



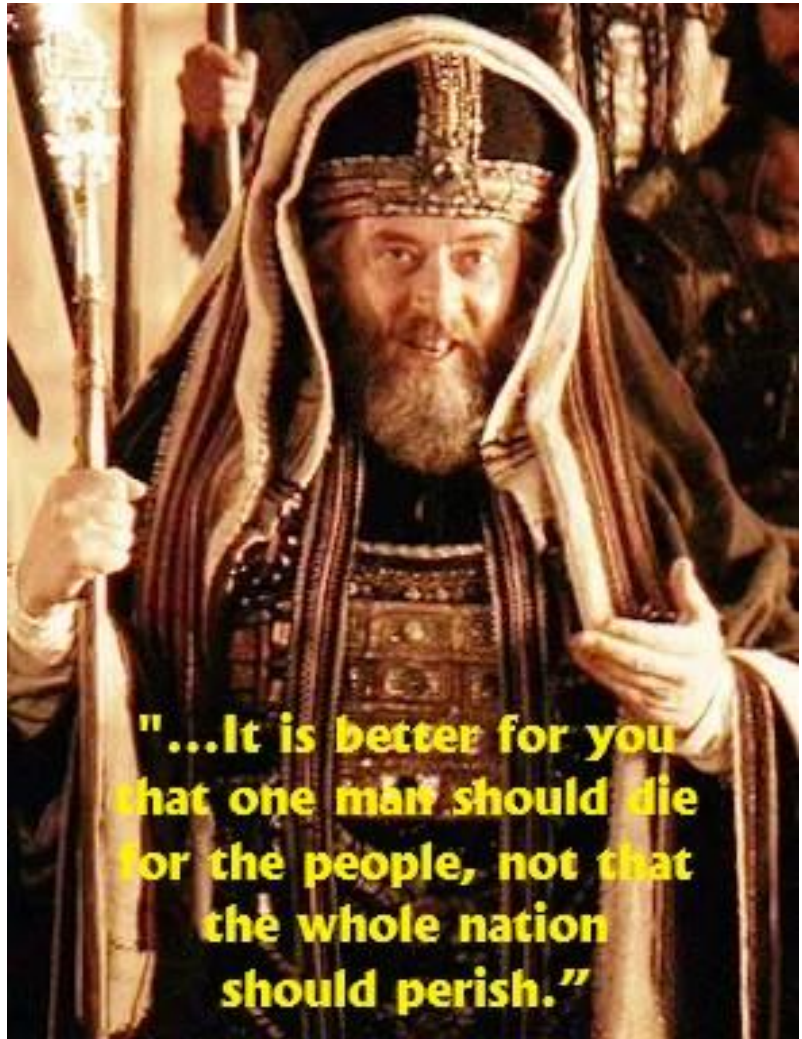
**Holy
Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

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

Rev. Michael S. Taylor
Pastor

Rick Petsch,
Reader

David Lindenmuth,
Usher



Fourth Wednesday in Epiphany

FEBRUARY 5, 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 589 Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

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| 1 Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,
Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me,
Let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,
Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor
That I cling to You forever! | 3 Lord, Your words are waters living
When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving;
On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light
Through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unailing! |
| 2 Oh, what blessing to be near You
And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You,
Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord,
Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin's burden
You give words of peace and pardon. | 4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven. |

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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 124

P ¹If it had not been YAHWEH who was on | our side—*

let Israel | now say—

²if it had not been YAHWEH who was | on our side*

when people rose up a- | gainst us,

³then they would have swallowed us | up alive,*

when their anger was kindled a- | gainst us;

⁴then the flood would have swept | us away,*

the torrent would have gone | over us;

⁵then over us | would have gone*

the raging | waters.

⁶Blessèd | be YAHWEH,*

who has not given us as prey | to their teeth!

⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the | fowlers,*

the snare is broken, and we | have escaped!

⁸Our help is in the name | of YAHWEH,*

who made | heaven and earth.

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 ¹If it had not been YAHWEH who was on | our side—*

let Israel | now say—

Kyrie

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

P Glory be to God on high:

C 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.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

2 Chronicles 20:4–18

⁴And Judah assembled to seek help from the LORD; from all the cities of Judah they came to seek YAHWEH.

⁵And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of YAHWEH, before the new court, ⁶and said, "O YAHWEH, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. ⁷Did you not, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? ⁸And they have lived in it and have built for you in it a sanctuary for your name, saying, ⁹"If disaster comes upon us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before you—for your name is in this house—and cry out to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save." ¹⁰And now behold, the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they came from the land of Egypt, and whom they

avoided and did not destroy— ¹¹behold, they reward us by coming to drive us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit. ¹²O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”

¹³Meanwhile all Judah stood before YAHWEH, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. ¹⁴And the Spirit of YAHWEH came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, son of Benaiah, son of Jeiel, son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. ¹⁵And he said, “Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says YAHWEH to you, ‘Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God’s. ¹⁶Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz. You will find them at the end of the valley, east of the wilderness of Jeruel. ¹⁷You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of YAHWEH on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.’ Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and YAHWEH will be with you.”

¹⁸Then Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before YAHWEH, worshiping YAHWEH.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:3–9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Holy Gospel

John 11:45–53

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and

the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”⁴⁹ But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all.⁵⁰ Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.”⁵¹ He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,⁵² and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.⁵³ So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

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 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

vss. 1-4

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 3 Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

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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.

Psalms 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.

Numbers 6:24-26

- C** Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn LSB 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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PARISHSCOPE

Women's Bible Study... please join us every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Center in our study of Ruth and Esther.

Our Next Communion Service... will be held on Sunday February 9th at 10:00 a.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.

Sunday February 9th is "Souper Bowl" Sunday... the LWML is making quarts of homemade **Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef, Beef Barley,** and **Potato Leek** soup for a donation of \$10.00 and home baked bread for \$5.00. The proceeds will go to the purchase of a new stove for the church kitchen. An order sheet is on the table in the Narthex for preorders. Please see Carolyn in the office if you would like to donate a crock of homemade soup or bake some homemade bread for this event. Ask your friends, co-workers and family to order by calling the church office at 814-756-3426

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

Preschool Board Meeting... Monday February 10th at 12:30 p.m. in the church office.

Albion Area Community Garden Meeting... Monday February 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the church office.

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

How is Confessional Lutheranism similar and different to Eastern Orthodoxy? **Issues, Etc.** is doing a series on Eastern Orthodoxy with LCMS Pastor Joshua Schooping. Pastor Schooping is a former Eastern Orthodox priest. You can listen to this series on-demand at issuesetc.org/easternorthodoxy.

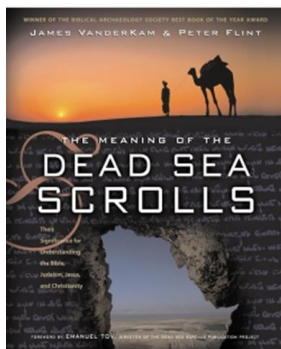
PRAYER GUIDE

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
Chuck Stevens
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
Jarrod White



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Library... has over 370 items available, including a recent donation by Anja Durfee: *The Meaning of the Dead Sea Scrolls: Their Significance For Understanding the Bible, Judaism, Jesus, and Christianity*. In this book, James VanderKam & Peter Flint, two leading experts on the scrolls, reveal the complete and fascinating story: their amazing discovery, the intense controversies, and the revelations, including their teachings, the community that created them, the world of Judaism, the origins of Christianity, and our understanding of Jesus and the New Testament. With photos of the original texts, the sites, and the scholars who deciphered them, *The Meaning of the Dead Sea Scrolls* presents the most complete and accurate scholarship on the Dead Sea Scrolls available today. Come to the church office if you have questions, comments or to see what else we have to offer. Please bring your donation of gently used books, CDs, and DVDs to the church office. These do not need to be of a religious nature, as we are able to swap them for more desirable titles. You can browse our materials & request items to be placed on hold on the web @ holyltrinityalbionlibrary.librarika.com/

Schedule for this week

Feb. 6 - Feb. 12:

Thurs. Feb. 6

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours
9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Friday Feb. 7

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday Feb. 8

Sunday Feb. 9 ~ Epiphany 5

9:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Communion Service
11:00 am "Souper Bowl" Sunday
Distribution

Mon. Feb. 10

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 Feb. 11

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours
6:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

Wed. Feb. 12

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours
1:00 pm ParishScope Deadline
7:00 pm Communion Service

Temple Servants for Sun. Feb. 9:

Reader – Dale Klobusnik

Ushers – Ted Kelly,

Chuck Stevens

Elder of the Day – David Lindenmuth

Elder – Chuck Stevens

Altar Guild – Nancy Kingston

Liturgical Color – Green

Kitchen Admin. for February –

Polly Klobusnik 814-756-3714

Birthdays/Anniversaries...

Alice Frndak (b) 02/02

Shelby Metzenbacher (b) 02/02

Polly Klobusnik (b) 02/12

Ken Counasse (b) 02/13