



**Holy  
Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**

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

**Rev. Michael S. Taylor**  
*Pastor*

**Rick Petsch,**  
*Reader*

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*Usher*



**Third Wednesday in Epiphany**

**JANUARY 29, 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 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de - mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-78  
Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872  
Text and 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.

**C** Amen.

LSB 186

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 123*

- P** <sup>1</sup>To you I lift | up my eyes,\*  
 O you who are enthroned in the | heavens!  
<sup>2</sup>Behold, as the eyes of servants  
 look to the hand of their master,  
 as the eyes of a maidservant  
 to the hand of her | mistress,\*  
 so our eyes look to YAHWEH our God,  
 till he has mercy up- | on us.  
<sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, YAHWEH, have mercy up- | on us,\*  
 for we have had more than enough | of contempt.  
<sup>4</sup>Our soul has had more than enough  
 of the scorn of those who | are at ease,\*  
 of the contempt | of the proud.

**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** <sup>1</sup>To you I lift | up my eyes,\*  
 O you who are enthroned in the | heavens!

**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.

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our eyes may ever behold our Savior and His cross, that we may not fear the power of any adversaries but rather rejoice in His victory for us; 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

*Exodus 29:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>And you shall kill the ram and shall take its blood and throw it against the sides of the altar. <sup>17</sup>Then you shall cut the ram into pieces, and wash its entrails and its legs, and put them with its pieces and its head, <sup>18</sup>and burn the whole ram on the altar. It is a burnt offering to YAHWEH. It is a pleasing aroma, a food offering to YAHWEH.

<sup>19</sup>“You shall take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram, <sup>20</sup>and you shall kill the ram and take part of its blood and put it on the tip of the right ear of Aaron and on the tips of the right ears of his sons, and on the thumbs of their right hands and on the great toes of their right feet, and throw the rest of the blood against the sides of the altar. <sup>21</sup>Then you shall take part of the blood that is on the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and his garments, and on his sons and his sons’ garments with him. He and his garments shall be holy, and his sons and his sons’ garments with him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

*1 Corinthians 2:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

## **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 8:18–23*

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

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>Now when Jesus saw a great crowd around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. <sup>19</sup>And a scribe came up and said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>21</sup>Another of the disciples said to him, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” <sup>22</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead.”

<sup>23</sup>And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him.

**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 688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My  
 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,  
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,  
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,  
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
 In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
 bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

### 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.

*Psalms 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.

*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, ... 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.

**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.  
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

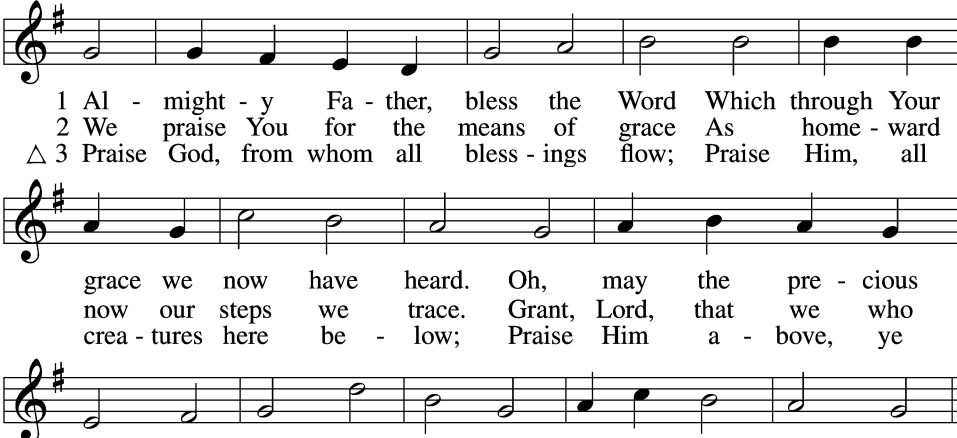
LSB 202

- 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 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye  
seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## PARISHSCOPE

**Women's Bible Study...** every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Center in our study of Ruth and Esther. Please join us.

**Council Meeting...** on Thursday January 30th at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

**Our Next Communion Service...** will be held on Sunday January 2nd at 10:00 a.m. This service, as well as all Holy Trinity Services, are live-streamed on our Facebook page:

[facebook.com/HolyTLAlbion](https://facebook.com/HolyTLAlbion) and uploaded usually the next day to our YouTube channel:

[youtube.com/@holytrinitylutheranchurch9176](https://youtube.com/@holytrinitylutheranchurch9176) Service bulletins are posted on our website:

[holytrinitylutheranalbion.org/documents](https://holytrinitylutheranalbion.org/documents) . Join us in person whenever you are able.

**LWML Meeting...** immediately after the service on Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Family Center. We will be finalizing plans for Souper Bowl Sunday FUNdraiser. We need your help, please join us!

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

**Sunday February 9th is "Souper Bowl" Sunday...** the LWML is making quarts of homemade **Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef, Beef Barley, and Potato Leek** soup for a donation of \$10.00 and home baked bread for \$5.00. The proceeds will go to the purchase of a new stove for the church kitchen. An order sheet is on the table in the Narthex for preorders. Please see Carolyn in the office if you would like to donate a crock of homemade soup or bake some homemade bread for this event. Ask your friends, co-workers and family to order by calling the church office at 814-756-3426.

## PRAYER GUIDE

### *Those needing healing...*

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  
Chuck Stevens  
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  
Jarrod White

**THE BIBLE & OTHER RELIGIOUS WRITINGS...** *The Koran, The Book of Mormon, The New World Translation, The Analects of Confucius, The Gospel of Thomas. Issues, Etc.*, a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, is doing a series on the origins of religious writings with Dr. Adam Francisco of Concordia University Chicago. You can listen to this multi-part series at [issuesetc.org/religiouswritings](http://issuesetc.org/religiouswritings).  
**Northwest Food Pantry...** thanks the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for our continued support. They report that 1,000 individuals in 268 families were served in December, which includes 217 seniors, 484 adults, and 299 children. This includes 10 new families, representing 30 new individuals. This continued growth is an indication that local families are still struggling to meet the needs of their family expenses. They were blessed to have 23 volunteers help distribute food on Saturday and 18 on Monday. Our pantry families have voiced their gratitude to all who have helped them. Northwest Food Pantry serves Albion, Cranesville and Platea Boroughs and Conneaut, Elk Creek, and Springfield Townships, a total of 122 square miles. You can support the Food Pantry with your funds, your food and your time. Proverbs 19:17 best reflects your support: ***“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to Yahweh, and He will repay him for his deed.”***

## Schedule for this week

Jan. 30 - Feb. 5:

Thurs. Jan. 30

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours  
9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Friday Jan. 31

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday Feb. 1

Sunday Feb. 2 ~ Epiphany 4

9:00 am Bible Study  
10:00 am Communion Service  
11:00 am LWML Meeting

Mon. Feb. 3

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours  
6:00 pm Fellowship/Ping Pong

Tuesday Feb. 4

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours  
No Bible Study or Movie Night

Wed. Feb. 5

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours  
1:00 pm ParishScope Deadline  
7:00 pm Communion Service

Temple Servants for Sun. Feb. 2:

*Reader* – Rick Petsch  
*Ushers* – John Niemla,  
David Lindenmuth  
*Elder of the Day* – Dale Klobusnik  
*Elder* – John Niemla  
*Altar Guild* – Corrina Thorhauer  
*Liturgical Color* – White  
*Kitchen Admin. for February* –  
Polly Klobusnik 814-756-3714

### **Birthdays/Anniversaries...**

Alice Frndak (b) 02/02  
Shelby Metzenbacher (b) 02/02

