



Engaged By Grace

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Ministry Announcements for the week of October 4 - 11, 2026

Our Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
- 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect/“Teen Talks” Sunday Hangout
- 10:00 am – Worship in Person or Online at www.engagedbygrace.org
- 11:15 am – Adult Faith Enrichment – Christian Response to Migration and Human Trafficking
- 5:30 pm – Hot Topic Happy Hour – Faithful Civic Engagement in Election Season
- 7:00 pm – Middle School Confirmation Class

New Ministry Opportunities

Hot Topic Happy Hour – Faithful Civic Engagement in Election Season

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 5:30-7:00 pm

Holy Trinity’s next **Hot Topic Happy Hour** will be focused on how we as Christians can be faithful in a politically-charged election environment. Gathering at 5:30 pm around discussion tables in the Gathering Space at church, we’ll discuss our call as people of faith to be non-partisan, rooted in love, and focused on our neighbor’s well-being. In the meantime, if you want to check your voter registration or polling location, click <https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx>. If you need to change your address or register to vote for the first time, go to <https://www.ohiosos.gov/assets/vr-form-english.pdf>. Please consider joining us for this timely topic and invite a friend!

Endowment Fund Seeks Requests for Grants

Holy Trinity’s Mission Endowment Fund Committee is excited to announce that we have funds available to disperse for 2027. What is an Endowment? An endowment fund is a permanent pool of invested assets where the principal remains intact, and only the investment earnings are used to support a non-profit organization's mission for perpetuity. In simple terms, it provides additional support to the church and community beyond the annual budget. It also reassures donors that legacy gifts will be well-managed for the long term.

Holy Trinity’s Endowment funds will be awarded across three designated areas:

- Community outreach efforts
- ELCA activities within synods, seminaries, colleges, or local social service agencies
- Holy Trinity program enrichment, ministry support, or capital improvement

Written directions to apply are available at the ministry info table or at www.engagedbygrace.org. Tell your favorite 501(c)3 organization that applications are due to the church office by **Sunday, October 25**. If you have questions, please see Tony Jones, Matt Sharp, Matt Schumacher, Vicki Townsend or Dan Perry.

Expression of Gratitude

Dear Pastor Steve and all the Saints of Holy Trinity,

Thank you for your faithful support of Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University. I admire the way you embrace and share God's abundance with those around you. Your generosity allows our students, faculty and staff to experience a life of thriving here at the seminary. Just this morning, I asked a student how her semester was going, to which she responded, "My biggest problem is when people ask me what my favorite class is, because they are all my favorite!"

Thank you for spreading the good seeds of God's abundance with your ministry. May God bless you with abundant joy! -Interim Dean Rachel Wren

First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity will be providing a hot breakfast to our friends at First English Lutheran Church on **Sunday, October 25**, serving breakfast burritos, scrambled eggs, rice, black beans, roasted potatoes, fresh fruit and breakfast pastries. The free pantry is also open on the 4th Sunday. They are currently in need of SMALL jars of peanut butter and jelly, small cans of coffee or instant coffee jars, and canned food with easy-open pop-tops. Deodorant, laundry pods and lotion are in short supply. All donated items should be delivered to Holy Trinity by Sunday, October 25 at 8:00 am for transport to FELC. Or you can drop off to 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 am that Sunday. Breakfast service begins at 8:30. If you'd like to contribute items for the pantry or sign up to help serve on the 25th, click https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948AAAD28A57-66213431-first#.

Fall Festival Potluck and Square Dance – Sunday, October 18, 4-7pm

Wyman Woods Park Shelter House (1520 Goodale Boulevard)

How long has it been since you've square-danced?! Have you ever square-danced?!? Would you love to reminisce about the great times you've had square-dancing?!?!

With those questions covering pretty much everyone, **the whole congregation** is invited to this Fall Festival as an additional community event on Marathon Sunday, October 18 when roadways are blocked around the church in the morning.

Here's the schedule:

4:00 - Potluck Setup
4:15 - Opening Devotion
4:30 - Potluck Supper
5:15 - Square Dance for all ages
6:45 - Blessing and Dismissal

(Playground will be available throughout.)

Pulled pork, pulled chicken and apple cider provided. Please sign-up at the Collection & Signup Corner or by clicking <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ADA92DA0F9C52-66151722-fall> to bring your favorite fall salad, side dish, or dessert to share.

Yeehaw!!! Grab your favorite plaid shirt and see you there!

Columbus Marathon is Sunday, October 18

The Columbus Marathon, a showcase for the city, can sometimes be an obstacle for people trying to get to Holy Trinity. Because the racecourse encircles the church, it's a good idea to build in a little extra time to get here and anticipate possibly speaking with a police officer stationed along the route directing traffic. For more information and a map of the course, go to www.columbusmarathon.com/marathon or pick up a hard copy of the map at the reception window. If you can't make it to church that morning, please consider watching the worship service online at www.engagedbygrace.org or join us Sunday evening for our Fall Festival Potluck and Square Dance (see corresponding article above for details.)

Concerts at Holy Trinity

The sixteenth concert season at Holy Trinity is the most ambitious we have attempted and we can't do it without you! An organist from Notre-Dame de Paris, two midweek half-hours (in Advent and Lent), the Messiah with our own choir and orchestra, a friendship turned into duets and a finale of organ and brass.

Friday, October 9, 2026 * 7:00 pm * Tickets can be purchased [here](#). Free to Patrons of the Concert Series.
Vincent Dubois & Marie-Andrée Joerger (organ and accordion)

Wednesday, December 9, 2026 * 11:30 am (Midweek)
Advent Concert (violin and organ)

Sunday, December 20, 2026 * 4:00 pm * Free Ticket Required
Handel's Messiah (choir and orchestra of Holy Trinity)

Wednesday, February 17, 2027 * 11:15 am (Midweek)
Lenten Concert (Joshua Brodbeck, organ)

Sunday, February 28, 2027 * 4:00 pm
Jeff Daubenmire & Joshua Brodbeck (piano and organ duets)

Sunday, April 25, 2027 * 4:00 pm
Cathedral Brass with Joshua Brodbeck (organ and brass)

Stewardship Corner

"What do you have that you did not receive?" asks the Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 4:7). The world admires the "self-made man," one who has started with little or nothing and has turned it into millions. While we should respect those who work hard and use their gifts wisely, we need to remember that it is God Who is the giver of those gifts and that God gives those gifts for a reason: *"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God"* (2 Corinthians 9:11). For more info about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Wes Jones, hospitalized at OSU

The family of Mark Fulcomer, Cheryl Kriska's brother and the Fox family's uncle, who died this week

Removed from the Prayer List: *(both are doing well)*

Marge Markowich

Mary Ortwine, Pastor Dave Markowich's sister

Prayers for Our Members:

Celeste Chappell-Bates, in need of prayer

Joanne Duncan, recovering at home from a recent hospitalization

Zinny Bond, being treated for ovarian cancer

Dave Carothers, anticipating kidney surgery

Brian Johnson, at Harrison on 5th

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

Chuck Jentes, Jill Banicki's father, recovering from major surgery

Craig Sturtz, Barretts' and Wachtmans' friend, undergoing experimental procedures for pancreatic cancer

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

Pom, Na Brown's friend, recovering from a seizure

Alexis Lilly, Celeste Chappell-Bates' friend, in need of prayer

Sammy Cochran, Shannon & Abbey's infant son, Debbie & AC's grandson, home on anti-seizure meds

Violet, Carolyn and Clyde Cramer's neighbor's 9-year-old granddaughter, diagnosed with leukemia
 Joe Stone, Genie Craven's son-in-law, dealing with the result of neck surgery
 Jane Hart, Bill & Cyndy Decker's friend, who received a cochlear implant recently
 Ernie Hartong, Bill and Cyndy Decker's friend, suffering from bladder cancer
 Dr. Thomas Anderson, Bill Decker's friend, recently diagnosed with cancer
 Billy Edwards, bass singer in Holy Trinity's choir, who fell out of a tree and broke his wrist and pelvis
 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
 Kirk Gerber, Pastor Bonnie's brother, hospitalized in Akron with an infection
 Alan Greiner, Barb Keller's brother, dealing with multiple serious medical issues
 Deb Rockenbaugh, Kris Kochheiser's sister-in-law, diagnosed with breast cancer and lymph node cancer
 Rodney Larson, Don Larson's brother, diagnosed with cancer
 Randy Isaacson, Anna Lynch's father, dealing with health challenges
 Ryan Dunn, Janet Maxwell's son, deployed with the Ohio Air National Guard
 Jan Attanasio, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with ALS
 Scott Houk, Susan Poling-Jones's friend, undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkins lymphoma
 Lois Rozenquist, Susan Setterlin's friend, battling non-operable lung cancer
 Andres Torres, Juan Torres's father, having heart issues
 Chloe Walker, Annika Wachtman's fiancé Kyndall's niece, seriously burned in a science experiment at school
 Amy Lavoie, Becky Warnement's cousin, battling a recurrence of lung cancer
 Michael Corey, Heidi Welch and Dan Sharpe's friend, recovering from a serious car accident
 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 Embrace Ministries

Adult Discipleship Training

The life of faith for a disciple of Jesus includes these six dimensions drawn from the witness of the Bible: Prayer, Worship, Bible reading, Service, Church family and Stewardship. Our slate of Adult Faith Formation events on Sundays from 11:15 am-12 noon after worship will again offer topics across all those dimensions. Grab some coffee or juice, cookie or donut, and join the conversation in the Conference Room according to this schedule:

- **Christian Response to Migration and Human Trafficking** (Service)
- September 20, 27, October 4, 11
- **Against Christian Nationalism** (Bible)
- November 1, 8, 15

News of Empower Ministries

Habitat for Humanity Update

The news for this week's Habitat house is that we are back to work on a normal schedule now- Thursdays from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm with lunch provided. The house is located at 1848 Aberdeen Ave, Columbus, 43211.

The next items on our to-do list will be putting in fence posts and later building a fence. Inside, we will be installing flooring and beginning to do finish carpentry including casing around windows and doors as well as installing doors and vanities. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Benson Ross at detailsdetails96@gmail.com.

LSS Food Pantry Update

A loyal group of helpers from Holy Trinity continues to serve at our Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry twice a month. We work on the first Thursday of the month, 12:30-4pm, and third Monday, 3-6pm. The next date to serve is **Monday, October 19**. If you are recently retired or have spare time at either of those times, we would gladly welcome you into the fold. The LSS Food Pantry is located at 1460 S. Champion Avenue.

We can pick you up at church or you can drive yourself to their parking lot. We serve between 180-220 patrons every time. Jobs are simple but important and greatly appreciated by the pantry staff and patrons. Can we include you in our team? Please contact Cyndy Decker, deckerwilliam@att.net, for more information.

Empowerment Shelf – October 2026

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Benny on the Case, *A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies*, and *Inharmonious* are Neighbor-to-Neighbor's books of note for October. 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.

Benny on the Case by King, Wesley

Benny lives in a retirement home that his mother runs, he has an eighty-six-year-old best friend named Mr. Tom, and he has Mosaic Down syndrome. When Benny transitions to a mainstream classroom, the other students tease him, except for Salma, who speaks Arabic, plays basketball, and isn't afraid to eat lunch with Benny. When Salma's grandmother and several other residents in the retirement home are robbed, Benny asks Salma to help him catch the thief. For grades 3-6

A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies by Casas, Bartolomé de las

In 1542, this missionary priest wrote an indictment against European exploitation and mistreatment of the native peoples of the New World. The document was published in 1552. It carries all the urgency of a moment in history when it still seemed possible to reverse the tide.

Inharmonious by Huf, Tammye

When three young Black men enlist in the US Army, their lives are forever changed. Able to pass as white, Benny reports for duty only to realize he's been mistakenly enlisted as a white man in a racially segregated military. Lee has been friends with Benny ever since he was a troubled teenager. Meanwhile, family friend Roscoe offers to marry Cora to ensure that she and her mother -- who both remain home -- will be provided for should Benny not make it back. Benny does return, but his new white identity leaves him struggling to find his place in between. As America promises postwar prosperity to white veterans through the GI Bill, black soldiers are excluded.

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 5:30 pm – Happy Hour Hot Topic – Faithful Civic Engagement in Election Season
 7:00 pm – Confirmation Class

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study

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

Friday 7:00 pm – Concert at Holy Trinity featuring Vincent Dubois and Marie-Andrée Joerger

Saturday No Events Scheduled

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 10:00 am – Worship with Communion in Person or Online at www.engagedbygrace.org
 11:15 am - Adult Faith Enrichment – Christian Response to Migration & Human Trafficking
 5:30 pm – Youth Group at Lifeline Christian Mission

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – October 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Oct. 4	10:00 am		Lynn Anderson	Dyann Taylor	Tom Wuichet Skip Duncan	AC Cochran Elli Cucksey	Jared Forts	Dyann Taylor	Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser
Oct. 11	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Ron Benedick	Leslie Torres	Dan Perry Mike Lamont	MJ Neiman Jeff Sammons	Matt Sharp	Becky Warnement	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Oct. 18	10:00 am						Ben Kaffenberger	Chris Burton	Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson
Oct. 25	10:00 am		Abbey Bates	Karen Larson	Adam Wagenbach John Gray	Chris Pryor AC Cochran	Tim Rice	Debbie Cochran	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, October 4 – Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
 Sunday, October 11 – Isaiah 25:1-9; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

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