



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 2025

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

Dear Family in Christ,

The long winter of Lent is over. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! This is certainly something to be joyful about. In a world where there is intense negativity and sadness we cling to Christ Jesus and our faith in him. We never lose hope. We live in the light of the resurrection, and we know that God's promises are true.

As I write this the world is preparing for the funeral of Pope Francis. I am not a Roman Catholic but have close family that for a time were members of that expression of Christianity. I don't agree with some things that the Catholics do or believe, and they probably don't always agree with what we do or believe either. That being said, I admired Pope Francis. He was such a humble and warm man who lived out his faith in Christ Jesus. I watched a video of him being out among people and there was a boy who wished to ask the Pope a question. They beckoned him to a microphone and asked what his question was. The boy burst into tears. The Pope opened his arms to the boy, and he went to the Pope who hugged him and consoled him. He whispered his question to the Pope, who told the people in the audience what the question was. The boy said his father was not a believer and died young. Was his father in heaven? The Pope asked the boy about his father and the boy responded that his father was a good man and had him and his brother baptized. The Pope said his Father was with God and God knows his Father. One day they would be reunited.

This is what the Christian faith, our faith is about and how our faith in the crucified and risen Jesus is to operate. Our faith in the crucified and risen Jesus is to be a faith open to the possibilities of what a loving and boundless God can do. It is above all a humble faith, a faith willing to kneel down to assist all people and to stand beside those who are struggling. It is a faith that reaches out even to those who have not yet come to believe. It is a faith without judgment, but so full of love and compassion, just like Jesus. Be that faith. In a world in need of a positive word, be the love of God in Jesus.

*In His Name,
Pastor Denise*



2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Set up for Baked Potato Bar	3 Baked Potato Bar 4 to 7PM
4 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	5 Scouts 6:30 AA 7PM	6 Women's Bible Study 1PM	7 Worship & Music 7PM Scout Mtg 7PM	8	9 AA 7PM	10
11 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	12	13 Conference Mtg 10AM - 2PM Women's Bible Study 1PM Operations 7PM	14 Bible & Brew 6:30PM Council 7PM	15	16 Pack Mtg 6PM AA 7PM	17
18 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	19 Scouts 6:30 AA 7PM	20 Women's Bible Study 1PM	21	22	23	24
25 Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	26 AA 7PM	27 Women's Bible Study 1PM	28	29	30	31

May Worship Assistants

	MAY 4	MAY 11	MAY 18	MAY 25
Assisting Minister	Don Swart	Charlie Ford	Ella Swart	Scott Valentine
Communion Assistants	Carol Swart Mary Thomas	Sue Wunderlich Dave Wolfe	Kevin Dagliano Wendy Hall	Donna Wolfe Mary Thomas
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Shirley Freeman	Sue Wunderlich	Norra Swart	Alice Marsh
Ushers	Donna Wolfe	Alice Marsh	Norra Swart	Rob Marsh
Singer	Phyllis McCullough	Ella Swart	The Choir	Matt Cessna
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Alice Marsh	Charlie and Beth Ford	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Alice Marsh



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.

May 4 Rice and pasta mixes
May 11 Cake mixes
May 18 Peanut Butter
May 25 Canned vegetables

GRADUATE INFORMATION NEEDED

Please help us to recognize the graduates in your family. We will be honoring graduates on Sunday, June 1 during worship. If you have a family member that is graduating and you would like them remembered in the prayers, please fill out the form which is available on the table in the Lobby, contact the Church Office at 717-597-9348 or email us at tlcsecoffice@gmail.com. We need the information by Sunday, May 25.



CINCO DE MAYO BAKED POTATO AND SALAD BAR

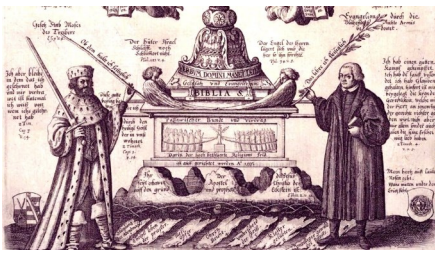
Saturday, May 3, 2025
4PM to 7PM
Trinity Lutheran Church
1186 Jason Drive, Greencastle

Baked Potato Bar
(with all the fixings)
Chile, Salad,
Brownies and Ice Cream

Cost: Donation

TELL YOUR FRIENDS!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

APOLOGY TO THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION



Last time, we looked at the Lutheran Confession called the Augsburg Confession, a set of 28 articles defining the faith. The Holy Roman Emperor, interested in bringing the Church back into unity, mostly under the Church of Rome, asked for the Catholic princes and teachers to respond to the Augsburg Confession, which they did. The Confutation of the Augsburg Confession went article by article. Some they had little to disagree with. Others they took exception to. Unfortunately, an English translation is not easy to find. The Jacobs two volume *Book of Concord* with supporting documents written in 1880's has one. However, you can get a sense of the objections by the next of the Confessions: the Apology of the Augsburg Confession (also written in 1530).

A vocabulary note is necessary, here. Common modern use of the word "apology" usually is associated with the words, "I'm sorry". The Church often does not use the word in this sense but uses the old sense of the word as "an explanation" or "a defense". The Apology of the Augsburg Confession is further explanation and defense of the areas in dispute with the Church of Rome. The articles of the Augsburg Confession to which both sides agreed are only acknowledged in passing, while the items in dispute have a vigorous defense in detail. Thus the articles on God fly by, but the fourth article on "Justification by Faith" gets a defense of many pages.

Read the Augsburg Confession for an overview of what we believe as Lutherans. Then read the Apology to the Augsburg Confession to see where Lutherans differ in the understanding of faith from the Catholics with an explanation of why.



THE HOLY SACRAMENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will be taking a look at the Sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion. We will begin our study on Tuesday,

May 6, 2025 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.



Charlie Ford and Ivan Wingert work together to install a new monitor in the back of the Sanctuary. The monitor will help the Worship Assistants in the Chancel.

MAY SPECIAL APPEAL

The Special Appeal for May is Spiritrust Lutheran Hospice. Most of us know of someone who has been cared for by the staff of Spiritrust Lutheran Hospice. The Hospice team is dedicated to caring for those living with a terminal illness and their families. They assist by managing pain and symptoms, providing support to the family, providing education on what to expect and teaching care giving techniques. They also provide grief support programs in our community. More information about the services of Hospice can be found in the brochures located in the rack by the office door. If you desire to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelope for "Special Appeal".

ANNUAL REPORTS

Chairpersons of the following committees are reminded that their Committee Report for 2024 is due to the Church Office by Thursday, May 15, 2025:

- Operations
- 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



BIBLE AND BREW

Bible and Brew are meeting on May 14 at Gems/B-Street at 6:30PM. Please text or email Dave Wolfe at 717-658-1538 or Blair Boscola Kinkade on FB instant messenger if you are planning on attending so that we can have an accurate head count.



OLD HOMEWEEK SINGERS NEEDED

Singers are needed for the 2025 Old Home Week Community Worship Services to be held at the Greencastle-Antrim High School auditorium

on Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 4:00 PM and 6:45 PM under the direction of Dave Besecker. A variety of choral pieces have been chosen to be performed as part of the services including an Adult Choir, Orchestra, and Creative Arts. The list of choral pieces and links to them can be found online at oldhomeweek.org/community-worship after April 30.

Information can also be found online- at oldhomeweek.org/community-worship. Singers must register by May 15, 2025 either through the web site or by phone (717-597-2644) or email (spysdirector@yahoo.com). Flyers with information are available on the table in the Lobby.



*The Lord will
watch over
your coming & going
both now & forevermore.*

Psalm 121:8, NIV