

**Trinity Evangelical  
Lutheran Church**



**Contemporary Worship  
Service  
May 3, 2026**

**Good Morning and Welcome!** We invite you to worship with us often, and ask if you need any assistance! If you are visiting us today, please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex, please include your address and phone number. Please place your offering envelope in the plate in the Narthex. Thank You!

**Remember in your prayers:**

Lynn Wolfgang, Oscar & Angie Smith, Erika Zaiser, Betty Moore, Kathy Gamler, Bill Brensinger, Becky Yescavage, Kathy Sell, Donna Day, Elaine Dotterer, Ralph Rothenberger, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Goode, Pete Schmoyer, Mary Snyder, Linda Bewley, Mike Wyda, Marcia Auge, Millie Merkel, Ashley Essig, Vicki Mest, Mark Yarnall and Heather Johnson.

**Friends & Family:**

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Joyce Kemp, Linda Gilbert, Tanner Antalosky, Betty Moyer, LeeAnn Price, Clayton Smith, Dennis Weller, David Panetta and Mel Harrington.

**Families Of:**

Naomi Bryson and Helene Kushnir.

**Also members, relatives and friends in the community who are serving in the military including:**

Christopher Heffner, BillyRay Pearce, Jr., Noah Heydt, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic, Seth Kurtz and Clinton Bowen.

**Our sister congregation**, the Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.  
(Website: [Kirche-bornaer-land.de](http://Kirche-bornaer-land.de))

**Please note: Names of friends and family will be kept on the bulletin prayer list for one month. If still in need of prayers, these names will then appear in the newsletter prayer list. Names on the friends and family list will only be kept on the newsletter prayer list for one year. If you wish for names to remain longer, please speak to Pastor Gene, Linda Ritter or contact the Church Office. Thank you for helping us keep the prayer list current!**

**Members of the Worship Team**

Angie Renninger	Guitar
Kurt Yescavage	Trumpet
Pastor Zaiser	Guitar

**Vocals By:**

Mardell Blanford  
Sharon Renninger  
Janice Sheetz

**May 3, 2026**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**

**The Altar Flowers** are presented to the glory of God by Diane & Bob McElwee, in Honor of 40 years of Marriage and also in Memory of Colonel Glenn L. Wagner, USMC RET., by the Family.

**The Bulletins** are presented to the glory of God by Jerry & Carolyn Bryce, in Honor of Our Military, keeping us safe and also to Our First Responders!

**The Eternal Flame Candle** is presented to the glory of God by Dan & Kathy Kuser, in Memory of Alice Weller.

- **Opening Song** “Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?” Pg. 14

Announcements, Concerns, Praises: a time for congregation to lift up prayer requests and thanks.

- **Confession and Forgiveness**

P Loving God, we come before you this day to worship and praise you, yet we know that we have not always been the people you’ve wanted us to be. In our actions, our words, and our thoughts, we have often disappointed you by not loving and forgiving others as you would have us do. We come asking your forgiveness, knowing that you are merciful and loving, even when we are not.

C **Dear Lord, have mercy on us. Do not count our wrongs against us, but rather forgive us for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Refresh our spirits, so that we can serve you and others as we ought to. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross so that we might be forgiven. For his sake, God does not count our wrongs against us, but rather gives forgiveness and everlasting life to all who believe. Amen.

- **The Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**Worship Songs**      “Hallelujah, Your Love Is Amazing” Pg. 19  
                                 “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”  
                                 “All in All” Pg. 1

**FIRST READING:      Acts 7:55-60**

<sup>55</sup> Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

**GOSPEL: John 14:1-14****Presentation of the Gospel by Heart**

Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

**Sermon**

- **Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy  
Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

**Prayer of the People**

**Communion**

**Closing Songs**      “Give Us Clean Hands” Pg. 16  
                                 “You Are Mighty” Pg. 50

- **Mission Statement and Sending**

L      People of Trinity, what is our mission?

C      **We shall, as individuals and as a congregation, strive through  
word, worship, and witness to further the kingdom of God by knowing  
and sharing Christ’s Love in our hearts, in our homes, in His church, in  
the community, and in the world.**

- **Sending**

L      Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and  
forever.

C      **Amen**

**Please make plans to attend our annual Mother/Daughter Banquet that will be held on Saturday, May 9th. Tickets are now available. Adults \$15.00—Children 6-12 \$7.00, to purchase tickets, please see Diane McElwee or stop in at the Church Office. Doors open at 5:30PM Dinner at 6:00PM. The entertainment will be Marian Gehman & Friends.**

Pastor Zaiser will be hosting an **evening Bible study** on Wednesday evenings until June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7-8:30PM, in the parlor. The subject will be the Gospel of John.

**Trinity Hoagies:** “Hoagie Fundraiser” for the General Fund. 8” hoagies from Maurizio’s Pizza (formerly Pappa Bernards) cost \$8.00. The hoagies will be ham, Italian and turkey (onion, no onion). There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board. **Orders are due by Sunday, May 10th and pick up on Friday, May 15th — 11:00AM-11:30AM. Please make checks payable to Dennis Schaeffer. Any questions, please see Dennis Schaeffer. Thank You for your support. Thank you also to Dennis Schaeffer for organizing this fundraiser.**

There will be a **new member group** meeting on Sunday mornings, May 17<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 9:15AM in the pastor’s office. If you are interested in joining Trinity, please speak to Pastor Gene.

**Free Will Offerings** will be received the 3rd Sunday of every month. The next Free Will Offering will be Sunday, May 17th for geraniums for Pentecost. Thank you for your support.

**The deadline for the June Newsletter is Sunday, May 17th,** please submit your information to Karen in the church office.

**Prayer Listing:** If you wish to make any changes to the Prayer List for the June Newsletter, please see Linda Ritter, Pastor Gene or contact the church office.

**We will return to our Summer Worship Schedule on Sunday, June 7th,** worship will be at 9AM, there will be no Contemporary Worship Service or Sunday School during June, July & August. We will return to our regular schedule on Sunday, September 6th.

**Graduate Recognition Sunday will be held on June 7th.** Please contact the church office and let us know of any members, friends, or loved ones who are graduating from high school, college, graduate school, basic training or any other academic or career training program.

**The Summer Music Schedule Sign Up Sheet** is now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, if you would like to sing or play an instrument. Please sign up.

**Trinity Night at the Reading Phillies Game, Saturday, August 29th. Tickets \$43.00 includes the “All You Can Eat Buffet” Game Time 6:45, Gates Open 4:45PM. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For more information, please see Dennis Schaeffer. PLEASE NOTE: THIS STADIUM IS CASHLESS.**

**You may sponsor Altar Flowers, the cost of the flowers has increased for (1) vase \$34.00 and (2) vases \$68.00,** please contact Mary Snyder. **If you wish to sponsor flowers and that date is not available, you can always sponsor an extra bouquet of flowers for \$40.00. When sponsoring flowers,** please use a flower envelope found in the rack in the narthex or clearly mark the envelope “Flowers”. If you sponsored flowers in the past but no longer wish to, please let Mary Snyder 610-473-8885 or the church office know. If you wish to sponsor the bulletins, the cost is \$15.00 to offset the cost of printing.

**Trinity's Gift Card Program** - Gift card orders are accepted before and after the church service the first Sunday of each month and distributed the second Sunday. Order forms for Redners, Giant and Raise Right (for other retail gift cards) are available in the narthex. The Raise Right order form is also available for download on Trinity's website. Payment must be submitted with your order. **Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and include your phone number on your order form.** If you have any questions regarding this fund raising program please see Sharon Kemp, Kathy Kuser or Kurt Yescavage.

**WAWA Hoagie Coupons** Available 1st Sunday of the month at the Scrip Table. Coupons are also available in the church office Monday—Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00PM. Coupons are \$5.00. This project benefits the Social Ministry. **PLEASE NOTE: There are only a short supply of coupons available, once they are gone, we are unable to receive more.**

**Coffee Hour** - Volunteers are needed to host Coffee Hour for **May 17th**, please sign up for this time of Fellowship. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**Need a ride?** We have volunteers in the congregation who are willing to provide transportation to medical appointments, etc., for those who can't find a ride. Please contact Pastor Gene 610-322-0901 if you need a ride or would like to volunteer as a driver.

**Devotionals** are available in the rack in the Narthex. If you enjoy the devotionals, please make a donation to help offset the cost. Thank You.

**Bibles** are available in the rack in the Narthex for you to reference during worship. You may also take home to reference, please return when you are finished.

**HOSPITAL INPATIENT STAY:** Please contact Pastor Gene if you are admitted to the hospital and would like a visit, due to privacy laws, the hospital no longer contacts the church.

**Trinity's events for the upcoming week:**

Sunday, May 3rd-	8:00 Cont. Worship Service w/Communion
	9:15 Sunday School
	10:30 Worship Service w/Comm.
Wednesday, May 6th-	6:30 TLC Stitchers
	7:00 Bible Study
Thursday, May 7th-	6:30 Sr. Choir Practice
Saturday, May 9th-	5:30 Mother/Daughter Banquet
Sunday, May 10th-	<b>Mother's Day</b>
	9:15 Sunday School
	10:30 Worship Service

**Next Week's Worship Assistants  
Sunday, May 10th:**

Ushers: Cathy Yoder\* & Sharon Renninger  
 Lector: Janice Sheetz  
 Acolyte: Mark Sheetz

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 04/26/2026**

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
<u>Worship/S.S</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>
67/14	\$2,705.00	0
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>
	0	\$105.00

**March 5 Sundays:**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Weekly Avg</b>
General Fund	\$4520	\$904
Building	\$ 155	\$ 31
World Hunger	\$ 40	\$ 5
Benevolence	\$ 245	\$ 49

**Grand Total for March 2026: \$4975**

## **Monthly Free-will Offerings 2026**

A free-will offering is scheduled for the third Sunday of each month. They are as follows:

May 17 – geraniums for Pentecost

June 21 – Save the Children

July 19 – Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes

August 16 – American Foundation for Suicide  
Prevention

September 20 – Boyertown Area Multi Service

October 18 – Eastern Berks Fire Dept.

November 15 – Elf Bags (Multi-Service)

December – No free-will offering. Thank you for supporting the various Christmas giving opportunities.

**Thank you for your contributions to these special causes!**

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CREATIVE

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TO

\$\$\$\$\$ RAISERIGHT (SCRIP)

FOR

YOUR

CHURCH

FAMILY



**PLAN! WHEN?** END OF PREVIOUS MONTH. **WHAT?** EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS (CVS, Staples, Walmart, WAWA, cards) GROCERIES (Giant, Redners, Walmart, Target, Visa cards) BIRTHDAYS (Amazon, Starbucks, Gap, Old Navy, Macy's cards) HOME IMPROVEMENTS (Home Depot, Lowes, Ace Hardware cards) VACATIONS (Hotels, Airlines, Cruises, Fuel cards) ANNIVERSARY'S (Long Horn Steakhouse, Macy's, AMC theater cards)

**IMPLEMENT!** FILL OUT THE FORM! WRITE A CHECK OR BRING CASH! TURN IN AT THE SCRIP TABLE ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! COLLECT YOUR CARDS THE SECOND SUNDAY!

GET CREATIVE! THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX! ADD'L GIFT CARDS ON THE WEBSITE [raiseright.com](http://raiseright.com)

**The Community Clothing Rack  
Schedule**

**1st Wednesday**  
Donations Accepted

**2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays**  
Shoppers Welcome

**2nd Thursday**  
Shoppers Welcome  
6:00PM-8:00PM

**5th Wednesday**  
CLOSED

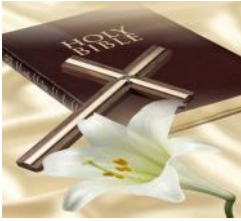
**Hours**  
**1:00PM-4:00PM**

**Summer Hours Only**  
**June-August**  
**9:00AM-12:00PM**

Closed on all major holidays.  
In the case of inclement weather,  
Refer to Boyertown Area School district closure.  
CCR is a ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Church  
Our mission is to serve Jesus Christ by providing  
necessary clothing to the underserved.

[www.StLukeGilbertsville.org](http://www.StLukeGilbertsville.org)

## Readings for Personal Devotion



M Exodus 13:17-22  
T Proverbs 3:5-18  
W John 8:31-38  
Th Acts 6:8-15  
F Acts 7:44-60  
Sa Psalm 102:1-17

### **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

The Rev. Dr. Eugene C. Zaiser, DMin.,  
Pastor

Ms. LaRue Sheetz, Director of Music  
Mrs. Karen J. Smith, Parish Secretary  
Mrs. Catherine M. Yoder, Sexton

The Members of this Congregation are its  
Ministers

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Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?

By Martin Smith

Did you feel the mountains tremble?  
Did you hear the oceans roar?  
When the people rose to sing of  
Jesus Christ the risen one.

Did you feel the people tremble?  
Did you hear the singers roar?  
When the lost began to sing of  
Jesus Christ the saving One.

And we can see that, God, You're moving.  
A mighty river through the nations.  
And young and old will turn to Jesus.  
Fling wide you heavenly gates,  
Prepare the way of the risen Lord.

Chorus:

Open up the doors and let the music play,  
Let the streets resound with singing.  
Songs that bring Your hope  
And songs that bring Your joy,  
Dancers who dance upon injustice.

Do you feel the darkness tremble,  
When all the saints join in one song?  
And all the streams flow as one river,  
To wash away our brokenness.

And here we see that, God, you're moving.  
A time of jubilee is coming.  
When young and old return to Jesus.  
Fling wide you heavenly gates,  
Prepare the way of the risen Lord. (cont.)

Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)

By Brian Doerkson &amp; Brenton Brown

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging  
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet  
Your love is a mystery, how You gently lift me  
When I am surrounded, Your love carries me

Chorus:

Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising  
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me  
Every time I see you, all Your goodness shines  
through  
And I can feel this God song, rising up in me

Chorus

All in All

By Dennis Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all  
Seeking you as a precious jewel  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your Name  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your Name

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame  
Rising again, I bless Your Name  
You are my all in all  
When I fall down, You pick me up  
When I am dry, You fill my cup  
Your are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your Name  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your Name

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Give Us Clean Hands

By Charlie Hall

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees  
O Spirit, come make us humble  
We turn our eyes from evil things  
O Lord, we cast down our idols

Give us clean hands  
Give us pure hearts  
Let us not lift our souls to another (repeat)

God let us be a generation that seeks  
That seeks Your face, O God of Jacob (repeat)

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You Are Mighty

By Craig Musseau

You are mighty (You are mighty)

You are holy (You are holy)

You are awesome in Your power!

You have risen (You have risen)

You have conquered (You have conquered)

You have beaten the power of death!

Alleluia! We will rejoice!

Alleluia! We will rejoice!









