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- Sunday Worship Services 10AM
 - Holy Communion
- 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month



MAY 2026, TIDINGS

*Our Mission and
Ministry Statement is:
“To Know Christ and
Make Him known”*

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FROM THE PASTOR – MAY 2026

Some people ridicule Mother's Day as a sentimental drivel. They say it is nothing more than a creation by the greeting card companies and the florists. To be perfectly candid we must admit there is sentiment to this day, but what is wrong with that? Seems to me a little bit of sentiment is healthy. True enough, there are some women in the Bible, such as Jezebel and the vindictive Herodias, who had John the Baptist beheaded, who tarnish the institution of motherhood. There are women today who abandon, abuse, and corrupt their children and who create a poor model, but I like to think these are the exceptions. Most mothers do the right thing and deserve recognition. I would like to join Paul and salute all of the mothers with us.

First, mothers should be saluted for their tenacious love. I think I have chosen my words carefully. Tenacious is exactly the word I want to use. There is a bull doggedness about a mother's love that simply cannot be denied.

We read in the Old Testament a very old and obscure story about Rizpah. Rizpah was not a very nice woman, but of course that does not disqualify one from being a mother. She did in fact have two illegitimate sons by Saul. Later, when David ascended to the throne, he had these two sons killed because a conspiracy in which they had participated had resulted in the deaths of many people. David decreed their bodies should be hung on public gallows for all to see. That is rather an intimidating object lesson.

This is when Rizpah comes back into the story again. She goes to the execution site and begins a sad and lonely vigil beside the bodies of her two sons. We are told in this very grisly scene she drove away the vultures by day and the jackals by night. When David heard of the tenacity of this mother's vigil he was moved to compassion. He went to Gibeon personally and had the bodies removed and given a decent burial. It seems to me that Rizpah's vigil speaks to the tenacious love of all mothers.

Secondly, I think mothers need to be saluted for the tremendous impact they have had on the lives of each and every one of us. I am totally convinced the person who influenced Jesus the most, second only to God, was Mary. Not to diminish Joseph's role, had he lived, I think he would have been on Cavalry's Hill standing right next to Mary. But very clearly Mary's role in God's plan did not end at the birth of Jesus. God used her, along with other persons and events, to help mold the personality and ministry of Jesus.

Listen to how John begins the 2nd chapter of his Gospel. "**The mother of Jesus was there.**" The event he was specifically referring to was the wedding in Cana of Galilee. Yet, in a real sense, Mary was always there for Jesus. Her love surrounded him, her values influenced him, her trust supported him. The last thought Jesus had on the cross, with the sin of the world upon his shoulder, was for his mother. He looked at John the disciple and said: Behold thy mother; and then he looked at Mary and said: Behold thy son.

I would submit to all of you reading this today there is not a person in one, five, ten, or thousand different ways has not been forever influenced by their mother. I firmly believe you cannot understand who a person is and what motivates them until you understand their past. And you cannot understand a person's past without understanding the source that co-created that person along with God—their parents.

Third, I would salute mothers because where they are is where home is. Maybe a lot of us can identify with that. A house is a physical place. A home is where our loved ones are gathered. Wherever I wander; wherever I roam; wherever mother is; there is home.

Personally, I believe it is appropriate we single out a day in the year to recognize mothers, but when we really think about it, there ought not to be a day that goes by that we do not rise up and call our mother blessed. The highest tribute we can give to our mothers is not to praise her, not to give her a gift, not to pay a visit, and not even simply to come to church on her day. The greatest tribute we can give to our mother is to be the kind of person she, and our Heavenly Father, want us to be.

Happy Mother's Day

Pastor Norris

Celebrating Our Graduates



Nicholas Harris is a senior this year at Lake Placid High School and will be graduating on May 23, 2026. His favorite subject in school is math, specifically Calculus 1. While attending high school, Nicholas was involved in the Positive Action Club and served as both president and vice-president. He has also volunteered his time helping with Student Government Association projects. Just spending time with his friends while in school or out of school is one of his favorite things to do.

After he graduates, Nicholas would like to get a job while also pursuing his AA degree. Then he would like to attend a local college and continue his education to obtain his Bachelor's and maybe his Master's degree.

Now, this is where his love for math and his desire to advance his education comes into play. When he was asked what he wanted to be when he grew up 😊, Nicholas stated he wishes to become an aerospace engineer so he can design and work on different types of aircraft. I see great things happening for this young man!

Nicholas also stepped right in here at Trinity when his family joined our church and volunteered to serve as our acolyte and help with ushering. We appreciate his willingness to help and serve his church.

So take a moment and say a prayer for Nicholas, that God would continue to bless this young man and help him to continue using the gifts God has given to him: his desire to serve when needed, to be a great friend, to work hard in school so he can achieve his goals and use his talents and gifts in a career that is not only a blessing to him but to our world as well. Graduation cards can be put in his family's church mailbox if you wish to congratulate him.

Upcoming Events

FELLOWSHIP HOUR



NEXT

- May 10, 2026 - Hostess needed
- May 24, 2026 - Hostess needed
- May 31, 2026 - Hostess needed

WISH TO HOST ANY EVENT?

*Please see the Sign-Up Sheet for upcoming dates
in the Narthex to pick a day.*

All events will follow the services.

Trinity Ladies Spring Luncheon

Saturday, May 23rd, 2026 at 12PM

Please see the Sign-Up Sheet

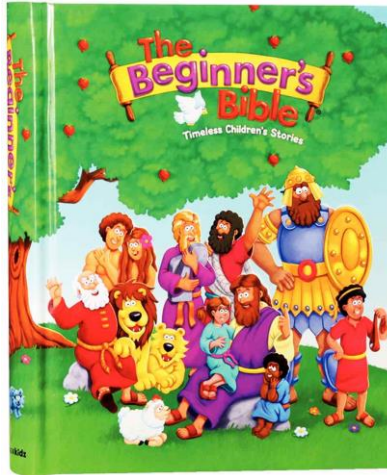


Next Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 30, 2026 &
Every LAST Saturday of the month at 8AM
At Oscar's Kitchen, 1979 Placid Lake Blvd.
Lake Placid, FL



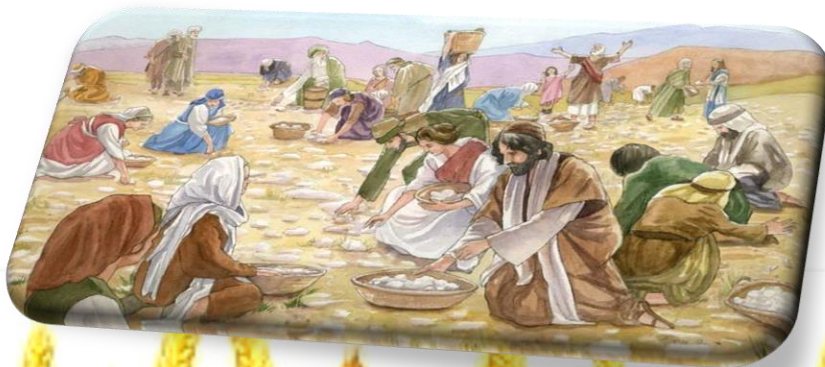
Sponsor A Bible



I got this idea from my granddaughter and her preschool in Sebring several years ago. This Children's Bible that she got is one of her favorite books to read and she reads and discusses a new Bible story each week before she goes to bed. At Trinity Tots, we give each child who is graduating, a bag full of Kindergarten supplies to get them through the first couple of weeks of school. But by giving them a Children's Bible, we are helping to get them through LIFE!

We have had so many positive comments from the parents since we have been doing this. So, if you wish to sponsor a Bible for \$10.00, we are going to put your family name and Trinity Lutheran Church in the front of the Bible and let the child and his/her family know you will be praying for them as they start their year of Kindergarten and throughout the year. Susan will give you the name of the child to include in your prayers. This is a great way to connect the church to the school, and we know in today's world, our children need all the prayers they can get.

Take a form on the guest registry stand, fill in your name, put \$10 or a check (made out to "Trinity Tots") in an envelope and put it in Susan Norris' box. Thank you!



May's 2026 Items are:
Canned Soups
&
★ Cereals ★

(Items may be placed in the Narthex at any time.)



The Dragon's Den

Another Trinity Serving Opportunity

Trinity serves this community by providing snack and food items for the Lake Placid Middle School Dragon's Den, a food pantry in which staff would give needy Middle School youth a bag of breakfast, lunch and snack items they could prepare/microwave themselves over the weekend.

Many of the youth in our community depend on the free breakfasts and lunches which are provided each day at school, but when the weekend gets here, their parents might be working, and they are left to fend for themselves.

The 2nd Sunday of each month will be called Green Dragon Sunday. You will have the opportunity to either bring in some of the items which are listed below, or you can put a few dollars in the basket labeled "Dragon's Den" and we will purchase the items in bulk from Sam's or Walmart. If you bring in items, please stick to the ones listed as these are the suggestions from the school. We will update the list according to their needs. Thank you!

Microwave Raviolis

Microwave Spaghetti O's

Ramen noodles

Tuna packs

Microwave Mac n cheese cups

Granola bars

Pop tarts

Oatmeal

Cheese crackers

Peanut butter crackers

Peanut butter

Jelly

Fruit cups

Snack size cookies

Beanie weenies

Hormel packs

Vienna sausages

Microwave Soup

Special Days to Celebrate!!!

May 2026



Happy Anniversary!

06 Barry & Leila Lick '23

19 Arlan & Lynne Wendzel '62

24 Richard & Leslie McConachie '86

Happy Birthday

- 1 Tia Peyton*
- 2 Arlan Wendzel*
- 2 Robert Eugene Harris Jr.*
- 8 Linda Grohler*
- 11 Lesley Penix*
- 17 Kristin Verdin*
- 19 Wanda Leech*
- 20 Stephanie Hanks*
- 24 Barbara Haak*



MAY 2026 CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:30am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Worship Service followed by Fellowship Hour	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 8:30am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Worship Service with Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 8:30am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Worship Service followed by Fellowship Hour Happy Mothers's Day	11	12	13	14	15 11:15am Graduates Luncheon - Kids Only	16
17 8:30am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Worship Service with Communion 4:00pm Trinity Tots Closing Program	18	19	20	21 Trinity Tots Lunch Party for All Children	22 Trinity Tots Last Day of School - (School closes by 1PM)	23 12:00pm Trinity Ladies Spring Luncheon at The Purple Iris Tea Room
24 8:30am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Worship Service followed by Fellowship Hour	25	26	27	28	29	30 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's Kitchen
31 8:30am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Worship Service followed by Fellowship Hour	1	2	3	4	5	6