

# 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**

May you be blessed, and be a blessing to others,  
during our time together here and in the coming days.

**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 be sure to provide us with your address and phone number so that we might extend a special welcome.

**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.

**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.

**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 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 8, 2020**

*May God's gift of his only Son – and eternal life in him –  
fill us with peace as we worship him.*

**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 also encourage you to 'check in' on Facebook that you are with us today. Thank you.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## THE OPENING HYMN

L.S.B #554

“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

## THE INVOCATION

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Liturgist: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: Amen. *Matthew 28:19b [18:20]*

## THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Liturgist: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8 & 9*

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

Liturgist: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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## THE ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore announce the forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

People: **Amen.**

## INTROIT/PSALM

*Psalm 105:4-7; antiphon: Psalm 105:8*

Liturgist: He remembers his covenant forever,  
People: **the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

Liturgist: Seek the LORD and his strength;  
People: **seek his presence continually!**

Liturgist: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
People: **his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**

Liturgist: O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
People: **children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

Liturgist: He is the LORD our God;  
People: **his judgments are in all the earth.**

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: He remembers his covenant forever,  
People: **the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"  
Genevieve M. Irons & Joseph Barnby

**Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed  
With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in Thee my life, my rest,  
Christ crucified, I come.**

**Wash me and take away each stain;  
Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing, though it be through pain,  
Christ crucified, I come.**

THE COLLECT

Liturgist:	The Lord be with you.	<i>2 Timothy 4:22</i>
People:	<b>And also with you.</b>	
Liturgist:	Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.	
People:	<b>Amen.</b>	

## **FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

### **Genesis 12:1-9**

Reader: The Old Testament Reading is from the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Genesis.

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup> And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE EPISTLE READING

## Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

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

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup> And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup> just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup> *"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;  
<sup>8</sup> blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."*

<sup>13</sup> For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.  
<sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <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."

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

**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 GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

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**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 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.**

## THE SERMON HYMN

L.S.B #571

"God Loved the World So That He Gave"

## THE SERMON

**Rev. Paul Short**

**"Why Give?"**  
**Text: John 3:16-17**



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



## THE CLOSING HYMN

L.S.B. #576

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

## 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 + +**

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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!**

**This week's study is on Belt Of Truth: We fight evil with the truth**

**The Apostles Preach Truth Despite Opposition – Acts 5:17-42**

**3/15 - Lesson is on the Body Armor of God's Righteousness:**

**We fight evil with righteousness**

### **ADULT & YOUTH CLASSES:**

**Back to Basics: Classes are listed in multiple locations throughout the building and slips are in mailboxes in the Narthex with your assigned room. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pastor Toopes or Pastor Press.**

### **SERVING THIS WEEK**

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Greeters:	Mark & Laura Crothers	Corey & Megan Zirbel
Readers:	Cindy Brandt	Lilly Gleichauf
Acolytes:	Ericka Huerta	Samantha Davenport
A/V Assistant:	Mckenzie Eversoll	Johnie Trent
Nursery Attendant all morning:	Tina Hansen	

Acolyte for the Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m.: Emma Walters

### **OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

The Church At Study	133	The Church at Worship	262
Ash Wednesday	143		
Lenten Service	106		

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

<b>Mar</b>	8	Aaron Goodwin	8	Ericka Huerta
	10	Joe Hodges, Sr.	10	Chase Huerta
	11	Deanna Boddeker	11	Evelyn Ulm
	12	Neva Gielow	12	Olivia Otto
	12	Elijah Poteet	13	Amy Walters
	13	Gray Unick		

## **ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**Mar 11 Corey & Megan Zirbel**

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

**THE OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 17:1-7**

**THE EPISTLE: Romans 5:1-8**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 4:5-26**

## **SERVING NEXT WEEK**

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Greeters:	Al & Laurie Seavey	Geneva Bentley
Readers:	Peter Brandt	Heather Rathert
Acolytes:	Lucy Veith	Ian Parsley
A/V Assistant:	Mckenzie Eversoll	Johnie Trent
Nursery Attendant all morning:	Breanna Moser	

Acolyte for the Lenten service at 6:30 p.m.: Keegan Unick

## **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.

**WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES**

to the family of **Sue Ann Toopes** in the death of her aunt, Marilyn S. Mahn. Marilyn died on Thursday, March 5, at 86 years of age. Funeral services will be held in La Grange, IL.



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

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

Next Sunday, March 15  
after the second service

**NOTE:** In my haste to get the March calendar done I made a mistake using copy & paste. This is the only GA Meeting that will be held in March. There is a meeting listed on March 29, but that is not correct.

**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 Sunday, March 15.

***Thank you for supporting these local charities:***

<b><u>2020 Lenten Offerings</u></b>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2/26	H.O.T.E.L., I.N.C.	\$1408.00

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS**

1. **Enrollment for the 2020-2021 School Year** is NOW OPEN! Contact the School Office at 843-1001 if you are interested in enrolling a child(ren) or want to give information to a friend.

**REMEMBER:** For families that are members of HTLC – we will continue to offer the 25% discount in tuition for students (Grades K-6) enrolled full time.

2. **HTLS Summer Camp Enrollment** is NOW OPEN and spots are filling up quickly! Stop by the office to pick up an application. Camp is for children ages 2 years- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and will run June 1- July 24
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, March 10 5-8pm
4. **HTLS CLOSED:** Thursday, March 12 and Friday, March 13 for Teacher Development.

## **LWML NEWS**

1. **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTERS** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month (March 17) in EO-202 at 1:00 p.m. Any questions, ask Helen Wicklander at (270) 996-9402.
2. **HIS HELPING HANDS**, our local LWML chapter, meets quarterly on Saturdays. ALL confirmed ladies of our congregation are welcome to attend our meetings!

**COMPASSIONATE CARE GROUP** - The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 18 at 10:30 a.m.

The purpose of the group is to be available for visits to those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual uplifting. The emphasis of the group is to provide loving Christian support to those in need.

Contact the Church Office at 270-843-9595 and let us know if you would benefit from a visit! Finally, let us know if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

## **BOWLING GREEN NORTH/EAST OUTREACH GROUP:**

1. **BIBLE STUDY:** We are 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.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

Contact: Corey & Megan Zirbel

**Junior Confirmation Class** - We usually meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room as part of FAITH Night. We will NOT meet during Lent. Youth are encouraged to attend the Lenten and Holy Week services with their families.

The **Koinonia Group** that meets the third Saturday of the month did not meet at the end of 2019. We would like to see who is interested in resuming the group in 2020. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex if you are interested in being a part of this Bible Study/Fellowship group.

### **PADDLING THROUGH LENT – AND LIFE**

Lent is a time for restoring balance to our lives. The Eskimos practice balance as they venture into freezing Arctic waters in little boats. If you've ever paddled a kayak, you know how easy they are to tip. Thankfully, kayaks are just as easy to turn back upright.

That isn't a bad image for Lent — or for life as a whole. Whatever spiritual disciplines we adopt, if we succumb to temptation, it's no biggie. One of the lessons of Lent is that, as long as we're traveling light, it takes only a quick twist of the paddle to right us. That paddle twist might take the form of a quick but heartfelt prayer: "Jesus, set me straight again!" Or it might mean some extra time set aside for quiet meditation with God. Don't get worried if your spiritual discipline fails now and then. Just let Jesus help you get upright once more, and keep paddling!

-adapted from Carols Wilton, in Homiletics

(Calendar posted here)