



## 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*

**Rich Petsch,**  
*Reader*

**Chuck Stevens,  
Dale Klobusnik**  
*Elder*

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



### *The Ministers of Christ Are Sent with His Authority to Forgive Sins and Give Life*

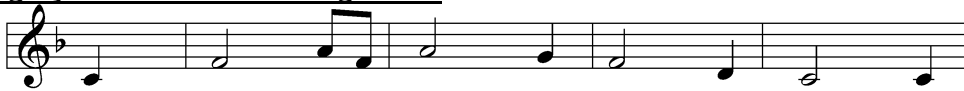
The prophet Ezekiel was raised up by the Spirit of the Lord and sent to speak an unpopular Word to the rebellious house of Israel. As a prophet, he was not to speak his own word, but to preach the Law and the Gospel: *“Thus says the Lord GOD,”* whether the people *“hear or refuse to hear”* (Ezek. 2:4–5). So, too, in the footsteps of the prophets before Him, the Lord Jesus *“went about among the villages teaching”* (Mark 6:6). In His hometown, as elsewhere, *“many who heard him were astonished,”* marveling at His wisdom and at the *“mighty works done by his hands,”* and yet *“they took offense at him”* (Mark 6:2–3). The offense culminates in His cross, which is, ironically, the heart and center of His *“authority over the unclean spirits”* (Mark 6:7). It is by that authority of His cross that those He sends preach repentance, *“cast out many demons”* and heal the sick (Mark 6:12–13). Thus, the apostle Paul boasts in the cross of Christ and in his own weaknesses, knowing that God’s grace is sufficient and that the power of Christ *“is made perfect in weakness”* (2 Cor. 12:8–9).

**Seventh Sunday of Pentecost**

**JULY 7, 2024**

## Opening Hymn LSB 744 Amazing Grace

sts. 1-5



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text (sts. 1-4): John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.; (st. 5): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790, Richmond  
Tune: Columbian Harmony, 1829, Cincinnati  
Text and tune: Public domain

*Please stand.*

## Opening Versicles

LSB 260

**L** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C** Teach me Your paths.

**L** Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C** Your Word is truth.

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Prayer

**L** O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, 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

*Ezekiel 2:1–5*

**L** A reading from Ezekiel, the second chapter:

<sup>1</sup> [The Lord GOD] said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.”  
<sup>2</sup> And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ <sup>5</sup> And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

*2 Corinthians 12:1–10*

**L** A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians, the twelfth chapter.

<sup>1</sup> I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup> I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—<sup>4</sup> and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup> So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

## Gospel Reading

Mark 6:1–13

- L** A reading from the Gospel of Mark, the sixth chapter.
- C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

<sup>7</sup>And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup>And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

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

*Please stand*

## Responsory

*LSB 263, Psalm 26:8*

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens. *Psalm 119:89*
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it. *Luke 11:28*
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## Apostles' Creed

*LSB 264*

- 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 549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,  
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Text (sts. 1-5): Edward Perronet, 1726-92, alt.; (sts. 6-7): A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt.  
Tune: Oliver Holden, 1765-1844  
Text and tune: Public domain

**Sermon**

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

*Philippians 4:7*

**C** Amen.

## Offering

### Offertory Hymn 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?  
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–86  
Tune: Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918  
Text and tune: Public domain

*Please stand.*

## Prayer

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### Collect of the Day

- L** O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### Collect for the Word

- L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

- 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.**  
**For Thine is the kingdom**  
**and the power and the glory**  
**forever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

*Psalm 103:11*

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn LSB 965 God Bless Our Native Land



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand  
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of  
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.  
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

Text (st. 1): Charles T. Brooks, 1813–83, alt.; (st. 2): John S. Dwight, 1813–93, alt.  
Tune: Thesaurus Musicus, c. 1740

## PARISHSCOPE



**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 one of our Elders and sign our guest book. Thank you for coming!

**Coffee Fellowship...** will be held **TODAY Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>** in the Family Center immediately following the 10 a.m. service, at approximately 11 a.m. Please join us for homemade baked goods & cheer!

**Pastor and Susan Taylor are on vacation until July 19<sup>th</sup>...** There will be **NO Midweek Services** on Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be **Elder-Led Services on Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>** while the Taylors are away enjoying time with their family. These Services, as well as all Holy Trinity Services, are live-streamed on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/HolyTLAlbion](https://facebook.com/HolyTLAlbion) and on our YouTube channel: [youtube.com/@holytrinitylutheranchurch9176](https://youtube.com/@holytrinitylutheranchurch9176) Service bulletins are posted on our website: [holytrinitylutheranalbion.org/documents](https://holytrinitylutheranalbion.org/documents). Please join us in person whenever you are able.



# PARISHSCOPE

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**Fellowship/Ping Pong...** continues every Monday evening at 6:00 pm.

**Albion Area Community Garden Committee Meeting...** will be held Monday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Church Office. *The Garden Committee is grateful to have received a donation of \$1,715.00 from the Rees Foundation for Garden Supplies & Garden Bed Repair.* We salute the dedicated work of Debbie Bright in obtaining this donation for the continued upkeep of the Community Garden.

## LOOKING AHEAD...

**Trustees' Meeting....** will be held on Thursday July 18th in the Family Center.

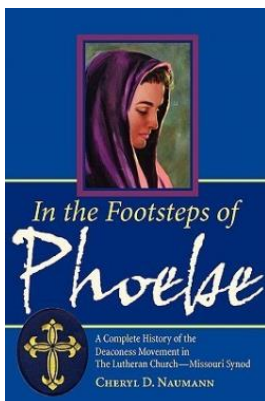
**Choir Practice...** will begin again on Sunday July 24th (when Susan Taylor is back from vacation). Everyone interested in singing for upcoming events, please join us directly after church at 11:00 a.m. for practice in the front right corner near the piano.

**Council Meeting...** will be held Thursday July 25th at 7:00 PM Service in the Family Center.

**Car Cruisin'...** Mark your calendars for our **Third Annual Holy Trinity Car Cruisin'** to be held **Saturday July 27th, 2024** (rain date August 3rd) from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Food will be provided by **Heavenly Fries** including Sloppy Joes and Hot Dogs, a 50/50 drawing, LWML Bake Sale, music and more! We are asking for donations for items to be raffled in the Chance Auction. See Ed Podpora for questions, comments, or if you want to help.

**Heavenly Fries...** will be serving at the **Third Annual Car Cruisin'** on July 27th and at **Dan Rice Days in Girard** from Thursday August 1 through Friday August 3. Signup sheets will be available in the narthex for those who want to help at either event.

**LWML Annual Ladies Luncheon...** will be held on Wednesday, July 31st at 4:00 p.m. at Perkins Restaurant in Edinboro, PA.



**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Library...** has 275 items available to borrow for your educational and entertainment needs. Wondering about the role of deaconesses in the church? We have four titles to suggest: ***Bright Valley of Love*** by Edna Hong, ***In the Footsteps of Phoebe: A Complete History of the Deaconess Movement in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*** by Cheryl D. Naumann, ***The Mercy of God in the Cross of Christ***: a collection of essays edited by Dr. John T. Pless and Ross Edward Johnson, and ***Deaconesses: An Historical Study*** by Aimé-Georges Martimort and translated by K. D.

Whitehead. Come to the church office if you have questions, comments, or to see what else we have to offer. Please bring your donation of gently used religious nature, as we are able to swap them for more desirable titles. You can browse our materials & request items to be placed on hold on the web @ [holytrinityalbionlibrary.librarika.com/](http://holytrinityalbionlibrary.librarika.com/)

## PRAYER GUIDE

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

Carolyn Counasse  
David Durfee  
Renee & Alyssa Isham  
Pastor Blaine Jorg  
Polly Klobusnik  
Emily Marler (daughter  
of Pastor & Susan Taylor)  
Shelby, Tracy & Patricia  
Metzenbacher  
Jeff, John & Andy Metka  
(Susan Taylor's brothers)  
Linda (Stevens) Olmstead  
Cindy Parobek  
Avery Podpora  
Ray & Carol Struchen  
Russell Struchen  
Virginia Taylor (mother  
of Pastor Taylor)

### **Extended Needs...**

Evelyn Stevens

### **Those in the Armed Services...**

Jennifer Attridge  
Adam Crosby  
Julie Evans  
Christopher Fromknecht  
Christina Guthrie  
Violette Hosack  
Nate Lawrence  
Joe Moore  
Shawn Olmstead  
John Parmarter  
Thomas Reiser  
Timothy Reiser  
Taylor Sisson  
Jarrod White

### **If you love your pastor, send him away.**

Not as a banishment, but as a booster!

A pastor carries a lot in his heart and mind as he cares for the sheep in his fold, and as he cares for his family.

Even under the best of circumstances, this can take a toll on his physical and emotional well-being. Every pastor needs time away for reflection and revival, a set time away from one's normal duties to dig in deep with the Lord. Time to hear Biblically-sound preaching from other pastors, time with the Lord for themselves.

Because pastors always seem to be needed in some way at their churches, it is challenging for them to take time off. Some will, but many won't. This is where the church steps in. Realizing that taking care of the church body includes taking care of the pastor, our church will pray for Pastor & Susan while they are on vacation. Pray that they will get real rest; both physically and spiritually; pray that they are ministered to by hearing others preach and play; and by reading the Bible simply for their own souls' sake. Pray that our church leaders step up and lead the congregation well in their absence, just as they do in their presence. Pray that they connect with family and friends they often don't get to see for long periods of time because they live in other parts of the country. Pray that they'll come back refreshed and re-energized in every way, with new vision and new hope for the ministry at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Albion. PA

Schedule for this week

July 8–14:

#### **Mon. July 8**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours  
6:00 pm **Comm. Garden Mtg.**  
6:00 pm **Fellowship/Ping Pong**

#### **Tuesday July 9**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

#### **Wednesday July 10**

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

#### **Thurs. July 11**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

#### **Friday July 12**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

#### **Saturday July 13**

#### **Sunday July 14 ~ Pentecost 8**

**NO Bible Study**  
10:00 am **Elder Led Worship Ser.**

#### **Temple Servants Sun. July 14:**

**Reader** – Ted Kelly  
**Ushers** – Ted Kelly,  
John Niemla  
**Elder of the Day** – Chuck Stevens

**Kitchen Administrator for July is**  
**Debbie Bright 814-572-4211**



*Rest in God alone, O my soul, for my hope comes from Him. - Psalm 62:5*