

The Herald

May 2026



EASTER/ HOLY TRINITY

In-Person &
Facebook LIVE
Worship
Schedule

.....
Saturday Service
5:00 PM

Sunday Services
8:30 & 10:30 AM

Holy Communion
is celebrated at
all services.

.....
Music Rehearsal
The choir rehearses
on Sunday mornings
@ 9:40 am. All are
welcome.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Alleluia! Christis Risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

But pastor, Easter Sunday was weeks ago? We need to remember that Easter is a Season, not just a one-day feast! Consider the words of the gospel selection for Sunday, May 3, the 5th Sunday of Easter. This text is often heard during a funeral service. It is a popular choice of scripture for that occasion because the words provide wonderful assurance that the one who has died in Christ has now taken up residence in their heavenly home. The gospel begins by Jesus saying that he will prepare a place for each one of us. But as the text continues, we can see that our place is not an isolated room of our own in a giant heavenly mansion. Jesus' words are less about a place than a relationship: our relationship with Jesus and God the Father. They tell us that in Jesus we know all we need to know about God, and just as we can have a relationship with another human person, we can also have a relationship with God that will one day be as real and obvious as are our relationships with one another. The hope of one day being with Christ fully and forever is as real as the works we are called to do in his name today. This text allows us the opportunity to contemplate a central element of our faith that is ultimately unknowable; **giving us a glimpse of what heaven will be like.**

By the last Sunday in May we will be launching into the long season of ordinary time as we celebrate The Feast of The Holy Trinity. This festival focuses us on the wonder of our relationship with God while leaving us distinctly dissatisfied with our limited understanding of what God is. While guarding against the idolatry of language, we survey our scripture, doctrine, creeds, and symbols of our heritage. Equally important, we pray for God to inspire fresh, innovative ideas of God in the present moment.

The gospel For Trinity Sunday contains one of the few biblical references to the trinitarian formula. As the eleven are commissioned to make disciples, baptize, and teach, we are invited to consider our calling to influence the world with the good news of God's love. The text from Second Corinthians also includes a kind of naming of the Holy Trinity in an affectionate sign-off of a personal letter. With the psalm praising God the creator and sustainer of all creation, Genesis 1 relates the first of two creation stories, this one an ancient liturgy celebrating God as a divine plural.

This Season, Celebrate Our God beyond Understanding ...

That God that is beyond our understanding may be both troubling and comforting. The temptation may be to attempt to apprehend the idea of God with our intellect, offering the worshipping assembly a showcase of various models for God. The result is usually disappointing and feeds our bias toward intellectualism. Another possibility is to celebrate God's presence in all its glory and colorful wonder and our belonging to this wonder-full God.

Peace,

Pastor Andy

CHURCH CALENDAR

May 2026

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, we remember Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					¹ AA Meeting Evening Prayer	² 5:00 Worship
³ 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School/Coffee Hour 10:30 Worship 7:00 Spring Choral Concert	⁴ AA Meeting	⁵ 7:00 Spring Choral Concert	⁶	⁷ 11:00 Bible Study 7:30 Flute Ensemble	⁸ AA Meeting Evening Prayer	⁹ 8 am—Clean Communities Day 5:00 Worship
¹⁰ MOTHER'S DAY 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 1:00 Orchid Society	¹¹ AA Meeting	¹²	¹³ 6:30 Council Meeting	¹⁴ 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Nature Club	¹⁵ AA Meeting Evening Prayer	¹⁶ 5:00 Worship
¹⁷ 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	¹⁸ AA Meeting	¹⁹	²⁰	²¹ 11:00 Bible Study 7:30 Flute Ensemble	²² AA Meeting Evening Prayer	²³ 5:00 Worship
²⁴ 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	²⁵ Happy Memorial Day AA Meeting 	²⁶	²⁷	²⁸ 11:00 Bible Study 7:30 Flute Ensemble	²⁹ AA Meeting Evening Prayer	³⁰ 5:00 Worship

Church Email: hnlc.secretary@hotmail.com

Church Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/HNLCWenonah/>

Pastor Andy Gordon Cell Phone: 609-206-7839

Church Office: 856-468-5760

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

May 2026

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for St. Ambrose in Pennsville as they begin their pastoral search, Prayers for our service men and women serving in the current military actions, especially for those we have lost, Prayers for the victims of the shooting at Brown University and in Australia, Prayers for the residents in Washington state who have been evacuated due to flooding, Prayers for the two National Guardsmen who were shot in Washington, DC and their families, Holly & Duane, Dawn Allen, The family of Anthony Assante as they mourn his passing, The friends and family of James Barth as they mourn his passing, Nicholas Baud, Lorraine Brecht, Wanda Bryan, Madelene Budd, Mike Bundy, Carol Carty, Sal Castelli, Jenn Causey and family, Tracey Causey, Lisa Clark, Josh Clarke, Sean Cleavenger, Baby Landyn and Kristen Compagoni, Sherwood Cotton, Bob Counbs, Craig (diagnosed with cancer), Rocco Cristinzio, Leslie Criston, Milton Cuevas, Sr., Milton Cuevas, Jr., The family of John Cusack as they grieve his passing, Nicholas Damiani, Lou Deaine, The family of Tony DelMonte as they mourn his passing, Alicia DiRienzo, Kathy Drew, Kristen Dymond, Barbara Esposito, Barbara Facchine, Bill Flynn, Francis, Bobby G., Jeannie Gapinski, Alma Garcia, Stephen and Juliet Genovese, Gavin Gigliotti, Lauren Stott Gilbert, Mark Gismondi, Terry Gismondi, Wilma Gismondi, Jay Goheen and family, Randi Gordon, Collet Grasso, The family of Steve Harris as they mourn his passing, the Hatcher family, the Hogan family, Ed Jeffers, The friends and family of Tom Jones as they mourn his passing, Marilyn Kaiser, Corinne Klotz, Clara Kuter, William & Adrienne Lafleche, The family and friends of Doris Lail as they mourn her passing, Grace Laphan, Pat Larkin, Joseph Lonia, Bill Ludwig, The friends and family of Jessie MacGregor as they mourn her passing, The family of Doris Manogue as they mourn her passing, Joseph Mansfield, Caroline Miles, Jim Montisano, The friends and family of Mary Alice Morrison as they mourn her passing, George Muth, Bob and Sue Nevins, Laz Orosze, Janet Ostrowski, Lucas Otey, Otis, Donna Paone, Danielle Peters, Debbie Post, Lauren Rebstock, The family of Lewis Richards as they mourn his passing, Dan Richardson, The friends and family of Carole Rund as they mourn her passing, The family of Charles Rust as they mourn his passing, The family of Scott Rust as they mourn his passing, Noreen Ruyuh, Dylan Sauer, Ken Sauer, The Sauer family, Mark Sauer, Joseph Schiffer, Meleta Seher, Billy Shea, Helen Simkunas & Family, Joyce and Arvin Skramsdad, The family of Deb Solt as they mourn her passing, Julia Stanz, Nathan Storhoff, Jane Tallman, Donna Testa, Ed Tutka, Lynne Rasmussen Walker, Sharon Walker, Wayne Weaver, The Wilke family including Tim & Catherine, Jill Wilt, Glenn Wrigley, The family of Kevin Yandach as they mourn his passing.

(If you have someone that you would like on the prayer list, please fill out a form in the narthex and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office email: hnlc.secretary@hotmail.com.)

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total received to date—\$44097.00 Amount needed to date--\$44438.00. (Please don't forget the church if you will be away.)

SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- Sunday, May 3rd or Tuesday, May 5th—Spring Choral Concert by the College/Community Chorus of Rowan College of South Jersey-- Celebrating America at 250. (Sunday at Trinity UMC, Clayton—7 pm; Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church of Merchantville—7:30 pm)
- Sunday, May 3rd—Funny Farm Rescue Spring Festival—9 am-4 pm—6908 Railroad Blvd., Mays Landing 08330.
- Saturday, May 9th—Wenonah Clean Communities Day (8:30 am-10:30 am)
- Wednesday, May 13th—Church BBQ (5-7 pm)
- Tuesday, September 29th—Red Cross Blood Drive (1-6pm.)

MAY CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Cindee Kollmeier, Suzanne LaGrange-Baronak, Doris Lail, Brett Montana, John Stanz, Lauren Stanz, Steve Vinciguerra

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Rachel Cooper & Colin Crawford, Marianne (Don) Halterman, Eileen & Steve Harris, Pam & Sam Kincaid, Diane & Mark Yandach

COFFEE HOUR

The 8:30 service is hosting a coffee hour between services Sunday, May 3rd and the first Sunday of each month moving forward. Please join us for coffee and fellowship.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE—Journey to Generosity—We Follow the Way



John 14:15-21

To believe in Jesus and to receive the Holy Spirit is to be in essence adopted by God. Going beyond intimacy of spiritual relationship, in John's context, thinking of God as Parent establishes a social identity: The disciples of Jesus belong to the household of the Parent. They are not orphans. They have kin. The values and practices of God are to shape the values and practices of the household. Jesus in John's gospel is unmistakably clear that the most important of these values and practices is love for one another; that is, community members are to act for the good other community members and for the community as a whole.

To keep the commands of God is to, in part, practice faithful stewardship. When thinking about the actions of the Holy Spirit it might surprise us to learn that Spirit advocates for the practice of stewardship! The Spirit helps our congregation engage in stewardship, the Spirit encourages us as a congregation towards stewardship, and the Spirit counsels with our congregation concerning its anxieties about stewardship. The Spirit appeals to the congregation to engage in stewardship, and when we follow the Spirit's leading, we practice stewardship in such a way as to reveal the very presence of Jesus through our generosity. May the Spirit lead...and may we faithfully follow.

HOLY NATIVITY MEMORIAL GARDEN ENGRAVED PAVERS--Our congregation created a memorial garden in our back yard years ago to honor or memorialize loved ones. We are offering the opportunity once again to purchase a paver to honor a loved one(s). The cost of each engraved paver is \$60. If you are interested in purchasing one please fill out the form found in the narthex and include it with payment in the offering plate or deliver to Pastor Andy or Kim Theriault. Each paver can have up to 5 lines/15-17 characters per line. There is a sample paver in the narthex for viewing. All pavers purchased by September 15th will be dedicated on All Saint's Day (Nov. 1st). Any questions, please see or contact Kim Theriault (609)420-8453.

ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY PANTRY is here to help serve those facing food insecurity in Gloucester County. If you are having a difficult time buying food for yourself, or your family, please let us try to make a small difference for you. The Pantry is located behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 304 Kings Highway in Clarksboro. We are open every 3rd Saturday of the Month from 9 AM to 1 PM. Next distribution date: Saturday, May 16th.



**Holy Nativity
Lutheran Church**
3 Lenape Trail
Wenonah, NJ 08090

Please Deliver This Copy of THE HERALD To:

**In-Person and Facebook Live
WORSHIP TIMES:**
SATURDAY — 5:00 PM
SUNDAY — 8:30 & 10:30 AM

CHURCH OFFICE:
PHONE: 856-468-5760
hnlc.secretary@hotmail.com