

# The Society of the Holy Trinity: Florida Chapter

*Societas Trinitatis Sanctae*

**MARCH 09 - 10, 2026 RETREAT**

## **ECCLESIOLOGY: THE HUMAN DIMENSION, SACRED AND/OR PROFANE**



Nature of the Church, Structure & Polity

### **PRESENTING:**

**THE RIGHT REVEREND +MATTHEW L. RIEGEL, BISHOP,  
WEST VIRGINIA-WESTERN MARYLAND SYNOD, ELCA**

The Rev. +Matthew L. Riegel, Morgantown, West Virginia, was elected in 2015 as bishop of the West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). He earned a bachelor's degree in history from Gettysburg (Pa.) College in 1987, and a master of divinity degree in 1994 and a master of sacred theology degree in 2011 both from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (Pa.). Bishop Riegel is a 'regular' Florida STS Retreat theological teacher.

### **RESPONDING:**

**THE REVEREND DR. MARK MATTES** +serves as Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa, and previously served parishes in Gardner, Illinois, and Antigo, Wisconsin. He holds a Ph.D. from The University of Chicago, an M.Div. from Luther Seminary and a BA from St. Olaf College, where he was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Dr. Mattes was last with us for the November 2025 Chapter Retreat.

**The complete expense for this Retreat is \$225.00 and is payable in advance.**

We begin at noon Monday 09 March with lunch and conclude after lunch Tuesday 10 March.

Check in begins @10:00 a.m. Monday.

The location for all our retreats is: **San Pedro Center;**

**95 Bishop Grady Lane, Winter Park, FL 32792**

San Pedro's web page is: <http://www.sanpedrocenter.org/>

Participants are most often, but not limited to, ELCA, LCMS, NALC, ELCM, or LCMC clergy, as well as synodical & parish Deacons, Deacon Candidates, Diakonia participants and graduates. Clergy of other traditions and laity are especially welcome. We regularly have Episcopal priests and deacons. You need not be a member of The Society of the Holy Trinity to attend. Lodging is single; handicapped rooms are available. Lodging, conference & dining room, and chapel are each in their own buildings.

## ABOUT THE SOCIETY OF THE HOLY TRINITY

The purpose of the Society is to support Lutheran pastors in being faithful to their ordination vows in a time of doctrinal confusion and moral uncertainty. It also forms pastors in the practice of daily prayer and meditation on Holy Scripture; of using the daily Prayer Offices and the daily Lectionary of the Church; of living a life of obedience to Jesus; of going regularly on retreat; of engaging in mutual pastoral visitation; of using individual confession and absolution; of engaging

in a disciplined study of Scripture, the Confessions, and the Church Fathers; of shaping a parish practice centered in the Word and the Sacraments; and of serving the cause of Christian unity, first, by being an inter-Lutheran organization and, second, by working to heal the breach of the sixteenth century. The Society is not about one thing, but about forming the entire life of the pastor as a pastor.

The format will be 'usual' for a STS chapter retreat: prayer offices, Eucharist, presentation(s), discussion, fellowship, opportunity for individual Confession and Absolution, individual Rite of Healing, etc.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name:

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Mailing address:

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Contact phone number:

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E-mail address:

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**ELCA ; LCMS ; WELS ; NALC ; CORE ; ELCM ; LCMC ; TEC ; RC ;**  
**BISHOP ; PRIEST ; DEACON ; SEMINARIAN ;**  
**DEACON CANDIDATE ; DIAKONIA ; LAITY ; STS**

Please make your check payable to "**STS FLORIDA CHAPTER**" with the notation "**STS MARCH 2026 RETREAT**" in the appropriate amount and mail with your registration form to:

*The Rev. Lawrence Recla+ STS, Dean*

*1720 Hagood Loop*

*The Villages, FL 32162*

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<b>ONE PERSON: MEALS, ROOM, AND MATERIALS .....</b>	<b>\$225.00</b>
<i>With spouse, total for both .....</i>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>COMMUTERS: (including meals).....</b>	<b>\$175.00</b>
<b>FOR SUNDAY NIGHT ARRIVAL (includes Monday breakfast) .....</b>	<b>\$325.00 total</b>
<i>With spouse, total for both (includes Monday breakfast).....</i>	<b>\$375.00 total</b>

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THIS RETREAT OR OTHER QUESTIONS:

Society of the Holy Trinity <https://societyholytrinity.org/>

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