

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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My Father is glorified by this, that you
BEAR MUCH FRUIT
and become my disciples.

John 15:8, NRSV

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, “My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples” (John 15:8, NRSV).
Part of discipleship is worship, which strengthens us to bear the fruit of love.

SMITHS GROVE SITE - Saturdays

*Meeting at First Christian Church
(427 College St, Smiths Grove, KY)*

Bible Class: 4:00 p.m.

WORSHIP: 5:00 p.m.

BOWLING GREEN SITE - Sundays

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

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

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 at the Bowling Green site 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.

HOLY COMMUNION GUESTS

At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, we believe and teach that Jesus has given His Church the Lord's Supper to grant us forgiveness and life, gifts received solely by faith in Jesus. St. Paul says, "Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgement on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29, ESV).

In personal examination, I freely and joyfully affirm:

- 1) That I have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
- 2) That I believe in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ as my only Savior and Redeemer;
- 3) That I remain in this baptismal faith and am not living in unrepentant sin, but desire to amend whatever is wrong in my life;
- 4) That I believe I receive in the Lord's Supper not only bread and wine, but also the true body and blood of Jesus (according to His words, "This is my body...This is my blood");
- 5) That I do not affirm or support the teachings of those churches which teach this is a merely symbolic meal;
- 6) That I have received basic instruction regarding the Lord's Supper and am in agreement with this congregation's teaching and practice.

If you affirm these statements truthfully, we invite you to share in this Holy Communion. If you have a desire to participate in this meal but have not received baptism nor instruction, we invite you to speak with the pastor, who will be happy to work with you toward an appropriate reception of Christ's holy meal in our midst.

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.

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.

WORSHIP BAGS for our young worshipers are located in the Narthex at the Bowling Green site. Please use these as needed during worship.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the Ushers
at the Bowling Green site.

**THE FIFTH WEEKEND OF EASTER
APRIL 27 & 28, 2024**

*We lay our joys and cares before you, Holy Spirit,
that you might prepare our hearts for worship.*

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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. #790

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
(Verses 1, 4, & 5)

THE INVOCATION

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Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen. *Matthew 28:19b [18:20]*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: 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.)

Pastor: 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

People: **Amen.**

ADULT CONFIRMATION

(BG Site at the 8:00 service)

**John Hamilton
Kathy Hamilton
Stacy Sheets**

INTROIT/P SALM

Psalm 145:1-2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

Liturgist: A little while, and you will see me no longer;

People: and again, a little while, and you will see me.

Liturgist: I will extol you, my God and King,

People: and bless your name forever and ever.

Liturgist: Every day I will bless you

People: and praise your name forever and ever.

Liturgist: The LORD is gracious and merciful,

People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Liturgist: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

People: and all your saints shall bless you!

Liturgist: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

People: and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

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: A little while, and you will see me no longer;

People: and again a little while, and you will see me.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

L.S.B. #687

"Thine Forever, God Of Love"
Mary F. Maude & Orlando Gibbons

**1. Thine forever, God of love!
Hear us from Thy throne above;
Thine forever may we be
Here and in eternity.**

**5. Thine forever! Thou our guide,
All our wants by Thee supplied,
All our sins by Thee forgiven;
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.**

THE COLLECT

Liturgist: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
People: **And with your spirit.**

Liturgist: Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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

Acts 8:26-40

Reader: The First Reading is from the 8th chapter of Acts.

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

*"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.*

*³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."*

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

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³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE EPISTLE READING

1 John 4:1-21

Reader: The Epistle Reading is from the 4th chapter of 1 John.

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

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¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE CHORAL ANTHEM

Sanctuary Praise Choir

"How Beautiful"

Please stand for

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-11

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

[Jesus said] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch

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cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

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 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.

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THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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THE PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ; the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS

(Sung by all)

(Sung to the tune of L.S.B. #507 "Holy, Holy, Holy")

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty.
You alone are holy, worthy, and righteous.
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
We rejoice to join the hymns of earth and sky and sea.
Generations praise You, with saints and angels.
Holy and bless'd through all eternity.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19 & 20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI *(Sung by all)*

(Sung to the tune of L.S.B. #803 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”)

**Lamb of God, most holy Savior,
For our souls You gave Your life,
Let us come and bow before You,
Sing Your praises day and night.
By Your cross and by Your passion
You have set the captives free
You have won for us salvation
Reigning now in victory.**

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THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Bowling Green site only)

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

L.S.B. #636

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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Liturgist: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE SERMON HYMN

L.S.B. #700

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

THE SERMON

Pastor Press

“Abiding In Love: What It Means For Us”

Text: 1 John 4:15-21 and John 15:1-11

THE BENEDICTION

(Amen response is sung by all.)

□ A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE CLOSING HYMN

L.S.B. #707

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

THE CLOSING STATEMENT

Pastor: Go now into your mission field.
People: **We go with Jesus and with joy.**

THE POSTLUDE

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++ OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES IN OUR DAILY SERVICE ++

Dionne will be on vacation Friday, May 17 – Wednesday May 22. The church office will be closed in the afternoons, but Elizabeth will be in the office in the mornings.



The Offices will be **CLOSED** on Monday, May 27 for **Memorial Day**.
If you have a pastoral need please contact Pastor Press at (651) 788-6940 or press@csp.edu.

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

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ADULT CLASS - Smiths Grove site

Pastors' Bible Class: "Bearing Fruit by Abiding in Love"

EDUCATION CLASSES – Bowling Green site

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Ignite Sunday School is a time for our children to ignite their faith in God and to learn more about what He's done for us through the stories of the Bible. Grades PreK-5th are invited to join us at 9:15am on Sundays in Room 012.

FIRESIDE:

Fireside is a place where students in grades 6th-12th can engage in deep conversations and grow in their relationship with God.

Join us on Sundays at 9:15am in EO-201 upstairs.

ADULT CLASS:

Pastors' Bible Class: "Bearing Fruit by Abiding in Love"

OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

BG site:	The Church at Study-	39	The Church at Worship	166
SG site:	The Church at Study	9	The Church at Worship	21
TOTAL		48		187

SERVING THIS WEEK – BG Site

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Greeters:	Craig & Jodi Praxl	Geneva Bentley
Readers:	Bart White	David Jurgens
Acolytes:	Riley Moore	Vera Fritz
A/V Assistants:	McKenzie Eversoll	A.J. Zirbel
Altar Guild:	Patti Stuckwisch	Corey Zirbel
	Susan Hoffman	Megan Zirbel
Communion Assts:	Mike Hartwein	Jason Owens
PowerPoint Preparation:	Nelson Feliciano	
Nursery Attendant all morning:	Tina Hansen	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Apr	28	Kurt Otto	28	Kelsey Kirk
	28	Conway Whitaker	30	Bob Otto
May	2	David King	2	Colin Fritz
	2	Jeffrey Heinze	3	Dick Stirn
	3	Bill Parsons	3	Andy Toopes

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Apr	30	Jerry & Michele Mefford
May	2	Brian & Nina Vratana (25 th)

Next week's scripture readings are:

THE FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-48

THE EPISTLE: 1 John 5:1-8

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

SERVING NEXT WEEK – BG Site

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Greeters:	Al & Laurie Seavey	Ralph & Joyce Piel
Readers:	Laurie Seavey	Beth Markel
Acolytes:	Quinn Otto	Sydney Davenport
A/V Assistants:	McKenzie Eversoll	A.J. Zirbel
Altar Guild:	Patti Stuckwisch Susan Hoffman	Geneva Bentley Diane Thorpe
Communion Assts:	Marly Hiatt	David Nelson
PowerPoint Preparation:	Dawson Owens	
Nursery Attendant all morning:	Breanna Moser	

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.

IN A MEDICAL FACILITY LAST WEEK WAS...Martin Hahn. We pray the Great Physician will continue to bring him healing and strength.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Bradley & Raychel Borth had a healthy baby girl, **Hazel Raye**, on Monday, April 22. Hazel is also welcomed to the family by her brother: Nelson. The proud great-grandparents are Bruce & Bonnie Borth.

May God richly bless this miracle of new life.

MAY NEWSLETTERS have been distributed via email and the Narthex/Lobby. If we have an email address for you then hopefully you have already received it. If we don't have an email, a printed copy is on the table in the Narthex/Lobby for you to pick up and take home.

If you would like to receive newsletters via email please contact the church office at 270-843-9595. The **DEADLINE** for articles for the (June newsletter is Wednesday, May 15.

HTL SCHOOL NEWS

1. **RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER EVENT** – Enjoy a meal and help out HTLS at the same time! Contact Ellen Murphy at pto@htlc-bq.org for additional information.
Zaxby's (By-Pass Location) – Tuesday, April 30

2. **NOW HIRING** for the 2024-2025 school year – positions are available for elementary teachers, preschool teachers, teachers aides, etc. We have full-time, part-time, and substitute positions available. For information, please go to www.htlsbq.com or contact the School Office at 270-843-1001.

3. HTLS Preschool is looking for afternoon assistants in the preschool classrooms. Hours would be 11am-4:30pm. Call Miss Hannah at 270-843-1001!
 - Enjoy sleeping in?
 - Love to have fun with kids?
 - Want to get paid for both of these?

4. **EVENTS ON OUR CALENDAR:**
 - **Preschool (4-year old) Graduation** is on Friday, May 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
 - **6th Grade Graduation** is on Monday, May 20 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary & a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall
 - **HTLS Field Days**
 - Preschool students on Monday, May 20
 - K-6 students on Tuesday, May 21
 - **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** is Wednesday, May 22

FAITH NIGHT

We have a variety of activities planned each Wednesday evening

5:30 p.m. Sanctuary Praise Choir (S)

Directed by Beth Markel & Amy Wieting

(ends 5/1/24)

6:00 p.m. Fuel & Friends (EO-110) – Jonah Kaufmann

Food and fellowship for 6th-12th grade students

(ends 5/22/24)

6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study (EO-110) - Pastor Press

Theme: “Nurturing Your Faith: Life Together”

Tonight’s Topic: “Holying Hope: Part 2 (with video)”

(This class won’t meet on 5/15)

(ends 6/5/24)

6:30 p.m. Fusion (EO-201) – Jonah Kaufmann

Bible Study & Activities for 8th-12th grade Students

(ends 5/22/24)

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER on Thursday, May 2

The theme for 2024 is “Lift up the Word and Light up the World”.

Check local Christian radio stations for local events.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING: on Sunday, May 5 at 9:15am (between

services). The purpose of the meeting is to vote on extending a call to one of two potential pastoral candidates. For those of you who may not have received Pastor Press’ email, the two candidates are:

- 1) **Rev. Steven Andrews**, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Lees Summit, MO, where he has served since 2017 (2013 graduate of St. Louis seminary).
- 2) **Rev. David Schultz**, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Wood River, IL, where he has served since 2018 (2015 graduate of St. Louis seminary).

YOUTH NEWS

1. **FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY:** Ablaze student ministry has a new fundraiser for their mission trip this summer. This fundraiser will feature 100 envelopes numbered 1 through 100 which will be pinned to a bulletin board in the Narthex. We ask that you take one home, pray over the student or organization found inside, and bring it back to church with a donation equal to the number on the outside. Not only will this be an encouragement to our youth and the organizations that we will be helping, but if all 100 envelopes are taken then we will have met our goal! Thank you to everyone who continues to support our youth!
 2. **SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY** on Sunday, May 12. We will recognize our High School seniors that are graduating this year! We will have cake, punch, and give affirmations to all of our seniors leaving us this year. We are sad to see them go, but we know that God is always with them. (This will also be the last week of High School Ablaze for the school year).
 3. **MISSION TRIP PREPARATION MEETINGS:** on Wednesday, May 15 (also June 5 & 19) at 6:00pm in EO-110. These meetings will be designed to prepare our students in both body and mind as we approach our mission trip. It is also an opportunity to ask further questions about our trip, and grow excitement as we look forward to helping the city of Austin. Please let Jonah know if you can't make it.
2. **WEEKLY EVENTS**
- **High School Ablaze** meets on Sundays at 11:30am.
 - **Fireside** (Youth Class) takes place at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays in EO-201 upstairs. Join us in reading God's word and having a good time doing so. Come join the fun!
 - **Fuel and Friends** and **Fusion** meet on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. (last day: May 22)

GRADUATE RECOGNITION: If someone close to you is graduating from High School or College in May, please contact the Church Office.

We will recognize all of our graduates during both services on Sunday, May 12. If they graduated in December of 2023 we will recognize them at the same time. There will be a reception for the high school graduates during Fireside that Sunday (9:15am).

Following is a list of our High School graduates:

Allen County-Scottsville High School
Johnie Trent

Gatton Academy
Gracie Veith

South Warren High School
Connor Heyungs

High School Unknown
Hannah Boddeker
Dakota Britton
Lillie Gleichauf

SMITHS GROVE OUTREACH

1. 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 worship site will enable the Word to have an impact on more people in the surrounding community. Your prayers and your support are vital to this outreach ministry.
2. **Smiths Grove Planning meeting** on Saturday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. after the evening service.

LWML NEWS

1. For more information about LWML, contact Claudine Stirn at 270-793-9991.
2. **MID-SOUTH DISTRICT CONVENTION:** This 2024 LWML convention will take place Friday, June 7 – Sunday, June 9 at Christ the King Lutheran Church (5296 Park Ave) and the Memphis Hilton Hotel (939 Ridge Lake Blvd) in Memphis, TN. The theme this year is “Holy Spirit Flow Through Me,” based on Revelation 22:1-2a. A list of speakers and special guests is available in the narthex. Registration ends Monday, May 20, and the cost is \$85. For more information, go to <http://www.midsouthlwml.org/district-convention>.

SERMON NOTES

Our Ministry This Week

<i>Sunday</i>	8:00am	Worship – C
<i>April 28</i>	9:15am	Ignite & Bible Classes
	10:30am	Worship – C
	11:30am	High School Ablaze
	12:30-2:30pm	Mara (Burmese) service (S/Ignite Rm)

<i>Monday</i>	2:00pm	HTLS (EO-205)
<i>April 29</i>		

<i>Tuesday</i>	9:30am	Men's Life Light (CR)
<i>April 30</i>	9:30am	Women's Bible Study (EO-110)
	2:00pm	HTLS (EO-205)

<i>Wednesday</i>	8:30am	HTLS Chapel (S)
<i>May 1</i>	2:00pm	HTLS (EO-205)
	5:30pm	FAITH Night (see page 23)
	7:30pm	Adult Instruction Class (EO-110)

<i>Thursday</i>	<i>National Day of Prayer</i>	
<i>May 2</i>		

<i>Friday</i>		
<i>May 3</i>		

<i>Saturday</i>	4:00pm	Smiths Grove Bible Study
<i>May 4</i>	5:00pm	Smiths Grove Worship – C

<i>Sunday</i>	8:00am	Worship – C
<i>May 5</i>	9:15am	General Assembly Meeting (S)
	9:15am	Ignite & Bible Classes
	10:30am	Worship – C
	11:30am	High School Ablaze
	12:30-2:30pm	Mara (Burmese) service (S/Ignite Rm)
