



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of March 29 – April 5, 2026

Our Palm 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

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

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
- 8:30-10:00 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

Thanks for the Food and Fellowship

Many thanks to the people that provided soup and/or bread for this year's Lenten lunches: Jeff Warnement, Zinny Bond, Dave Kriska, Carl & Janice Peterson, Fred Burton, Karen Larson and Nicole Carothers. Thank you all for your generosity and hospitality in making our "table church" very meaningful!

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.

Pastoral Succession Planning

Holy Trinity's Church Council is engaging the Congregation to begin thoughtful planning for a future transition in pastoral leadership. With the understanding that Pastor Steve is anticipating a future retirement in the next several years ([click](#) here for more details), Council will engage the Congregation to determine a succession process so that we are prepared to act when that time comes.

Specifically, the Congregation will be asked to choose the approach that will be followed as we select our next lead pastor. As outlined in the Case Statement for Succession Planning ([click](#) here for more details), there are several options for this transition. In addition to the traditional Interim Pastor approach, there is an alternative Co-Pastor approach, as well as an option to introduce another approach. Since the authority for discerning the approach to call its next Lead Pastor lies with the Congregation as moderated by Council, Council members will facilitate five congregational listening sessions in the coming weeks to discuss these approaches for Holy Trinity and any other approaches that may arise. These sessions will be an opportunity for the Congregation to provide input to discern a faithful path forward.

Please plan to join one of the scheduled Listening Sessions:

Sunday, April 19, after 8:30 am and 10 am worship services

Wednesday, April 29, at 7:00 pm

Sunday, May 3, after 8:30 am and 10 am worship services

Sacred Art on Display

“John Kohan’s calling to sacred art began early: ‘Sacred art has been a lifelong preoccupation, judging from the earliest sketch of mine [that] my mother saved. It is a pencil illustration of Jesus’ parable of “The Sower and the Seed” ... drawn when I was a child of six or so.’ Since that time, John worked as a foreign correspondent to Russia, settled in Cyprus, and continually collected sacred art. He now lives most of the year in the United States, owns the Sacred Art Pilgrim Collection and directs the Art in the Sanctuary exhibition program at Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church in Delaware, Ohio.” (*Imagejournal.org*, Issue 74, Summer 2012)

John has been gracious enough to share with Holy Trinity some of the original sacred art pieces from his collection depicting events of Holy Week. These international works from various artists are currently on display just outside the church sanctuary. Please check them out. John’s collection is on loan to Holy Trinity through Good Friday, April 3. We thank him for sharing these special treasures with us!

Adult Faith Formation for Lent

The last session of Minister of Music Joshua Brodbeck’s special educational series is this **Sunday, March 29 at 11:15 am** following the 10:00 worship service. With 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 hymns to larger choral and liturgical works, those who attend will gain insight into theological themes, historical context, and musical expressions that have shaped Passion music across the centuries.

Stewardship Corner

Most people believe that money brings happiness, so they always want more of it. But money does not bring happiness. Money and the things that money can buy do not produce the good life. The good life is found in a relationship with Jesus and in using what God has given us to build God’s kingdom. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we will hold the things of this world loosely and focus on things that are eternal. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Pastor Larry Baker, Pastor Steve’s friend and colleague, in hospice care with heart and kidney failure

Marge Markowich, at home, recovering from a stroke

Curt McCool, at home, recovering from back surgery

Sue Ferguson, at home, recovering from a fall

The family of Lucille, Vicki Townsend’s aunt, who died last week

Removed from the Prayer List

Michael Cochran, healed from a broken leg

Josh Hudson, returned safely from deployment with the US Navy

Prayers for Our Members:

Judy McKittrick, recovering from a fall

Jared Forts, recovering from carpal tunnel surgery

Eli Schumacher, recovering from a broken ankle

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

Dr. Thomas Anderson, Bill Decker's friend, recently diagnosed with cancer

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.

Concerts Series Announcement

On **Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 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 as well as other musical selections. 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.](#)

News of Embrace Ministries

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.

News of Empower Ministries

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.

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!

Empowerment Shelf - April 2026

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Calling In, *54 Miles* and *Don't Go* are Neighbor-to-Neighbor's 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. ...

Calling In by Ross, Loretta

This author has deprogrammed white supremacists, a survivor who's taught convicted rapists the principles of feminism. With stories from her five remarkable decades in activism, she vividly illustrates why calling people in—inviting them into conversation instead of conflict and focusing on your shared values over a desire for punishment—is the more strategic choice if you want to make real change. And she shows you how to do so.

54 Miles by Pitts, Leonard

March, 1965. Adam, raised in Harlem by his white father, George, and black mother, Thelma, returns to his parents' home state of Alabama to join in the voting rights campaign, only to be brutalized in the Bloody Sunday melee. Meanwhile, his uncle Luther has made a shocking discovery. He's found the lynching murderer of his parents in a rest home, literally at Luther's mercy. And Luther, who has never overcome this life-defining trauma, grapples with the question of what justice demands.

Don't Go by Johnson, Tonika Lewis, and Krysan, Maria

In cities across the US and beyond, we hear "don't go" -- avoid at all costs those Black and Brown disinvested neighborhoods that have become bywords for social disorder and urban decay. This book is a collection of intimate stories that uncover the hidden influence of both subtle and overt "don't go" messages and the segregation they perpetuate in Chicago. One by one, the storytellers upend pessimism with candid, deeply personal, humorous, and heartbreaking tales, and with novel ideas for simple actions that can serve as antidotes to both racism and "place-ism."

Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for March 29 – April 5, 2026

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry
 8:30 am – Morning Prayer
 10:00 am - Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
 11:15 am – Adult Faith Formation – Music of the Passion

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study

Thursday 11:45 am – Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion
 12:30 pm – LSS Food Pantry
 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion and Choir

Good Friday 7:00 am – Sanctuary open for individual prayer
 7:00 pm – Good Friday Worship with Choir

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

8:30 am – Easter Festival Worship with Choir and Communion
 8:30-10:00 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 in person or www.engagedbygrace.org

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – March and April 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
March 29	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	Dyann Taylor	Dan Perry Skip Duncan Doug Myser	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Matt Fox	Debbie Cochran	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
April 3	7:00 pm		Keith Townsend	Keith Townsend	Chris Pryor Peter Ward	Herb Maxwell Janet Maxwell	Ben Kaffenberger	Becky Warnement	Terri Michael Joanne Duncan
April 5	8:30 am		Tim Hudson	Ben Kaffenberger	Tom Wuichet Skip Duncan	MJ Neiman Jeff Sammons	Tim Rice	Nancy VanFossen	Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson
April 5	10:00 am	Bob & Barb Campbell	Elli Cucksey	Beth Myser	Matt Sharp Ben Kaffenberger	AC Cochran Kris Kochheiser	Matt Fox	Suellen Sharp	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
April 12	10:00 am		Ron Benedick	Dyann Taylor	Dan Perry AC Cochran	Nancy Riley Elli Cucksey	Matt Sharp		Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner

Sunday Worship Texts

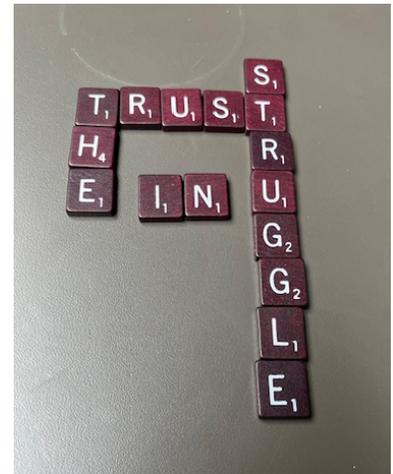
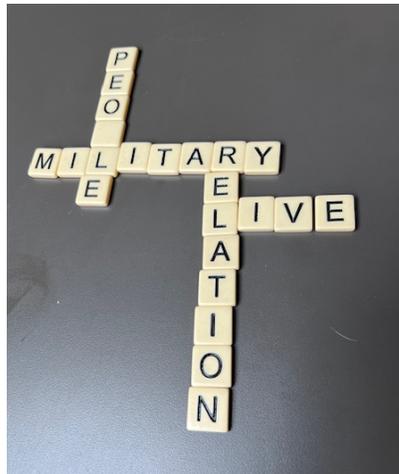
Sunday, March 29 – Psalm 24; John 19:16b-22 **The Crucified Messiah**
 Maundy Thursday, April 2 – Psalm 26:3; John 19:23-30 **Jesus’ Last Words**
 Good Friday, April 3 – Psalm 31:9-18; John 19:31-42 **Jesus the Passover Lamb**
 Easter Sunday, April 5 – Psalm 118:21-29; John 20:1-18 **Resurrection**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

Pastor: Steve Wachtman (steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org)
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 Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck (joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org)
 Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox (noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org)

Lenten Prayer Practice

On Wednesdays throughout the season of Lent, each table church session ended with a different prayer practice. This week's exercise was a Scrabble prayer. Using letter tiles, everyone spelled a word representing something they pray for. Each table then combined their word tiles to realize how interconnected we are through our thoughts, concerns and prayers. Try it at home with a friend or family member to acknowledge how we can strengthen one another and lift each other up.



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