



**Holy
Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

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

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***Return to the Lord Your God,
for He Has Reconciled You to Himself***

On Ash Wednesday, we come down from the mountain with Jesus and set our faces toward His cross and Passion in Jerusalem. We make our pilgrimage with Him by the way of repentance, and thus we return to the dying and rising of Holy Baptism. Christ Jesus, “*who knew no sin,*” became our sin, so that by His death we are released from sin and in His resurrection we “*become the righteousness of God*” (2 Cor. 5:21). Since God has thus reconciled the world to Himself in Christ, “*now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation*” (2 Cor. 6:2). He has provided the sacrificial Lamb, and He has left “*a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering*” in the Eucharist (Joel 2:14, 19). He summons us to return to Him with all our hearts, because He is “*gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love*” (Joel 2:13). Return to Him in faith and confidence, and so pray to Him as your Father; give to the needy from a heart of love; and fast for the sake of repentance (Matt. 6:3–4, 6, 17–18).

Ash Wednesday

MARCH 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 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Please stand.

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 51:1-3, 10-12; antiphon: v. 17

P The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love; *
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity, *
and cleanse me | from my sin!
For I know my trans- | gressions, *
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.
Create in me a clean heart, | O God, *
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
Cast me not away from your | presence, *
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.
Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation, *
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

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 The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.

Kyrie

LSB 186; Mark 10:47

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

Joel 2:12–19

¹²“Yet even now,” declares YAHWEH,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to YAHWEH, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
for YAHWEH your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
consecrate a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
¹⁶gather the people.

Consecrate the congregation;
assemble the elders;
gather the children,
even nursing infants.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her chamber.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of YAHWEH, weep
and say, “Spare your people, O YAHWEH,
and make not your heritage a reproach,
a byword among the nations.

Why should they say among the peoples,
“Where is their God?”

¹⁸Then YAHWEH became jealous for his land
and had pity on his people.

¹⁹YAHWEH answered and said to his people,
“Behold, I am sending to you
grain, wine, and oil,
and you will be satisfied;
and I will no more make you
a reproach among the nations.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

1[Jesus said:] “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

2“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 3But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

5“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. . . .

16“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 17But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

19“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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 610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;
5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.
Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.
In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!
Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

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Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7*

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.

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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.

Psalms 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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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.**

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

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.

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

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

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

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.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

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.

Closing Hymn LSB 887 Now the Light Has Gone Away

sts. 1-2



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;



Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.

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PARISHSCOPE

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

Fellowship/Ping-Pong... Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor's Bible Study... Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Next Midweek Worship Service... will be observed on Wednesday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. It will be preceded by a Lenten Soup Supper. 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 when you are able.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Nut Rolls... our Lutheran Women's Mission League will be baking Nut Rolls in the church kitchen as a fundraiser for April. There is an order sheet on the table in the narthex. The rolls will weigh approximately 12 ounces each, and the cost will be \$12.00 per roll, & this time, just like our LORD, they will be risen! If you are available to help make nut rolls, we will be baking on Saturday, April 12th starting at 9 a.m. The rolls will be available for pick up on Palm Sunday, April 13th just in time for your Easter Holiday table! Order extra as Easter gifts! Any questions or to order, call the church office 814-756-3426

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK is the last week of the 40-day season of Lent and the week preceding Easter.

In Holy Week, we focus on the last week of Christ's life, remembering especially His passion and resurrection.

Palm Sunday	April 13th	Bible Study Communion Service	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	April 17th	Communion Service	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	April 18th	Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday	April 20th	Breakfast Communion Service	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.



PRAYER GUIDE

Those needing healing...

Mike Bowen

Ken Counasse

Linda Evans, John Niemla's
Sister

Mary Lou Gurnee, Anja

Durfee's sister-in-law

Jane Hutchinson, Alice

Frndak's sister-in-law

Renee & Alyssa Isham

Pastor Blaine Jorg

Polly Klobusnik

Ken Lewis, Tammy

Podpora's Dad

Carolyn Lindenmuth

Emily Marler (daughter of
Pastor & Susan Taylor)

Shelby, Tracy & Patricia
Metzenbacher

Jeff & John Metka

(Susan Taylor's brothers)

John Niemla

Linda (Stevens) Olmstead

Cindy Parobek

Avery Podpora

Ray & Carol Struchen

Russell Struchen

Virginia Taylor (mother of
Pastor Taylor)

Extended Needs...

Evelyn Stevens

Those in the Armed

Services...

Jennifer Attridge

Adam Crosby

Julie Evans

Christopher Fromknecht

Christina Gutherie

Violette Hosack

Nate Lawrence

Joe Moore

John Parmarter

Thomas Reiser

Timothy Reiser

Taylor Sisson

Jarrold White

Lent Soup Suppers... continue Wednesday March 12th, 19th, 26th, and April 2nd and 9th this year. **How will you prepare to celebrate Holy Week and the Resurrection of Our Lord this year?** We will bring back our very popular **Soup Suppers** that we enjoyed during Advent last year. A light dinner will be served each Wednesday in Lent at 6:30 p.m., followed by the worship service at 7:00 p.m. By eliminating the need to cook and clean up on Wednesdays in Lent, you will be able to concentrate on fellowship with the Lord and with one another in preparation for Holy Week and our Easter celebration. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex if you would like to provide the soup for one of our Wednesdays. Let us know which Wednesday you choose and what soup you will bring.

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for he is gracious and merciful,
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Schedule for Mar. 6 – 12:

Thursday March 6th

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

Friday March 7th

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday March 8th

Sunday March 9th – Lent 1

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00 am Communion Service

11:00 am Choir Practice

Monday March 10th

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

12:30 pm Preschool Board Mtg.

6:00 pm Comm. Garden Mtg.

6:00 pm Fellowship/Ping Pong

Tuesday March 11th

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

6:00 pm Evening Bible Study

Wednesday March 12th

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

1:00 pm ParishScope Deadline

6:30pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Communion Service

Temple Servants for Sun. Mar. 9:

Reader – John Niemla

Ushers – Dale Klobusnik,

Chuck Stevens

Elder of the Day – David

Lindenmuth

Elder – Chuck Stevens

Altar Guild – Nancy Kingston

Liturgical Color—Green

Kitchen Admin. for March –

Valania Niemla 814-756-3117

Birthdays/Anniversaries this week...

Ed & Tammy Podpora (a) 3/6

Corrina & Glen Thorhauer (a) 3/9

David Lindenmuth (b) 3/9