



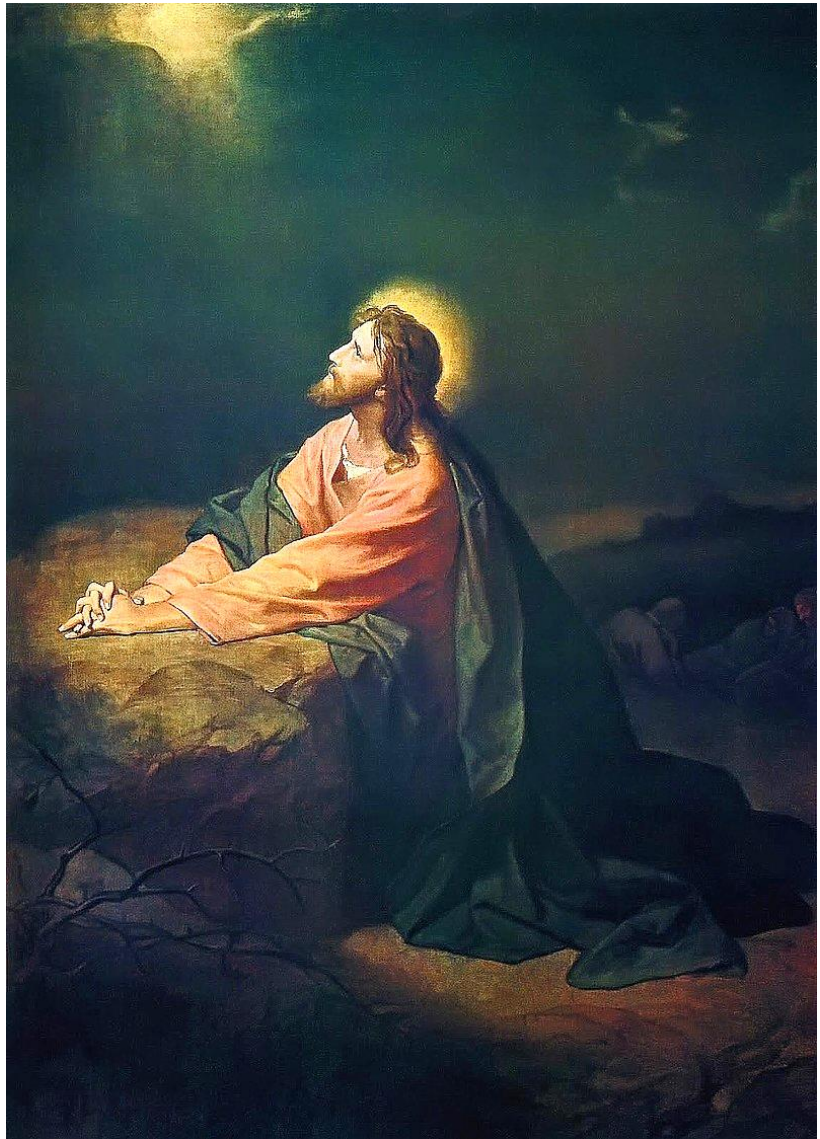
**Holy
Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

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

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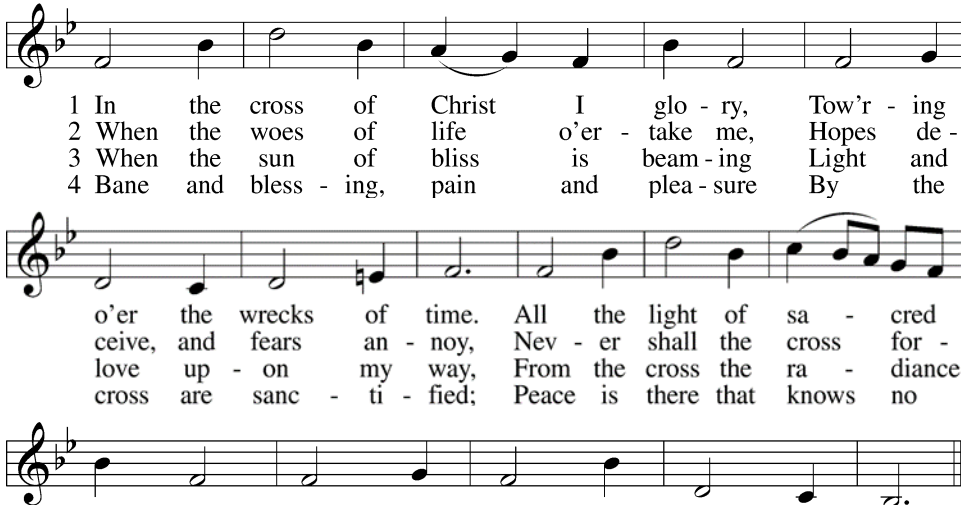


Fifth Wednesday in Lent

MARCH 20, 2024

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn LSB 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872
Tune: Ithamar Conkey, 1815-67
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Please stand.

- 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.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 54

P ¹O God, save me, | by your name,*
and vindicate me | by your might.

²O God, | hear my prayer;*
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen against me;
ruthless men | seek my life;*
they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

⁴Behold, God is my | helper;*
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

⁵He will return the evil to my | enemies;*
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

⁶With a freewill offering I will sacri- | fice to you;*
I will give thanks to your name, O YAHWEH, for | it is good.

⁷For he has delivered me from every | trouble,*
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

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 ¹O God, save me, | by your name,*
and vindicate me | by your might.

Kyrie

LSB 186; Mark 10:47

C **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus

Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:14–15

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4–9

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:36–45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” ³⁹And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” ⁴⁰And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹Watch and pray

that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
42Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” 43And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. 44So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. 45Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,

begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn LSB 948 All Glory Be to God Alone



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in
 3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -
 4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,
 5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
 hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
 might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord
 Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O
 Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
 ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry
 Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -
 Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your
 and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
 do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
 ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
 mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.
 more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

Text: attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
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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*

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Psalm 1:36

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. *LSB 197*

C Amen. *John 20:19*

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.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

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

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.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

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.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn LSB 801 How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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PARISHSCOPE

PALM SUNDAY is NEXT SUNDAY March 24th... Palms will be distributed. This is a great time to invite family, friends, and neighbors to the service in preparation for Easter Sunday on March 31st.

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.

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

Cancellations... there will be **NO Women's Bible Study** or Tuesday Evening Bible Study for the next two weeks, March 26th and April 2nd, while we enjoy a spring break during the Easter Season. Both classes will resume on April 9th. Also **The Council Meeting**, originally scheduled for March 28th has been postponed until April 18th at 6:00 pm to allow the members to enjoy the Maundy Thursday service without distraction.

PARISHSCOPE

Our Next Midweek Worship Service... will be observed on Wednesday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m. It will be preceded by a Lenten Soup Supper featuring David and Carolyn Lindenmuth's **Beef Barley Soup**. 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.

Trustee Meeting... will be held on Thursday March 21st at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



Nut Rolls... our Lutheran Women's Mission League will be baking Nut Rolls in the church kitchen as a fundraiser. There is an order sheet on the table in the narthex. The rolls will weigh approximately 12 ounces each, and the cost will be \$15.00 per roll. We will be baking three kinds: Nut, Poppyseed and Apricot. If you are available to help make nut rolls, we will be baking on Saturday, March 23rd starting at 9 a.m. The rolls will be available for pick up on Palm Sunday, March 24th just in time for your Easter Holiday table! Order extra as Easter gifts! Any questions, please ask Karen Smith, 814-572-

4211.

LOOKING AHEAD...

LWML Spring Rally... we are taking a carload of mission-minded ladies to Peace Lutheran Church in McMurray, PA, on Saturday April 6th. There is a \$5 fee and a free will offering will be taken at the rally. We will leave Holy Trinity's parking lot at 7 AM to arrive at Peace Lutheran for the rally that starts at 9:30 AM with a continental breakfast. A business meeting and lunch, ending around 2 PM, and we will arrive back at Holy Trinity at 4:30 PM. The rally includes Speaker **Shari Crum**, Director of the **Pittsburgh Lutheran Center for the Blind**, now in its 25th year serving the visually impaired in the Pittsburgh area. A business meeting and lunch will follow, ending around 2 PM, and we will arrive back at Holy Trinity at 4:30 PM. We are asking Holy Trinity to contribute the following items for us to contribute to the Ingathering at the upcoming English District Convention in Detroit, MI at the end of April:

- For **Eli's House**: please bring donations of Juice boxes, breakfast or granola bars, individual serving size boxes of raisins, cookies, crackers and chewing gum.
- For **Camp Restore Detroit**, please bring donations of pocket folders, packages of lined notebook paper or composition notebooks.

Even if you can't attend the rally yourself, please consider donating these items for us to deliver. We have one vehicle full of ladies but there is always room for more, so please contact Carolyn Lindenmuth if you would like to join us on this adventure!

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Library... has 3 patrons, 70 books, 8 DVDs and one CD available to borrow. Stop by the office to become a member & borrow our media. Are you looking for an inspirational movie to watch during Holy Week? We recommend several: Director Franco Zeffirelli's miniseries **Jesus of Nazareth**, Kevin Reynolds' **Risen**, Philip Saville's **Gospel of John**, and Mel Gibson's **The Passion of the Christ**. These DVDS 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 on hold on the web @ holytrinityalbionlibrary.librarika.com/

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

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK is the last week of the 40-day season of Lent and the week preceding Easter. In Holy Week, we focus on the last week of Christ's life, remembering especially His passion and resurrection.

Palm Sunday	March 24th	Bible Study Worship Service <i>with communion</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Lenten Service	March 27th	Soup Supper Worship Service	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday	March 28th	Worship Service <i>with communion</i>	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	March 29th	Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday	March 31st	Breakfast Worship Service <i>with communion</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.



PRAYER GUIDE

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 Metznerbacher

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

Kitchen Administrator for March is Valania Niemla, 814-756-3117

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.



But what is the Gospel? It is this, that God has sent his Son into the world to save sinners, in

John 3:16, and to crush hell, overcome death, take away sin, and satisfy the law. But what must you do? **Nothing** but accept this and look up to your Redeemer and firmly believe that he has done all this for your good and freely gives you all as your own, so that in the terrors of death, sin, and hell you can confidently say and boldly depend upon it.”
– Martin Luther

Schedule for this week

March 21 –27:

Thursday March 21

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm **Trustees Meeting**

Friday March 22

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday March 23

9:00 am **Nut Roll Baking**

Sunday March 24 ~ Palm Sunday

9:00 am **Adult Bible Study**

10:00 am **Communion Service**

11:00 am **Choir Practice**

Monday March 25

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm Fellowship/Ping Pong

Tuesday March 26

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

NO Women's Bible Study

12:00 pm

NO Evening Bible Study

Wednesday March 27

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

1:00 pm ParishScope Deadline

6:30 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Lenten Worship

Temple Servants for Sunday, March 24:

Reader – John Niemla

Ushers – David Lindenmuth

Ed Podpora

Elder of the Day – Chuck Stevens