



**Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

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

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“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”



***As the Son of God Is Merciful and Forgives Your Sins,
You Also Be Merciful and Forgive***

Your inheritance as a child of Adam is sin and death, but in Christ you are made alive through His resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:21–22). As you have died with Him in Holy Baptism, so are you raised with Him to newness of life. Therefore, *“do not go on sinning”* (1 Cor. 15:34). Instead of serving your desires and harming your neighbors, live as *“sons of the Most High,”* and *“be merciful, even as your Father is merciful”* (Luke 6:35–36). Deal with others as you would have others deal with you (Luke 6:31, 37–38). As Christ loved you when you were at enmity with Him, as He blessed and prayed for those who abused Him, and as He did good to those who hated Him and hurt Him, so also *“love your enemies, do good”* (Luke 6:27–29, 35). For God sent His Son to bear the cross and suffer death, not to condemn the guilty, but *“to preserve life.”* So does He provide a place for you within His Church, where He is near and deals kindly with *“you and your children and your children’s children”* (Gen. 45:5–10).

The Seventh Sunday of Epiphany

FEBRUARY 23, 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 873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer - less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by Thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise; Tri - umph o'er the shades of night.
Joy - less is the day's re - turn Till Thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, Scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
Till they in - ward light im - part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
More and more Thy - self dis - play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Tune: attr. Johann G. Werner, 1777–1822
Tune: Public domain

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 37:1-5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b

P Be still before YAHWEH and wait patiently | for him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.
Fret not yourself because of evil- | doers;*
be not envious of wrong- | doers!
For they will soon fade | like the grass*
and wither like the | green herb.
Trust in YAHWEH, | and do good;*
dwell in the land and befriend | faithfulness.
Delight yourself | in YAHWEH,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.
Commit your way | to YAHWEH;*
trust in him, and | he will act.

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 Be still before YAHWEH and wait patiently | for him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.

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, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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

Genesis 45:3–15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are

yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For HE MUST REIGN UNTIL HE HAS PUT ALL HIS ENEMIES UNDER HIS FEET. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . . *Psalm 110:1*

³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “LET US EAT AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE DIE.” ³³Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. *Isaiah 22:13*

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

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 6:27–38

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁷[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

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 953 We All Believe in One True God



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen
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.

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.
- C** And with thy spirit.

2 Timothy 4:22

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

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.

Psalm 103:1

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.

Numbers 6:24-26

Please be seated.

Closing Hymn LSB 582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

- 1 God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.
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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.

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

Pastor's Evening Bible Study... every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Please join us!

Our Next Midweek Communion Service... will be observed on Wednesday, February 12th 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 on a short break. We expect to meet again in March on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Center. Please join us!

Council Meeting... on Thursday February 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

LOOKING AHEAD...

LWML Meeting... on Sunday March 2nd at 11 a.m. in the Family Center. Please remember to bring your mites! We will be planning our next fundraiser which will be **Nut Rolls for Easter!** Please join us!



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 Guthrie

Violette Hosack

Nate Lawrence

Joe Moore

John Parmarter

Thomas Reiser

Timothy Reiser

Taylor Sisson

Jarrod White

Ash Wednesday and the Lenten

season... begins on March 5 this year.

How will you prepare to celebrate Holy Week and the Resurrection of Our Lord

this year? We are bringing back our very popular ***Soup Suppers*** that we enjoyed last year. A light dinner will be served each Wednesday in Lent at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Center, 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. We will begin with ***Stuffed Pepper Soup***, bread butter and dessert. 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. Please join us!



Schedule for this week

Feb. 24 – Mar. 2:

Monday Feb. 24

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

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

Tuesday Feb. 25

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

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

Wednesday Feb. 26

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

7:00 pm **Communion Service**

Thurs. Feb. 27

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

NO Women's Bible Study

1:00 pm **ParishScope Deadline**

6:00 pm **Council Meeting**

Friday Feb. 28

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday Mar. 1

Sun. Mar. 2 ~ Transfiguration

9:00 am **Bible Study**

10:00 am **Communion Service**

11:00 am **LWML Meeting**

Temple Servants for Sun. Mar. 2:

Reader – Chuck Stevens

Ushers – Chuck Stevens,
John Niemla

Elder of the Day – Dale Klobusnik

Elder – John Niemla

Altar Guild – Corinna Thorhauer

Liturgical Color – White

Kitchen Admin. for March –

Valania Niemla 814-756-3117

Birthdays/Anniversaries...

Bob & Cindy Parobek (a) 02/16

Janet Payne (b) 02/26

Carolyn Lindenmuth (b) 02/26