

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**Transformation Station & Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m.**



## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

The greatest commandments are to love God and neighbor.  
May God's grace nourish and strengthen us so we can better love others.

**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.

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**  
**October 25, 2020**

*“[Lord,] when we were overwhelmed by sins,  
you forgave our transgressions.  
We are filled with the good things of your house” (Psalm 65:3-4).*

**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. #657

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"  
Martin Luther

- 1. A mighty fortress is our God,  
A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
Has sworn to work us woe.  
With craft and dreadful might  
He arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.**
  
- 2. No strength of ours can match his might.  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is He,  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.**

## 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 OF SINS

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.)*

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.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

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.**

## THE RESPONSIVE PSALM

## Psalm 46

Liturgist: God is our refuge and strength  
People: **a very present help in trouble.**

Liturgist: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
People: **though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.**

Liturgist: though its waters roar and foam  
People: **though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

Liturgist: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
People: **the holy habitation of the Most High.**

Liturgist: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved.  
People: **God will help her when morning dawns**

Liturgist: Be still, and know that I am God.  
People: **I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.**

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Liturgist: The Lord of hosts is with us,  
**People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

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: God is our refuge and strength  
**People: a very present help in trouble.**

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

L.S.B. #657

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"  
Martin Luther

**3. Though hordes of devils fill the land  
All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
They cannot overpow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
In battle we'll engage.  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.**

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**4. God's Word forever shall abide,  
No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God Himself fights by our side  
With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away,  
They cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever!**

## **THE COLLECT**

**Liturgist:** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

**Liturgist:** Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

### THE FIRST READING

**Revelation 14:6-7**

Reader: The First Reading is from the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of Revelation.

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup> And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### THE EPISTLE READING

**Romans 3:19-28**

Reader: The Epistle Reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Romans.

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:

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<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 8:31-36**

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

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 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. #578

**“Thy Strong Word”**

Martin H. Franzmann & Thomas J. Williams

- 1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee,  
While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!**
  
- 3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!**

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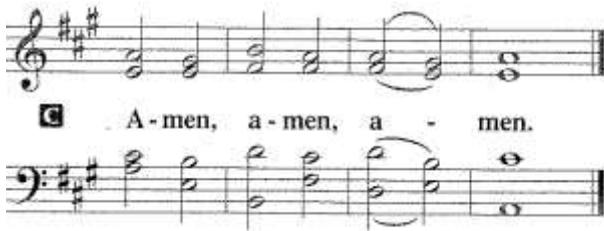
6. God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Toopes

**“Works Or Faith”**  
Text: Romans 3:27-28

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



A - men, a - men, a - men.

## THE CLOSING HYMN

L.S.B. #660

**“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”  
George Duffield, Jr. & George J. Webb**

**1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Ye soldiers of the cross.  
Lift high His royal banner;  
It must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
His army He shall lead  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,  
And Christ is Lord indeed.**

**4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
The strife will not be long;  
This day the din of battle,  
The next the victor's song.  
The soldiers, overcoming,  
Their crown of life shall see  
And with the King of Glory  
Shall reign eternally.**

## 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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**TIME CHANGE** is Next Sunday, November 1.  
Set your clocks BACK ONE HOUR on Saturday, October 31.

***October is Clergy Appreciation Month!*** This is a great opportunity for all of us to show Pastor Toopes, Pastor Press, Bill Hiskey, & Jonah Kaufmann how much we appreciate them. Consider sending a card, a gift certificate, or some other gesture to show your appreciation for their service to our congregation. Remember to pray for them and their families in their ministry.

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:**

**Transformation Station:** (ages 2 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Each week begins with opening time at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

We are set up “family style” so parents are invited to be with their children.

**Visitors and new attendees are welcome any time!**

### **YOUTH CLASSES:**

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

### **ADULT CLASSES:**

**Bible Class (S)** – led by Tim Rathert

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### **SERVING THIS WEEK**

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Readers:	Cindy Brandt	Lillie Gleichauf
Acolytes:	Ericka Huerta	Samantha Davenport
A/V Assistant:	Mckenzie Eversoll	Johnie Trent
Nursery Attendant all morning:	Breanna Moser	

### **OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

The Church at Study	39	The Church at Worship	144
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### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

<b>Oct</b>	26	Sue Woods	26	Sally Rathert
	26	James A White, Jr.	26	Susan Justus
	28	Shirley Williams	29	Connie Burt
	29	Gregory Haydock	30	Mark Kahler
	30	Stacie Gleichauf	31	Bo Matthews

### **ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

<b>Oct</b>	25	Justin and Emily Brandt
	25	Cody and Shawna Davis
	25	Byron and Jackie Hunt

***Next week's scripture readings are:***

**THE FIRST READING: Revelation 7:2-17**

**THE EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:1-3**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

## **SERVING NEXT WEEK**

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Readers:	Peter Brandt	David Jurgens
Acolytes:	Lucy Veith	Ian Parsley
A/V Assistant:	Mckenzie Eversoll	Johnie Trent
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.

***RECOVERING AT HOME ... Kathleen Parsons.***

***RECUPERATING AT SKY REHAB ... Wilmer Woods.***

## **HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS**

1. Please continue to pray for the staff, students, and families of our school as they adapt to the rapidly changing situations of our current days.
2. **Restaurant Fundraiser Event:** Holy Trinity night on Tuesday, October 27 at **Donatos** (1831 Cave Mill Rd location). Enjoy a meal and support HTLS at the same time! If we get 20 people to order (dine-in, delivery, or carryout) and say that they are with HTLS, we will receive a percentage from the entire day's sales.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

### **JUNIOR LYF** (Grades 7-8)

**JUNIOR CONFIRMATION CLASS** - We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in (EO-110). Contact Jonah Kaufmann 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.

## **SERMON NOTES**

## Our Ministry This Week

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<i>Sunday</i> October 25	<b>8:00am</b> <b>9:15am</b> <b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>TS &amp; BC</b> <b>Worship</b>
	12:30 11:00am-3:00pm	Burmese service (S) Zion Pentecostal service (FH/EO-110)
<i>Monday</i> October 26	2:00pm	HTLS (EO-203)
<i>Tuesday</i> October 27	9:30am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Life Light (EO-110/EO-202) HTLS (EO-203) PTO mtg (EO-110)
	<b><i>(Holy Trinity Day at Donatos Pizza)</i></b>	
<i>Wednesday</i> October 28	8:30am 2:00pm 6:30pm	Chapel (S) HTLS (EO-203) Junior Confirmation Class (EO-110)
<i>Thursday</i> October 29		
<i>Friday</i> October 30		
<i>Saturday</i> October 31	10am-1pm  <b>4:00pm</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	Zion Pentecostal service (S)  <b>Smiths Grove Bible Study</b> <b>Smiths Grove Service</b>
	<b><i>(Fall Back – Turn clocks back one hour!)</i></b>	
<i>Sunday</i> November 1	<b>8:00am</b> <b>9:15am</b> <b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship - C</b> <b>TS &amp; BC</b> <b>Worship - C</b>
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