

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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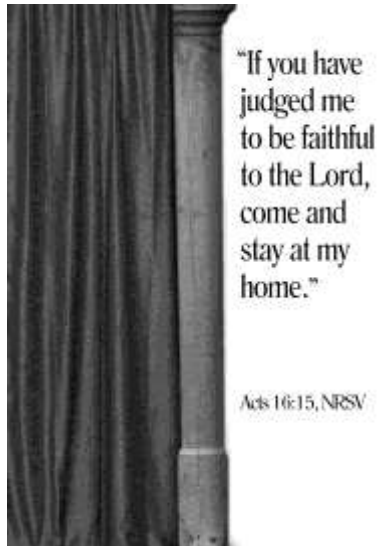
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WORSHIP: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Ignite! & Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

On the sabbath, Paul and his companions worshiped with Lydia and the other women (Acts 16:13-14).

May God open our hearts today as he did theirs.

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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 22, 2022

*Quiet our hearts and minds, dear Jesus.
Help us sense the peaceful rhythm of your heart beat within us.*

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. #669

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

(Congregation will sing verses 1, 2, & 4....only the Choir will sing verse 3)

THE INVOCATION

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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 AND ABSOLUTION

Liturgist: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8 & 9

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

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Liturgist: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore announce the forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit *John 20:19-23*
People: **Amen.**

INTROIT/PSALM

Psalm 55:4, 16-18; antiphon: Psalm 55:22

Liturgist: Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
People: **he will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

Liturgist: My heart is in anguish within me;
People: **the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**

Liturgist: But I call to God,
People: **and the LORD will save me.**

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Liturgist: Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and
moan,

People: and he hears my voice.

Liturgist: He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,

People: for many are arrayed against me.

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: Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;

People: he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

L.S.B. #702

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Ray Palmer & Lowell Mason

**1. My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.**

**Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!**

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**2. May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!**

THE COLLECT

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: **And also with you.**

Liturgist: O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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 16:9-15

Reader: The First Reading is from the 16th chapter of Acts.

⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we [Paul, Timothy, Silas, & Luke] sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE READING

Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

Reader: The Epistle Reading is from the 21st chapter of Revelation.

[John wrote] ⁹ Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE CHORAL ANTHEM

Handbell Choir

“Jesus Medley”

Please stand for

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 5:1-9

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 5th chapter.

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³ In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵ One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” ⁷ The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” ⁹ And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Jonah Kaufmann, D.C.E.

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.**

Psalm 51:10-12

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. #700

**“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)**

THE SERMON

Pastor Toopes

**“An Open Heart”
Text: Acts 16:9-15**

THE CHORAL BENEDICTION

Sanctuary Praise Choir

“Go Now In Peace”

THE CLOSING HYMN

L.S.B. #570

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”
(Verses 1, 2, & 6...only the Choir will sing verse 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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The Church Office will be **CLOSED**
on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

If you have a pastoral need on these dates
please contact Pastor Toopes at
(870) 672-2117 or toopes57@gmail.com

Please remember to call before coming to the
office. With the secretary out with various medical
appointments and Pastor Toopes making visits to
members, the office is not staffed on a regular basis.
We are sorry for the inconvenience.



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) – Study of the Church Year & Parts of Worship
“Festival Half of the Church's Year”

OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

BG site:	The Church at Study	62	The Church at Worship	200
SG site:	The Church at Study	18	The Church at Worship	33
TOTAL		80		233

SERVING THIS WEEK

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Greeters:	Bruce & Bonnie Borth	Corey & Megan Zirbel
Readers:	Anne Padilla	Sheryl Morris
Acolytes:	Riley Moore	Kylee Jo Linhardt
A/V Assistant:	Mckenzie Eversoll	Johnie Trent
Nursery Attendant all morning:	Breanna Moser	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

May	22	Dionne Milam	22	Hannah Boddeker
	23	Madison Balder	23	Dawson Owens
	25	Jennifer Burns	25	Cody Davis
	25	Anna Richard	25	Andrew Vratanina
	27	Violet Fritz	28	Samantha Davenport

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

May	23	Marly & Deb Hiatt Jeff & April Owens
	25	Bobby & Susan LeRoy Michael & Alyssa Ahlers
	27	Aaron & Ginger Witherspoon

Next week's scripture readings are:

THE FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-26

THE EPISTLE: Revelation 22:1-20

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

SERVING NEXT WEEK

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Greeters:	Connie Press	Tim & Heather Rathert
Readers:	Hilary Eversoll	Bobbi Wiebbecke
Acolytes:	Gray Unick	Cole Rubican
A/V Assistant:	Mckenzie Eversoll	A.J. Zirbel
Nursery Attendant all morning:	Tina Hansen	

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.

OPEN HOUSE: You are invited to the home of Olivia Otto (709 Briarwood Ct /BG, KY) to celebrate her Graduation TODAY, May 22. The Open House will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

NEW WEBSITE! Yes, we have a new website for the church. Please check it out at **htlcbg.org**. Please give us feedback as we continue to transition to the new site.

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 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.

LWML NEWS

1. For more information about LWML, please contact Claudine Stirn at 270-793-9991.
2. **MITE BOX SUNDAY** is Next Sunday, May 29. We collect pocket change you have saved up since the previous Mite Box Sunday, and take up a collection after the service. The "mites" are used to fund LWML mission projects, both in this country and abroad, that are not part of the regular synod budget. Mite boxes are available in the Narthex for members of all ages to save their spare coins. Thank you for your faithful, ongoing participation in "Mite Box Sunday"!
3. **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 is now closed. If you have any questions please contact Marsha Holm (407-579-3860).
4. **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTERS** - We have been busy tying quilt tops again. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (June 21) at 1:00 pm. in EO-202.
We usually quilt for two hours or less. Please park in the lot closest to the church office (where the flag pole is located). For more information about LWR quilting, please contact Jean Nehm at 270-991-8856 or Myrna Neff at 270-773-5192.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING on Sunday, June 12 at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We will discuss and vote on the 2022-2023 budget for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Copies of the Proposed Budget are on the table in the Narthex. Contact a member of the Board of Directors if you have any questions.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION OF JUNIORS
will be conducted on Sunday, June 5 at the 10:30 service.

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**We extend congratulations and our prayers
for our Lord's continued guidance
in the lives of these young people.**

**May they continue to demonstrate their commitment
to a maturing discipleship with their Lord Jesus Christ.**

Our Ministry This Week

Sunday
May 22

8:00am

Worship

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)

Monday
May 23

Tuesday
May 24

Wednesday
May 25

6:00pm

Fuel & Friends (EO-110)

6:30pm

Jr. Confirmation (CR)

Thursday
May 26

Friday
May 27

5pm-8pm

Zion Pentecostal (FH)

Saturday
May 28

10am-1pm

Zion Pentecostal service (FH/EO 110)

4:00pm

Smiths Grove Bible Study

5:00pm

Smiths Grove Service -C

Sunday
May 29

8:00am

Worship - C

9:15am

Ignite! & Bible Classes

10:30am

Worship – C

11:45am

High School Ablaze (EO-201)

LWML Mite Box Collection after both services.

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