



**Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

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

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Elder



**“Where is the one who
has been born **KING**
of the Jews?”**

The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a “*Thirteenth Day*” of Christmas; yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord — that is, on God becoming flesh — the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. The Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth — not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6). With gold, they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).

The Epiphany of Our LORD

JANUARY 5, 2025



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

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

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn LSB 399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed
3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly
4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter
△ 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly
on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they
Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was
red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.
known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.
flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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

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

LSB 186

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord, *Hebrews 10:22*
C **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*
- C** **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

Matthew 5:23-24

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 45:6-8a; antiphon: v. 17

- P** I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations; *
 therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.
 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of up- |
 rightness; *
 you have loved righteousness and hated | wickedness.
 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your com- |
 panions; *
 your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and | cassia.
- 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** I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations; *
 therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.

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, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the
Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your
divine presence; through the same 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

Isaiah 60:1-6

- ¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of YAHWEH has risen upon you.
²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but YAHWEH will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of YAHWEH.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in 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

Matthew 2:1–12

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6“AND YOU, O BETHLEHEM, IN THE LAND OF JUDAH,
ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE RULERS OF JUDAH;
FOR FROM YOU SHALL COME A RULER
WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.”

Micah 5:2

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 191 or inside back cover of hymnal

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Sermon Hymn LSB 397 As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.
There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

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.

Psalm 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 what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. *LSB 197; John 20:19*
C Amen. *LSB 197*

Agnus Dei

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. *LSB 197; 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, 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

- 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. *LSB 199; Luke 2:39-32*
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, *LSB 200; Psalm 107:1*
C and His mercy endureth forever.
A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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 \dagger give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Please be seated.

Closing Hymn LSB 380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



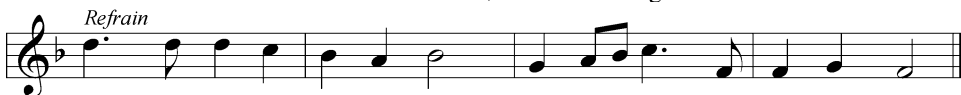
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

PARISHSCOPE

LWML Meeting TODAY ... on Sunday January 5th at 11:00 a.m., immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Service in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing our goals for 2025 and how we will meet them, including a Souper Sunday in January and a Valentine Cookie Decorating in February. Please join us!

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

Pastor's Evening Bible Study... resumes on Tuesday January 7th. Please consider joining us as part of your New Year's Resolution!

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... resumes on Tuesday January 9th and continues every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Center in our study of Ruth and Esther. Please join us!

LOOKING AHEAD...

Installation of Officers... on Sunday January 12th at the 10:00 Service, please gather with us as we install all those elected to office at our Quarterly Voter's Meeting that was held on December 29th, 2024. We will hold a short reception after the service with light refreshments. We gratefully acknowledge the contributions of those officers who have served Holy Trinity faithfully in the past, as well as all those who currently are serving her now!



Movie Night... on Tuesday January 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, we will be showing the powerful epic movie **Cabrini**

[imdb.com/title/tt14351082/](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14351082/) the true story of an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889. Greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children, Cabrini sets off on a daring mission to convince the hostile archbishop and mayor to secure housing and

healthcare for society's most vulnerable. With her broken English and poor health, Cabrini uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen. We will provide drinks and popcorn, feel free to bring snacks to share, and please join us!

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



Issues, Etc.

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: **The Promises of God, The Top**

Biblical Archeological Discoveries of 2024, Eastern Orthodoxy, the Book of Lamentations and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](https://www.issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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

Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?

*For we saw His star when it rose
and have come to worship Him.*

Schedule for this week

Jan. 6 – Jan. 12:

Monday Jan. 6

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

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

Tuesday Jan. 7

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm **Pastor's Bible Study**

Wednesday Jan. 8

NO Office Hours

7:00 pm **Communion Service**

Thurs. Jan. 9

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

1:00 pm **ParishScope Deadline**

Friday Jan. 10

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday Jan. 11

**Sun. Jan. 12 ~ Baptism of our Lord
Installation of Officers**

9:00 am **Bible Study**

10:00 am **Communion Service**

11:00 am **Coffee Reception**

Temple Servants for Sun. Jan. 12:

Reader – Dale Klobusnik

*Ushers – Ed Podpora,
Chuck Stevens*

Elder of the Day – Dale Klobusnik

Elder – Chuck Stevens

Altar Guild – Nancy Kingston

Liturgical Color—White

Kitchen Admin. for January –

Debbie Bright 814-746-0132

