

## Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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

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## The Risen Christ Breathes His Peace in the Holy Absolution

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus appeared to His apostles on the first Easter Sunday. He "came and stood among them," and with His Word and the wounds in "his hands and his side," He granted them His peace (John 20:19–20). He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for us and for His whole Church through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21–23). Through this apostolic ministry, He calls us to believe that He "is the Christ, the Son of God," so that by such faith we "may have life in his name" (John 20:31). The apostles "have seen and heard" this divine life manifested in the flesh of Christ, and those who succeed them in this apostolic ministry now proclaim that same Absolution to us, so that we "too may have fellowship" with the risen Christ, with the apostles and "with one another" (1 John 1:1–7). The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church lives by "their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus," and all who believe this Word are "of one heart and soul," because in Him they truly have "everything in common" (Acts 4:32–33).

## **Second Sunday of Easter**

APRIL 7, 2024

## Confession and Absolution

## Opening Hymn LSB 480 He's Risen, He's Risen



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,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.
- 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 T 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 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—\*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to YAHWEH; call up- on his name;\*

make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- es to him;\*

tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name:\*

let the hearts of those who seek | YAHWEH rejoice!

Seek YAHWEH | and his strength;\*

seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\*

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,\*

the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- ations.

- 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.
- Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—\*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

LSB 186; Mark 10:47

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:
- 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.

PLet us pray... Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Acts 4:32–35

<sup>32</sup>The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup>And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

1 John 1:1—2:2

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—
<sup>2</sup>the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—
<sup>3</sup>that which we have

seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

- **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 20:19–31

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
  - **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand,

and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

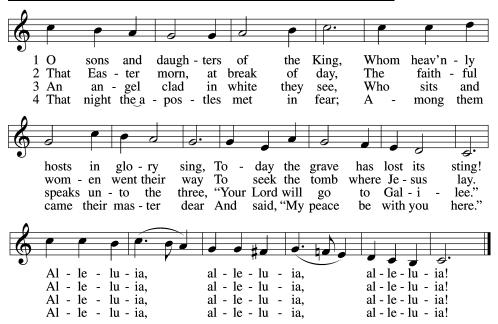
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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 

of the world to come. Amen.



## Sermon

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

Please stand.

Offertory

LSB 192

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** The Lord be with you.

LSB 194

2 Timothy 4:22

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

- It is meet and right so to do.
- 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 saving:

Sanctus LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. 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

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**

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

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

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,
- 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

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**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.

Numbers 6:24-26

LSB 202

Psalm 103:1

C Amen, amen, amen.

Please be seated.

## Sermon Hymn LSB 470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

vss. 5-9

- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- No longer Thomas then denied;
   He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
   "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
   Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win.
  Alleluia, alleluia!
- On this most holy day of days
   Be laud and jubilee and praise:
   To God your hearts and voices raise.
   Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## PARISHSCOPE

**Special Voters' Meeting...** will be held **TODAY** Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> directly following the 10 a.m. service starting about 11 a.m. to discuss the estimates gathered by the Trustees to have our church roof replaced.

**LWML Monthly meeting...** will be held **TODAY** Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> directly following the Special Voters' Meeting. There is much to discuss, so there will be **NO Choir Practice** that day to accommodate the LWML meeting. This will be a full meeting complete with a short Bible Study, a report on the Spring Zone Rally, a report on our Nut Roll fundraiser and refreshments. Please plan to join us!

**Easter Lilies...** Thanks to all who donated lilies to adorn our sanctuary for Easter, and special thanks to Susan Taylor for ordering and transporting them. If you donated a lily, please take it home with you today.

**Nut Roll Correction...** More payments for nut rolls were received last week. The total for baking and distributing nut rolls this Easter holiday now stands at \$575.00! The LWML wants to thank everyone who assisted in our second successful fundraiser!

**Total Solar Eclipse...** will occur In our area Monday April 8th beginning about 2:02 p.m., reaching its maximum at 3:18 p.m., and ending at 4:30 p.m. EDT. Special glasses should be obtained to experience this amazing celestial event. "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands." - Psalm 19:1 **Birthdays and Anniversaries...** Rick Petsch, born on 4/8, Alice Frndak and Janet Payne, confirmed 4/11.

## PARISHSCOPE

**Albion Area Community Garden Planning Meeting...** will be held on Monday April 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the church office.

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

Women's Bible Study... resumes Tuesday April 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall studying Matthew's Gospel.

**Evening Bible Study...** resumes Tuesday April 9th 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...** will be observed on Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. This Service, as well as 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.

**Financial Committee Meeting...** will be held on April 11th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **LOOKING AHEAD...** 

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

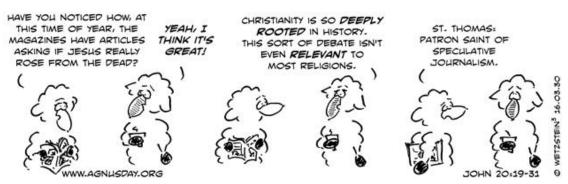
Trustees' and Council Meetings... will both be held on April 18th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Quarterly Voters Meeting...** will be held on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> directly after the 10 AM service about 11 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**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, 84 books, 16 DVDs and one CD available to borrow. Stop by the office to become a member & borrow our media. Do you enjoy reading biographies? We have several about Martin Luther, in book form, on DVD, and as a graphic novel. We also have biographies of Philipp of Hesse, John Frederick the Magnanimous, Deaconess Rosa Young, C.S. Lewis (on DVD), Nikolaus Von Amsdorf, Father Ten Boom, and Katharine Luther. 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/

**Recycling...** Just a reminder that Holy Trinity still recycles aluminum cans. Please bring your cans to the bin aside the church garage before 8:00 a.m. April 27th. Thank you for your support!



## PRAYER GUIDE

## Those needing healing...

Robert Bright (father-in-law of Debbie Bright) David Durfee Florence English Renee & Alyssa Isham Pastor Blaine Jorg Polly Klobusnik Dave Knickerbocker Emily Marler (daughter of Pastor & Susan Taylor) Shelby, Tracy & Patricia Metzenbacher John & Andy Metka (Susan Taylor's brothers) John Nielma 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 Gutherie
Violette Hosack
Nate Lawrence
Joe Moore
Shawn Olmstead
John Parmarter
Thomas Reiser
Timothy Reiser
Taylor Sisson

Jarrod White

# 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), and 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.

#### **LUTHERAN WORSHIP SERIES...**

The Kyrie, The Sanctus, The Pax Domini, The Agnus Dei, The Nunc Dimittis... Why do Lutherans worship the way they do? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently completed a series with Dr. Arthur A. Just, author of "Heaven on Earth: The Gifts of Christ in the Divine Service." You can listen to this six-part series at issuesetc.org/classicalworship.

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

# Schedule for this week April 8 - 14:

Mon. April 8 ~ Total Solar Eclipse

9:00 am – I:00 pm Office Hours 6:00 pm Com. Garden Mtg. 6:00 pm Fellowship/Ping Pong

## Tuesday April 9

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

6:00 pm Evening Bible Study

## Wednesday April 10

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

#### Thurs. April 11

9:00 am – I:00 pm Office Hours 6:00 pm Financial Com. Mtg.

#### Friday April 12

9:00 am - I:00 pm Office Hours

#### Saturday April 13

#### Sunday April 14

9:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Choir Practice

#### Temple Servants for Sunday April 14:

**Reader** – Debbie Bright **Ushers** – David Lindenmuth, Ed Podpora

**Elder of the Day** – Chuck Stevens

