



**Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

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

Rev. Michael S. Taylor
Pastor

Mrs. Susan L. Taylor
Accompanist

Ted Kelly,
Reader

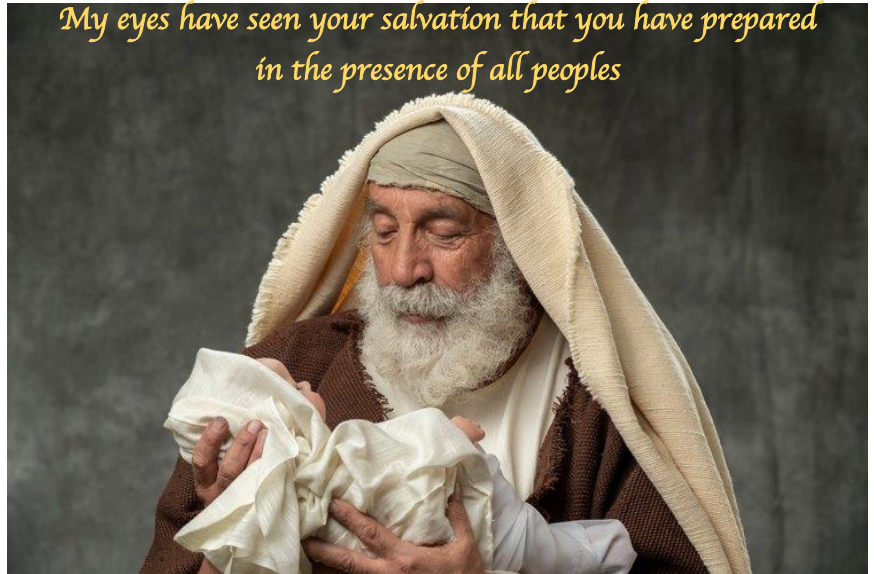
David Lindenmuth,
Chuck Stevens,
Ushers

Ed Podpora,
Elder of the Day

Chuck Stevens,
Elder



*My eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared
in the presence of all peoples*



***The Firstborn Son of God
Is Our Redemption from Sin and Death***

When the Lord destroyed the firstborn sons of Egypt, He spared the sons of Israel by providing a lamb in their stead. Hence, all the firstborn sons belong to Him. Every firstborn male animal was sacrificed, and every firstborn son of man was redeemed (Ex. 13:12–13). Therefore, the parents of Jesus “*brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord*” (Luke 2:22). However, He is not redeemed from priestly service but is consecrated for “*the redemption of Jerusalem*” and “*the consolation of Israel*” (Luke 2:25, 38). For God the Father did not spare His only begotten Son, but offered Him up as the true Passover Lamb, in order to redeem His people from bondage. His cross has caused many to stumble and fall, but His blood atoned for the sins of the world and delivers us from death. We now depart in the peace of Christ because we are also raised with Him. As we receive His body and blood, we join Simeon and Anna in “*giving thanks to God the Father through him,*” “*singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,*” including the Nunc Dimittis, with thankfulness in our hearts (Luke 2:28–32, 38; Col. 3:15–17)

First Sunday after Christmas

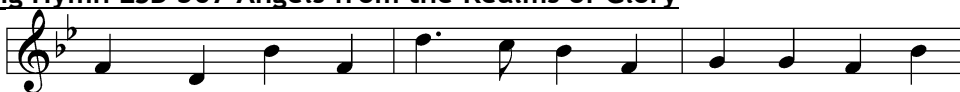
DECEMBER 29, 2024



Welcome to our Guests and Visitors! The congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is pleased and honored to have you worship with us today. If you do not have a regular place of worship—**Welcome Home!** We would love to have you join our fellowship! Please introduce yourself to Pastor Taylor and sign our guest book before you go. Thank you for coming!

God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood... invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29). Because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the sacrament, will want to first speak with the pastor before communing.

Opening Hymn LSB 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
Ye have seen His na - tal star.
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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.** *Psalms 124:8*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalms 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

Psalms 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10

P YAHWEH has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,*
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.
Oh sing to the YAHWEH a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.
YAHWEH has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.
Make a joyful noise to YAHWEH, | all the earth;*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

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 has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,*
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

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; Luke 2:14; John 1:29

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.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, 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

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

¹YAHWEH said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

³Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand YAHWEH brought you out from this place. . .

¹¹“When YAHWEH brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to YAHWEH all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be YAHWEH. ¹³Every firstborn of a

donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand YAHWEH brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, YAHWEH killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to YAHWEH all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 3:12–17

¹²Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “EVERY MALE WHO FIRST OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES, OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS.”

Exodus 13:2, 13:12; Numbers 3:13, 8:15-17; Leviticus 5:7, 12:8

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²A LIGHT FOR REVELATION TO THE GENTILES,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

Isaiah 42:6, 49:6, 60:1-3

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

LSB 191 or inside back cover of 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 387 Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759, adapt.

Text and tune: Public domain

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.

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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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. *LSB 197; John 20:19*

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 197; 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.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1

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.
- C** Amen, amen, amen.

Numbers 6:24-26


Please be seated.

Closing Hymn LSB 388 Go Tell It on the Mountain


Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;




Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

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PARISHSCOPE

TODAY Quarterly Voters' Meeting... on Sunday Dec. 29 at 11:00 a.m., immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Service. Please join us!

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

Pastor's Evening Bible Study... is taking a break for the Christmas season. We will resume our study on Tuesday January 7th. Please consider joining us as part of your New Year's Resolution!

Blessed New Year 2025!!!

The Church Office... will be closed on January 1st, 2025, New Years Day.

PARISHSCOPE

LOOKING AHEAD...

Our Next Midweek Communion Service... will be observed on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. This Service, as well as all Holy Trinity Services, are live-streamed on our Facebook page: facebook.com/HolyTLAlbion and on our YouTube channel: youtube.com/@holytrinitylutheranchurch9176 Service bulletins are posted on our website: holytrinitylutheranalbion.org/documents . Please join us in person whenever you are able.

Women's Bible Study... is taking a break for the Christmas seasoning until January 9th. Then we will resume every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Center continuing our study of Ruth and Esther.

LWML Meeting... on Sunday January 5th at 11:00 a.m., immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Service in the Family Center. Please join us!

Souper Sunday... is coming Sunday January 26th . Please save the date!!! This will be our next LWML **FUN**draiser. Please see Carolyn (next month!) if you would like to donate a crock of homemade soup or bake some homemade bread for this event.



The WORD of the LORD ENDURES FOREVER

STUDY GOD'S WORD IN 2025... Here's a simple way to study God's Word. The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily, 15-minute, verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is currently leading a study on the Book of Psalms. You can listen at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, Tuneln, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider. You can also listen by phone at 1 (618) 262-0078.

CAN YOU IMAGINE **SIMEON**?
WHAT A **PROMISE** HE'D BEEN
GIVEN! I BET THAT **EVERY DAY** HE
WONDERED IF THAT WOULD
BE **THE DAY!**

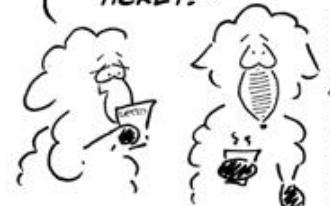


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OH YEAH! I
CAN **TOTALLY**
RELATE! **YOU CAN?**



YEAH! EVERY DAY I THINK
"WILL THIS BE **THE DAY?**
WILL THIS BE **THE WINNING**
TICKET?!"



LUKE 2:22-32

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PRAYER GUIDE

Those needing healing...

Mike Bowen

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 Guthrie

Violette Hosack

Nate Lawrence

Joe Moore

John Parmarter

Thomas Reiser

Timothy Reiser

Taylor Sisson

Jarrold White

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.

Reservations are:

Teens & Adults, \$28;

Ages 3-12, \$22;

Under 3 Years, no cost.

Holy Trinity sponsors several tables at this event, please contact Carolyn in the office if you are interested in attending this year's event with us:

htlcalbn@gmail.com or (814) 756-3426

*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance. – Psalm 65:11*

Schedule for this week

Dec. 30 – Jan. 5:

Mon. Dec. 30

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm **Fellowship/Ping Pong**

Tuesday Dec. 31 ~ New Year's Eve

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

NO Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday Jan. 1 ~ New Year's Day

NO Office Hours

NO Communion Service

Thurs. Jan. 2

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

1:00 pm **ParishScope Deadline**

Friday Jan. 3

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday Jan. 4

Sunday Jan. 5 ~ Christmas 2

9:00 am **Bible Study**

10:00 am **Communion Service**

11:00 am **LWML Meeting**

Temple Servants for Sun. Jan. 5:

Reader – Rick Petsch

Ushers – Dale Klobusnik, Ted Kelly

Elder of the Day – Chuck Stevens

Elder – John Niemla

Altar Guild – Corinna Thorhauer

Liturgical Color—White

Kitchen Admin. for January –

Debbie Bright 814-746-0132

No Birthdays and Anniversaries...

