



**Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

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

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The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure

The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples “*that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead*” and “*that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations*” (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that “*God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets*” (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they “*delivered over and denied*” this Lord Jesus and “*killed the Author of life.*” Yet God “*glorified his servant Jesus*” and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their “*sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord*” (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that “*we should be called children of God; and so we are*” (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even “*as he is pure,*” because “*he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin*” (1 John 3:3, 5)


Third Sunday of Easter

APRIL 14, 2024


Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn LSB 464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

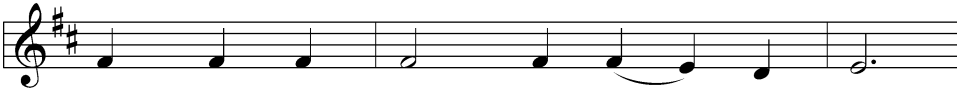
Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!




1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee.

Alleluia! Refrain

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Please stand.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *LSB 184*
- 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

Psalms 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b

P In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;*
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.
I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up*
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.
O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.
O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.
Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.*
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.

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 In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;*
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

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, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, 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 3:11–21

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ

appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 John 3:1–7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

- 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 24:36–49

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

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

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he 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.”

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.

Please be seated.

Sermon Hymn LSB 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite

1 With high delight
Let us unite
In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart,
All bear your part,
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free
Forever, He
Is ris'n and sends
To all earth's ends
Good news to save ev'ry nation.

2 True God, He first
From death has burst
Forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy
Doth vanquished lie;
His death has been death's undoing.
“And yours shall be
Like victory
O'er death and grave,”
Saith He, who gave
His life for us, life renewing.

3 Let praises ring;
Give thanks, and bring
To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed
By word and deed
To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love
Give us above,
From misery
And death set free,
All joy and full consolation.

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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

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.

- 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

Numbers 6:24-26

- 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 Sermon Hymn LSB 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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| <p>1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>△ 4 Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
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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.

Preschool Board Meeting... will be held Monday April 15th at 12:30 p.m. in the church office.

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

Women's Bible Study... meets Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to study Matthew's Gospel.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study... Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Taylor is leading us through the whole Bible from the aspect of the Book of Revelation.

Our Next Midweek Worship Service with Communion... will be observed on Wednesday, April 17th 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 when you are able.

Council/Trustees Meetings... will be held on Thursday April 18th at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

PARISHSCOPE

Birthdays and Anniversaries... Karen Smith, confirmed 4/14, Jeff Buetikofer born 4/14, Maggie Hanas, Pamela Stevens, born 4/16, Karen Smith, baptized 4/18, Evelyn & Harold Stevens, wedding anniversary, 4/20, Ray Struchen born 4/20.

LWML Monthly meeting for April... was held Sunday, April 7th . We voted for officers, who are **Karen Smith** continuing as President, **Tammy Podpora** as Vice President, **Carolyn Lindenmuth** as Treasurer, and **Debbie Bright** as Secretary. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday May 5th immediately following the church service in the Fellowship Hall, we will be planning our Ladies Luncheon in June before our summer break. Please plan to join us!

LOOKING AHEAD...

Quarterly Voters' Meeting... Sunday April 21st immediately following the 10 am Communion Service, approximately 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing upcoming summer events such as the 90th Anniversary of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Pastor Taylor's 40th Anniversary in ministry, update on the church roof, and a report from the financial committee. Please plan to join us!

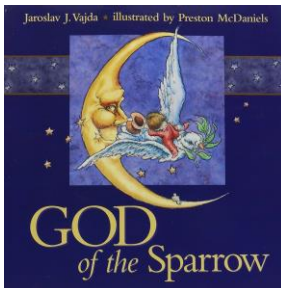
47th Annual Erie March for Life... on Saturday May 4th. Join your friends and neighbors as we march in gratitude for the priceless gift of life. The theme of this year's March goes straight to the heart of the matter in five words: **Life is a Human Right**. Plan to arrive at west Perry Square in downtown Erie by 10:45 a.m. The March will begin at 11 a.m. You will be invited to select a sign to carry from our expanded assortment, or you may also create a sign of your own with a positive, on-topic, pro-life message for the Erie community to see. We can expect TV and other news coverage, so it is important that we represent the pro-life cause thoughtfully and responsibly, and address ourselves to as wide an audience as possible.

1 PETER BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on the Book of 1 Peter. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

Car Cruisin'... Mark your calendars for our third annual Car Cruisin' to be held Saturday, July 27th, 2024 (rain date August 3rd) 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, music and more! We are asking for donations for items to be raffled in the Chance Auction. See Ed Podpora for questions, comments, or if you want to help.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Library... has 5 patrons, 96 books, 20 DVDs and one CD available to borrow. Stop by the office to become a member & borrow our media. We have just acquired a pair of books written by former Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Pastor **Jaroslav J. Vajda**. The first is a devotional book, **Men & Women of the Word: 45 Meditations on Biblical Heroes of the Faith**, profiling saints from the Old and New Testaments in which you'll find wisdom and encouragement through the lives of those who have gone before you in the faith. The second is a beautifully illustrated children's book based on one of Pastor Vajda's many hymns, **God of the Sparrow**, in which you can follow the characters as they ask God how to express their wonder, love, faith, and sorrow to the Creator. These items and more are available to borrow now. Come to the church office if you have questions, comments or to see what else we have to offer. Please bring your donation of gently used books, CDs, and DVDs to the church office.

These do not need to be of a religious nature, as we are able to swap them for more desirable titles. You can browse our materials & request items be placed on hold on the web @ holytrinityalbionlibrary.librarika.com/



PRAYER GUIDE

Comfort for family and friends of Doris E. Parobek Dunlap who was received into her eternal home on March 28, 2024.

Those needing healing...

Robert Bright (father-in-law of Debbie Bright)

David Durfee

Florence English

Renee & Alyssa Isham

Pastor Blaine Jorg

Emily Marler (daughter of Pastor & Susan Taylor)

Shelby, Tracy & Patricia Metzenbacher

John & Andy Meyka (Susan Taylor's brothers)

Linda (Stevens) Olmstead

Cindy Parobek

Avery Podpora

Ray & Carol Struchen

Robert Reinhart (Bill Kingston's brother-in law)

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

Shawn Olmstead

John Parmarter

Thomas Reiser

Timothy Reiser

Taylor Sisson

Jarrod White

Let the Church Office Know...

When you change your address within our area – Give your new address and phone number to the church office as soon as possible.

When you move from the area, enter college, or begin military service – Inform the church as soon as possible, so we may keep you aware of church happenings.

When you are hospitalized or need pastoral care – Please notify the church office in advance, or have a family member contact the church office so that we may provide pastoral care and support.

When you are physically unable to attend church regularly – Please notify the church office so that we may provide pastoral care and support.

When you have a notice for the weekly ParishScope – The deadline for the Sunday bulletin is 1 pm on Wednesday. Bulletin notices should be no longer than 3 lines. The church office may edit items submitted as necessary.

When you have prayer requests you want included in the PrayerGuide – Please submit prayer requests to the church office by 1 pm Wednesday.

When you would like to schedule a wedding – please call the pastor.

When funeral or memorial services are needed – Please make arrangements with the pastor.

When you need to reserve part of the building – Request forms, such as for the use of the building, need to be submitted in as far advance as possible as the Board of Trustees only considers them during monthly business meetings.

Schedule for this week

April 15 – 21:

Monday April 15

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

12:30 pm **Preschool Board Mtg.**

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

Tuesday April 16

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

9:30 am **Women's Bible Study**

6:00 pm **Evening Bible Study**

Wednesday April 17

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

1:00 pm **ParishScope Deadline**

7:00 am **Communion Service**

Thursday April 18

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm **Council/Trustees Mtg.**

Friday April 19

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday April 20

Sunday April 21 – Easter 4

9:00 am **Bible Study**

10:00 am **Worship Service with**

Communion

11:00 am **Choir Practice**

Temple Servants Sunday April 21:

Reader – John Niemla

Ushers – David Lindenmuth,
Ed Podpora

Elder of the Day – Chuck Stevens

Elder – Chuck Stevens

Kitchen Administrator for April
is Carol Struchen, 814-474-5248

