



**Holy
Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

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

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*But to all who
did receive Him,
who believed in
His name, He
gave the right to
become children
of God, who were
born, not of blood
nor of the will of
the flesh nor of
the will of man,
but of God.*



Second Wednesday in Advent

DECEMBER 11, 2024



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 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no
far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,
King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver.”
pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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. *Psalm 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. *John 20:19-23*

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 37:23, 1-7

P ²³The steps of a man are established | by YAHWEH,*
when he delights | in his way;

¹Fret not yourself because of evil- | doers;*
be not envious of wrong- | doers!

²For they will soon fade | like the grass*
and wither like the | green herb.

³Trust in YAHWEH, | and do good;*
dwell in the land and befriend | faithfulness.

⁴Delight yourself | in YAHWEH,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

⁵Commit your way | to YAHWEH; *
trust in him, and | he will act.

⁶He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,*
and your justice as the | noonday.

⁷Be still before YAHWEH and wait patiently | for him; *
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil de- | vices!

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 ²³The steps of a man are established | by YAHWEH,*
when he delights | in his way;

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.

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for the evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our constant companion on the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope among us, that we may recognize You as You are revealed in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. Grant this for Your name's sake.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:3–7

³You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of YAHWEH of hosts will do this.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:1–6

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Holy Gospel

John 1:9–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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.

Numbers 6:24-26

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 364 Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky _____ looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

PARISHSCOPE



Advent Soup Suppers... Wednesday December 18th at 6:30 pm will be the date of our third and last Soup Supper of Advent. We will be serving a light meal leading into the Midweek Advent Communion Service at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to provide this meal, sign the sheet on the table in the narthex. Please come enjoy food and fellowship in preparation for the Christmas season.

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.

Women's Bible Study... tomorrow Dec. 12th. This will be our final study before taking a break over the Christmas holiday. We will resume January 9th at 9:30 am in the Family Center.

Choir Singing at Edinboro Manor... 419 Waterford St. in Edinboro, on Thursday December 12th at 2:00 p.m. We gather in their Community Room to sing traditional Christmas Hymns and carols that everyone knows & loves, so please join us!

Council Meeting... to be held on Thursday December 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Christmas Wrapping Party... Monday Dec 16th at 9 am to wrap presents for our preschool students.

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.

Annual Preschool Christmas Program... You are invited to the annual Christmas Program presented on Thurs. Dec. 19th. This year our Choir will begin singing at 6:30 p.m., leading into the Preschool program at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served immediately following in the Family Center. Come meet the families, hear & see what the kids are learning about the birth of Baby Jesus.



Quarterly Voters' Meeting... on Sunday Dec. 22 at 11 am, immediately following the 10 am Service.



Our Annual Candlelight Christmas Eve Service... will be held Wednesday December 24th at 7:00 p.m. Invite your friends and family to this joyful, intimate service to hear and sing the angel's message to the shepherds:

"Good News of great joy that will be for all the people:

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the LORD."

CHRISTIANITY & OTHER WORLD RELIGIONS... Judaism, Islam, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Hinduism, Buddhism, Atheism, Scientology. **Issues, Etc.**, a radio

talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, is doing a World Religions 101 series with Dr. Adam Francisco of Concordia University Chicago. You can listen to this multi-part series at issuesetc.org/worldreligions.



Issues, Etc.
Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio



The LWML is baking Cookies for Christmas! We would appreciate your help!!

(The box in the picture is to give you an idea what the boxes we will be creating will be like; it is not the actual cookies you will be receiving.)

Lutheran Women (AND men) in Mission will be baking Christmas cookies and packing them in boxes in the church kitchen as a fundraiser for a new kitchen stove. We will be baking six kinds of cookies: **Pizzelles, Snickerdoodles, Peanut Blossoms, Oatmeal Scotties, Fudgy No-Bakes & Snowballs.**

We are taking orders for boxes of 3 dozen assorted cookies: six of each kind. There is an order sheet on the table in the narthex, or call Carolyn in the church office at 814-756-3426 if you would like to order a box or more!

If you are available to help bake or pack cookies, **we are baking on Saturday, Dec. 14th starting at 7:00 a.m.** If you cannot come right at 7 AM, please come anytime later in the day & leave when you need to leave. Alternatively, you may choose to **bake cookies at home to donate to the LWML Fundraiser.** Please restrict your baking to the kinds of cookies mentioned above, & be sure to bring them to the church kitchen by Saturday before 10 AM. Any questions, please call Carolyn in the office: 814-756-3426.

The Cookie Boxes will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, December 15th starting at 11:00 AM immediately following the church service. Pick up is also available during church office hours on Monday the 16th and Tuesday the 17th. Payment must be made before cookie boxes leave the building; we can freeze them if necessary. **The boxes will contain 3 dozen assorted cookies (6 of each kind) for a donation of \$25.00 each.** We hope to have a few extra boxes available for purchase on a first come, first served basis.

We thank you for supporting the LWML with this Fundraiser!

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
Carolyn Lindenmuth
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 Guthrie
Violette Hosack
Nate Lawrence
Joe Moore
John Parmarter
Thomas Reiser
Timothy Reiser



Thank you to all who donated to Christmas Gifts for Preschool Kids...

This Sunday we exceeded our goal to purchase a toy Noah's Ark playset for each of our 26 preschool students. The playsets will be coupled with a personalized comforter for each of the children donated by a very generous church member. You are invited to see the excitement of the children as they receive these gifts from Santa Claus at their annual Christmas parties on December 19 and 20 at 11 a.m. in the Family Center. The balance of the donation will be saved for Christmas gifts to be presented in the 2025-2026 school year. Thank you for your generosity toward our students!

Lutheran Heritage Foundation...

Last Sunday we welcomed Rev. Robert Marshall of the LHF who shared with us their mission of translating and publishing books explaining the Bible for all people in languages they can understand. We are pleased to announce you gave a total of \$245.00 to continue to translate, publish and distribute books central to the Lutheran faith free of charge to your brothers and sisters around the world. Well done!

LWML Nuts Rolls... despite the less than stellar appearance of the Nut Rolls baked last Saturday, we were able to clear \$640.00 to support our seminarian student & his family. Again, well done!

Schedule for this week

Dec. 12 - Dec. 18:

Thurs. Dec. 12

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours
9:30 am **Women's Bible Study**
2:00 pm **Choir@Edinboro Manor**
6:00 pm **Council Mtg.**

Friday Dec. 13

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday Dec. 14

7:00 am on **LWML Cookie Boxes**

Sunday Dec. 15 ~ Advent 3

9:00 am **Bible Study**
10:00 am **Communion Service**
11:00 am **Choir Practice**

Mon. Dec. 16

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours
9:00 am **Wrapping Party**
6:00 pm **Fellowship/Ping Pong**

Tuesday Dec. 17

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours
6:00 pm **Pastor's Bible Study**

Wednesday Dec. 18

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours
1:00 pm **ParishScope Deadline**
6:30pm **Advent Soup Supper**
7:00 pm **Communion Service**

Temple Servants for Sun. Dec. 15:

Reader – Dale Klobusnik

Ushers – Ed Podpora,
Chuck Stevens

Elder of the Day – Chuck Stevens

Elder – Dale Klobusnik

Altar Guild – Carolyn Lindenmuth

Liturgical Color – Blue

Kitchen Admin. for December –

Debbie Bright 814-746-0132

