

## Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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

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# In Repentance We Are Alert to the Coming of Christ

The signs of the end are all around us, constant reminders that "heaven and earth will pass away." But all of these signs are centered in the cross of Christ, whereby He has conquered sin and death, that we might be raised with Him in righteousness through His Word of the Gospel, which "will not pass away" (Mark 13:31). He is "the firstborn of the dead," who in His great love "has freed us from our sins by his blood" (Rev. 1:5). His salvation is certain because "his dominion is an everlasting dominion" and His Kingdom "shall not be destroyed" (Dan. 7:14). For this purpose He came into the world, to reign in love through His voice of the Gospel, which is the truth (John 18:37). So is the righteousness of Christ "a light to the peoples," which "will never be dismayed" because it is the justice of His cross and resurrection (Is. 51:4–6). As He "is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory," so wait upon "the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life" (Jude 20–24).

## Last Sunday of the Church Year

**NOVEMBER 24, 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!

**Today we welcome Rev. Robert Marshall of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation...** to share with us their mission of translating and publishing books that explain the Bible for all people in languages they can understand.

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.

#### Opening Hymn LSB 660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



## Confession and Absolution

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,
- 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.
- 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.

## Sharing the Peace

Matthew 5:23-24

## Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV

P We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,\* the home of | righteousness.

O YAHWEH, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;\*

let me know how fleeting | I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,\*

and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?\*

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.\*

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O YAHWEH, and give ear | to my cry;\* hold not your peace | at my tears!

- 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 We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,\* the home of | righteousness.

**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

- **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.

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 51:4-6

4"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation;

for a law will go out from me,

and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near,

my salvation has gone out,

and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

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

Epistle

Jude 20–25

<sup>20</sup> But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup>And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup>save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

<sup>24</sup>Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup>to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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

Please stand.

Alleluia LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

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

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—<sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

- **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.

#### Sermon Hymn LSB 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



Text and tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

Text and tune: Public domain

#### Sermon

- 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

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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 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

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.

**©** 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 + 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 Holood, 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

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Rev. 2:20

LSB 200; Psalm 107:1

Pax Domini LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

LSB 197; John 20:19

C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 198; 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

**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**

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

And with thy spirit.
Benedicamus

A Bless we the Lord.

LSB 202 Psalm 103:1

C Thanks be to God.

**Benediction** 

LSB 202 Numbers 6:24-26

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

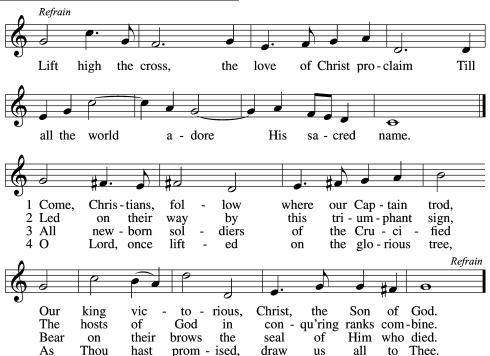
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Please be seated.

#### Closing Hymn LSB 837 Lift High the Cross

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5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Ref*.

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Ref.* 

### PARISHSCOPE

Thanksgiving Eve

**Communion Service** 

Choir Practice... will be held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service in the front of the church near the piano. In addition to several songs to be sung during Advent services, we are practicing to sing for the residents of the Edinboro Manor on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., as well as the Preschool Christmas Program on Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Please join us! Fellowship/Ping Pong... continues every Monday evening at 6:00 pm.

**NO Evening Bible Study...** this week due to Thanksgiving preparations. We will resume on Tuesday Dec. 3 at 6PM.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service...** Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. is the perfect time to come together to give thanks for the blessings in our lives.

We will offer prayers of gratitude and share in the joy of uplifting hymns and music, then count our blessings over a piece of pie and fellowship in the Family Center. We're also collecting non-perishable food items for local families in need to be taken to the Northwest Food Bank all through the month of November. If you would like to bring a pie to share, sign the sheet on the table in the narthex. Spread the word, invite

your family, friends and neighbors, and let's come together in the true spirit of Thanksgiving! We have so much to thank God for!

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.

**NO Office Hours and NO Women's Bible Study...** on Thursday Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> which is Thanksgiving. Women's Bible Study will resume on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Center.

#### LOOKING AHEAD...

**Church Decorating for Christmas...** immediately after the 10 AM service on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Please join us! **Pastor Taylor...** will be out of the office on Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> for a Circuit Meeting.



Advent Soup Suppers... Each Wednesday in December at 6:30 pm we will be serving a light meal leading into the Midweek Communion Service at 7:00 p.m. The dates are Wed. Dec. 4th, 11th, and 18th. If you would like to provide one of these meals, please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex. Our first Soup Supper of the season will feature beef barley soup, rolls & butter, and brownies for dessert. Please come enjoy food and fellowship in preparation for the Christmas season.

**Trustees' Meeting...** will be on Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM due to a very busy holiday calendar.



**Preschool Christmas Program...** You are invited to the annual Christmas Program presented on Thurs. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 & see what the kids are learning about the birth of Baby Jesus.

## PRAYER GUIDE

Those needing healing...

Ken Counasse Jane Hutchinson, Alice Frndak's sister-in-law Renee & Alvssa Isham Pastor Blaine Jorg Polly Klobusnik Ken Lewis, Tammy Podpora's Dad 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

#### **Those in the Armed Services...** Jennifer Attridge

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



#### Christmas Gifts for Preschool Kids...

This Christmas season we would like to purchase a toy Noah's Ark playset for each of our 26 preschool students to be presented to them by Santa Claus at their Christmas party. The ark we want to give them is on display in the narthex. We are asking that our congregation donate money to carry on this tradition. We are currently 90% to our goal. Please mark your donation "Gifts for Preschoolers" and place it in the offering plate, or drop it off at the church office. Any amount will help! Thank you for your generosity toward our students!



### Candlelight Christmas Eve Service...

will be Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Invite your friends and family to this joyful, intimate service to hear 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."

#### Schedule for this week

Nov. 25 - Dec. 1:

Mon. Nov. 25 ~

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

Tuesday Nov 26

9:00 am – I:00 pm Office Hours NO Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday Nov 27

9:00 am – I:00 pm Office Hours 1:00 pm ParishScope Deadline 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service/Fellowship

Thurs. Nov 28~ Thanksgiving NO Office Hours

Friday Nov. 29

9:00 am - I:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday Nov. 30

Sunday Dec. 1 ~ Advent 1

9:00 am **Bible Study** 

10:00 am Communion Service

11:00 am Choir Practice

Temple Servants Sun. Dec. 1:

**Reader** – Ted Kelly

**Ushers** – Chuck Stevens,

John Niemla

**Elder** – Ed Podpora

Altar Guild — Corinna Thorhauer Liturgical Color — Blue/Violet

Enargical Color Bracy Violet

**Kitchen Admin. for December** – Debbie Bright 814-746-0132

**Birthdays and Anniversaries...** Tammy Podpora (b) 11/29

