



**The Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of the Holy Trinity**  
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**Sunday, May 4, 2025  
Third Sunday of Easter**

*The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.*

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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*Let us prepare for Worship.*

**GATHERING PRELUDE:**

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*..... Rudy Davenport  
*Feed My Lambs (Sanctuary Choir)*..... Natalie Sleeth

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*The congregation stands.*

*All may make the sign of the cross †, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**All: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.*

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,

**All: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,

**All: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,

**All: make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**All: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:** *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright* ..... **ELW 384**

*Follow the cross as the procession passes by.*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. There are four vocal parts indicated by numbers 1 through 4. The lyrics are: 1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the; 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with; 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in; 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to.

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** *This is the Feast*

*Refrain*  
 Assisting minister

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

*(Continued)*



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

*The congregation sits.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-6

*Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.*

<sup>1</sup> Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

**PSALM 30** (*Congregation sings the refrain and bold verses.*)

*Refrain:*

You have turned my wail - ing in - to  
danc - ing, in - to danc - ing.

*Verse:*

**I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.**

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<sup>2</sup> **O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,  
and you restored | me to health.**

<sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;  
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance. R**

<sup>5</sup> God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

<sup>6</sup> **While I felt se- | cure, I said,  
"I shall never | be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup> You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup> **I cried to | you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?"

<sup>10</sup> **Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;  
O LORD, | be my helper." R**

<sup>11</sup> You have turned my wailing | into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

<sup>12</sup> **Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever. R**

#### **SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14**

*The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."*

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> singing with full voice,  
"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!"

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,  
"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!"

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Worthy is the Lamb**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia**

*The congregation stands.*

*Refrain:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Verse:*

Our hearts <sup>1</sup> burn within us\* while you open to <sup>1</sup> us the scriptures. (*Luke 24:32*) Repeat Refrain.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John the 21st chapter.

**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL: John 21:1-19**

*The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.*

<sup>1</sup> After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
 All: Praise to you, O Christ.

*The congregation sits.*

**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection.*

*The congregation stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *We Who Once Were Dead*..... ELW 495**



1 We who once were dead now live, fully know - ing Je - sus  
 2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us  
 3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him  
 4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver-flow - ing when he breaks the bread.  
 strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.  
 we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.  
 then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

5 Jesus, you were dead,  
 but you rose and, living,  
 made yourself our bread,  
 in your goodness giving  
 life though we were dead.

6 This is your design;  
 in this meal we meet you.  
 Be our bread and wine,  
 Jesus, we entreat you.  
 This shall be our sign.

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## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*The congregation sits.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**P:** Hear us. O God.

**All:** **Your mercy is great.**

## SHARING OF PEACE

*The presiding minister and the congregation greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All:** **And also with you.**

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry at Holy Trinity. Offering can be placed in the Offering Plate at the entrance to worship or in the Offering Box on the table with the bulletins.

**TABLE SETTING SONG:** *Eat This Bread/Jesus Christ, Bread of Life* ..... **ELW 472**  
(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew...both verses.)

The congregation stands.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

A: Let us pray . . . Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

All: Amen.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

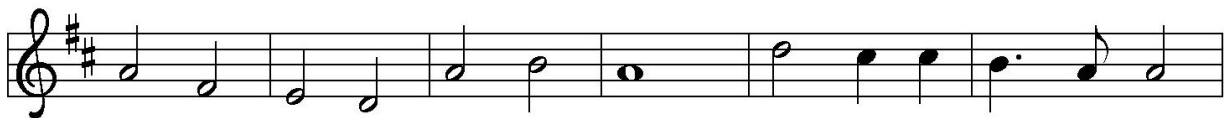
All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**PREFACE**

P: ....And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.  
 All: Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation sits.*

**LAMB OF GOD:**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION MUSIC:** *Now the Feast and Celebration* ..... **ELW 167**

*Blessing, Honor, and Glory* ..... **ELW 433**

*(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew)*

*The congregation stands.*

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P:** The body and blood of Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**All: Amen.**

#### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Let us pray . . . Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**All: Amen.**

#### **CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING**

**P:** Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**P:** Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**All: we give you thanks and praise.**

**P:** By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**All: we give you thanks and praise.**

**P:** Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness to the forgiveness found in the cross. For your Word of life, O God,

**All: we give you thanks and praise.**

**P:** Send your Spirit of truth, O God, and rekindle your gifts within us. Renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**All: Amen.**

**P:** The blessing of the living God, Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

**All: Amen.**

Follow the cross as the procession passes by.



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,  
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low  
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture  
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



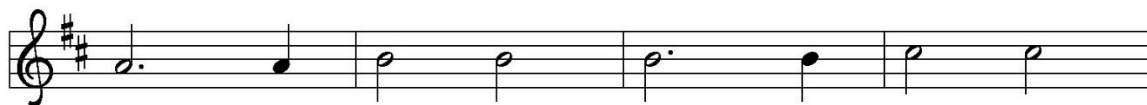
from this meal of love and grace;  
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;  
 God has called us to re - ceive;  
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion  
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed  
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,  
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
 to re - lease and to con - sole.  
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.  
 from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.  
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.  
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.  
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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**DISMISSAL**

A: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: *Blessing and Honor*.....David Maxwell

**SERVING TODAY**

**Presiding Minister:** ..... Rev. Jan Mills

**Assisting Minister:** ..... Chip Haak

**Reader:**..... Jane Ebersole

**Communion Assistants:**..... JoEllen Myers and Joan Rizzo

**Crucifer:**.....Adam Gardner

**Torchbearers:**..... Kiva Fox and Anna Keeler

**Livestream:** ..... Kirk Sponaugle



Dear Lord Jesus, When You walked upon this earth, You healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, caused the lame to walk, and raised the dead. Now we come to You on behalf of those who are in need today and pray that You would send them Your healing power. Hear our prayer for Your name’s sake. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY**

**Prayer Concerns:** Susan Bianchi, Jack Bishop, Lucy Campbell (daughter of Jacob and Sarah Campbell), Barbie (Hocker) Colestock (friend of Kendra Ruhl), Donna Dixon, Bill Fosnacht, Carol Longenecker, Terry Longenecker, Chip Murray, Sharon Murray, Wanda Oliver (friend of the Lechleitner’s), Julia Padgett, Tony Primerano (friend of Steve Shuey), Chris Ruff, Joyce Schroeder, Jaci Walters, Nicolle Zambrana (daughter of Marilyn Layman), and Ed Zaenglein.

**DAILY PRAYERS**

Roberta Anderson, Virginia Frank, Mike Hamilton (friend of Kendra Ruhl and Steve Shuey), Drew Herdson (friend of the Dunham’s), Dennis Lubold, Nancy Miller, Ed Schaeffer, Bob Warden (friend of Mary Ann Kelly), Melissa West (friend of Susan Bianchi), Vwawa Congregation of the Konde Diocese in Tanzania and all of our Homebound members.

**Members of Armed Forces and their families:** Evan Briggs, Marshal Fox, Michael Kristian, Riley Litman, Tory Young

*We invite you to pray for all on our prayer list. Please contact the office by email at [htluth@comcast.net](mailto:htluth@comcast.net) or leave a message on the office phone (717-533-2467) if you have any changes to the prayer list.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you for joining us for worship today in-person and through livestreaming.**

**All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.** We invite all people, as well as young children who are not yet receiving the Sacrament to come forward and receive a blessing. Please ask the Pastor if you need a gluten free option. At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. Thus, we believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine. At his table Christ grants us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. *May your hearts be opened, and your lives made new by God's gracious love.* Please give your completed communion card to the usher during communion.

**Holy Communion distribution today:** The usher will guide you down the center aisle. Prepackaged Communion elements with grape juice are available on the small table. If your preference is regular wine or non-alcoholic wine, take a cup from the silver trays. Proceed to the Pastor to receive a wafer or have the prepackaged elements blessed. Proceed to the rail where there will be an assistant on either side with regular wine. There will also be one assistant with non-alcoholic wine. Stand or kneel as you are able and remain at the rail for as long as you desire.

**Consecrated Communion Elements are available for "Live Stream" worship at home.** Please contact the church office at 717-533-2467 or by email at [htluth@comcast.net](mailto:htluth@comcast.net) to arrange to pick up elements or have them delivered to your home.

**Office Hours** The office will be open this week Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. To contact the church: Phone Number: 717-533-2467, Email Address: [htluth@comcast.net](mailto:htluth@comcast.net); Holy Trinity website: [htluth.org](http://htluth.org). **In case of emergency** please call the church office and follow the prompts for emergency contact information.

**Sunday School Information:** All classes will meet from 9:00am-9:45am. **Children's Sunday School** meets in the Sunday School room (connected to the Fellowship Hall). **Confirmation Sunday School** for Grades 6-8 meets in the youth room. **Sunday School** for Grades 9-12 meets downstairs next to the Youth Room. **Adult Discussion** meets in room #16. All are welcome!

**The first step in the Call Process** is filling out the Ministry Site Profile, a multiple page summary about Holy Trinity and what we are seeking in a new pastor. Therefore, we need help from the Congregation so we can represent our Church fairly. The first step is a survey that the Call Committee assembled, which will help us to answer the questions of the Ministry Site Profile. For those subscribed to Holy Trinity's email list, you should receive an email shortly. You can also find the link to the survey on our website by clicking on the Call Process Update link. Hard copies of the survey are available and can be returned to a box in the Narthex. Every confirmed member may complete a survey. Please prayerfully complete the survey by May 18th.

**Blood Pressure screenings will be offered today!** Holy Trinity will offer blood pressure screenings the first Sunday of every month in the front of the sanctuary after the worship service. Screenings will be available today, Sunday, May 4, 2025.

**Calling ALL HTY: Our HTY "Outside" Night is TONIGHT from 5 – 7:30pm in the Youth Group Room and outside. HTY is for everyone in grades 6 – 12.** All are welcome. Bring home-baked goodies and friends. Both are always welcome and encouraged. Dinner will be provided. Be here for all the fun, faith, and fellowship! Meet in the Youth Group room at 5pm, and we'll take it from there. Please dress to be outside for a while, if the weather is nice. Even if it is not nice, we will have HTY regardless- rain or

shine! This HTY "Outside" Night will become a youth group tradition in the years to come. **See you TONIGHT!!**

**Thank you for your generous support-** the Faith in Action Committee was able to assemble **75 personal care kits** to send our faith and love outside the walls of Holy Trinity. The kits are used both internationally and, in the USA, to bring dignity and health to people in crisis. Thank you!

**Graduate Information Needed** We love to recognize our high school and secondary school graduates. Please tell us where you are graduating from, what your degree is in (if you graduated from college), and your future plans. Email the church office ([htluth@comcast.net](mailto:htluth@comcast.net)) or call 717-533-2467 by Sunday, May 18th.

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**Please send articles and announcements for the Newsletter to** Anita Housman, our Communications/IT Specialist. Please send articles to her at [aahousman2@gmail.com](mailto:aahousman2@gmail.com). She is always gathering announcements and articles for the monthly newsletter. Just a reminder – submit articles for the newsletter by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Readers, Greeters and Flower Deliverers for May and June** are needed to greet people as they come into church and deliver flowers after the service on Sunday. Readers need to read the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and the Psalm. The lists are available on the bulletin board.

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