

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**WORSHIP: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.**

**Transformation Station & Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m.**



## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

We continue to celebrate the Christmas season on this final Sunday of 2019.

**TO OUR VISITORS:** We are delighted that you have joined us today.

We pray that the service blesses you and invite you to worship with us again. If you are seeking a church family or would like to know more about Holy Trinity, please contact the Church Office at (270) 843-9595. We are here to serve you. Please use the attendance insert to provide your address and contact information so that we might extend a special welcome.

### **HOLY COMMUNION GUESTS**

**AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER** you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that with Lutheran Christians you believe His Body and Blood are present, and you desire to serve Him as a dynamic disciple in the fellowship of the Church.

Please review the following questions while preparing for the Lord's Supper.

- 1) Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
- 2) Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?
- 3) Do I believe that in this Sacrament I will receive Christ's true Body and true Blood in and with the bread and wine?
- 4) Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a Godly life?

Please speak to the pastor if you have any special communion needs.

**A NURSERY** is available for infants up to children starting Kindergarten.

It is staffed from 7:45 to 11:45 a.m. Exit the sanctuary to the rear, and follow the hallway to the left, then turn at the first hall way to the right. Parents are welcome to worship with their children, but please use the nursery as needed. If you have any questions regarding the nursery please contact Laurie Seavey at (270) 991-1172.

**NOTE:** There is also a "nursing/cry room" just before the hallway to the nursery.

## **CELEBRATING CHILDREN AT HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest:

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome
- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastor, deacons, readers, acolytes, choir, etc.
- Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me."
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

**TO THE MEMBERS OF HOLY TRINITY:** The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our church is growing. Please welcome all children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

**WORSHIP BAGS** for our young worshipers are located in the Narthex. Please use these as needed during worship.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available from the Ushers.

# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

## DECEMBER 29, 2019

*Like King Herod, worldly powers still oppose your goodness, Jesus.  
Assure us that even in turmoil, you are God-with-us,  
and life is stronger than death.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER: Silence/Turn Off your cell phone** as you come into the Sanctuary to worship the Lord. While you are silencing your phone, we encourage you to 'check in' on Facebook that you are with us today. Thank you.

### PRESERVICE MUSIC

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

Please stand for  
**THE OPENING HYMN**

L.S.B. #358

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"  
(Verses 1, 3, & 8)

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## THE INVOCATION

Liturgist: In the name of the Father

**People: Who gives us life**

Liturgist: And of the Son

**People: Who is risen**

Liturgist: And of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Who gives us faith. Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SINS

(from Psalm 51)

Liturgist: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

**People: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

Liturgist: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

**People: Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge.**

Liturgist: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

**People: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

Liturgist: Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

**People: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Liturgist: Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me.

**People: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Psalm 51:16 & 17 says: "You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise."  
All: **O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. Amen.**

## INTROIT/PSALM

*Jeremiah 31:15-17; antiphon: Hosea 11:1*

Liturgist: When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
People: **and out of Egypt I called my son.**

Liturgist: Thus says the LORD: "A voice is heard in Ramah,  
People: **lamentation and bitter weeping.**

Liturgist: Rachel is weeping for her children;  
People: **she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more."**

Liturgist: Thus says the LORD: "Keep your voice from weeping,  
People: **and your eyes from tears.**

Liturgist: for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD,  
People: **and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.**

Liturgist: There is hope for your future, declares the LORD,  
People: **and your children shall come back to their own country.**

Liturgist: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
People: **and to the Holy Spirit;**

Liturgist: as it was in the beginning,  
People: **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Liturgist: When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
People: **and out of Egypt I called my son.**

“Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”  
Paul Gerhardt

**Come, your hearts and voices raising,  
Christ the Lord with gladness praising;  
Loudly sing His love amazing,  
Worthy folk of Christendom.**

**From the bondage that oppressed us,  
From sin’s fetters that possessed us,  
From the grief that sore distressed us,  
We, the captives, now are free.**

**THE COLLECT**

Liturgist: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*  
People: **And with your spirit.**

Liturgist: Let us pray. O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 63:7-14

Reader: The Old Testament Reading is from the 63<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>7</sup> I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,  
the praises of the LORD,  
according to all that the LORD has granted us,  
and the great goodness to the house of Israel  
that he has granted them according to his compassion,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

<sup>8</sup> For he said, "Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely."  
And he became their Savior.

<sup>9</sup> In all their affliction he was afflicted,  
and the angel of his presence saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

<sup>10</sup> But they rebelled  
and grieved his Holy Spirit;  
therefore he turned to be their enemy,  
and himself fought against them.

<sup>11</sup> Then he remembered the days of old,  
of Moses and his people.  
Where is he who brought them up out of the sea  
with the shepherds of his flock?

Where is he who put in the midst of them  
his Holy Spirit,  
<sup>12</sup> who caused his glorious arm  
to go at the right hand of Moses,  
who divided the waters before them  
to make for himself an everlasting name,

<sup>13</sup> who led them through the depths?

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Like a horse in the desert,  
they did not stumble.

<sup>14</sup> Like livestock that go down into the valley,  
the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.

So you led your people,  
to make for yourself a glorious name.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE EPISTLE READING

## Galatians 4:4-7

Reader: The Epistle Reading is from the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Galatians.

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

<sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

<sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

*<sup>18</sup> "A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."*

<sup>19</sup> But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup> saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE NICENE CREED**

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**All: 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 worshipped 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.**

**THE GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**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.**

**THE PRAYERS**

Please continue to pray for the people listed on the bulletin insert, as well as for their families and friends.

**THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

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**THE PREFACE**

Pastor:	The Lord be with you.	<i>2 Timothy 4:22</i>
People:	<b>And also with you.</b>	
Pastor:	Lift up your hearts.	<i>Colossians 3:1</i>
People:	<b>We lift them up to the Lord.</b>	
Pastor:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	<i>Psalms 136</i>
People:	<b>It is right to give Him thanks and praise.</b>	

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Pastor: It is truly good, 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, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## **THE SANCTUS**

(Sung by All to the tune of L.S.B. #380 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing")

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of Sabaoth, adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim  
Shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest,  
Sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes  
In the name of Christ the Lord!  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of Sabaoth, adored.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**All: 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.**

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## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19 & 20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

Pastor: 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."

## THE PEACE OF THE LORD

*John 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

## THE AGNUS DEI

(Sung to the tune of L.S.B. #363 "Silent Night")

**Merciful Lord, God of all grace,  
Shine on me with Your face.  
Lord have mercy, Your servant I am.  
Lord have mercy, through Jesus, my Lamb.  
Grant me heavenly peace.  
Grant me heavenly peace.**

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

L.S.B. #386

“Let Us All with Gladsome Voice”

L.S.B. #390

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

L.S.B. #393

### THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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**Pastor:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

### THE SERMON HYMN

L.S.B. #384

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

### THE SERMON

**Pastor Press**

**“Redemption Gives God a Good Name”**

**Text: Isaiah 63:7-14**

**THE BENEDICTION**     *(Amen response is sung by all.)*



**THE CLOSING HYMN**

L.S.B. #362

“O Sing of Christ”  
(Verses 1 & 4)

**THE CLOSING WORDS**

Pastor:     Go in peace and serve the Lord.  
People:     **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

**THE POSTLUDE**

Liturgy (or the appropriate portion thereof) from the Lutheran Service Book  
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**+ + OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES IN OUR DAILY SERVICE + +**

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The Church & School Offices will be **CLOSED**  
on Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

If you have a pastoral need on these dates  
please contact Pastor Toopes at (870) 672-2117  
or [toopes57@gmail.com](mailto:toopes57@gmail.com)

All prayer concerns/praise reports on these  
dates need to be sent to Marty King  
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**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:**

**Transformation Station:** (ages 2 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Each week begins with opening time at 9:15 a.m. in the TS opening room.

**Visitors and new attendees are welcome any time!**

**There is no Transformation Station this week.**

**Children may attend Pastor's Bible Class with their parents**

**1/5 Lesson is on Worshipping God: Paul's Speech in Athens**

**YOUTH CLASSES:**

**Junior & Senior High** (Grades 7 - 12) – EO-201

**ADULT CLASSES:**

**Next Week's Bible Readings** (EO-110) – led by David King

Studying the Bible Readings of the church year

**Pastor's Bible Class** (S) – led by Pastor Toopes and Pastor Press

We are studying the book of 2 Corinthians

**SERVING THIS WEEK**

8:00 Service

Bart & Carol White

Craig Praxl

Keegan Unick

Mckenzie Eversoll

Nursery Attendant all morning: Tina Hansen

10:30 Service

Corey & Megan Zirbel

David Jurgens

Ian Parsley

Johnie Trent/Zach Schmaltz

Acolyte for New Year's Eve Service at 6:30 p.m.: Ella Payne

## OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

The Church at Study      73      The Church at Worship      242  
Advent Worship                      233

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

<b>Jan</b>	1	Dakota Britton	2	Louise Smith
	3	Robert Waldren	3	Leigh Tallman
	3	Duncan Gleason	3	Jordan Byrd
	4	Ron Davis	4	Mark Titschinger
	4	Kim Newhart		

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

<b>Dec</b>	29	Andy & Sue Ann Toopes Daniel & Jennifer Duarte
	30	Adam & Samantha White
	31	Aaron & Jill Goodwin
<b>Jan</b>	2	Chris & Melissa Veith



Tuesday, December 31  
**New Year's Eve Service - C**  
at 6:30 p.m.

**Zion Pentecostal Church**  
10:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.  
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***Next week's scripture readings are:***

**THE OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Kings 3:4-15**

**THE EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:40-52**

**SERVING NEXT WEEK**

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Greeters:	Craig & Jodi Praxl	Ken & Jackie White
Readers:	Ora Rampenthal	Marsha Holm
Acolytes:	Ezra Oates	Payton Sherry
A/V Assistant:	Mckenzie Eversoll	Zach Schmaltz/Johnie Trent
Nursery Attendant all morning:	Breanna Moser	

**PARISH NOTES**

***THANK YOU*** to everyone who contributed to our worship service today.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please submit announcements to the Church Office by Wednesdays by e-mailing, calling, or dropping a note in the offering plate on Sundays.

***IN THE HOSPITAL LAST WEEK WAS...Marilyn Titschinger.*** We pray the Great Physician will continue to bring healing and strength to **Marilyn**.

*We wanted to thank everyone who remembered us in prayer, sent a card, or visited while I was in the hospital and rehab. We thank and praise God that I am home and getting stronger each day. We hope to be back worshipping with you soon.*

***Sue Woods and family***

**LWML NEWS**

1. **LWML Mite Box Collection** is TODAY, December 29. Please bring your mite boxes to church for the collection.
2. **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTERS** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month (January 21) in EO-202 at 1:00 p.m. Any questions, ask Tamara Kahler at (270) 618-8178.
3. **HIS HELPING HANDS**, our local LWML chapter, meets quarterly on Saturdays. ALL confirmed ladies of our congregation are welcome to attend our meetings!

**2019 Advent Offerings**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>
12/4	Salvation Army	\$738
12/11	Benevolence Fund	\$448
12/18	HTLS	\$2,808

## HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

1. **Special Envelopes** - Our students have decorated envelopes and placed them in the pews for you to use if you would be willing to give a year-end donation to the School. You can place them in the offering plate or drop them off in the church or school offices. Extra envelopes are available in the School Office. Thank you for continuing to allow us to work toward our mission of sharing Christ with children and families.
2. Classes resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.
3. **Restaurant Fundraiser Events** – Enjoy a meal and help out HTLS at the same time! Contact Jennifer Merkle at [pto@htlc-bg.org](mailto:pto@htlc-bg.org) for additional information.  
**Zaxby's** (31-W Bypass Location) – Tuesday, January 14  
**Dairy Queen** (Nashville Rd location) – Thursday, January 16

## BOWLING GREEN NORTH/EAST OUTREACH GROUP:

1. **BIBLE STUDY:** Starting in January we will be studying 2 Corinthians beginning at 4:00 p.m. each Saturday. We will take a short break between Bible study and the service at 5:00 p.m.
2. You are invited to attend worship services of Holy Trinity's Smiths Grove site every **Saturday at 5:00 p.m.** at the First Christian Church in Smiths Grove (427 College St, corner of 5th).  
Our prayer is that this new worship site will enable the Word to have impact on more people in the surrounding community. Your prayers and your support are vital to this outreach ministry.  
The van will leave the parking lot at Holy Trinity each week at 4:00 p.m. for anyone who would like a ride.

## **YOUTH EVENTS**

**Junior Confirmation Class** - We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room as part of FAITH Night. We will resume class in January 2020.

## **LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE**

The *Lutheran Witness* magazine is now available free on the World Wide Web from our LC-MS website. You can access the magazine in at least three ways:

1. Simply Google **Lutheran Witness**
2. Go to the synod webpage: [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org) and **click on Lutheran Witness**
3. Go directly to the magazine at: [www.lcms.org/pages/witness/asp](http://www.lcms.org/pages/witness/asp)

If you would like to receive your personal copy of the magazine by regular mail you may do so. Just provide a check made out to HTLC with "Lutheran Witness" on the memo line in an envelope marked **Lutheran Witness** and put it in the collection plate or mail it to the church office.

The cost for this publication is **\$15.00**.

The deadline to contact the office is Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

## ***FAITH NIGHT***

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

**FAITH Night will resume in January 2020.**

(Calendar posted here)