

## Worship Helpers

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement & inform the office.

	April 29/30	May 6/7
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	Ginny Schrembs Beth Vance Laura Zimberg	Linda D'Amico Karen Wert Laura Zimberg
<b>Saturday, 5:30 p.m.</b>		
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Evelyn Schleidt	Martha Miller
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert
<b>Reader</b> .....	Rich Ferrante	Rich Ferrante
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Karen Wert	Bob Strassburg
<b>Communion</b> .....		Bob Strassburg
<b>Projection</b> .....	Jason Christ	Bill Wood
<b>Sunday, 8:45 a.m.</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Jude Rockensuess	Brian Lackie
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Susan Brenan Fern Innes	Debbie Knapp Tom Knapp
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Joe Carr Leo Figini Sue Lichtenthal Mike Zekas	Gerry Schrembs Ginny Schrembs David Gettman MaryAnn HarhiGettman
<b>Reader</b> .....	Fern Innes	Jennalise Olson
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Cindy Allsop	Bill Stuckwisch
<b>Communion</b> .....		Wendy Binkley Paul Gerlach Leo Figini Jeff Weber Bekah Freed Jason Christ George Miller
<b>Projection</b> .....	Russ Thomas	
<b>Sunday, 11:15 a.m.</b>		
<b>Worship Assistant</b> .....	Jason Christ	Sue Steege
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Ben Trautwein Rebekah Jaenecke	Jared Doebler Matthew Klapp
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Jim Brese	Jim Brese
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Derek Pulver Dan Gietz Diane Warner Nikki Warner	Frank Kraemer Paris Adams Abby Pedersen Judy Pedersen
<b>Reader</b> .....	Gordon Tresch	Confirmation
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Marsha Phillips Brian Bunny	Anne DiCenso Jon Whited Jon Whited Marsha Peth Kim Kwietniewski Marty Doster Wendy Morris Pat Canfield Sue, Bekah, Jason Edu Obot
<b>Communion</b> .....		
<b>Projection</b> .....	David Phillips	

## Education Hour Sunday 10-11 a.m.

### Children

**Childcare** Infants - Age 2

*Meets in Upper Preschool 2*

**Preschool** - Ages 3 & 4

*Meets in Upper Preschool 3*

**Kindergarten** - Age 5

*Meets in Lower Preschool 4A*

**FT Kids** - Grades 1-5

*Meets in Gym*

### Just Us - Adults

With Developmental Disabilities

*Meets in Gym*

### Youth

**Middle School** Grades 6 - 8

*Meets on Lower Level*

**High School** Grades 9 - 12

*Meets on Lower Level Lounge*

## Adult Education Classes

Sundays, 10-11 a.m. **April 9-May 14**

### Cat & Dog Theology, Part I

*Led by Pastor Chuck & Susan Whited in Library*

Do you enjoy deep theological discussions? Then this is a class for you! Just who is the main character of the Bible? Who do we live for? Who does God live for? What does it mean that God is a jealous God? What's the difference between a "help me" prayer and a "cause me" prayer? And what in the world do cats and dogs have to do with theology?

### A Man Like No Other

*Led by Carolyn Doster on Upper Level East*

There have been many good men and women throughout history that people have wanted to emulate. But what if you found out the personal qualities of the greatest person in history? In this concise, 4-week class you'll find out what made the man Jesus so successful and how you can apply his human characteristics to your own life. You'll discover how those same traits will benefit living the faith through your relationships and at work.

### Easter *Led by Phil Reed on Upper Level West*

At Easter we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. That amazing event changes everything! This class will take a "deep dive" into Easter and its meaning for life.

### Ruth *Led by Sue Steege on Lower Level*

The Old Testament book of Ruth is a beautiful love story that has a strong connection to Jesus. Perfectly sized for a four week exploration!

## National Day of Prayer

**Thursday, May 4**

We join in prayer with other Christians in our country for Jesus' work in our homes, schools, workplaces, community, nation and the world. Take some time on Thursday to pray.

*Dorothy Rothrock (dorothyrothrock@yahoo.com)*



FIRST TRINITY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Welcome!

If you are a guest with us today, we are so glad you are here! We invite you to fill out a yellow card from the pew rack and put it in the offering plate during worship.

You will find all of the words in the worship service projected at the front of the church. If you require a printed copy, they are available from the ushers in the back of the church.

If you have something you would like us to pray about this week, you can write it on the back of the yellow card. Our staff and prayer team will pray for the requests during the week. If you so choose, we will post your request at our online prayer wall as well.

First Trinity is a Bible-based church. We believe God's Word is the sole authority for this life. We are imperfect people loving imperfect people.

Our prayer for you today is that you would connect to God and grow closer and closer to Him each day.

## Sermon Topic

**April 29/30  
2017**

## Benaiah

2 Samuel 23:20-23, 1 Peter 5:6-9, Luke 10:17-22

One of the early forerunners that helped popularize the "Reality TV" genre was Fear Factor. It first aired on NBC in 2001, pitting contestants against some of their worst fears. Some challenges involved heights while others included eating disgusting foods. There was even a "tarantula tunnel" once. The payoff for completing all the challenges? \$50,000.

The show is a fascinating study in motivating people to face their fears. We all have things we fear—and almost all of us are not particularly keen about facing them head on unless forced to do so. But with just the right amount of motivation, maybe we would...

King David gives a brief summary of Benaiah's life in 2 Samuel 23:20-21, recording three amazing acts of bravery in the face of fearful situations:

*And Benaiah the son of Jeboiada was a valiant man of Kabzeel, a doer of great deeds. He struck down two ariels of Moab. He also went down and struck down a lion in a pit on a day when snow had fallen. And he struck down an Egyptian, a handsome man. The Egyptian had a spear in his hand, but Benaiah went down to him with a staff and snatched the spear out of the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear. 2 Samuel 23:20-23 (ESV)*

How was Benaiah able to consider doing such crazy stuff, let alone go through with it and succeed? Perhaps he had something more than \$50,000 motivating him. I believe Benaiah understood that the God he served was bigger than all the fears he would ever face in life, even these three.

God is bigger than your fears too. Your fears probably feel like two "ariels of Moab", a giant spear-wielding Egyptian, or possibly even a lion in a pit on a snowy day. Yet even now, facing fears like these, God is bigger still. He has conquered all so that we would not be filled with a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control. (2 Timothy 1:7)

*Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries*

### Hey, Good Lookin': A Healthy Approach to Body Image

This program features a filmed interview with artist Adam Schultz, who sculpts plus-size female figures in bronze and stone. The program also includes advice from professional counselor Cheryl Eresman.

"Media depictions have so much to do with how people feel about themselves. They make people feel that if they don't look like the people in the magazines, there is something wrong with them."



**This Monday night  
7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Here in our beautiful, cafe-like lower level. Free snacks & beverages - hope you'll join us!

## It's Spring Clean-up Time!

**Saturday, May 20**

(rain date Saturday, June 10)

Join us for fun and service while we beautify God's House! Come whenever you can between 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., we can use your help even if it's just for an hour. We're hoping young and old will come out because it will be fun to serve with one another! You can choose the job that best fits your abilities, inside or outside, and we'll break for a hot dog lunch.

Please sign-up in the Lobby. Thank you.



### Announcements Deadline - Thursday at 9 a.m.

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### Worship Times

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Sunday 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.



### Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

Connect With Us: [Facebook.com/FirstTrinity](https://www.facebook.com/FirstTrinity), [@FirstTrinity](https://www.instagram.com/FirstTrinity), [@FTMissions](https://www.instagram.com/FTMissions)

*Transforming our world, one life at a time, through the power of God's living Word.*

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**The Lutheran Hour**  
Sundays 9:30 a.m.  
WXRL 1300AM [LutheranHour.org](http://LutheranHour.org)

**Calendar for April 30 - May 7, 2017**

For calendar details, visit our website: [FirstTrinity.com/calendar](http://FirstTrinity.com/calendar)

<b>Sunday 4/30</b>	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Education Hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship <i>Baptism - Lincoln Philip Ihle</i> 4:30 p.m. Pickleball	<b>Thursday 5/4</b>	6 p.m. Confirmation Banquet 6:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
<b>Monday 5/1</b>	6 p.m. Youth Advantage Basketball 7 p.m. Lifetree Café	<b>Friday 5/5</b>	4 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
<b>Tuesday 5/2</b>	10:30 a.m. Creole Lessons 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer Time 7 p.m. Band Rehearsal Men's Basketball Good Friday Journey Review	<b>Saturday 5/6</b>	9 a.m. Men's Basketball 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Youth Band Rehearsal 11:30 a.m. Thrive Mom's Retreat 3 p.m. Passage/Milbrand Wedding 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
<b>Wednesday 5/3</b>	9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting Servants of Christ Life Grp 12 p.m. Lunch with the Staff 6:30 p.m. VBS Meeting 7:30 p.m. Volleyball	<b>Sunday 5/7</b>	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Education Hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship <i>Confirmation</i> 4:30 p.m. Pickleball

**Upcoming Sermons - Obscure Characters of the Bible**

April 22/23	Stephen	Acts 6:1-6, Acts 7:51-60, John 21:18-23
April 29/30	Benaiah	2 Samuel 23:20-23, 1 Peter 5:6-9, Luke 10:17-22
May 6/7	<b>Mephibosheth</b>	2 Samuel 9:1-8, 2 Samuel 9:9-13, Luke 12:8-12
May 13/14	Lydia	Proverbs 31:10-31, Acts 16:14-15, Luke 24:44-49

Listen to past sermons at [FirstTrinity.com/Listen](http://FirstTrinity.com/Listen)

**Project Connect Booklets**

Project Connect Booklets are distributed by **Lutheran Hour Ministries**, and are on our display rack by the Welcome Center. These booklets cover a wide variety of topics and are also available to you at [lhm.org/projectconnect](http://lhm.org/projectconnect). You are welcome to use Project Connect and we trust it will be helpful for you and your family and friends.

**Preschool 2017-18**

Enroll now - classes fill quickly!  
Openings in 2- & 4-year old classes.



Enroll for September 2017 now. If you are interested in enrollment, turn in your applications soon to assure a spot. Forms are available at the Welcome Center or [FirstTrinityPreschool.com](http://FirstTrinityPreschool.com). For more information contact **Debbie Ferrante** ([dferrante@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:dferrante@FirstTrinity.com), 716-835-2220)

**Movies You Won't Want to Miss**

You won't want to miss these Christian movies shown at the Transit Regal Cinema **one day only**. For more information and to view the trailers, go to [Fathomevents.com](http://Fathomevents.com).

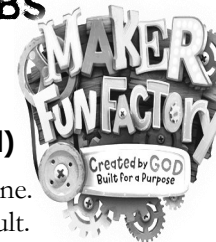
**Tuesday, May 2**, Sight & Sound Theatres presents **Jonah - On Stage!** An amazing production for the entire family.

**MAKER FUN FACTORY VBS**

July 17-21, 9-Noon  
Register Now at [FirstTrinity.com](http://FirstTrinity.com)

(Sorry - Nursery & Preschool are Full)

**Participants:** Birth to completes Gr 5 in June.  
**Volunteers:** Completes Gr 6 in June to Adult.



VBS is a high energy, child-centered fun learning environment. Students travel with a crew leader to various learning stations as they learn that **God will always love you!**

Songs! Bible Buddies! Videos! Games! Snacks! New Friends!

**VBS Volunteers Needed!**

Be part of the VBS excitement!

We need many volunteers to make *Maker Fun Factory* a success. Please consider giving your morning the week of July 17-21.

Sign up online for:

- Greeters (Mon only)
- Kitchen station helpers
- Nursery helpers (children under 3 1/2)
- Crew Leaders

or talk to Tracy Bramwell about other small jobs.

**Tracy Bramwell** (716-698-9608, [tracybramwell@gmail.com](mailto:tracybramwell@gmail.com))

**St. John Lutheran School**

Open House - Tuesday, May 9, 6-7:30 p.m.

(corner of Ward Road & Niagara Falls Blvd, N Tonawanda)  
Why would we choose to send our children to a Christian School? Not only does a school shape a child's *mind*, but one also cannot ignore the impact that a school has on the *heart* of a child. The goal of Christian education is to guide children towards an understanding that God is at the center of *every* pursuit of knowledge. Come to meet the teachers, visit the classrooms, receive an information packet, and ask questions.

(716-693-9677, [stjohnnt.com](http://stjohnnt.com))

**Confirmation Sunday is Next Week**

We are confirming 11 youth at the 11:15 service next week as they stand up and take ownership of their faith. Because of this, there will be lots of guests next Sunday. How exciting!

Here are three things you can do to help guests have a good experience at First Trinity:

1. **Carpool and Park Further Away.** Please don't use Bert's parking lot, or spots in front of (or near) stores in the strip mall that are open on Sunday. Also be careful not to block driveways on the street. Little acts of love can make a big difference.

2. **Do the Ministry of the Pew.** If you see someone in need of help, ask them if you can help them find something. If possible, walk them to where they need to be. If you don't know the answer to a question, bring them to another person or a staff member.

3. **Pray for Pastor, our Guests and Yourself.** Pray that God's Word would be clearly taught and heard. Pray that He would use you to make others feel comfortable.

**Join Us for Pickleball!**

Sunday, April 30, 4:30 p.m.

Donation—\$2 per person.

In our gym—paddles are supplied or bring your own.

**Rich Ferrante** (Call or text 716-774-1060)



**Sowers Ministry Missions Banquet**

Friday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.

Lucarelli's Banquet Center, 1830 Abbott Rd, Lackawanna  
Tickets are \$20 - **RSVP** (716-523-0749)

**Niagara Lutheran Guild**

Kentucky Derby Luncheon & Spring Fundraiser  
Thursday, May 18, 11:30 a.m.

GreenField Manor 5953 Broadway, Lancaster

Wear your finest hat as we enjoy an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun.

Parade of Hats \* Table Prizes \* Door Prizes \* Theme Baskets

You must reserve your \$15 ticket in advance, but payment is due at the door.

Please RSVP by Monday, May 8:

**Sally Gollmann** (716-836-1528)

**Concordia New York (Bronxville)**

Tour and Chamber Choirs

Wednesday, May 24, 7:30 p.m.

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church 6630 Luther St, Niagara Falls  
This year's tour program is entitled **500th Anniversary of the Reformation - Hymn Festival**. The program will feature primarily hymn-based choral and instrumental music, as well as offer audiences an opportunity to sing some beloved hymns together with horn and organ. The selections featured in the Hymn Festival will include music of Bach, Christiansen, Schalk, Weber, Ferguson, Walker, and Jason Thoms.  
Free Will Offering.

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 509      UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 181

**MARCH BY THE NUMBERS**

Average Weekly Giving Comparison  
(Budgeted Weekly Need = 15.4k)



*One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Proverbs 11:24*

**Fiscal Year Giving to Mission and Ministry (\$800k Budgeted)**



(All data through March 31, 2017)