

# 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**

God is rich in mercy, loves you greatly,  
makes you alive through Christ (Ephesians 2:4-5)  
and welcomes you to this time of worship and fellowship.

**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 **Email, mailing address and phone number** so that we might extend a special welcome.

**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 hallway 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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 14, 2021**

*God of healing and salvation, turn our eyes away from our troubles  
and set our focus on you – first, for this time of worship,  
and even in the days ahead.*

**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

*Please stand for*

### **THE OPENING HYMN**

L.S.B. #576

**"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**

Edward Mote & William B. Bradbury

- 1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.**
  
- 3. His oath, His covenant, and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

## THE INVOCATION

Liturgist: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Liturgist: Let us draw near with true hearts and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Liturgist: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,  
People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**Almighty and merciful God, we confess to You all our sins of thought, word, and deed and especially of living like we are still slaves to sin. In true sorrow we have returned to Your promise given in our holy Baptism. Looking to the innocent suffering and death of Jesus our Savior we pray for Your forgiveness, and looking to His glorious resurrection we pray for the new life of holiness, living in Your grace and mercy. Amen.**

Pastor: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. As a called and ordained servant of the Living Word Jesus Christ, I announce the grace of God to all of us. In the name and by the command of Christ, and according to the promise of His Holy Spirit, you are forgiven all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

## INTROIT/P SALM

*Psalm 27:3-5; antiphon: Psalm 27:1*

Liturgist: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Liturgist: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

**People: though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

Liturgist: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**People: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

Liturgist: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**People: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**

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: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

L.S.B. #570

"Just as I Am, without One Plea"  
Charlotte Elliott & William B. Bradbury

**1. Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

## THE COLLECT

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

Liturgist: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

**Numbers 21:4-9**

Reader: The Old Testament Reading is from the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of Numbers.

<sup>4</sup> From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup> And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup> And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

## THE EPISTLE READING

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

Reader: The Epistle Reading is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Ephesians.

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for  
**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 3:14-21**

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

[Jesus said to Nicodemus,] <sup>14</sup> “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

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

**THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**Jonah Kaufmann, D.C.E.**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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**All: 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.**

## THE PRAYERS

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

## 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.**

"God Loved the World So That He Gave"  
George J. Elvey

- 1. God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.**
  
- 3. God would not have the sinner die,  
His Son with saving grace is nigh,  
His Spirit in the Word declares  
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.**
  
- 4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives all sins which you have done,  
And, justified by Jesus' blood,  
Your Baptism grants the highest good.**
  
- 6. Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!**

**THE SERMON**

**Pastor Toopes**

**"Loved Beyond Measure"  
Text: John 3:14-21**

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

A - men, a - men, a - men.

## THE CLOSING HYMN

L.S.B. #921

“On What Has Now Been Sown”  
John Newton & John Darwall

**1. On what has now been sown  
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The pow’r is Thine alone  
To make it sprout and grow.  
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,  
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!**

**3. O grant that each of us,  
Now met before Thee here,  
May meet together thus  
When Thou and Thine appear  
And follow Thee to heav’n, our home.  
E’en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!**

## THE CLOSING WORDS

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

## THE POSTLUDE

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**+ + OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES IN OUR DAILY SERVICE + +**



*For God so loved  
the world that he  
gave his one and  
only Son....*

JOHN 3:16, NIV

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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 Fellowship Hall.

We are set up “family style” so parents are invited to be with their children.

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

## **YOUTH CLASS:**

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

**ADULT CLASS:**

**Pastors' Bible Class (S) – Job**

"Born To Trouble As The Sparks Fly Upward" (5:1-27)

**SERVING THIS WEEK**

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Readers:	Joe Ertl	Lillie Gleichauf
Acolytes:	Ezra Oates	Zoe Witherspoon
A/V Assistant:	Mckenzie Eversoll	Johnie Trent
Nursery Attendant all morning: Breanna Moser		

Acolyte for the Lenten service at 6:30 p.m.: Kylee Jo Linhardt

**OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

<b>Mar</b>	17	Sherrie Small	17	Brandon Payne
	17	Dana Myers	17	Jackson Otto
	18	Maisie Sullivan	19	Donna Schewe
	20	Ed Petrusch	20	Aiden Tolbert

***Next week's scripture readings are:***

**THE OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**THE EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 5:1-10**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:32-45**

**SERVING NEXT WEEK**

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Readers:	Peter Brandt	Heather Rathert
Acolytes:	Gray Unick	Payton Sherry
A/V Assistant:	Mckenzie Eversoll	Johnie Trent
Nursery Attendant all morning:	Tina Hansen	
Acolyte for the Lenten service at 6:30 p.m.:	Evelyn Ulm	

**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.

***RECOVERING IN A REHABILITATION CENTER IS...Ed Rampenthal.***

We pray the Great Physician will continue to bring him healing and strength.



**WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES** to the family of **Rosie Arnett** in the death of her husband, Richard L. Arnett. Dick died on Thursday, March 11, at 82 years of age. Funeral arrangements were not available at the time of printing.

***We commend Rosie and her family to the comfort and compassion of our Loving and Living Lord Jesus Christ.***

**Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, April 3 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

- **Children** – bring your baskets and hunt for eggs!
- **Candy Donations** - We could use candy (individually wrapped) and assistance with stuffing the eggs. There will be a box in the Narthex for donations in April or you may drop off candy in the Transformation Station room. Please make your donation by Sunday, March 28. Contact Jonah Kaufmann if you have questions.

### **SMITHS GROVE OUTREACH**

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). Bible class is being held **Saturday at 4:00 p.m.**

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.

## YOUTH EVENTS

1. **High School Ablaze** meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Come join us as we dive into the Word!
2. **Food & Friends** meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (before the Lenten services)
3. **Junior Confirmation Class** – We don't meet during Lent but youth and their families are encouraged to attend the Lenten & Holy Week services.

**MARCH NEWSLETTERS:** The newsletter has been distributed via e-mail and the narthex boxes. If we have an e-mail address for you then hopefully you have already received it. If we don't have an e-mail, a printed copy is in the narthex mailboxes for you.

If you would like to receive newsletters by e-mail please contact the church office at 843-9595. Printed copies are also available in the bottom row of the narthex boxes.

The **DEADLINE** for articles for the April newsletter is Monday, March 15.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2020 expire at the end of March.

# Our Ministry This Week

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<b>Sunday</b> March 14	<b>8:00am</b> <b>9:15am</b> <b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>TS &amp; BC</b> <b>Worship</b>
	11:00am-3:00pm 12:30pm	Zion Pentecostal service (FH/EO-110) Mara (Burmese) service (S)
<b>Monday</b> March 15	2:00pm 6:30pm	HTLS (EO-203) Smiths Grove Planning Committee Mtg at First Christian Church/Smiths Grove <i>Newsletter Articles due in the Church Office</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> March 16	9:30am 2:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	Life Light Bible Study (EO-110/202) HTLS (EO-203) High School Ablaze <b>Board of Directors Mtg (CR)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> March 17	<b>8:30am</b> 2:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm	<b>Chapel (S)</b> HTLS (EO-203) Food & Friends <b>Lenten Service (S)</b>
<b>Thursday</b> March 18		
<b>Friday</b> March 19	6-10pm	HTLS Lock-In (FH)
<b>Saturday</b> March 20	10am-1pm  <b>4:00pm</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	Zion Pentecostal service (S)  <b>Smiths Grove Bible Study</b> <b>Smiths Grove Service</b>
<b>Sunday</b> March 21	<b>8:00am</b> <b>9:15am</b> <b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship - C</b> <b>TS &amp; BC</b> <b>Worship - C</b>
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