



**Holy Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**

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

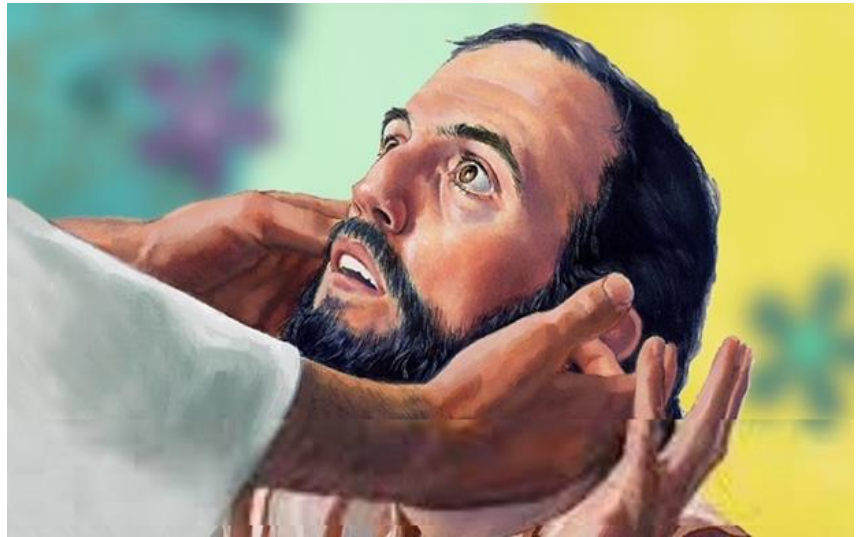
**Rev. Michael S. Taylor**  
*Pastor*

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**John Niemla,**  
*Elder of the Day*



***Our Merciful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,  
Does All Things Well***

The Lord proclaims the Gospel *“to those who have an anxious heart”* to comfort and encourage them with His presence. He comes not only with threats of *“vengeance”* and *“recompense,”* but with His gracious salvation (Is. 35:4). He opens *“the eyes of the blind”* and *“the ears of the deaf,”* and He loosens *“the tongue of the mute”* to *“sing for joy”* (Is. 35:5–6). Like water on thirsty ground, He speaks His life-giving Word to people of all nations. With His Word and the touch of His hand, He does *“all things well,”* so that you may now speak *“plainly”* (Mark 7:31–37). You confess the truth of God in Christ to the glory of His holy name, and you call upon His name in every trouble, confident that He will hear and answer. As you pray and confess with your tongue, so also *“love your neighbor as yourself”* (James 2:8). Show your faith *“in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory,”* by loving without partiality. For God has *“chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom”* (James 2:1–5).

**Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

# Confession and Absolution

## Opening Hymn LSB 868 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy dai - ly  
 2 In con - ver - sa - tion be sin - cere, Thy con - science  
 3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast re -  
 4 Lord, I my vows to Thee re - new; Dis - perse my



stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth and  
 as the noon - day clear; Think how the all - see - ing  
 freshed me while I slept; Grant, Lord, when I from  
 sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of



joy - ful rise To pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 God thy ways And all thy se - cret thoughts sur - veys.  
 death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.  
 thought and will And with Thy - self my spir - it fill.

- 5 Direct, control, suggest this day                      △ 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 All I design or do or say                                      Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 That all my pow'rs with all their might                      Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
 In Thy sole glory may unite.                                      Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.  
 Tune: François H. Barthélémon, 1741–1808  
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*Please stand.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. LSB 184

**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.

## Sharing the Peace

*Matthew 5:23-24*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v. 8*

- P** YAHWEH is the strength of his | people;\*  
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.  
To you, O YAHWEH, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,\*  
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.  
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,\*  
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.  
Blessèd | be YAHWEH!\*
- For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.  
YAHWEH is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;\*  
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

- 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** YAHWEH is the strength of his | people;\*  
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

### 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:  
*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*
- 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.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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

*Isaiah 35:4–7a*

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

### Epistle

*James 2:1–10, 14–18*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and

a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . . *Leviticus 19:18*

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Mark 7:24–37*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

<sup>24</sup>From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup>But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

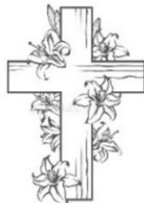
*LSB 191 or inside the back cover of the hymnal*

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

*Please be seated.*



## Sermon Hymn LSB 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,  
 Be praise now and eternally!

Text: Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens-Opfer, c. 1778, Stettin; tr. August  
 Crull, 1845-1923, alt.  
 Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93

### Sermon

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7*
- 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*

### 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.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

### Benedicamus

LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**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 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this

2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing

3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;

stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar

fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,

Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,

Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no

strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and

songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.

shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.

Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.





**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, and we have a gift for you. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Taylor and sign our guest book. Thank you for coming!

**Heaven Fries at the Albion Fair...** The sign-up schedules for volunteers to work at the Fair are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The Fair runs from **Tuesday September 10 through Saturday September 14th**. You can choose a 3-hour shift from Noon to 3pm, 3pm to 6pm, or 6pm until closing on any of the five days of the Fair. We need a minimum of six volunteers per shift. We especially need cutters and fryers from Noon to 3PM, cutters and servers from 3PM to 6pm, fryers and scoopers from 6pm to closing, and floaters for all shifts. This will be our 71<sup>st</sup> year at the Albion Fair, making us the longest continuous concession in the Fair's history. Let's make the best of this outreach opportunity! Thank you for your willing service!

**Fellowship/Ping-Pong...** Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

**There will be NO Midweek Service...** on Wednesday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup> because of Heavenly Fries at the Albion Fair. Our next Midweek Communion Service will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All of Holy Trinity Services are live-streamed on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/HolyTLAlbion](https://facebook.com/HolyTLAlbion) and uploaded to our YouTube channel: [youtube.com/@holytrinitylutheranchurch9176](https://youtube.com/@holytrinitylutheranchurch9176) usually the next day. Service bulletins are posted on our website: [holytrinitylutheranalbion.org/documents](https://holytrinitylutheranalbion.org/documents). Please join us in person whenever you are able.

**Our Preschool Students...** will be visiting **Heavenly Fries at the Albion Fair** on Thursday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday Sept 13<sup>th</sup>.

### LOOKING AHEAD...

**Choir Practice...** will resume on Sunday Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, after Heavenly Fries fundraiser at the Albion Fair.

**Community Garden Meeting...** has been moved to Monday Sept 16<sup>th</sup> @6:00 PM in the church office.

**Trustee's Meeting...** will be held on Thursday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM in the Family Center.

**Preschool Board Meeting...** will be held on Monday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 12:30 PM in the church office.

**Women's Bible Study...** will resume on Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 AM in the Family Center. Please bring a breakfast item to share. We will spend this first meeting catching up from the summer vacation & discussing the direction to take our study this fall. Please join us!

**Council Meeting...** will be held Thursday Sept 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM in the Family Center.

**Quarterly Voters' Meeting & Church Picnic...** will be held Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> immediately after the 10 AM Service @ approx. 11 AM to in the Family Center.

**Northwestern Food Pantry...** thanks all who supported them in the month of August. NW Food Pantry serves Albion, Cranesville, Platea, Conneaut, Elk Creek and Springfield, a total of 122 square miles. In August, we helped them serve 220 families representing 533 individuals including 152 seniors and 138 children. **Proverbs 19:17** best reflects your support: ***"He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and He will repay them for their deed."***

## PRAYER GUIDE

### **Those needing healing...**

Ken & Carolyn Counasse

David Durfee

Jane Hutchinson, Alice

Frndak's sister-in-law

Renee & Alyssa 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)

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

Taylor Sisson

Jarrold White

### **CONTENDING FOR TRUTH IN AN AGE OF ANTI-TRUTH... Issues, Etc.** is

a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: **Vice Pres.**

**Kamala Harris on Abortion, A Parents' Guide to Navigating Cultural Chaos, The Confusion Over Female Identity, Responding to Alternative Theories for Jesus' Resurrection** and more.

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These archaeological mysteries rival **Indiana Jones** in thrills and intrigue. Titles include: **A Skeleton in God's Closet, More than a Skeleton,** and **The Constantine Codex**. 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 @

[holytrinityalbionlibrary.librarika.com/](http://holytrinityalbionlibrary.librarika.com/)

Schedule for this week

Sept 9 –15

**Mon. Sept 9**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm Fellowship/Ping Pong

**Tuesday Sept 10**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

12 Noon to 9 PM Heavenly Fries @ the Albion Fair

**Wednesday Sept 11**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

1:00 pm ParishScope Deadline

12 Noon to 9 PM Heavenly Fries @ the Albion Fair

**NO Divine Service**

**Thurs. Sept 12**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

12 Noon to 9 PM Heavenly Fries @ the Albion Fair

**Friday Sept 13**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

12 Noon to 9 PM Heavenly Fries @ the Albion Fair

**Saturday Sept 14**

12 Noon to 9 PM Heavenly Fries @ the Albion Fair

**Sunday Sept 15 ~ Pentecost 17**

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00 am Communion Service

11:00 am Choir Practice

**Temple Servants for Sun. Sept 15:**

**Reader** – Ted Kelly

**Ushers** – Ed Podpora,  
Chuck Stevens

**Elder of the Day** – Chuck Stevens

**Elder** – John Niemla

**Altar Guild** -- Carolyn Lindenmuth

**Liturgical Color**-- Green

**Kitchen Administrator for Sept** –  
Corinna Thorhauer 814-384-0966