



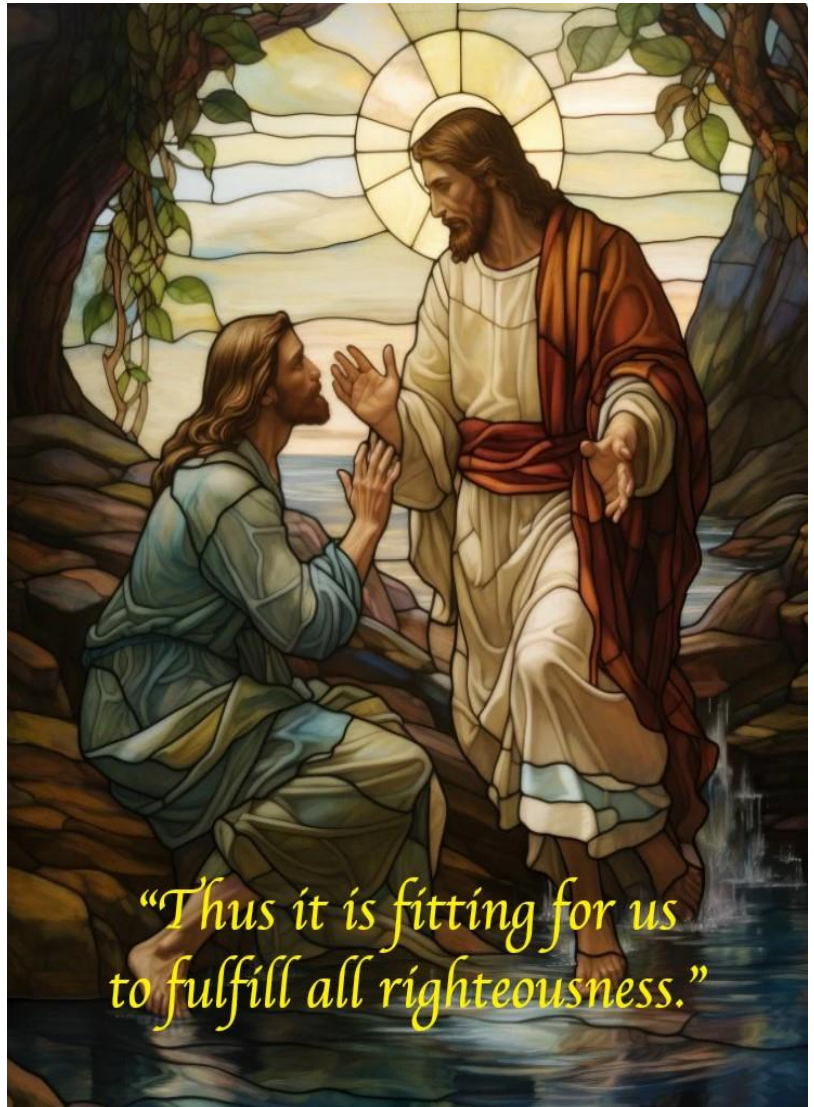
**Holy
Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

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

Rev. Michael S. Taylor
Pastor

Rick Petsch,
Reader

Ed Podpora,
Usher



First Wednesday in Epiphany

JANUARY 8, 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 814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

5 He fills the poor with good; 6 His wondrous works and ways
He gives the sufferers rest. He made by Moses known,
The Lord hath judgments for the proud But sent the world His truth and grace
And justice for th'oppressed. By His beloved Son.

Please stand. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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.

Psalms 124:8

- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C 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,
C 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.
- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

John 20:19-23

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 120

- P** ¹In my distress I called | to YAHWEH,*
and he | answered me.
²Deliver me, O LORD, from | lying lips,*
from a de- | ceitful tongue.
³What shall be given to you, and what more shall be | done to you,*
you de- | ceitful tongue?
⁴A warrior's sharp | arrows,*
with glowing coals of the | broom tree!
⁵Woe to me, that I sojourn in | Meshech,*
that I dwell among the tents of | Kedar!
⁶Too long have I had my | dwelling*
among those who | hate peace.
⁷I | am for peace,*
but when I speak, they | are for war!

- C** 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.

- P** ¹In my distress I called | to YAHWEH,*
and he | answered me.

Kyrie

LSB 186; Mark 10:47

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

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 holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Leviticus 6:8–13

⁸YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying, ⁹“Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering. The burnt offering shall be on the hearth on the altar all night until the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it. ¹⁰And the priest shall put on his linen garment and put his linen undergarment on his body, and he shall take up the ashes to which the fire has reduced the burnt offering on the altar and put them beside the altar. ¹¹Then he shall take off his garments and put on other garments and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place. ¹²The fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not go out. The priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and he shall arrange the burnt offering on it and shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings. ¹³Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 3:1–7

¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:11–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

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

C **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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Sermon Hymn LSB 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.
From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;
The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A kingdom with - out end.
His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.
Tune: Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532-c. 1601
Text and tune: Public domain

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

- C** 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.**

P 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... 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

C **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

P 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 ✠ body, 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

- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 198; John 1:29

- C** **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

- C** **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*
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 202

- P** 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.**

Numbers 6:24-26

Please be seated.

Closing Hymn LSB 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

- △ 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

PARISHSCOPE

Women's Bible Study... resumes on Tuesday January 9th and continues every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Center in our study of Ruth and Esther. Please join us!

Installation of Officers... on Sunday January 12th at the 10:00 Service, please gather with us as we install all those elected to office at our Quarterly Voter's Meeting that was held on December 29th, 2024. We will hold a short reception after the service with light refreshments. We gratefully acknowledge the contributions of those officers who have served Holy Trinity faithfully in the past, as well as all those who currently are serving her now!

Preschool Board Meeting... Monday January 13th at 12:30 p.m. in the Church Office.

Community Garden Planning Meeting... Monday January 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Office.

Fellowship/Ping Pong... continues every Monday evening at 6:00 pm.

Pastor's Evening Bible Study... meets every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

Our Next Midweek Communion Service... will be held on Wednesday January 15 at 7:00 p.m. This service, as well as all Holy Trinity Services, are live-streamed on our Facebook page: facebook.com/HolyTLAlbion and uploaded usually the next day to our YouTube channel: youtube.com/@holytrinitylutheranchurch9176 Service bulletins are posted on our website: holytrinitylutheranalbion.org/documents . Join us in person whenever you are able.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Movie Night... on Tuesday January 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, we will be showing the powerful epic movie **Cabrini** imdb.com/title/tt14351082/ the true story of an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889. Greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children, Cabrini sets off on a daring mission to convince the hostile archbishop and mayor to secure housing and healthcare for society's most vulnerable. With her broken English and poor health, Cabrini uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen. We will provide drinks and popcorn, feel free to bring snacks to share, and please join us!

PRAYER GUIDE

Those needing healing...

Ken Counasse

Linda Evans, John

Niemla's sister

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

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

Taylor Sisson

Jarrold White

47th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast

Featuring special guest speaker



KAYLEE STOCKTON

Teen mom, pro-life activist,
school shooting survivor
January 18, 2025

The Pro-Life Breakfast will be held at **Erie's Bayfront Convention Center, 1 Sassafras Pier on Saturday Jan. 8, 2025.** The doors will open at 8 a.m. and the program will begin at 9 a.m. Come early and browse People For Life's information and merchandise displays. Complimentary babysitting with entertaining activities for children of all ages will be available during the speaking program.

Reservations are:

Teens & Adults, \$28;

Ages 3-12, \$22;

Under 3 Years, no cost.

Holy Trinity sponsors several tables at this event, please contact Carolyn in the office if you are interested in attending this year's event with us:

htlcalbn@gmail.com or (814) 756-3426

*"Thus it is fitting for us
to fulfill all righteousness."*

Schedule for this week

Jan. 9 - 12

Thurs. Jan. 9

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

9:30 am **Women's Bible Study**

Friday Jan. 10

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday Jan. 11

Sun. Jan. 12 ~ Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 am **Bible Study**

10:00 am **Communion Service**

11:00 am **Coffee Fellowship**

Mon. Jan. 13

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

12:30 pm **Preschool Board Mtg.**

6:00 pm **Comm. Garden Mtg.**

6:00 pm **Fellowship/Ping Pong**

Tuesday Jan. 14

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm **Pastor's Bible Study**

Wed. Jan. 15

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

Temple Servants for Sun. Jan. 12:

Reader – Dale Klobusnik

Ushers – Ed Podpora,

Chuck Stevens

Elder of the Day – Dale Klobusnik

Elder – John Niemla

Altar Guild – Nancy Kingston

Liturgical Color—White

Kitchen Admin. for January –

Debbie Bright 814-746-0132

