



**Holy
Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

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

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Elder



The Ascension of our Lord

MAY 28, 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 493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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| 1 A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | 4 "You see Him now, ascending high
Up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia, alleluia!
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see
Returning in great majesty."
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |
| 2 The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.
Alleluia, alleluia!
And with His faithful foll'wers see
Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, throned with You forever, we
Shall praise Your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |
| 3 To them the shining angels cry,
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
Alleluia, alleluia!
"This is the Savior," thus they say;
"This is His glorious triumph day!"
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | △ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to You let earth accord:
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |

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 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5

P God has gone up | with a shout,*
YAHWEH with the sound of a | trumpet.
YAHWEH says to my Lord: “Sit at my | right hand,*
until I make your enemies your | footstool.”
YAHWEH has sworn and will not | change his mind,*
“You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”
The Lord is at your | right hand,*
he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.

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 God has gone up | with a shout,*
YAHWEH with the sound of a | trumpet.

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:

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.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Acts 1:1–11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and TO THE END OF THE EARTH.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “

Matthew 28:18–20

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²AND HE PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET AND GAVE HIM AS HEAD OVER ALL THINGS TO THE CHURCH, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Psalms 8:6, Daniel 7:13-14, Matthew 28:18, Hebrews 2:8

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Please stand.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44–53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

LSB 191 or inside back cover of hymnal

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 492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -
 2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -
 3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -
 cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and
 tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er
 cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for
 ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I
 rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There
 my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let
 know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.
 all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.
 me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

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. *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 after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. 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.**

☩ 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

☐ 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

☐ As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

1 Cor 11:26

☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Rev. 2:20

Pax Domini

LSB 197

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☩ Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198; John 1:29

☩ 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

**☩ 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

☐ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

☩ and His mercy endureth forever.

☐ 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.

Please be seated.

Closing Hymn LSB 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△ 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PARISHSCOPE

Our Next Communion Service... will be held on Sunday June 1st at 10:00 a.m. preceded with Bible Study for adults and Sunday School for kids at 9:00 a.m. 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.

June LWML Meeting... we will meet **Sunday June 1st** approximately 11am directly after the 10am Communion Service in the Family Center to discuss our bake sale and jewelry fundraiser coming up with the Car Cruise. Please join us, *and don't forget to bring your Mites!*

Fellowship/Ping-Pong... is held every Monday at 6:00 PM in the Family Center.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study... Pastor Taylor leads a Bible Study at 10:45 a.m. every Tuesday open to any senior at the Northwestern Senior Center, 9 Academy Street in Albion. The study is followed by lunch at Noon. Please join us.

Pastor's Evening Bible Study... is taking a Summer Break. This class will resume in the fall after Heavenly Fries at the Albion Fair.

Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign... begins on Mother's Day, Sunday May 11th. Baby bottles will be available in the narthex. Fill a bottle with coins, cash or check (payable to **Women's Care Center of Erie**) and return the bottle to the church office by Father's Day, Sunday June 18th. Your donation supports our local Christian outreach for all those experiencing crisis pregnancies.

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 Gutherie

Violette Hosack

Nate Lawrence

Joe Moore

John Parmarter

Commander Joseph Pisoni

Thomas Reiser

Timothy Reiser

Taylor Sisson

Jarrold White

LOOKING AHEAD...

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Commissioning Service... for our newly-called deaconess Carolyn Lindenmuth has been postponed and will be rescheduled for later this summer.

Financial Board Meeting... Thursday June 5th in the church office.

Albion Community Garden Rummage Sale... is coming Saturday June 14th. Stay tuned for more information.

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. Please register your children, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, neighbor's kids, all kids to learn about Jesus and our faith. 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.

Schedule for this week

May 29 – June 28:

Thurs. May 29

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours

Friday May 30

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday May 31

Sun. June 1 ~ Easter 7

9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School

10:00 am Communion Service

11:00 am **June LWML Meeting**

Monday June 2

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm Fellowship Ping-Pong

Tuesday June 3

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours

10:45 am Senior Center Bible Study

Wednesday June 4

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours

12:00 pm ParishScope Deadline

7:00 pm Communion Service

Temple Servants for Sunday June 1:

Reader – John Niemla

Ushers – Chuck Stevens,
Ed Podpora

Elder – David Lindenmuth

Altar Guild – Corinna Thorhauer

Liturgical Color – White

Kitchen Administrator for June is

Ed Podpora 814-622-0432

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

John Niemla (b) 5/24

Bob Bright (b) 6/8

Car Cruisin' ... Bring your Hot Rod to 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, Free Parking, Music and more!

