



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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

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Pastor

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Reader

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Usher

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Elder



We Pray to the Father in Jesus' Name

"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Jesus has opened the way to the Father so that "whatever you ask of the Father" in Jesus' name, "he will give it to you" (John 16:23). We pray, therefore, in the confidence that we will be heard and answered, that our "joy may be full" (John 16:24). We pray because the Gospel has been preached to us and the Lord has opened our hearts to believe the Gospel (Acts 16:10, 14). We pray in the name of Jesus because we have been baptized into Him, as Lydia and her household were baptized (Acts 16:15). We have been healed, and we live and walk and pray in newness of life (John 5:8-9). For we stand upon the firm foundation "of the twelve apostles of the Lamb" (Rev. 21:14), and our temple is "the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb" (Rev. 21:22).

Sixth Sunday of Easter

MAY 25, 2025



Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! 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.

Opening Hymn LSB 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

vvs. 1-5



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood - ed dark - ly
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it
4 But God had seen my wretch - ed state Be - fore the world's foun -
5 God said to His be - lov - ed Son: "It's time to have com -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for
pas - sion. Then go, bright Jew - el of My crown, And bring to



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My
good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He
all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; Slay



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.
did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.
bit - ter death for them that they May live with You for - ev - er."

Confession and Absolution

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.** *Psalms 124:8*
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalms 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

Please stand.

Introit

Psalms 55:4, 16-18; antiphon: v. 22

- P** Cast your burden on YAHWEH, and he will sustain you;*
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.
My heart is in anguish within me;*
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
But I call to God,*
and YAHWEH will save me.
Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,*
and he hears my voice.

He redeems my soul in safety from the battle | that I wage,*
for many are arrayed a- | gainst me.

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 Cast your burden on YAHWEH, and he will sus- | tain you;*
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

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:

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

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 giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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.

First Reading

Acts 16:9–15

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 16:23–33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²³[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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.

Sermon Hymn LSB 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

vvs. 6-10

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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.

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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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

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.

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.

Closing Hymn LSB 921 On What Has Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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PARISHSCOPE

TODAY VBS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING... immediately after the Communion Service at 11:00 a.m. in the Family Center, and we need your help! 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.

Sunday School... is now being offered for children at 9:00 AM in the nursery each Sunday before the Communion Service, at the same time as Adult Bible Study meets in the Family Center. Please bring your children, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, neighbor's kids to learn about Jesus and our faith.

Memorial Day... is Monday May 26th... the church office will be closed.



A Memorial Day Prayer... Gracious Lord, heavenly Father, on this day we pause to remember the sacrifices made for freedom throughout the past centuries. We do indeed owe a debt of gratitude to those who have paid dearly for the liberty we enjoy. Yet, O Lord, I know that good government, peace, and freedom are really gifts granted from Your fatherly hand, as I confess in the Creed. As we remember those who have served our nation, help us to remember that civic duty, no matter how well done, does not grant entrance to Your kingdom. We are saved by grace, through faith in Christ, apart from our works. Freed from the Law's demands, I know that I am now free to serve my

neighbor for my neighbor's sake. May the sacrifices of those who have gone before me serve as examples. When I meet those who have served, remind me to thank them. Almighty God, guide the leaders of our nation. Watch over those who serve in our armed forces, especially those far from home. And above all, grant that we, Your children by faith in Christ, may find a field of service in which we, as salt and leaven, may uphold righteousness, order, and peace in Jesus' name. Amen.

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. Please join us.

Evening Bible Study... on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

The Ascension of our Lord... will be observed on Wednesday May 28th at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for a special Communion service commemorating Jesus Christ's physical departure from earth and His ascension into Heaven forty days after his resurrection. **Acts 1:9-11** All Holy Trinity Worship 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...

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!*

Albion Area 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 bring your children, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, neighbor's kids to learn about Jesus and our faith.

Third Annual Car Cruisin'... Mark your calendars for our 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 and Hot Dogs, a 50/50 drawing, LWML Bake Sale & Jewelry Sale, Chance Auction, music and more! We are asking for donations of items to be raffled in the Chance Auction. Please invite all your friends, especially those who have classic cars to display. Call Dave Lindenmuth at 440-749-9738 with questions, or if you would like to help.

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)

Chuck Stevens

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 Guthrie

Violette Hosack

Nate Lawrence

Joe Moore

John Parmarter

Commander Joseph Pisoni

Thomas Reiser

Timothy Reiser

Taylor Sisson

Jarrold White



In support of all Mothers... Holy Trinity is participating in **Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign** to support the **Women's Care Center of Erie County, PA** (WCC) as they provide a safe and nurturing place of comfort, support and health to individuals facing difficult pregnancies, both planned and unplanned, to youth making life choices, to wounded women needing healing, and to childless couples whose arms ache for a child. It is only with our help that the WCC can keep all their life-saving services free of charge. Take an empty baby bottle home, fill it with change, cash, or checks (make checks out to "WOMEN'S CARE CENTER"), & return them by Father's Day June 22nd. Call (814) 836-7505 or visit their website wccerie.org for more information. **Just a few handfuls of change can help change and save lives!**

Schedule for this week

May 26 – June 1:

Monday May 26 ~ Memorial Day
NO Office Hours

6:00 pm Fellowship Ping Pong

Tuesday May 27

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours

10:45 am Senior Center Bible Study

6:00 pm Evening Bible Study

Wednesday May 28

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours

12:00 pm ParishScope Deadline

7:00 pm Ascension Service

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 LWML Meeting

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 May is

Maggie Hanas, 814-756-4540

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

John Niemla (b) 5/24

Bob Bright (b) 6/8

