

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. 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 you prefer regular wine or non-alcoholic wine, take a cup from the silver tray. Proceed to the Pastor to receive a wafer (ask the Pastor if you need a gluten free wafer option) or have the prepackaged elements blessed. Proceed to the rail where there will be an assistant with regular wine and an 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 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; Holy Trinity website: htluth.org. **In case of emergency** Pastor Scott may be reached through the church office, on her cell phone at 717-497-1013 or via her email address at: sscott@htluth.org.

Children are always welcome in the worship space but if they need a break, the church nursery is available for parents and children during worship. A large screen monitor streams a live feed of the worship service each Sunday. The nursery is located on the sanctuary level, in the classroom wing.

Many thanks for your generous donations! We continuously express our thanks to all for your faithfulness and generosity in giving which allows us to continue to operate valuable ministries and pay for the ongoing bills at Holy Trinity. The Simply Giving program offers automatic withdrawals from your bank account or charges to a credit card; donated through our website (htluth.org) by clicking on the 'Give Now' button; donated by downloading the Mobile App "GivePlus Church" (be sure to select Ev. Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity) or by taking a picture of the QR code.



With grateful hearts and hopeful spirits, we welcome Pastor Susan E. Scott as we begin this next chapter together. We give thanks for the gifts, leadership, and calling that she brings to our church family, and we look forward to further pursuing our mission: To Worship, Grow, Witness and Share under this new guidance. May we, as a congregation, surround Pastor Susan with prayerful support, faithful partnership, and joyful encouragement as we move forward together in faith and purpose.

Council would like to share an important **update regarding our 2026 Ministry Spending Plan.** As of the end of June, we are experiencing a year-to-date deficit of \$17,201.71. We recognize the congregation approved a full year deficit budget of \$14,348.00 for 2026. While this is not unusual entering the summer months, it does increase the importance of ongoing financial support. We extend appreciation to everyone who has faithfully supported our ministry through regular giving. Your generosity has been meaningful and continues to sustain the work of our church. For those who may have missed opportunities to give

recently, and for those who are able to contribute beyond their regular offerings, we encourage you to consider supporting our ministry to meet our financial commitments.

A Celebration of Life service for the **Reverend Stanley Trout** will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at 11am in Crest Hall at Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown. For more info go to: https://www.pearsonfh.com/obituary/stanley-trout?ttm_pid=211949112&ttm_affiliate=wfmz&ttm_affiliatetype=syndicated&ttm_campaign=legacy

Love INC Sneaker Drive is in its final week! - Sneaker collection for the 13th Annual Lace Up with Love is through August 5th. Shoe distribution is August 6-9th by appointment only. Donations will be accepted at Holy Trinity and the Love INC office, 245 E. Derry Road, Hershey. The collection bin is in the main vestibule.

Attention, ALL families & HTY: This year's Holy Trinity Fellowship Picnic is on Saturday, August 15th at Shenk Park Pavillion from 4:30 – 8pm! All Holy Trinity church members and families are invited!! The church will provide a variety of drinks and sandwiches. We even have a shaved ice truck coming! **PLEASE bring a side dish or dessert to share with everyone!** There will be lawn games and activities for the children. **Spread the word about this awesome summer event AND plan to be there!!**

It's Time to Make School Kits! In August and September, we will be collecting for school kits. Holy Trinity will supply the backpacks, and we need your help to provide the supplies to go inside. Please bring your items to the **NEW collection site in the Narthex** or put the following items into a plastic bag and drop them off in the bin on the back porch of the office. You can also support the project by making a monetary donation. Make your check payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and write "school kits" on the memo line.

Items needed for each School Kit:

- ☐ Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approx.. 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- ☐ One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ☐ One pencil sharpener
- ☐ One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ☐ Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ One box of 16 or 24 crayons (Crayola brand is preferred because they don't melt as easily)
- ☐ One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long

Thru your generous donations, we have the following quantity of supplies to make 300 kits:

<u>Items</u>	<u>Currently Have</u>	<u>Still Need</u>
Notebooks	333	867
Rulers	88	212
Pencil Sharpeners	190	110
Blunt Scissors	93	207
Pencils - unsharpened	735	765
Pens	725	775
Crayons	161	139
Erasers	94	206



You are Welcome Here!

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church welcomes and affirms everyone seeking God's love and grace, regardless of faith background, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ability, size, class, immigration, or relationship status. We explicitly stand against hate and discrimination, as our Church community

strives to continually grow and learn within the Body of Christ according to Christ's teachings. We are committed to creating and maintaining a welcoming and safe environment for all people.