
HOLY TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



SUNDAY SERVICE

10:00 AM

with Pastor John Mack

CROSS ROADS DAY CAMP

August 10th - 14th

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We are a Community of Faith

The mission of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is to follow Christ. We center our lives in the Word of God. Individually and collectively we are called to the work of the gospel.

WORSHIP

July 5th Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

July 12th Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

July 19th Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

July 26th Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

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Worship Volunteers

	Asst. Minister	Usher	Sacristan	Lector	Counters
July 5	Keith Bennett	Dan Grillon	Sherry Lee	Rosemary Lane	Coleman/Spreen
July 12	Chris Foard	Keith Bennett	Pat Pienkos	Emily Kaster	Bradford/Kazmac
July 19	Charlie Rugg	Jill Socha	Carol Rosen	Jeff Ridberg	Carleo/Csernica
July 26	Linda Coleman	Kathy Caputo	Joanne Giordano	Bill Spreen	Volk/Bohner

<https://htlcredbank.org/pages/volunteer-schedule>



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**Summer
Cocktails**

**July 11th, 2026
4:00-7:00 PM**

Food-Drinks-Fun

Debbie Yetka's House
8 Dimisa Dr
Holmdel
Sign up in the Red Book



The Book of Psalms

What Makes Psalms Special?

Psalms is the longest book in the Bible. It contains songs of praise, prayers for God's help, and poems that express trust in God. The psalms express every possible human feeling, including sorrow and joy, doubt and trust, pain and comfort, despair and hope, anger and contentment, the desire for revenge and the willingness to forgive. As models of prayer and praise, the psalms invite people to share every part of their lives with God.

Why Was Psalms Written?

Many of the Bible's main ideas are echoed in Psalms: praise, thankfulness, faith, hope, sorrow for sin and God's loyalty and help. The individual psalms in the book were written and collected for use in worship. Psalms became the hymnbook or prayer book that was used first in the temple in Jerusalem, then in the Jewish meeting places (synagogues), and later in Christian churches. In addition to being used in private devotion and public worship, Psalms has been read and studied by people who wanted to learn more about living as faithful believers in the one true God who created and cares for the whole world.

How Is Psalms Constructed?

Psalms is a collection of one hundred and fifty separate songs, prayers, and poems, it may appear that the book has no meaningful structure. But there are smaller collections within the larger whole. In addition, a similar concluding "amen" verse appears to divide Psalms in five smaller books. This five-book structure may have been meant to remind people that the five "books" of the psalms had the same purpose as the five books of Moses, namely, to teach about God and what it means to follow God.

Psalm 23

1The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

3He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

4Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

5You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

- What are some things you know about sheep?

- What are some things you know about shepherds?

- What do you think the writer of Psalm 23 is speaking about in verse 4 ("Even though I walk through the darkest valley")?

- What does this Psalm say about us?

- What does this Psalm say to us about God?

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Red Bank
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2026 via teleconference
Enhancing Internal and External Communication
Enhancing and Expanding Outreach Ministries
Discovering, Understanding, Celebrating and Empowering the Talents of the Congregation
Fostering a Creative, Innovative Youth and Family Ministry

Council Present:

Pastor Mack
Cynthia Kazmac
Roger Foss
Lauren Bennett - absent
Andy Bohner - absent
Adam Cheek - absent
Linda Coleman
Joanne Giordano
Tammy Grillon - absent
Naomi McKenna - absent
Paul Volk
Rosemary Lane
Chris Foard (Officer of Council, non Voting member)

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting and Approval of Minutes from April 2026 Special Congregation Meeting:

Motion to Approve: Roger Foss
Second: Joanne Giordano
All in Favor: 7
Opposed: 0

President's Report: Cynthia Kazmac

The congregation has had sad news the past few months, but also there has been some good news. We have lost members, yet gained some new members. I am very hopeful for the future of the church.

Pastor's Report: Pastor John Mack

Easter Blessings,

Yes, even though today is celebrated in the church as The Ascension of Our Lord/Ascension Day, we are still in the season of Easter. On Sunday May 24th is the Day of Pentecost we are also going to have two of our young people confirmed on that Sunday. Please join in worship for the festive and celebratory occasion.

Later last month, I received a personal visit from The Rev. Tim Krick. Rev. Krick works with Lutheran World Relief where he serves as Senior Advisor for Congregational Engagement. The purpose of the visit was to offer words of "thanks" to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for its ongoing involvement and support of the work done through Lutheran World Relief.

As many of you know, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has applied for the new Congregational Debt Reduction Grant offered by the New Jersey Synod. These funds were made available through the sale of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fairview, New Jersey. The proceeds will help congregations reduce their mortgage debt. Please prayerfully consider whatever financial contributions you can contribute towards eliminating the mortgage debt at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church!

Thank you to Bruce and Rosemary Lane who will be representing Holy Trinity Lutheran Church as lay voting members at the New Jersey Synod Assembly in Somerset, NJ later this month.

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you!

Peace,

Pr. Mack

Upcoming Church and Community Events

5/24 Day of Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday

5/30 New Jersey Synod Assembly in Somerset, NJ

6/14 Car Wash Sunday

6/21 Father's Day Coffee Hour (Endowment Committee)

Meetings and Gatherings Attended

4/20 Meeting with Rev. Tim Krick from Lutheran World Relief

4/21 Monmouth County Housing Coalition

4/25 Funeral Service and Repast for Johanna Sollog

4/26 Special Congregational Meeting

4/28 Bishop's Ministerium Day in Hamilton, NJ

5/7 Clergy Installation at Atonement Lutheran Church in Asbury Park

5/11 NJ Synod Anti-Racism Team Zoom Workshop on Christian Nationalism

5/12 JBJ Soul Kitchen Day of Hope Walk in Red Bank

5/12 Spring Choral Concert at Middleton South School

Confirmation Class

Weekly Pericope Study

Pastoral Calls: 22

Due to the recent high cost of gasoline and thus increased cost of the daily commute, it was agreed that, temporarily, the Church Administrator could work remotely one day per week.

Financial Secretary Report: presented by Chris Foard

Total for April 2026 down a little. But receiving contributions to the 2026 Challenge and the Mortgage Freedom capital campaign.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Foard

Motion-Approval of the NJ Synod ELCA Mortgage Capital Match Application

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Congregational Council approves the submission of the Application to the NJ Synod of the Mortgage Capital Match Application.

Motion to Approve: Cynthia Kazmac

Second: Rosemary Lane

All in Favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion-Approval of distribution of funds from the Schottle bequest

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Congregational Council approves the allocations of funds from the recently received bequest from the estates of Jeff and Joan Schottle in a manner that differs from the standard allocation method. Specifically, the allocation will be:

- \$1,000 to the NJ Synod as a special benevolence donation
- \$9,000 to the Second Century Mortgage Freedom Campaign

The proposed distribution of funds from the Schottle bequest was discussed with the Schottle family.

Motion to Approve: Roger Foss

Second: Joanne Giordano

All in Favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion-Approval of allocation of funds raised in excess of \$25,000 for the Mortgage Freedom capital campaign

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Congregational Council approves the allocation of any funds raised for the Mortgage Freedom capital campaign in excess of \$25,000 be allocated to the 2026 Challenge.

Motion to Approve: Chris Foard

Second: Roger Foss

All in Favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Evangelism Report: Naomi McKenna

No April report.

Christian Education Report: Lauren Bennett

The Car Wash Fundraiser scheduled for May 14th will again be postponed until **June 14th**, a Sunday. This last postponement will allow for full preparation and a smooth operation. Advanced tickets will be sold for congregants' members cars to be washed during service. A signup will circulate in the red binder for car wash volunteers. Sponges and used towels will be accepted as donations until the day of the Car Wash. Contribute however you can! Reminder that this is a fundraiser for Daycamp extras like the water slide for water day.

Remaining Sunday School dates for the spring:

May- 17 and 31

June- 7 and 14

Importantly, we are looking for a new Christian Ed chair, beginning in January 2027. An announcement will be added to the weekly bulletin and to Glad Tidings: "Holy Trinity operates almost completely through lay leadership (volunteers). On that note, the Christian Education chair will be available beginning at the start of 2027. Working with the children and inspiring young minds is incredibly rewarding! Chairing the committee entails planning and implementing Sunday School, keeping up with other HT educational opportunities held throughout the year for both young and old, and attending monthly Council meetings (at 7pm the second Thursday of every month). Contact Lauren Bennett or the church office with interest or further inquiries."

Social Outreach Ministry Report: Tammy Grillon

Tuesday, 5/12 HTLC participated in the JBJ Soul Kitchen Eighth Annual Day of Hope Walk 2026. We had eight participants (Pastor Mack, Jill, Deanna, Debbie, Molly, Mark C, Lauren, and myself) walk the mile from Riverside Gardens Park to JBJ Soul Kitchen. This is a great event that highlights all the local organizations in the Red Bank area that work together to improve the lives of others.

WELCA

Molly sent a letter to all women members of HTLC regarding WELCA. This letter was sent to welcome members into WELCA and highlight some of the events and mission projects that WELCA supports. We are hoping to get more interest and volunteers so we can continue this ministry.

Upcoming Events:

July 11, 2026 – Summer Cocktails to share good food and fun and will be hosted at Debbie Yetka's home.

Worship and Music Report: Linda Coleman

Usher training/refresher will be held in two weeks. Every 3rd Sunday of the month the Anniversary committee will meet. Suggestion was made to invite the Bishop to church services on the date (to be determined) when HTLC will be celebrating the anniversary. Also could have a service and/or event to which local clergy and past pastors are invited. Thank you to Adam and Bill for removal of the remaining flowers from the garage and clean-up of the garage.

Property Report: Joanne Giordano

Mike Peduto, landscaper, will be mulching the Church property. Bill met with him on May 12 and they are working together to see that the mulching is done according to Bill's specifications..

Mike laid down the fabric barrier Bill had bought and mulch was put down. Bill said it looks great.

Roger contracted a tree service to cut down nuisance trees by the parking lot.

Roger is also seeing that the Throckmorton sidewalk is leveled and made safe.

The ant problem has been solved. I spoke with Deanna about buying a commercial chair rack for the folding chairs in the basement. Having sold the "dangerous" chairs last year for around \$300.00, it would be nice to use the profit to safely store the folding chairs we have on a good rack. I spoke with a stone company about paver stones for the Memorial Garden to memorialize those who use the garden for ash spreading. The company will engrave individual stones to be placed in a designated area near the patio. I believe this is the best option for us to go with. There is little for the Church to do. The families can order their stone directly and have it engraved to their liking. All we would do is securely place the stone in the memorial area. The company is sending me samples.

Stewardship Report: Paul Volk

Paul will check with Deanna to determine if there are "extra" envelopes that can be given to new members who joined after the envelopes were distributed. Will ensure Andy is given the envelope number if given to a new member.

Vice President's Report: Roger Foss

No report for March.

General Discussion

Pastor ended the meeting with a prayer




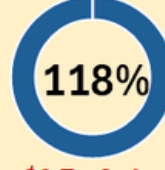


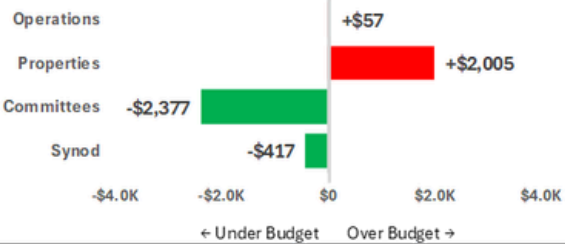
Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm

Respectfully submitted.

Rosemary Lane

HTLC Treasurer's Report

As of May 31, 2026

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May was a very encouraging month financially for HTLC, highlighted by the tremendous success of the Mortgage Freedom Campaign. Total giving for the month reached \$45,987, including \$32,067 in designated giving connected largely to the campaign. As of May 31, the congregation has raised \$29,448 toward the Mortgage Freedom goal of \$25,000 — exceeding the goal by 18%.

We give thanks for the extraordinary generosity and enthusiasm that made this possible. The congregation's application for the NJ Synod matching grant has now been submitted, and the Synod has informed congregations that matching grant decisions are expected by November 1. This campaign represents an important step toward strengthening HTLC's long-term financial future.

At the same time, continued operating giving remains very important. Operating income for May was below budget, though year-to-date giving remains strong overall. Through the end of May, we have raised \$123,137 toward our 2026 operating goal of \$244,000 — 50% of the goal while only 41% of the year has passed. This means the congregation continues to remain ahead of pace for the year.

Expenses in May were favorable overall and finished below budget for the month. As a result, HTLC remains in a significantly stronger financial position than budgeted for this point in the year.

We give thanks for the faithfulness and generosity that continue to support the ministry and mission of HTLC. The success of the Mortgage Freedom Campaign is a reminder of what we can accomplish together, while continued regular giving helps sustain the ongoing ministries that shape congregational life every day.

Quilters Need Help

If anyone is traveling near Mechanicsville, Pa., (near Peddler's Village) and can add a few extra minutes to your trip, the warehouse for shipping quilts, school kits, etc is located directly off one of the exits.

We accumulate many quilts throughout the year and we would appreciate sending some quilts with you to deliver. Any questions, please call Sherry Lee or Elaine Theophall.



Sunday School Spring 2026

January 11th and 25th
 February 8th and 22nd
 March 1st 15th and 29th*
*Easter Egg Hunt
 April 12th and 26th
 May 3rd 17th and 31st
 June 7th and 14th

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Red Bank, NJ

Quilting

Weekly quilting

Wednesdays 9:30AM

The Wednesday quilters will be meeting all summer except August 13th.

Everyone is welcome!

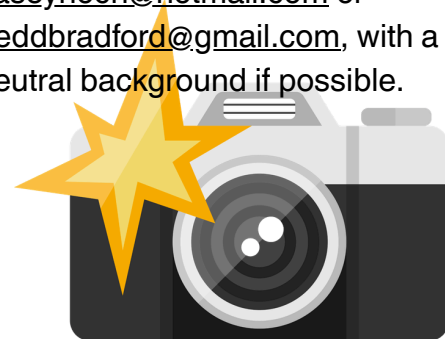
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

GEORGIA BENNETT	JULY 9
KEITH BENNETT	JULY 10
ANDY BOHNER	JULY 25
CIARAN CONNOLLY	JULY 13
ALEXIS GRILLON	JULY 27
BETH KARA	JULY 19
ELLEN MERRITT	JULY 9
THOMAS PRZYBYLOWSKI	JULY 29
JILL SOCHA	JULY 1

The women of HTLC wish to thank the men of HTLC for their incredibly delicious Coffee Hour in honor of Mothers' Day.



Photo directory update: If you did not have your photo taken onsite and would like to be in the directory, please send in one of your own by July 6th to either caseyhoch@hotmail.com or geddbradford@gmail.com, with a neutral background if possible.





WELCA Thrift Sale - Fall 2026

Are you busy doing Spring cleaning or just sorting belongings? Remember the annual WELCA thrift sale is coming this fall and we love donations of new or gently used items! We accept kitchen items, toys, decorations, linens, books, CDs, jewelry, DVDs, outdoor items, clothing, etc.

We are also always looking for volunteers to help with garage sale sorting, pricing, set-up, sale days, and clean up. If you have any questions or want to get involved, please reach out to Molly Foard at foard@aol.com.

Sharing Crop Walk News from Molly Foard

Thank you again for your efforts in raising money, collecting food, walking and raising awareness for our 45 th Crop Walk Event. We raised a record-breaking \$143,000 with 15,000 lbs of food collected. Red Bank was #4 out of over 500 walks in the country, so congratsto US! We hope you are around to help us again this year. Mark your calendars: The 2026 Red Bank Crop Walk will be **Sunday, October 18th at 1pm at Red Bank Regional High School!!**

A colorful promotional graphic for Summer Day Camp 2026. At the top, it says "10TH-14TH AUGUST 2026" around a smiling sun. Below that, "SUMMER DAY CAMP" is written in large, bold letters, with "9 AM-3 PM" to the right. To the left, a blue circle says "GRADES K-6" and another says "ONLY \$50". At the bottom left is the "Wear Love COLOSSEANS 3:12" logo. In the center is the "CROSS ROADS Where Heaven & Earth meet" logo. To the right, a brown circle lists "ACTIVITIES: DRAWING, MUSIC & DANCE, FUN SPORTS, FOOD & DRINK". Below the text is an illustration of three children (two girls and one boy) standing in a grassy field with trees. A QR code is located to the right of the children, with the text "SCAN HERE TO REGISTER" below it. At the very bottom, a brown banner contains the text: "HOLY TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 150 RIVER RD. RED BANK, NJ WWW.HTLCREDBANK.ORG 732-941-9241".



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Your contribution helps ensure that our patients receive the care they urgently need. Support from caring donors like you enables us to respond to multiple emergencies in more than 75 countries, including:

- **Saving Lives in Gaza:** Urgent needs continue to grow even with the peace plan. With your support, since October 2023, our teams have provided over 1.4 million outpatient consultations. In 2025 alone, we have also helped deliver over 13,000 babies safely, and performed more than 26,000 surgical interventions.
- **Scaling up aid in Lebanon:** Since the escalation of conflict in March, we have launched 15 mobile clinics, distributed medicines, and provided mental health care across the country. Your generosity means we can continue to support hospitals with medical expertise and essential supplies, like drinking water.
- **Attacks on Civilians in Sudan:** Drone attacks carried out by warring parties have repeatedly hit civilian areas across Sudan. Our teams treated patients for injuries from drone shrapnel, as well as limb fractures and head injuries.

Our critical work to deliver emergency care to people caught in crises wouldn't be possible without your generous support. Thank you for being part of our important lifesaving work.

Sincerely,

Tirana Hassan
Chief Executive Officer
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