



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 2025

*The monthly newsletter of
Trinity Lutheran Church
Greencastle, PA*

Dear Family in Christ,

We are nearing the end of the season of Easter. The season ends when Pentecost arrives on June 8th. We still will celebrate each Sunday as a little resurrection, as that is what we believe.

On Pentecost we will not only welcome the gift of the Holy Spirit, but we will also celebrate Norra Swart becoming an adult member of Trinity. We will be participating as a congregation in the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism, commonly known as Confirmation. Norra will be affirming that the promises her parents, sponsors and the congregation made on her behalf when she was baptized, are now hers to affirm as an adult member of the congregation. She will no longer be a child of the faith but an adult fully in charge of nurturing her faith.

I hope we all take the time to renew ourselves in the faith, be reminded of our own baptisms into the death and resurrection of Jesus, as we participate in Norra's Rite of Affirmation. May we be reaffirmed in our faith and be recommitted as active participants in the faith at Trinity. May we be an example of faith not only to Norra, but also to those around us. May we love one another fully as Christ commanded the disciples and commands us to do today. May we support Norra and one another in our life's journey of faith. Most of all may we live our faith in Jesus out in the world and may people know that we are followers of Jesus by our love for one another.

In Christ,
Pastor Denise





2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	2 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM	3 Women's Bible Study 1PM Collaborative Mtg @ ELC 6PM	4 Scout Mtg 7:30PM	5 Synod Assembly	6 Synod Assembly AA 7PM	7 Synod Assembly
8 <i>Pentecost</i> Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	9 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM	10 Women's Bible Study 1PM	11 Council Mtg 7PM	12	13 AA 7PM	14
15 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 9:15 AM	16 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM	17 Women's Bible Study 1PM	18	19	20 AA 7PM	21
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June Worship Assistants

	JUNE 1	JUNE 8	JUNE 15	JUNE 22	JUNE 29
Assisting Minister	Don Swart	Charlie Ford	Ella Swart	Scott Valentine	Don Swart
Communion Assistants	Sue Wunderlich Dave Wolfe	Darrell Swart Mary Thomas	Kevin Dagliano Wendy Hall	Sue Wunderlich Wendy Hall	Donna Wolfe Mary Thomas
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Rob Marsh	Rob Marsh	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Kevin Dagliano	Shirley Freeman	Sue Wunderlich	Norra Swart	Alice Marsh
Ushers	Darrell Swart	Donna Wolfe	Alan Shank	Norra Swart	Rob Marsh
Singer	Wendy Hall	Matt Cessna	The Choir	Phyllis McCullough	Hannah Ford
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Charlie and Beth Ford	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Alice Marsh	Charlie and Beth Ford	Alice Marsh

CONFIRMATION AT TRINITY

Confirmation will be held at Trinity on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025.



WORSHIP TIME

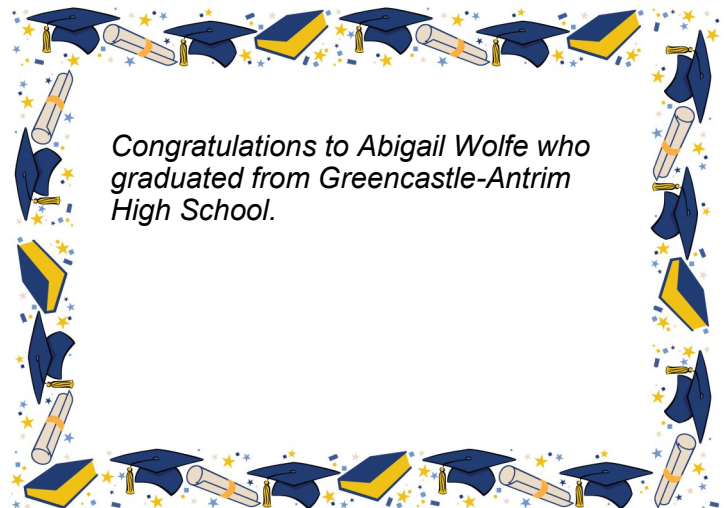
The regular worship time of 10:15 AM will return the Sunday after Labor Day, September 7.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning Sunday, June 15, Trinity's Worship Service will begin at 9:15 AM each Sunday. There will be no Sunday School over the summer.

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025
OUTDOOR SERVICE AND PICNIC
ANTRIM PARK
10:15 AM

More information coming soon!



Congratulations to Abigail Wolfe who graduated from Greencastle-Antrim High School.





CONFESSIONS AND CREEDS

As a testimony to my refined sense of taste, one of my favorite shows was Gilligan's Island. A peculiar thing about the show is that there were 7 castaways but in the first season, the song only identified 5 and blithely finished the list with "and the rest". In later seasons, they corrected this by adding the two to the song in a way that did not quite fit the music. I am going to do something like this with the Lutheran Confessions.

Smallcald Articles, Treatise on the Pope, Formula of Concord, are the rest of the Lutheran Confessions and continue the filling in of the Lutheran beliefs, but one reaches a saturation point and they are not so fun to read. We have looked at a student's overview (Small Catechism), the teacher's guide (Large Catechism), the fuller constitution (Augsburg Confession), and its defense against Catholicism (Apology). This brings us to "further reading", a syllabus section I habitually ignored in college courses. These documents fill in issues and extend teachings, but are less essential.

A NOTE ON THE CREEDS: There are three listed in our constitution and in the Confessions: the Apostles' Creed, used most Sundays in worship; the longer Nicene Creed, used more sparingly; and the Athanasian Creed, the "what-is-that creed?" I will date them AD 325, 381, and 750. (We can fight over this in the parking lot some Sunday). Note that I Corinthians 15 has some phrases hauntingly similar to the center of the Apostles' Creed and was written around A.D. 55 and related to the handing on of faith., implying some deep roots this creed.

The Apostles' Creed is a short, easy to memorize, statement of faith. It is historically the faith stated in Baptism and Confirmation, beginning with the personal, "I believe ...".

The Nicene Creed is a longer creed, obviously based on the Apostle's Creed. It expands the Trinitarian understanding of God. It contains the infamous phrase "and the Son" which is why the Orthodox Church has excommunicated the western church. This creed is used less in worship these days, perhaps because printing it in bulletins or on worship slides is harder than the Apostles' Creed. As a statement of the community, it begins "We believe..." (older English versions mimicked the Apostles' Creed using the start "I believe...").

The Athanasian Creed is the longest of the three and laid out quite differently from the other two. A look at it demonstrates it was not designed as a worship creed but as a study creed. It mostly outlines the Trinity in great detail. Each of the topics represents some heresy that church bodies fought over, especially in the Eastern Church. It is more to be studied than to be memorized, although I have no doubt that some over-achiever has done so. If you have an interest in the Trinity, take a look at it. It might convince you that some things are better left to faith than to understand. Sometimes it is dusted off for Trinity Sunday (Sunday after Pentecost – June 15 this year). A copy can be found in the old, green *LBW* on pages 54-55. It starts in a more impersonal way with "Whoever does not want to die horribly should believe ..." (a loose, non-standard translation, but does capture its essence).

- *Martin Horn*

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



Barbara Grane at the Greencastle Food Pantry is asking for our help to stock the shelves. To help us focus our efforts, each week we'll assign a food item. Please bring the assigned item when you come to worship to place in the box in the Narthex or to the church on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings.

- June 1 Baked beans
- June 8 Toilet paper
- June 15 Cereal
- June 22 Canned tuna or Spam
- June 29 Ketchup and mustard



THE HOLY SACRAMENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study is taking a look at the Sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion. We meet on Tuesdays from 1-2PM in the Adult Sunday School Class. Plan to join us and feel free to bring a friend. If you have any questions please speak with Phyllis McCullough.

JUNE SPECIAL APPEAL

The Special Appeal for June is a local animal shelter. If you desire to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelope for "Special Appeal".



PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING!

SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary Membership Drive is currently underway and will continue through Sunday, June 15. Information and membership envelopes are located on the table in the Narthex area. You can join for as little as \$1. Envelopes along with payment can be given to Sue Snyder or turned into the office. Checks should be made payable to: *SpiriTrust Chambersburg Auxiliary*. We appreciate your consideration in joining this worthy cause.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Chairpersons of the following committees are reminded that their Committee Report for 2024 is due to the Church Office by Sunday, June 15, 2025. You can bring them with you to worship at 9:15 AM.

Outreach
Worship and Music
Congregational Council
Harvest Committee



CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Members of the Congregational Council for 2025 are:

Darrell Swart - President
Matt Cessna - Vice-President
Beth Ford - Secretary
Wendy Hall
Sue Snyder
Mary Thomas
Don Swart
Ella Swart (Youth Representative)

Non-Voting Members:

Pam Arnold - Financial Secretary
Carol Swart - Treasurer



*Cinco de Mayo
Baked Potato Bar
May 5, 2025
Lots of fun!*

