

July 2025

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Come Worship With Us Each Sunday Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.

From the Pastor

"Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. – Romans 12:9-18

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One of the goals of the Christian life is to live a life that is pleasing to God. But what does that life look like?

In this portion of Paul's letter to the church in Rome, we get a little snapshot of what the life pleasing to God looks like. And it's not surprising that he begins with love – and not just any love, but genuine 'agape' – in verse 9: "Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good." Agape (the Greek word for love used in this verse) is the steadfast love of God. This is love that is totally dependent on God and totally committed to the One they love. It is love lived out in our actions.

And the list that Paul goes on to give is meant to be illustrative, not exhaustive, of what these actions of love look like. He's making the point that, when we love genuinely, it becomes evident in our interactions with other people.

But what's interesting is that the next time Paul uses the word 'love' after verse 9, he uses the Greek word "philios" (which is the love of family) instead of agape. Philios love is treating others, as we sometimes say in the south, as our people.

You see, when we can get these two types of love (agape and philios) to come together, we will then know genuine love. God pours out His agape love upon us and makes us members of His family. Then He calls us to philios – to treat other people as family, also.

Agape love is that steadfast love of God that He pours out generously upon His people. And philios measures how well you and I reflect that love to the people that we meet.

And so Paul tells these Christians who are living in this very hostile environment in Rome that, if possible, so far as it depends on you, live in peace with everyone. Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. If we do this, he urges, we will know that our love is genuine and that our life is pleasing to God.

In Christ,

Pr. Ray

Upcoming Events



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Trinity Life Center

Wednesday, July 9th 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Please join us for a time of food and fellowship and get to know your neighbors.

No charge for meal. No reservations needed. Stop in on your way home from work.

Bring your family and friends.

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July Serving Assistants

Sunday	Acolyte	Crucifer	Bulletin Folder	Lectors	Flowers
06	Eva Kednocker	Cooper Morales	Eva Kednocker	Hudson Long	Travis & Mary Spires
13	Eva Kednocker	Cooper Morales	Joanie Billingsley	Danny Newton	Bart & Carlotta Chapman
20	Brayden Lambert	Roman Long	Kaylee Hentz	Mary Spires	Becky Chapman
27	Brayden Lambert	Roman Long	Beckett Lambert	Sheri Wicker	Bobby & Laurie Chapman

Sunday	Greeters	Nursery		
06	Greg & Rudell Murray	Peyton Boland, Jenna & Taylor Lake		
13	Jerry & Annette Shealy	Joyce McCall, Jessica, Keaton, & Knowlton Lindler		
20	Charles & Kaye Shealy	Jennifer Shealy, Karen Winn		
27	Judy Shealy, Glenda Hentz	Glenda Hentz, Christie Allison, Dorothy Armstrong		

	Communion
6	Betty & Johnny Cumalander

Altar / Parament
Sheri & Robbie Wicker

Ushers	Chairman:	Kevin J. Shealy	* Elevator operator
6, 13	Daniel Boland	Greg Murray	Daniel Curtis*
20, 27	James Sligh	Brian Stiver	Ray Cumalander*



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship / Holy Communion	7 Prayer Shawl-9am TLC -7pm	8 GLASS-6:30pm	9 Community Meal 6-6:45pm	10	11	12
9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship	14 Prayer Shawl-9am	15	16	17	18	19
9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 6:30pm- Lutheran Men	20 Prayer Shawl-9am	GLASS-6:30pm	²⁰ CK DAY (20 CAMP —	20	20
9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship	28 Prayer Shawl-9am	29	30	31		

Bible Verse of the Month

"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." – Galatians 5:13







July 1 Miranda Shealy

July 2 Abby Stiver

July 3 Scarlett Henderson

July 5 Dana Dorroh Mark Kibler

July 6 Angel Hentz

July 7 Lucy Peters

July 8 Aubrey Curtis

July10 Charles Everett Frick Mickey Stoudemire

July 11 Jim Sanders

Angela Carraway

July 12 Shannon Cromer

July 14 Frank Lake

July 15 Lynn Fulmer

July 17 Hunter Graham

July 20 Kitty Caldwell Robert Chapman

July 21 Josh Long

July 23 Steven Crowell

July 29 Carrie Frick

Logan Frick

July 30 Ashlyn Stanley

Johnny Willis

July 31 Ava Boland

Memorials & Honorariums

Building Fund

In Memory of Wayne Richardson by Faye Shealy.

In Memory of our fathers, Robert Wicker and John L. Grooms given by Larry & Renae Grooms.

In Memory of "Bo" Bowers and in Honor of Jim Sanders on Father's Day given by Ann & Chris Sanders.

In Honor of the Class of 2025 given by Rodger & Karen Winn.



Thank You!

Dear Members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the devotional and card! I will be sure to put it to good use as I start my time in Charlotte. Thank you for your support throughout my education.

Best Regards,

Philip Spotts

Prayer Concerns

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God. (Phil. 4:6)

Tourie & Hunter Corbett (Niece of Patsy Frick), John Doke (Friend of Becky Boland), Kathy Carter (sister of Lin Lake), Wayne & Pam Shealy (Sister of Artie & Kim), David McCall, Eddie Stevenson (Brother-in-law of Maxton King), Helen Koon, Mike Brown (Father of Jillian Long), Kaye Shealy, Hannah Drafts, Jake Bearden (Grandson of Dot Abrams), Scott & Cheri Bell, Molly Kednocker, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie Bickley, Jonell Shealy. Note: Out of respect for individual wishes and privacy, if you wish to have someone placed on the prayer list, please obtain their permission prior to submitting it for publication in the newsletter. Thanks for your understanding.

We remember those in nursing care centers and the shut-ins of our congregation:

White Oak of Newberry Jean Alewine, Sylvia Taylor

Wellmore of Lexington Carolyn Shealy

Going in the hospital? Having surgery? Recovering from an illness? Are you in need of spiritual guidance or maybe in need of prayer?

Pastor Randy and the pastoral care volunteers of our congregation will be happy to visit with you at the hospital, at home or just pray for your healing and well-being.

Please call Pastor Randy Drafts at (803)537-2303 or the church office and let us know of your need and we will be glad to visit and pray with you anytime.

Remember, the Pastor and pastoral care volunteers cannot respond to or meet your needs if they are not aware of them.

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Rev. Randy Drafts
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