

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Our Mission: To make disciples by Baptizing and Teaching about Jesus.

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Christians Live by Faith in Christ and Rejoice in the Promise of His Resurrection

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man," for all the strength of his flesh is like the grass that fades away (Jer. 17:5). The one who turns away from the Lord may have food and money and laugh for now, but he "shall mourn and weep" in the judgment (Luke 6:24–25). But "the man who trusts in the LORD" is blessed with all that he needs, "like a tree planted by water." When heat comes, he survives (Jer. 17:7–8). For the Lord has come in the flesh to heal the people of all their diseases, to cleanse their spirits with forgiveness, and to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the poor (Luke 6:18–20). As all of this is by way of His cross, it is solely by faith in the promise of His resurrection that Christians "rejoice" and "leap for joy" (Luke 6:21–23). "If Christ has not been raised," our faith is in vain, and we are most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:14–19). But, in fact, just as "Christ died for our sins," so has He also "been raised from the dead" (1 Cor. 15:3, 20).

The Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

FEBRUARY 16, 2025



Welcome to our Guests and Visitors! The congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is pleased and honored to have you worship with us today. If you do not have a regular place of worship—Welcome Home! We would love to have you join our fellowship! Please introduce yourself to Pastor Taylor and sign our guest book before you go. Thank you for coming!

God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood... invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29). Because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the sacrament, will want to first speak with the pastor before communing.

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn LSB 904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

LSB 186

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b: [18:20]

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Hebrews 10:22

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 John 20:19-23
- C Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Matthew 5:23-24

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5; antiphon: v. 7*

P I will praise you with an upright heart,*

when I learn your just and righ- | teous decrees.

Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,*

who walk in the law of YAHWEH!

Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies,*

who seek him with their | whole heart.

You have commanded your | precepts*

to be kept dil- | igently.

Oh that my ways may be | steadfast*

in keeping your | statutes!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

I will praise you with an | upright heart,* when I learn your just and righ- | teous decrees.

LSB 186; Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187; Luke 2:14; John 1:29

- **P** Glory be to God on high:
- and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵Thus says YAHWEH:

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from YAHWEH.

⁶He is like a shrub in the desert,

and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷"Blessed is the man who trusts in YAHWEH, whose trust is YAHWEH.

8He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:1–20

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Alleluia

C Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:17–26

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. . Luke, the sixth chapter.
- **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

²⁶"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 191 or inside back cover of hymnal

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

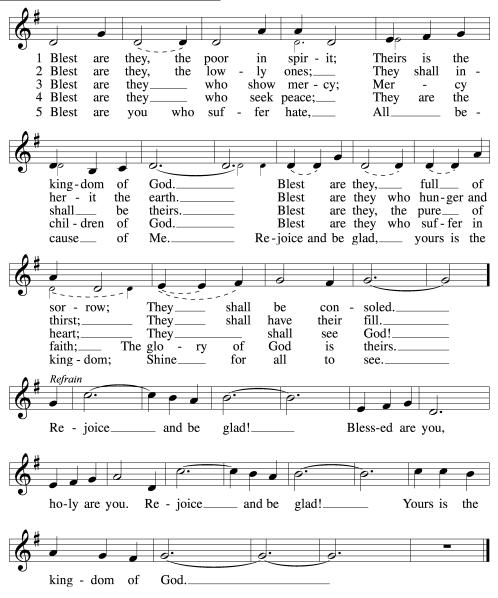
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life

→ of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

Sermon Hymn LSB 982 Blest Are They



Sermon

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

Please stand.

Offertory LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Amen.

Psalm 51:10-12

Please be seated.

Offering

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Psalm 1:36

- C It is meet and right so to do.
- It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer LSB 196; Matthew 6:6-13

C Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven:

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197; Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Hody, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Cor 11:26

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Rev. 2:20

Pax Domini LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

LSB 197: John 20:19

C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 197; John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Please be seated.

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first, and then distribute them to those who come to receive.

Please stand

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199; Luke 2:39-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving LSB 200; Psalm 107:1

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- **C** and His mercy endureth forever.
- **A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- **P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

Numbers 6:24-26

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 202

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

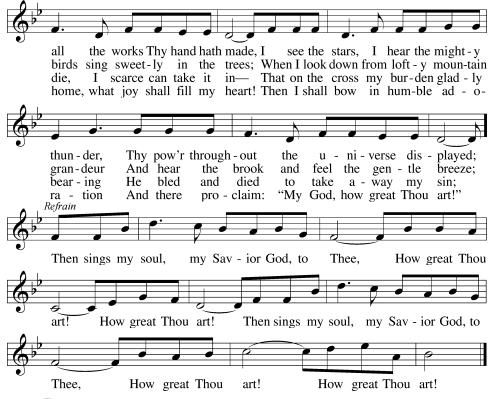
C Amen, amen, amen.

Please be seated.

Closing Hymn LSB 801 How Great Thou Art



- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won der Con sid er
- 2 When through the woods and for est glades I wan der, I hear the
- 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar-ing, Sent Him to
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac cla ma tion And take me



ParishScope

Choir Practice... everyone interested in singing for upcoming events, please come Sundays directly after church at 11:00 a.m. for practice in the front right corner near the piano.

President's Day... is Monday February 17th. The church office will be closed.

Ping Pong Fellowship... meets every Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

Pastor's Evening Bible Study... every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Please join us!

Our Next Midweek Communion Service... will be observed on Wednesday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m.

This Service, as well as all Holy Trinity Services, are live-streamed on our Facebook page:

<u>facebook.com/HolyTLAlbion</u> and on our YouTube channel:

<u>youtube.com/@holytrinitylutheranchurch9176</u> Service bulletins are posted on our website: <u>holytrinitylutheranalbion.org/documents</u>. Please join us in person whenever you are able.

Women's Bible Study... will be taking a short break while Carolyn Lindenmuth has her heart surgery.

We expect to meet again in March on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Center. Please join us!

Trustees' Meeting... on Thursday February 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Council Meeting... on Thursday February 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

PRAYER GUIDE

Those needing healing...

Mike Bowen Ken Counasse Linda Evans, John Niemla's Sister

Mary Lou Gurnee, Anja Durfee's sister-in-law Jane Hutchinson, Alice Frndak's sister-in-law Renee & Alyssa Isham Pastor Blaine Jorg Polly Klobusnik Ken Lewis, Tammy Podpora's Dad Carolyn Lindenmuth Emily Marler (daughter of Pastor & Susan Taylor) Shelby, Tracy & Patricia Metzenbacher Jeff & John Metka (Susan Taylor's brothers) John Niemla Linda (Stevens) Olmstead Cindy Parobek Avery Podpora Ray & Carol Struchen Russell Struchen Virginia Taylor (mother of Pastor Taylor)

Extended Needs...

Evelyn Stevens

Taylor Sisson Jarrod White

Those in the Armed Services...

Jennifer Attridge
Adam Crosby
Julie Evans
Christopher Fromknecht
Christina Gutherie
Violette Hosack
Nate Lawrence
Joe Moore
John Parmarter
Thomas Reiser
Timothy Reiser

LWML Meeting... on Sunday March 2nd at 11 a.m. in the Family Center. Please remember to bring your mites! The LWML is very glad to announce that we were able to raise \$530.00 with our Souper Bowl Sunday Fundraiser. These proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new stove for the church's kitchen. Stay tuned for our next fundraiser which will be Nut Rolls for Easter!

Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season... begins on March 5 this year. How will you prepare to celebrate Holy Week and the Resurrection of Our Lord this year? We will bring back our very popular **Soup Suppers** that we enjoyed during Advent last year. A light dinner will be served each Wednesday in Lent at 6:30 p.m., followed by the worship service at 7:00 p.m. By eliminating the need to cook and clean up on Wednesdays in Lent, you will be able to concentrate on fellowship with the Lord and with one another in preparation for Holy Week and our Easter celebration. We will begin with **Stuffed Pepper Soup**, bread butter and dessert. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex if you would like to provide the soup for one of our Wednesdays. Let us know which Wednesday you choose and what soup you will bring.



Schedule for this week

Feb. 17 - Feb. 23:

Monday Feb. 17

9:00 am – I:00 pm Office Hours 6:00 pm **Fellowship/Ping Pong**

Tuesday Feb. 18

9:00 am – I:00 pm Office Hours 6:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday Feb. 19

9:00 am – I:00 pm Office Hours 7:00 pm **Communion Service**

Thurs. Feb. 20

9:00 am – I:00 pm Office Hours NO Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm ParishScope Deadline

6:00 pm Trustees' Meeting

Friday Feb. 21

9:00 am - I:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday Feb. 22

Sun. Feb. 23 ~ Epiphany 7 9:00 am Bible Study

10:00 am Communion Service 11:00 am Choir Practice

Temple Servants for Sun. Feb. 23:

Reader – Debbie Bright **Ushers** – David Lindenmuth, Ted Kelly

Elder of the Day — John Niemla Elder — David Lindenmuth Altar Guild — Carolyn Counasse Liturgical Color—Green Kitchen Admin. for February — Polly Klobusnik 814-756-3714

Birthdays/Anniversaries...

Polly Klobusnik (b) 02/12 Ken Counasse (b) 02/13 Bob & Cindy Parobek (a) 02/16

"Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven."