



Holy
Trinity
Lutheran
Church

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

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not an iota
not a dot,
will pass
from the Law
until all is
accomplished



Jesus fulfills the Law of God

The Law and the Prophets set the table for the appearance of our Lord. The Old Covenant was the beautifully set table that invites men to come and dine! It suggests and promises the richest fare and finest wine. But Jesus is the food on the plate. The meal. He is Heaven's Bread baked on the cross, God's Lamb slaughtered on the tree in order to feed and nourish us to life. Men have always fed on him, his Word, his Body and his Blood, and still do. He is the content that is served at the table intellectually and theologically by faith. But also incarnationally. In the flesh then, now, and in the age to come when "*they who pierced him will see him.*" (John 19:37) And so "*to live IS Christ*"! But to die, to enter "*the life of the world to come*" is Gain. (Philippians 1:21)

Fifth Wednesday of Easter

MAY 21, 2025



Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! 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 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

vvs. 1-4



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

Confession and Absolution

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

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *LSB 186*
C **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord, *Hebrews 10:22*
C **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
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.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 72:1-7

- P** ¹Give the king your justice, | O God,*
and your righteousness to the | royal son!
²May he judge your people with | righteousness,*
and your poor with | justice!
³Let the mountains bear prosperity for the | people,*
and the hills, in | righteousness!
⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the | needy,*
and crush the op- | pressor!
⁵May they fear you while the | sun endures,*
and as long as the moon, throughout all gener- | ations!

⁶May he be like rain that falls on the | mown grass,*
like showers that wa- | ter the earth!
⁷In his days may the righteous | flourish,*
and peace abound, till the moon | be no more!

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 ¹Give the king your justice, | O God,*
and your righteousness to the | royal son!

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...

Merciful Father, through Holy Baptism You called us to be Your own possession.

Grant that our lives may evidence the working of Your Holy Spirit in love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, according to
the image of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 9:4–7

⁴“Do not say in your heart, after YAHWEH your God has thrust them out before you, ‘It is because of my righteousness that YAHWEH has brought me in to possess this land,’ whereas it is because of the wickedness of these nations that YAHWEH is driving them out before you.

⁵Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations YAHWEH your God is driving them out from before you, and that he may confirm the word that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

⁶“Know, therefore, that YAHWEH your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stubborn people. ⁷Remember and do not forget how you provoked YAHWEH your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day you came out of the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against YAHWEH.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 8:1–6

¹Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ²a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. ³For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. ⁴Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. ⁵They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “SEE THAT YOU MAKE EVERYTHING ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN THAT WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN.” ⁶But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.

Exodus 25:40

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Matthew 5:17–20

Holy Gospel

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -

own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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.

Please be seated.

Offering

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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.

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

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. *John 20:19*
- C** Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198; 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.

Distribution Hymns

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.

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 ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

Closing Hymn LSB 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

vvs.5

5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
Jesus is my confidence!

PARISHSCOPE

Sunday School... is now being offered for children at 9:00 a.m. in the preschool each Sunday before the Communion Service, at the same time as Adult Bible Study meets in the Family Center. Please bring your children, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, neighbor's kids to learn about Jesus and our faith.

Council Meeting... Thursday May 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

Memorial Day... is Monday May 26th... the church office will be closed.

PRAYER GUIDE

Those needing healing...

Ken Counasse

Linda Evans (John Niemla's sister)

Alice Frndak

Melissa Glover (Pastor Taylor's niece)

Jane Hutchinson (Alice Frndak's sister-in-law)

Renee & Alyssa Isham

Pastor Blaine Jorg

Ken Lewis (Tammy Podpora's Dad)

Emily Marler (Pastor & Susan Taylor's daughter)

Shelby, Tracy & Patricia Metzenbacher

Jeff & John Meyka (Susan Taylor's brothers)

John & Valania Niemla

Tim Podpora (Ed & Tammy Podpora's son)

Linda (Stevens) Olmstead

Cindy Parobek

Avery Podpora

Alyssa Sedoris (Carol Struchen's granddaughter)

Ray & Carol Struchen

Russell Struchen

Virginia Taylor (Pastor Taylor's mother)

Extended Needs...

Polly Klobusnik

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

Commander Joseph Pisoni

Thomas Reiser

Timothy Reiser

Taylor Sisson

Jarrold White

LOOKING AHEAD...

The Ascension of our Lord... will be observed on Wednesday May 28th. Please join us for a special Communion service commemorating Jesus Christ's physical departure from earth and His ascension into Heaven forty days after his resurrection at 7:00 p.m. **Acts 1:9-11**

Vacation Bible School... Splash Canyon is the theme of VBS will be held at Holy Trinity **from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon from Monday June 16 through Thursday June 19**. All kids from preschool to fifth grade are welcome to attend. There will be an **organization meeting immediately after the Communion Service at 11:00 a.m. next Sunday May 18 in the Family Center**, and **we need your help!** There are many roles to fill, so please consider what part you can take to make this a successful outreach for the kids in our community.

Car Cruisin'... Mark your calendar for our third annual Car Cruisin' to be held **Saturday July 26th, 2024 (rain date July 27th) from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Food will be provided by **Heavenly Fries** including Sloppy Joes & Hot Dogs, a 50/50 drawing, LWML Bake & Jewelry Sale, Chance Auction, music and more!

Schedule for this week

May 22 –28:

Thurs. May 22

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours

Friday May 23

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday May 24

Sun. May 25 ~ Easter 6

9:00 am **Bible Study/Sunday School**

10:00 am **Communion Service**

11:00 am **VBS Organizational Mtg.**

Monday May 26 ~ Memorial Day

NO Office Hours

6:00 pm **Ping-pong Fellowship**

Tuesday May 27

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours

10:45 am **Senior Center Bible Study**

6:00 pm **Evening Bible Study**

Wednesday May 28

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours

12:00 pm **ParishScope Deadline**

7:00 pm **Communion Service**

Temple Servants for Sunday May 25:

Reader – Debbie Bright

Ushers – John Niemla,
Ed Podpora

Elder – Chuck Stevens

Altar Guild – Carolyn Lindenmuth

Liturgical Color— White

Kitchen Administrator for May is Maggie Hanas, 814-756-4540

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

John Niemla (b) 5/24

Commissioning Service... for our newly called deaconess, **Carolyn Lindenmuth**, will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday June 1st, followed by a potluck reception immediately following the service about 4:00 p.m. **Rev. Dr. James Bushur** will be our guest, speaking on the topic **"Why a Deaconess?"** A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex for the potluck reception to follow.

