

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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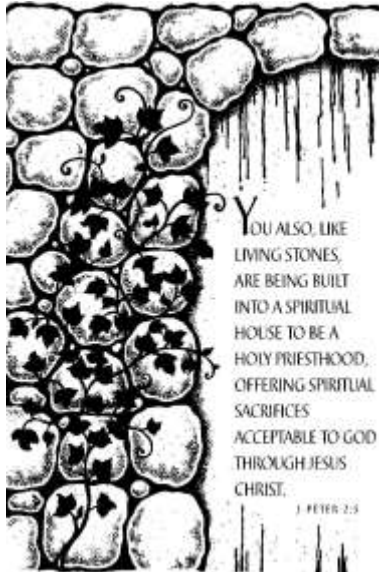
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WORSHIP: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Ignite & Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m.



YOU ALSO, LIKE
LIVING STONES,
ARE BEING BUILT
INTO A SPIRITUAL
HOUSE TO BE A
HOLY PRIESTHOOD,
OFFERING SPIRITUAL
SACRIFICES
ACCEPTABLE TO GOD
THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST.

1 PETER 2:5

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Faith is always a mix of belief and doubt, so with Thomas we proclaim:
“My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28)

TO OUR VISITORS: We are delighted that you have joined us today.

We pray that the service blesses you and invite you to worship with us again. If you are seeking a church family or would like to know more about Holy Trinity, please contact the Church Office at (270) 843-9595. We are here to serve you. Please use the attendance insert to provide your **Email, mailing address and phone number** so that we might extend a special welcome.

A NURSERY is available for infants up to children starting Kindergarten.

It is staffed from 7:45 to 11:45 a.m. Exit the sanctuary to the rear, and follow the hallway to the left, then turn at the first hallway to the right. Parents are welcome to worship with their children, but please use the nursery as needed. If you have any questions regarding the nursery please contact Laurie Seavey at (270) 991-1172.

NOTE: There is also a “nursing/cry room” just before the hallway to the nursery.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN AT HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH:

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest:

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.
- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastor, deacons, readers, acolytes, choir, etc.
- Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, “Let the children come to Me.”
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF HOLY TRINITY: The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our church is growing. Please welcome all children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

WORSHIP BAGS for our young worshipers are located in the Narthex. Please use these as needed during worship.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the Ushers.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 24, 2022

*Jesus, you showed Thomas the scars that remained,
even in your resurrection body.
Thank you for being so real for us all.*

PLEASE REMEMBER: **Silence/Turn Off your cell phone** as you come into the Sanctuary to worship the Lord. While you are silencing your phone, we encourage you to 'check in' on Facebook that you are with us today. Thank you.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

Please stand for

THE OPENING HYMN

L.S.B. #474

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”
(Verses 1, 3, & 5)

THE INVOCATION

Liturgist: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b [18:20]*
People: **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Liturgist: Let us draw near with true hearts and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Liturgist: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,
People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Almighty and merciful God, we confess to You all our sins of thought, word, and deed and especially of living like we are still slaves to sin. In true sorrow we have returned to Your promise given in our holy Baptism. Looking to the innocent suffering and death of Jesus our Savior we pray for Your forgiveness, and looking to His glorious resurrection we pray for the new life of holiness, living in Your grace and mercy. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.
As a called and ordained servant of the Living Word Jesus Christ, I announce the grace of God to all of us. In the name and by the command of Christ, and according to the promise of His Holy Spirit, you are forgiven all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (10:30 service)

Sophie Lynn Stuckwisch

INTROIT/PSALM

Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3

Liturgist: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation -

People: **if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

Liturgist: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

People: **make known his deeds among the peoples!**

Liturgist: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

People: **tell of all his wondrous works!**

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Liturgist: Glory in his holy name;
People: let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Liturgist: Seek the LORD and his strength;
People: seek his presence continually!

Liturgist: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
People: his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

Liturgist: He remembers his covenant forever,
People: the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Liturgist: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
People: and to the Holy Spirit;

Liturgist: as it was in the beginning,
People: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Liturgist: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by
it you may grow up to salvation -
People: if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

L.S.B. #461

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
Samuel Medley & John Hatton

**1. I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head!**

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**5. He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.**

**8. He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

THE COLLECT

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: **And also with you.**

Liturgist: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

THE FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-32

Reader: The First Reading is from the 5th chapter of Acts.

¹² Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³ None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴ And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.

¹⁶ The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷ But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸ they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹ And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²² But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³ "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴ Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵ And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." ²⁶ Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

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²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:4-6

Reader: The Epistle Reading is from the 2nd chapter of 1 Peter.

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture:

*"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for
THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

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**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for the people listed on the bulletin insert, as well as for their families and friends.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

All: 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.

THE SERMON HYMN

L.S.B. #470

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”
(Verses 1, 2, 3, & 8)

THE SERMON

Pastor Press

“Living Stones From Living Stone, I Presume”

Text: 1 Peter 2:4-6

THE BENEDICTION *(Amen response is sung by all.)*



■ A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE CLOSING HYMN

L.S.B. #478

“The Day of Resurrection”
(Verses 1 & 4)

THE CLOSING WORDS

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE

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++ OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES IN OUR DAILY SERVICE ++

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Ignite: (ages 2 – 6th grade)

We meet at 9:15 a.m. in EO-111 each Sunday.
Come join us in the fun and learning during this time!

FIRESIDE:

Junior & Senior High (Grades 7 - 12) – EO-201

ADULT CLASS:

Pastors' Bible Class (S) - Prayer, Lord's Prayer
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OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

BG site:	The Church at Study	18	The Church at Worship	408
SG site:	The Church at Study	15	The Church at Worship	30
TOTAL		33		438

Good Friday Service: 122

SERVING THIS WEEK

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Greeters:	Craig & Jodi Praxl	Geneva Bentley
Readers:	Bart White	David Jurgens
Acolytes:	Ericka Huerta	Brennan Rathert
A/V Assistant:	Mckenzie Eversoll	Johnie Trent
Nursery Attendant all morning:	Breanna Moser	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Apr	26	Bruce Borth	26	Kelsey Davis
	27	Sandra Wilson	27	Melissa Veith
	27	Zach Schmaltz	27	Madelyn Kirk
	28	Kurt Otto	28	Kelsey Kirk
	28	Jillian McIntyre	30	Bob Otto

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Apr	24	Martin & Stacy Peterson
	26	Mike & Barb Calvin
	27	Roy & Deanna Boddeker
	30	Jerry & Michele Mefford

Next week's scripture readings are:

THE FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-22

THE EPISTLE: Revelation 5:1-14

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

SERVING NEXT WEEK

8:00 Service

10:30 Service

Greeters: Craig & Jodi Praxl

David & Laurie Jurgens

Readers: Hilary Eversoll

Marsha Holm

Acolytes: Bryn Unick

Sayer Parsley

A/V Assistant: Mckenzie Eversoll

A.J. Zirbel

Nursery Attendant all morning: Breanna Moser

PARISH NOTES

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our worship service today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please submit announcements to the Church Office by Wednesdays by e-mailing, calling, or dropping a note in the offering plate on Sundays.

IN A MEDICAL FACILITY LAST WEEK WERE...Lyle Stratton and Johnie Trent. We pray the Great Physician will continue to bring them healing and strength.



RECEIVING THE NEW LIFE OF GOD'S SPIRIT TODAY through the washing of Holy Baptism is **Sophie Lynn Stuckwisch**. Sophie is the daughter of Curtis D. and Samantha (nee: Holmes) Stuckwisch. Sophie's sponsors are Alexandria Cosner, Cecilia Holmes, and Jamie Moor.

May the Lord bless and protect Sophie and may her life always show evidence of belonging to God.

LWML NEWS

1. For more information about LWML, please contact Claudine Stirn at 270-793-9991.
2. **LWML Mid-South District Convention** – Our district convention will take place this year on June 10-12 in Clarksville, TN at the Town Place Suites by Marriott. The theme is “Planting Seeds of Faith – Growing and Sharing God’s Word,” based on 1 Corinthians 3:6. The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty and speaker emeritus of “The Lutheran Hour.”
Registration from April 19-May 20 is \$90. An interesting seminar being presented at the convention is “Learn about the Mara Evangelical Church and Burmese Culture.” This is especially timely for us at Holy Trinity because the Burmese church worships in our building!
Contact Marsha Holm (407-579-3860) for full convention details.

STEP UP 4LIFE

Make a Gospel-motivated Difference! Participate as an individual, team, or congregation in our Lutherans For Life Step Up 4Life event! Our team name is the HTLC Stompers. Start asking people to sponsor you – and help make a Gospel-motivated difference in the lives of many. Want to do even more? Sponsorship levels are available for individuals, teams, and congregations who wish to donate \$250 or more. Visit www.charityfootprints.com/stepup4life or talk with Pastor Press for more information.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

1. **Now Hiring** for the 2022-2023 school year – 3rd grade teacher.
For information, please go to www.htlsbg.com or contact the school office at 270-843-1001.
2. **Restaurant Fundraiser Event** – Enjoy a meal and help out HTLS at the same time! Contact Alex Trabue at pto@htlc-bg.org for additional information.
Donato's (Cave Mill Rd Location) – Tuesday, April 26

YOUTH WORK

1. **High School Ablaze** meets on Sundays at 11:45 a.m. in the Fireside room.
2. **Fuel With Friends** meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in EO-110.
Come enjoy some time with your friends before Confirmation Class.
3. **JUNIOR CONFIRMATION CLASS** – We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Contact Pastor Toopes if you have any questions.

SMITHS GROVE OUTREACH

You are invited to attend worship services of Holy Trinity's Smiths Grove site every **Saturday at 5:00 p.m.** at the First Christian Church in Smiths Grove (427 College St, corner of 5th). Bible class is being held **Saturday at 4:00 p.m.**

Our prayer is that this new worship site will enable the Word to have impact on more people in the surrounding community. Your prayers and your support are vital to this outreach ministry.

LIFE LIGHT BIBLE STUDIES – The women's group is finished for this semester. The men's group will meet on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. until May 10.

O.W.L.s NEWS: HOT RODS BASEBALL NIGHT on Tuesday, May 10. Game time is 6:05 p.m.

We welcome Other Wonderful Lutherans (and their friends) to our traditional group of Older Wiser Lutherans! Watch for more details and sign-up sheet coming soon! Questions: Dick Webber 270-282-5717

Our Ministry This Week

<i>Sunday</i>	8:00am	Worship
<u>April 24</u>	9:15am	Ignite! & Bible Classes
	10:30am	Worship
	11:45am	High School Ablaze (EO-201)
	11:00am-3:00pm	Zion Pentecostal service (FH/EO-110)
	12:30pm	Mara (Burmese) service (S)

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Monday April 25	10:00am 2:00pm	HTLS (S) HTLS (EO-203)
Tuesday April 26	9:30am 2:00pm	Men's Life Light (CR) HTLS (EO-203) <i>HTLS Fund-raiser night at Donato's</i>
Wednesday April 27	8:30am 2:00pm 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:30pm	Chapel (S) HTLS (EO-110) Sanctuary Praise Choir (S) Fuel & Friends (EO-110) Jr. Confirmation (CR)
Thursday April 28	6:00pm	HTLS (FH) 6:00-8:30pm
Friday April 29	10:00am 5pm-8pm	HTLS (S) Zion Pentecostal (FH)
Saturday April 30	10am-1pm 4:00pm 5:00pm	Zion Pentecostal service (FH/EO 110) Smiths Grove Bible Study Smiths Grove Service -C
Sunday May 1	8:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:45am 11:00am-3:00pm 12:30pm	Worship - C Ignite! & Bible Classes Worship - C High School Ablaze (EO-201) Zion Pentecostal service (FH/EO-110) Mara service (S)