

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We must
**OBEY
GOD**
rather than
— ANY —
**HUMAN
AUTHORITY.**

ACTS 5:29, NRSV



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

After Christ's resurrection, the disciples demonstrate many responses:
not only faith and joy but also doubt and confusion.

Welcome — no matter where you are on your faith journey.

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 pad to provide your **Email, mailing address and phone number** so that we might extend a special welcome.

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

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).

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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 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 AND VISITORS 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. Some tips for parents/guardians of children in church:

- 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."

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- 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.

NURSERY AND CRY ROOM: If necessary, a nursery and cry room are available to your children. The nursery is located in the old annex area. Exit the sanctuary and follow the hallway to the left, then turn at the first hallway to the right. The nursery is no longer staffed, therefore parents may use the room as needed but must remain with their children. The nursing/cry room is located in the hallway outside the sanctuary (nearest to the Nursery room hallway). If you have any questions regarding the nursery, please contact Laurie Seavey at 270-991-1172.

THE SECOND WEEKEND OF EASTER APRIL 26 & 27, 2025

*I'm grateful for the mix of doubt and faith the disciples exhibited;
it puts me in good company.
Jesus, bless me with increased belief,
even when I cannot see you in person.*

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. #547

“The Lamb”

THE INVOCATION

Liturgist: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Liturgist: Let us draw near with true hearts and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Liturgist: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Almighty and merciful God, we confess to You all our sins of thought, word, and deed and especially of living like we are still slaves to sin. In true sorrow we have returned to Your promise given in our holy Baptism. Looking to the innocent suffering and death of Jesus our Savior we pray for Your forgiveness, and looking to His glorious resurrection we pray for the new life of holiness, living in Your grace and mercy. Amen.

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Pastor: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. As a called and ordained servant of the Living Word Jesus Christ, I announce the grace of God to all of us. In the name and by the command of Christ, and according to the promise of His Holy Spirit, you are forgiven all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT/PSALM

Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon 1 Peter 2:2-3

Liturgist: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation –

People: if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Liturgist: O give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

People: make known his deeds among the peoples.

Liturgist: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

People: tell of all his wondrous works!

Liturgist: Glory in his holy name;

People: let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Liturgist: Seek the LORD and his strength;

People: seek his presence continually!

Liturgist: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

People: his miracles and the judgments he uttered.

Liturgist: He remembers his covenant forever,

People: the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Liturgist: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

People: and to the Holy Spirit;

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Liturgist: as it was in the beginning,
People: **is now, and will be forever. Amen**

Liturgist: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by
it you may grow up to salvation —
People: **if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

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"Gloria in Excelsis"

**To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

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**For You alone are holy,
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

THE COLLECT

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

Liturgist: Let us pray. Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Grant that we who have been raised with Him may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 5:12-32

Reader: The First Reading is from the 5th chapter of Acts.

¹² Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³ None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴ And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.

¹⁶ The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷ But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸ they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹ And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²² But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³ "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴ Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵ And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." ²⁶ Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

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²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:4-6

Reader: The Epistle Reading is from the 2nd chapter of 1 Peter.

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture:

*"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for
THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Toopes

THE SERMON HYMN

L.S.B. #537

"Beautiful Savior"

THE SERMON

Pastor Toopes

"Why Were They Jealous"
Text: Acts 5:12-32

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.**

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 dying 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)

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He
That cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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

John 20:19

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

THE AGNUS DEI *(Sung by all)*

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**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Grant us Thy peace.**
Amen.

John 1:29

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Bowling Green site only)
THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”
“Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom”

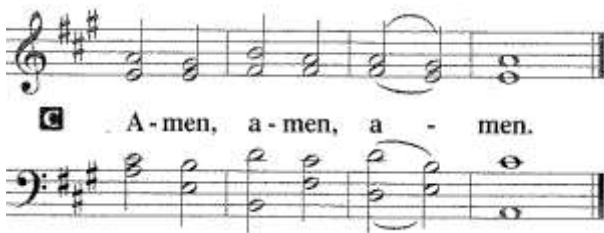
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THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious and eternal God, we thank You for having fed us richly with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Grant that this bread of life and blood of Christ shared and received in this blessed Meal would be for us that life-giving food that sustains us throughout our earthly journeys as we serve You all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: **AMEN!**

THE BENEDICTION *(Amen response is sung by all.)*



THE CLOSING HYMN

L.S.B. #477

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

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 + +

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The church secretary, Elizabeth, will be off Monday, April 28 and Tuesday, April 29. Dionne will be monitoring emails from home and will respond to prayer requests and the like.

Pastor Press will be on vacation Saturday, April 26 – Friday, May 2.

If you have a pastoral need during these times, please contact Pastor Toopes at (870) 672-2117 or toopes57@gmail.com.



ADULT CLASS - Smiths Grove site
Pastor Toopes' Bible Study

EDUCATION CLASSES – Bowling Green site

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Ignite Sunday School is a combined multi-age class for PreK through 5th grade that meets in the Ignite room (012) each Sunday at 9:15am.

We hope you can join us!

ABLAZE:

Ablaze 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 CLASSES:

Pastor Toopes' Bible Study

OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

BG site:	The Church at Study	0	The Church at Worship	371
SG site:	The Church at Study	10	The Church at Worship	50
TOTAL		10		421

Attendance at the Good Friday Service: 116

SERVING THIS WEEK – BG Site

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Greeters:	Jeff & Hilary Eversoll	Tim & Heather Rathert
Readers:	Peter Brandt	Sheryl Morris
Acolytes:	Mason Rosbottom	Vera Fritz
A/V Assistants:	McKenzie Eversoll	A.J. Zirbel
Altar Guild:	Patti Stuckwisch	Geneva Bentley Diane Thorpe
Communion Assts:	Mike Hartwein	Jason Owens
PowerPoint Preparation:	Nelson Feliciano	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Apr	27	Melissa Veith	27	Zachary Schmaltz
	27	Madelyn Kirk	28	Kurt Otto
	28	Conway Whitaker	30	Bob Otto
May	2	David King	2	Brittany Henson
	2	Colin Fritz	3	Dick Stirn
	3	Bill Parsons	3	Andy Toopes

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Apr	27	Roy & Deanna Boddeker
	30	Jerry & Michele Mefford
May	1	Brian & Nina Vratana

Next week's scripture readings are:

THE FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-22

THE EPISTLE: Revelation 5:1-14

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

SERVING NEXT WEEK – BG Site

8:00 Service

Greeters: Craig & Jodi Praxl

Readers: Laurie Seavey

Acolytes: Quinn Otto

A/V Assistants: McKenzie Eversoll

Altar Guild: Patti Stuckwisch

Communion Assts: Marly Hiatt

PowerPoint Preparation: Dawson Owens

10:30 Service

Tim & Heather Rathert

Pam Schmaltz

August Merkle

Ayden Witherspoon

Heather Rathert

Marsha Holm

Dave Nelson

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.

ATTENDANCE: The Elders have come up with a new way of doing attendance for services. Instead of filling out an insert in the bulletin, there will be a tablet placed at one end of each pew or row of chairs. This tablet will contain an attendance sign-in sheet. We are asking for the first person in the pew/row to please fill out the attendance form inside and then pass the tablet to the next person until the whole pew/row has been filled in. Please participate in this new way of doing attendance as it is very important for the church to have accurate attendance records. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office or one of the Elders.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

If someone close to you has graduated from High School or College in May, please contact the Church Office.

We will recognize all of our graduates during the services on Sunday, May 18. There will be a **Reception** between services in the Fellowship Hall. If they graduated in December of 2024 we will recognize them at the same time.

Following is a list of our High School graduates:

South Warren High School
Breanna Heyungs

Lighthouse Academy
Addison Pugh

Following is a list of our College graduates:

SKYCTC
Joseph McClendon

Centre College
Zachary Schmaltz

FAITH NIGHT

We have a variety of activities planned each Wednesday evening.

5:15 p.m.

Sanctuary Praise Choir (S)
Directed by Beth Markel

6:00 p.m.

Fuel & Friends in EO-201 – Food, Drinks, and Fellowship for older Youth

6:15 p.m.

Jr. Confirmation in the Conference Room – Taught by Pastor Press.
Study in Lutheran doctrine for 5th and 6th grade students; Topic: “The Place of Worship in the Christian Life.” *(restarts May 7)*

7:30 p.m.

Adult Bible Study in EO-110 with Pastor Press
Topic: “The Half-Known God: the third articles of the Apostles’ & Nicene Creeds” *(restarts May 7)*

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FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

1. CYBER SAFE – “Current cyber threats...ransomware in particular.” Come Monday, April 28 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary to listen to speaker Art McFadden (Instructor at SKYCTC) talk about safety to all who use a computer/internet. This is a very important topic for all high school students and adults. Child care will be provided, but you must sign up ahead of time in the Narthex (between Sunday, April 6 – Sunday, April 20) because space is limited. Contact Jackie Blindauer at 920-207-9185 if you have questions.
2. HOLY TRINITY AT THE BALL PARK: Spring has sprung and it’s time for some fun! Get ready for Baseball and Fireworks at the Ball Park with the gang from Holy Trinity. You will have a reserved seat behind home plate at the Hot Rods Ball Park (300 E 8th Ave/BG) on Friday, May 16 at 6:35pm. All for the great price of \$10.00 per person.

Please sign up in the Narthex beginning Sunday, April 27. Tickets will be distributed upon payment between services on May 4 and May 11.

Questions? Call Bart and Carol White at 270-781-4158.

Important: All bags (purses) must be clear (see through) for inspection at the gate. Free parking is available at the nearby Parking Structure or the large BGMU parking lot across the street. Some other lots are reserved and you will likely be towed.

THANK YOU: Thank you to EVERYONE who volunteered their time and talents for this year’s Easter Celebration Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt! A special THANK YOU to Dan Blindauer for volunteering his time to coordinating the breakfast! Thank you also to Thrivent for their assistance. We hope everyone enjoyed the delicious food and fellowship! Pictures have been posted to the HTLC’s Facebook page. The youth collected \$1,188 in freewill donations that will go toward the NYG 2025 event this summer! THANK YOU for supporting our youth!

The Youth/Children’s Ministry Team

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CHILDREN'S/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

1. **FUNDRAISER:** An *Envelope Fundraiser* for youth attending the National Youth Gathering this summer will begin in April and run through May. We are blessed to have seven youth and three adults attending this event. Please refer to the bulletin board in the narthex that has the envelopes and pictures of the students attending. We are asking the congregation to select an envelope until all are distributed. Each envelope will have a prayer that we ask them to pray before the event and a donation amount suggested. Please use the envelope to put in the church offering and mark your donation "NYG 2025." You can also use VANCO for your donation. You can select VANCO through HTLC's new website: <https://www.htlc-bgky.com> or by the QR code in the announcement slides before services. Select "NYG 2025" when submitting your donation. This will be our biggest fundraiser and our goal is to have all expenses outside of personal costs paid for the youth and adults to attend. We THANK all that have donated so far to the NYG and all who will donate to this fundraiser! We are blessed to have the congregation's support for our youth!
2. **JUNIOR CONFIRMATION:** Confirmation class will meet again beginning on Wednesday, May 7 from 6:15-7:15pm in the Conference Room. Topic: The Place of Worship in the Christian Life.

ICHTHYS FOUNDATION: This organization is co-founded by HTLC member Nelson Feliciano. Their purpose is to help with immigrants and to help people escape war-torn countries. They are sponsoring the following restaurant fundraisers in May:

- Wednesday, May 7, 4:00-8:00pm; Freddy's (2940 Scottsville Rd/BG)
- Thursday, May 15, 4:00-8:00pm; Blaze Pizza (2825 Scottsville Rd/BG); if ordering online, use code 1132A
- Thursday, May 29, 11:00am-9:00pm; Sonny's BBQ (145 Three Springs Rd/BG); if ordering online, use code Q4CASH

Our Ministry This Week

<i>Sunday</i> April 27	8:00am 9:15am 10:30am 12:00-1:30pm	Worship - C Ignite & Bible Classes Worship - C Sunday School Teachers Meeting (EO-110)
	12:30-2:30pm 3:00pm	Mara (Burmese) service (S/Ignite Rm) Mara (Burmese) lunch (FH)
<i>Monday</i> April 28	6:30pm	Cyber Safety Fellowship Event (S)
<i>Tuesday</i> April 29	9:30am 6:30pm	Men's Bible Study (CR) HTLS Celebrate the Arts Night (FH)
<i>Wednesday</i> April 30	8:30am 5:15pm 6:00pm	HTLS Chapel (S) Sanctuary Praise Choir (S) FAITH Night (see page 20)
<i>Thursday</i> May 1	6:30pm	Elders Meeting (CR)
<i>National Day of Prayer</i>		
<i>Friday</i> May 2	12:00pm	Fellowship Ministry Team Meeting (CR)
<i>Saturday</i> May 3	4:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm	Smiths Grove Bible Study Smiths Grove Worship – C Mara (Burmese) Women's service (S)
<i>Sunday</i> May 4	8:00am 9:15am 10:30am 12:00-1:30pm	Worship - C Ignite & Bible Classes Worship - C Youth/Children's MT Meeting (EO-110)
	12:30-2:30pm 3:00pm	Mara (Burmese) service (S/Ignite Rm) Mara (Burmese) lunch (FH)