this year will support Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio. Providing food, shelter, safety and healing, Lutheran Social Services (LSS) is a faith-based health and human services organization that provides housing, health care and emergency assistance to thousands of people every day with programs that serve the whole person and respond to some of our community's most serious challenges. Thank you for your consideration and support of this ministry!

Easter Flowers

Holy Trinity will be beautifying the sanctuary with lilies and other spring flowers on Easter Sunday again this year. If you would like to purchase a potted flower to be part of the display on April 5, please sign up by March 29 at the Collection and Signup Corner in the Gathering Space or contact the church office at laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org. The cost is \$8.00.

Concerts Series Announcement

On **April 18 and 19 at 4:00 pm**, Concerts at Holy Trinity is honored to present **Elisabeth von Trapp** (granddaughter of Baron and Maria von Trapp) in concert with the Delaware Community Chorus and orchestra performing a mass by Haydn. Tickets will be required for these performances. A reception will follow the April concerts to greet Elisabeth and to hear more about her family's journey. [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be here before we know it! People of all ages are invited to the kickoff worship at 10:00 am on Sunday, June 14! **VBS runs Monday-Thursday, June 15-18 from 9:00-11:30 am.** This year's theme is **Snowball Mountain Challenge: Find Your Strength in God.** [All preschool through those entering 5th grade are invited to register using this link.](#) Older youth and adults are invited to serve to help make it a memorable week of faith, friendship, and fun! Please contact Noelle Fox at noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org if you have questions or need more information.

First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity will provide a hot breakfast for our friends at First English Lutheran Church on **Sunday, March 22**, serving scrambled eggs, ham, potatoes, fresh fruit, grits, and breakfast pastries. We will put together sandwiches onsite. **You can help provide items for turkey sandwich lunches by signing up at the Ministry Signup table in the Gathering Place.** Donations of personal items such as toothpaste, soap and feminine hygiene products as well as canned food with easy-open pop tops, such as hearty soups, chili, stew, pasta meals, cups of noodles, mac and cheese cups and ramen (just add hot water) are appreciated for the free pantry. All donations should be delivered to Holy Trinity by Sunday, March 22 by 8:00 am for transport to First English, or you can drop off at the Warnements' home in advance, drop to Becky's office, or bring donations directly to First English, 1015 E. Main St. 43205 by 8:15 that Sunday. To contribute or help serve, click [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948AAAD28A57-62774150-first/61734125#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948AAAD28A57-62774150-first/61734125#/)

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The next blood drive at Holy Trinity in partnership with the American Red Cross is **Thursday, March 26 from 9am-2pm.** You can make an appointment at 1-800-REDCROSS or www.redcrossblood.org/give. Thank you for considering giving the gift of life.

VOSH International – Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity

Next month (April) we will be sending in our collection of glasses to VOSH. VOSH/International believes in the freedom to see. Licensed optometrists, opticians, health care providers and lay people volunteer their time to facilitate the provision and sustainability of vision care worldwide for people who can neither afford nor obtain such care. Please bring your used eyeglasses, lenses, frames or sunglasses to the signup table in the gathering place and put them in the box with pictures of glasses on the outside. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

2026 Lenten Practice – Belonging to Christ

Using Karoline Lewis's book *Belonging* as a guide for our Lenten practice this year, we are working with the book one chapter at a time. We've enjoyed our sessions of Table Church conversation about "Discomfort," "Wonder," and "Trust." Please consider joining us on **Wednesdays at 11:45** around the remaining keys to discipleship from the book *Belonging*. Materials are attached below for you to participate in your own time and place: service video, PowerPoint slides, and prayer practice guide.

I'm praying that our focus on "Belonging" deepens and emboldens our faith together. Please reach out with any questions or impressions you might have. I'll be glad to correspond with anyone throughout the season.
-Pastor Steve

Service Video: <https://engagedbygrace.org/news/2026-lenten-practice>

PowerPoint Slides: <https://engagedbygrace.org/news/2026-lenten-practice>

Prayer Practice: <https://engagedbygrace.org/news/2026-lenten-practice>

Please indicate at the ministry signup table in the Gathering Space if we can order you a copy of *Belonging*. You can also order a copy here <https://www.amazon.com/Belonging-Unlocking-Potential-Disciple-Leader/dp/1791025838> or you can download it here <https://www.abingdonpress.com/product/9781791025830/>

Stewardship Corner

God has given us the freedom of choice. We were not created to act as robots who behave in a predictable and certain way. With our free will, we will all choose our own answers to this stewardship question: "How will we use the resources that God has entrusted to us?" Some will be interested only in serving themselves. In essence, we are all stewards. We will either be stewards for the Lord or for ourselves. When we spend time in God's Word, God will show us how to strengthen our faith so we can fulfill the responsibilities God gives us. May God empower us to say as Joshua said, "*But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord*" (Joshua 24:15). For more information about stewardship, contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Curt McCool, undergoing back surgery on Monday

Removed from the Prayer List:

Dale Svendsen, recovered from a recent surgery and hospitalization

Prayers for Our Members:

Sue Ferguson, at the Health Care Center at Thurber Village, recovering from a fall

Josh Hudson, deployed to South Korea with the US Navy

Jared Forts, recovering from carpal tunnel surgery

Eli Schumacher, recovering from a broken ankle

Michael Cochran, recovering from a fall and broken leg

Marge Markowich, at First Community Care Center, recovering from a stroke

Brian Johnson, at Harrison on 5th, recovering from several falls

Wes Jones, at home, receiving encouraging results from treatment for lymphoma

Peter Ward, dealing with back issues

Joanne Duncan, recovering from various medical issues

Miriam Ringquist, at Dublin Retirement Village

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

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

Don and Beverly Applegate, Josh Brodbeck's grandparents, recovering from a serious car accident

Rob Tangeman, Josh Brodbeck's cousin, who has colon cancer and recently entered hospice
Pom, Na Brown's friend, recovering from a seizure
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
Tim Curry, Bev Farrell's brother and JoAnn Curry's brother-in-law, struggling with Parkinson's
Melissa, Sue Ferguson's daughter, battling colon cancer
Alan Greiner, Barb Keller's brother, dealing with multiple serious medical issues
Tom Kochheiser, Phil Kochheiser's brother, recovering from heart surgery
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
Jan Attanasio, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with ALS
Kathy Poling, Susan Poling-Jones's friend, 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
Ben Souders, Susan Poling-Jones' friend's son, diagnosed with bipolar disorder
Lois Rozenquist, Susan Setterlin's friend, battling non-operable lung cancer
Andres Torres, Juan Torres's father, having heart issues
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.

News of Empower Ministries

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Opportunity

Please join members of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor ministry team on our field trip to experience the "Auschwitz – Not long ago – Not far away" Holocaust exhibition at the Cincinnati Museum Center on **Saturday, March 21st**. The Holocaust represents a sad part of human history, but one reason to study history is to learn from the mistakes. This exhibit is a good opportunity to learn about the horrors of the German Nazis' treatment of the Jewish people and other groups such as the Roma and individuals with disabilities they deemed "undesirable". We will carpool, leaving the church at 8:30 am and returning around 5:30 pm. For more information and to sign up for the trip, please contact Sharon Hamersley at 614-395-9440 or slh1078@yahoo.com.

Empowerment Shelf - March 2026

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Holding Her Own, *American Sirens*, and *Can I Get a Witness?* are the Neighbor-to-Neighbor books of note for this month. This literature intends to expand our awareness, theology and/or acceptance of diverse viewpoints. We hope you'll discover how these writings from various generations embrace what it means to be human and to walk in spirit. ...

Holding Her Own by Todd, Traci

Jackie Ormes was the first Black woman cartoonist to be nationally syndicated in the USA. She was also a journalist, fashionista, philanthropist, and activist. But in post-World War II America, Black people were still being denied their civil rights, and Jackie found herself in a dilemma: How could her art stay true to her signature "Jackie joy" while remaining honest about the inequalities Black people had been fighting? For grades 2-4.

American Sirens by Hazzard, Kevin

Until the 1970s, a 9-1-1 call might bring police or even the local funeral home. But that all changed with Freedom House EMS in Pittsburgh, a group of Black men and women who became America's first paramedics and set the gold standard for emergency medicine around the world, only to have their story and their legacy erased—until now.

Can I Get a Witness? by Blount, Brian.

Brian Blount reads the Book of Revelation through the lens of African American culture, drawing correspondences between Revelation's context and the longstanding suffering of African Americans. Applying the African American social, political, and religious experience as an interpretive cipher for the book's complicated imagery, he contends that Revelation is essentially a story of suffering and struggle amidst oppressive assimilation and that witnessing was the ethic by which John wished people to live.

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Monday

10:00 am – Southern Ohio Synod Bishop's Convocation
 3:00 pm – LSS Food Pantry
 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday

Church Closed for Property Maintenance (Staff is available electronically from home)

Wednesday

10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study
 11:45 am – Lenten Table Church and Book Study *Belonging*

Thursday

6:30 pm – Bell Choir
 7:30 pm – Sanctuary Choir

Friday

6:00 pm – Scandinavian Club Movie Night

Saturday

8:30 am - Neighbor to Neighbor Trip to Holocaust Exhibit at Cincinnati Museum Center

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 8:30 am – Morning Prayer
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Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – March 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
March 15	10:00 am		Lynn Anderson	Lynn Anderson	Dan Perry AC Cochran	Herb Maxwell Janet Maxwell	Ben Kaffenberger	Chris Burton	Joanne Duncan Terri Michael
March 22	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Keith Townsend	Beth Myser	Mark Abell Doug Myser	AC Cochran Elli Cucksey	Jared Forts		Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson
March 29	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	Dyann Taylor	Dan Perry Skip Duncan Doug Myser	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Matt Fox	Dibbie Cochran	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, March 15 – Psalm 145:8-13; John 18:28-40 **Jesus and Pilate**

Sunday, March 22 – Psalm 146; John 19:1-16a **Jesus Condemned**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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