

# 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**

“Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt His name together.”

(Psalm 34:3)

**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 be sure to provide us with your address and phone number so that we might extend a special welcome.

**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.

**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 hall way 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.

**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 27, 2019**

*"[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 would also encourage you to 'check in' on Facebook that you are with us today. Thank you.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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## THE OPENING HYMN

L.S.B. #657

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

## 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.**

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## 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.**

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

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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. #644

“The Church’s One Foundation”  
Samuel J. Stone & Samuel S. Wesley

**The Church’s one foundation,  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav’n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.**

**Yet she on earth has union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won:  
O blessed heav’nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.**

## THE COLLECT

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**People: And also with you.**

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: <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.**

## THE CHORAL ANTHEM

## Sanctuary Praise Choir

“Be Ye Sure”

Please Stand For  
**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 18:9-17**

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>9</sup> He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

<sup>15</sup> Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Toopes**

## **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. #578

*(Sung to the tune of LSB #827 "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling")*

**Faith alone is our foundation In this broken world of pain.  
We believe God's proclamation, Trust His promise will remain.  
Just as Abram heard, believing God would give an heir, his own.  
So we hear, His truth receiving. We are saved through faith alone.**

**Grace alone? A foolish notion To the world in which we live.  
How could God show such devotion, Deep compassion, and forgive?  
Why would Christ endure such evil? How can cross and death atone?  
It was all for our retrieval. We are saved by grace alone.**

**Moses, Prophets, Psalms, and Writings  
Point to Christ, the Risen One.**

**Through His Word, God calls, inviting Faith and trust in His dear Son.  
Both repentance and forgiveness Are proclaimed to every land.  
Every realm shall hear its witness. Only Scripture is our stand.**

**Christ alone rules all creation Only He is Lord and King  
In His walls each tribe and nation Safely dwells and praises sings.  
Sin and Satan snatched, constrained us;  
Death decayed us flesh and bone.  
But the risen Christ unchained us.  
We are saved by Christ alone.**

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**THE SERMON**

**Pastor Toopes**

**“Perfect or Preschool”**

**Text: Luke 18:9-17**

**THE BENEDICTION** (Amen Response is sung by All)



**THE CLOSING HYMN**

L.S.B. #669

“Come, We that Love the Lord”

**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 3.  
Set your clocks BACK ONE HOUR on Saturday, November 2.

**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 TS opening room.

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

**This week's study is on God's Will (Jesus Seeks God's Will) – Matthew 26:36-46**

**11/3 Lesson is on Asking – Looking to God for help**

**YOUTH CLASSES:**

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

**ADULT CLASSES:**

**Next Week's Bible Readings** (EO-110) – led by David King

Studying the Bible Readings of the church year

**Pastor's Bible Class** (S) – led by Pastor Toopes and Pastor Press

We are studying the book of 1 Corinthians

**SERVING THIS WEEK**

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Greeters:	Craig & Jodi Praxl	Jeff & April Owens
Readers:	Peter Brandt	David Jurgens
Acolytes:	Evelyn Ulm	Kylee Jo Linhardt
A/V Assistant:	Mckenzie Eversoll	Johnie Trent/Zach Schmaltz
Nursery Attendant all morning:	Breanna Moser	

**OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

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### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

<b>Oct</b>	28	Shirley Williams	29	Greg Haydock
	30	Mark Kahler	30	Stacie Gleichauf
	31	Bo Matthews		
<b>Nov</b>	1	Karen Buege	1	Pam Schmaltz

### ***FAITH NIGHT***

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

**Jr. Confirmation** (EO-203) – led by Pastor Toopes

Study and training for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Lutheran doctrine.

**Handbell Choir Practice** (Sanctuary) - Directed by Beth Markel & Amy Wieting

**Sanctuary Praise Choir** (Sanctuary) - Directed by Beth Markel & Amy Wieting  
(They meet at 7:30 p.m. after FAITH Night activities.)

### ***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>
Greeters:	Scott & Jean Nehm	Jeff & April Owens
Readers:	Ora Rampenthal	Steve Brooks
Acolytes:	Addison Pugh	Payton Sherry
Communion Assistants:	David King	Tim Rathert
A/V Assistant:	Mckenzie Eversoll	Johnie Trent/Zach Schmaltz
Nursery Attendant all morning:	Tina Hansen	

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## **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.



### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Kurtis & Joanna Howland** had a healthy baby boy, **Jack Henry**, on Thursday, October 17. The proud grandparents are David & Laurie Jurgens.

***May God richly bless this miracle of new life.***

***October is Clergy Appreciation Month!*** This is a great opportunity for all of us to show Pastor Toopes, Pastor Press, & Bill Hiskey 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.

**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTERS:** The newsletter has been distributed via e-mail and the narthex boxes. If we have an e-mail address for you then hopefully you have already received it. If we don't have an e-mail, a printed copy is in the narthex mailboxes for you.

If you would like to receive newsletters by e-mail please contact the church office at 843-9595. Printed copies are also available in the bottom row of the narthex boxes.

The **DEADLINE** for articles for the December newsletter is Friday, November 15.

## **HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS**

1. **Enrollment for the 2019-2020 School Year** is OPEN!

Contact the School Office at 843-1001 if you are interested in enrolling a child(ren) or want to give information to a friend.

**REMEMBER:** For families that are members of HTLC – we will continue to offer the 25% discount in tuition for students (Grades K-6) enrolled full time.

2. **Boxtops for Education** are due in the School Office by Monday, October 28.

For the ones that can still be clipped. Receipt entries must be scanned within 14 days on the app.

### **BOWLING GREEN NORTH/EAST OUTREACH GROUP:**

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

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.

The van will leave the parking lot at Holy Trinity each week at 4 p.m. for anyone who would like a ride.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** **Acts II Koinonia** that meets at Holy Trinity is cancelled now through January depending on interest. If you have any questions or would like to let her know you would like to join please contact Heather Rathert.

**COMPASSIONATE CARE GROUP** – a new group at Holy Trinity. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 6 at 10:30 a.m.

The purpose of the group is to be available for visits to those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual uplifting. The emphasis of the group is to provide loving Christian support to those in need.

Perhaps you are recovering from surgery. Maybe you struggle with a chronic disease. We are here for you and have members who have (or have had) similar needs. If you or a family member is hospitalized or convalescing, or in need of comfort, and would benefit from a visit from a brother or sister in Christ, please let us know.

Perhaps your needs are less physical. Are you grieving the passing of a loved one? Or are you facing the very real demands of being a caregiver? Do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Contact the church office at 270-843-9595 and let us know if you would benefit from a visit! Finally, let us know if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

**O.W.L.s NEWS: Kentucky's Stonehenge In Munfordville KY**

on Thursday November 21 at 10:00 a.m. Meet at McDonalds at Munfordville Exit

After scouring over 1000 acres of nearby Hatcher Valley, Fryer relocated nearly every large rock he could find in order to create his masterpiece. His estate is divided into several other rock displays including Earth Mysteries, The Garden of Gethsemane, Rock Gardens, and Rock Park.

The society is located in historic downtown Munfordville, KY in the block south of the court house on 31W. The society consists of a Museum, Genealogy Library and Battle for the Bridge Preserve.

The Sculptures are located on a quiet street in someone's yard. You can park on the street and are free to walk through and look, but do not touch the rocks. There is no cost. The address is 112-118 Lynn Ave. Munfordville KY 42765.

Following our activities in Munfordville, we will go back to Horse Cave to eat at Turtlelini's Pizza and Pasta (103 S. Dixie St/Horse Cave, KY 42749). Lunch will be \$7.69



For HTLS

Saturday November 2

3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Front Lawn/Gym

Games  
Inflatables

Food  
Silent Auction

and lots of fun!!

Bring your family, neighbors and friends  
for a great night to support a great cause.

For questions please contact the School Office

(Calendar posted here)