

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

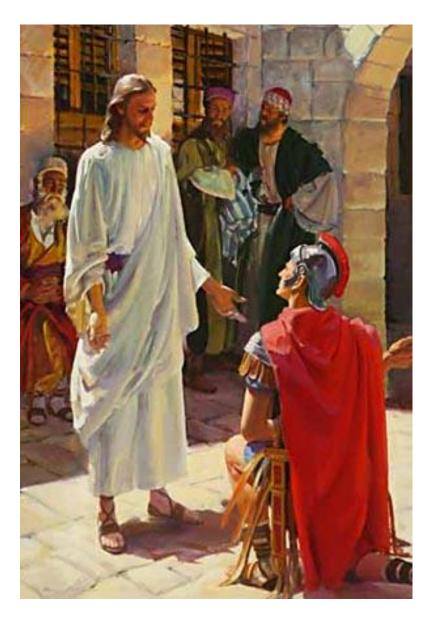
Our Mission: To make Disciples by Baptizing and Teaching about Jesus.

Rev. Michael S. Taylor Pastor

> Rick Petsch, Reader

Ed Podpora, Usher





Second Wednesday in Epiphany

JANUARY 15, 2025

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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 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



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

 \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- 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,
 Who made heaven and earth.
 P Isaid, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
 and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

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C Amen.
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Service of the Word

Introit

Antiphon Psalm 122:1; Psalm 121

¹I was glad when they | said to me,* "Let us go to the house of | YAHWEH!"

¹I lift up my eyes | to the hills.* From where does my | help come? ²My help comes | from YAHWEH,*

who made | heaven and earth.

³He will not let your | foot be moved;* he who keeps you will not | slumber.
⁴Behold, he who keeps | Israel* will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.

⁵ YAHWEH is your | keeper;* YAHWEH is your shade on your | right hand.
⁶The sun shall not strike | you by day,* nor the | moon by night.

⁷ YAHWEH will keep you from all | evil;* he will | keep your life.

⁸ YAHWEH will keep your going out and your | coming in* from this time forth and for- | evermore.



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.

 \mathbf{P} ¹I was glad when they | said to me,* "Let us go to the house of YAHWEH!"

Kyrie

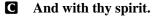
LSB 186: Mark 10:47

2 Timothy 4:22

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.



P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

С Amen.

Please be seated. **Old Testament Reading**

¹YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying, ²"Command the people of Israel and say to them, 'My offering, my food for my food offerings, my pleasing aroma, you shall be careful to offer to me at its appointed time.' ³And you shall say to them, This is the food offering that you shall offer to YAHWEH: two male lambs a year old without blemish, day by day, as a regular offering. ⁴The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight: 5 also a tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a grain offering, mixed with a quarter of a hin of beaten oil. ⁶It is a regular burnt offering, which was ordained at Mount Sinai for a pleasing aroma, a food offering to YAHWEH. ⁷Its drink offering shall be a quarter of a hin for each lamb. In the Holy Place you shall pour out a drink offering of strong drink to YAHWEH. ⁸The other lamb you shall offer at twilight. Like the grain offering of the morning, and like its drink offering, you shall offer it as a food offering, with a pleasing aroma to YAHWEH.

This is the Word of the Lord. A

С Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10–19

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ," ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified

Numbers 28:1–8

for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE DISCERNMENT OF THE DISCERNING I WILL THWART."

Isaiah 29:14

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

Please stand.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 8:1–4

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

G Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹When [Jesus] came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. ²And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." ³And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them."

⁵When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶"Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." ⁷And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." ⁸But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ¹⁰When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹²while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹³And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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 \pm of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

Sermon Hymn LSB 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness Mv beau - ty 2 Bold shall stand Cleansed and Ι in that great day, re -3 Lord. Ι be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood. Which the at 4 Lord. Ι be - lieve. were sin -Than ners more sands up rious dress: flam - ing are, my glo _ Midst worlds. in deemed. debt pay; Ful ly ab - solved through no to of God Pleads for the cap - tives' mer seat _ cy the cean shore. Thou hast for alĪ on 0 _ а With iov shall Ι lift these ar - rayed, head. up my fear. these Ι am From sin and from guilt and shame. lib er tv. Was al so shed in love for me. ran - som paid, For all full a - tone ment made. а

vv 1-4

Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Please stand. Offertory

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С

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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P The Lord be with you. С 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 P 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 С 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. LSB 196: Matthew 6:6-13
 - С 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. С

LSB 192

1 Timothy 2:1-4

LSB 194 2 Timothy 4:22

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Р 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, saving: "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

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until P He comes. 1 Cor 11:26 Rev 2.20

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. C

Pax Domini

- The peace of the Lord be with you always. P
- С Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198; John 1:29

LSB 197

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy С 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.

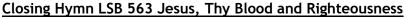
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same

LSB 200; Psalm 107:1

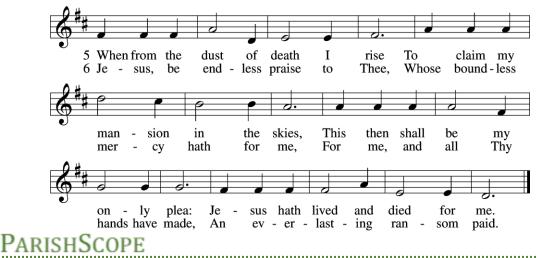
in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

С Amen. P The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22 And with thy spirit. C **Benedicamus** LSB 202 A Bless we the Lord. Psalm 103:1 Thanks be to God. С 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. С Amen, amen, amen.

Please be seated.



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Women's Bible Study... Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Center in our study of Ruth and Esther. We will not meet on January 23rd while Carolyn recovers from a heart procedure. Carolyn thanks everyone for your prayers & the Study will resume on January 30th. Please join us.

47th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast... Saturday January 18th @ 9:00 a.m. Please see last page of bulletin.

Our Next Communion Service... will be held on Sunday January 19 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.

PARISHSCOPE

Choir Practice... everyone interested in singing for upcoming events, please come Sundays directly after church at 11:00 a.m. for practice in the front right corner near the piano.

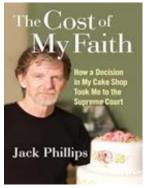
Ping Pong Fellowship... meets every Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

Pastor Taylor will be out of the office... from Monday Jan. 20 through Friday Jan. 24 to attend the Symposium in Fort Wayne IN. There will be no Bible Studies or Midweek Service next week.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Trustees' Meeting... on Thursday January 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

Sunday February 9th is Souper Bowl Sunday... and our next **LWML FUN**draiser. The week before Feb. 9th we will be making quarts of homemade 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. The soups will be **Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef, Venison Barley,** and **Potato Leek.** 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.



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Library... has over 370 items available, including The Cost of My Faith by Jack Phillips. *Why Not Just Make the Cake?* That's what people across the country started asking in 2012, when Jack Phillips told two men who walked into his Masterpiece Cakeshop that he couldn't create a custom cake for their same-sex wedding. In this inspiring book, Jack answers that question in his own words, hoping his story will inspire and strengthen many who will encounter challenges, however fearsome, to living out their faith. Come to the office to borrow this book, see what else we have to offer, donate gently used books, CDs, and DVDs. You can browse our materials & request items to be placed on hold on the web @ holytrinityalbionlibrary.librarika.com/

Holy Trinity hosts the Albion Area Community Garden... It's not too soon to plan your spring planting. Some of the food grown in our garden is donated to the Northwestern Food Pantry. Come volunteer so that there will be more food for all. The garden was created to feed the Albion area, to promote recycling, up-cycling and to bring the community together through working on many projects. You can follow us @ facebook.com/albionareacommunitygarden.



UTHERANS.

January 19 through 25 is Lutherans for Life Week... "A bruised reed He will not break, and a faintly burning wick He will not guench" (Isaiah 42:3).

LIFE Jesus Who went into the water with sinners (Matt.3:6, 13) doesn't let human impairments impede His redeeming.

A body broken by deformity Jesus will not discard in abortion, and a person incapacitated by disease He will not abandon in physician-assisted suicide. "No amount of scientific progress can defeat death. No political ruler can promise eternal life. Only Jesus can make and keep that promise. The promise of hope and life is ours to proclaim. It is the promise that a world without hope needs to hear. In Jesus we have hope for the future, the living hope of life in His presence forever." Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org •

In accordance with the Constitution of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Article IV Election of Officers, elections were held at our last voters' meeting on December 29th, 2024. The current list of officers is as follows:

Newly Elected President of the Congregation:-Ed Podpora 814-622-0234.

Continuing Vice President: Chuck Stevens 814-756-4880.

Continuing Secretary of the Congregation: Debbie Bright 814-746-0132.

Continuing Financial Secretary: Carolyn Lindenmuth 440-867-2393.

Continuing Treasurer:-Tammy Podpora 814-622-0234.

Continuing Elders: Dale Klobusnik 814-756-4311, John Niemla 814-756-3117, Chuck Stevens 814-756-4880, Newly Elected Elder-Dave Lindenmuth 440-749-9738.

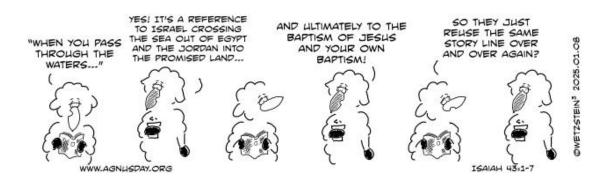
Continuing Trustees: Ted & Lisa Kelly 814-812-4301, **Bill & Nancy Kingston** 814-450-8265, **Ed Podpora** 814-622-0234, **Mick Klobusnik** 814-756-4988, **Dave Lindenmuth** 440-749-9738.

Northwestern Food Pantry... thanks Holy Trinity for our donations of goods and money. They accept food donations at their facility at 1 Robb & Powell Ave, Albion, PA 16401. Their phone number is 814-756-5000. The food pantry serves the boroughs of Albion, Cranesville and Platea and the townships of Conneaut, Elk Creek and Springfield, a total of 122 square miles. They are open on the third Saturday of every month from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and also the Monday following the third Saturday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. They distribute over 12,000 pounds of product monthly, including 400 dozen fresh eggs, assorted produce, and over 410 rolls of bathroom tissue. *"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and He will repay him for his deed."* – Proverbs 19:17



EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Bible & Other Religious Writings; The

Small-Town Lutheran Church & Pastor; Church Discipline; Roman Catholic Indulgences and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org , Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app or any podcast provider.



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

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. Two seats are available for free, on a first come, first served basis. **Reservations are:**

Teens & Adults, \$28; Ages 3-12, \$22; Under 3 Years, no cost. Please contact Carolyn in the office if you are interested in attending this year's event with us: <u>htlcalbn@gmail.com</u> or (814) 756-3426

"Go; let ít be done for you as you have belíeved."

Schedule for this week

Jan. 16 - Jan. 22: Thurs. Jan. 16 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours 9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Friday Jan. 17 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday Jan. 18 9:00 am Pro-Life Breakfast

Sunday Jan. 19 ~ Epiphany 2 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Communion Service 11:00 am Choir Practice

Pastor Taylor is out of the office 1/20-1/24

Mon. Jan. 20 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours 6:00 pm Fellowship/Ping Pong

Tuesday Jan. 21

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours No Bible Study or Movie Night

Wed. Jan. 22

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours 1:00 pm ParishScope Deadline NO Worship Service

Temple Servants for Sun. Jan. 19: Reader – Debbie Bright Ushers – John Niemla, Ted Kelly Elder of the Day – John Niemla Elder – Ed Podpora Altar Guild – Carolyn Lindenmuth Liturgical Color—Green Kitchen Admin. for January – Debbie Bright 814-746-0132

