

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

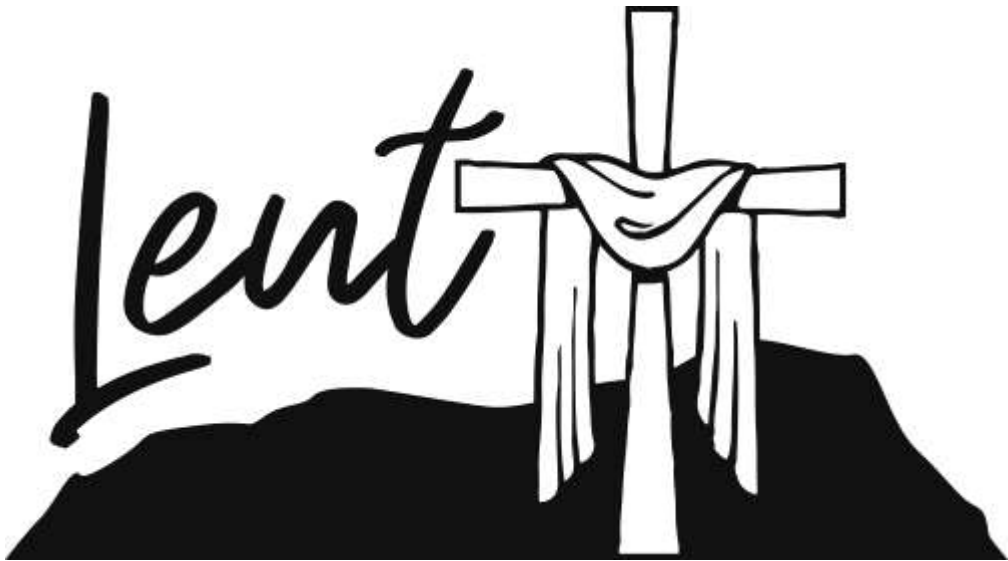
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

May God bless and guide us through the meaningful days of Lent.

SMITHS GROVE SITE - Saturdays

*Meeting at First Christian Church
(427 College St, Smiths Grove, KY)*

Bible Class: 4:00 p.m.

WORSHIP: 5:00 p.m.

BOWLING GREEN SITE - Sundays

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

Ignite! & Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m.

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.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the Ushers
at the Bowling Green site.**

TO THE MEMBERS AND VISITORS 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. Some tips for parents/guardians of children in church:

- 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.

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- 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.

WORSHIP BAGS for our young worshipers are located in the Narthex at the Bowling Green site. Please use these as needed during worship.

NURSERY AND CRY ROOM: If necessary, a nursery and cry room are available to your children. The nursery is located in the old annex area. Exit the sanctuary and follow the hallway to the left, then turn at the first hallway to the right. The nursery is no longer staffed, therefore parents may use the room as needed but must remain with their children. The nursing/cry room is located in the hallway outside the sanctuary (nearest to the Nursery room hallway). If you have any questions regarding the nursery, please contact Laurie Seavey at 270-991-1172.

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE MARCH 12, 2025

*Lord, Your cross proclaims eternal forgiveness and love.
We cannot thank You enough.*

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

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

Lutheran Service Book Pages 243-247
(Go through the prayer in the middle of the page)

Please stand

Pastor Press will sing the Leader parts.

FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Please stand for

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 22:14, 24-38

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke,
the 22nd chapter.

¹⁴ And when the hour came, [Jesus] reclined at table, and the apostles with him.

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵ And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶ But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷ For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

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²⁸ “You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹ and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹ “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, ³² but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” ³³ Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” ³⁴ Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

³⁵ And he said to them, “When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “Nothing.” ³⁶ He said to them, “But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷ For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.” ³⁸ And they said, “Look, Lord, here are two swords.” And he said to them, “It is enough.”

Liturgist: In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

People: **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

THE HYMN OF REFLECTION

L.S.B. #423

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

THE SERMON

Pastor Press

“Numbered Among the Transgressors”

Text: Luke 22:14, 24-38

THE GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offerings at the Lenten services will be distributed to our LC-MS Missionaries.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Liturgist: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.** *(This ending is used for each of the prayer bids.)*

(Prayers)

Liturgist: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Liturgist: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

(Silence for individual prayer)

Liturgist: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.

People: **To You, O Lord. Amen.**

THE LENTEN HYMN

L.S.B. #430

“My Song Is Love Unknown”
(Verses 2-4)

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

Liturgist: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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 LORD'S PRAYER

Liturgist: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

People: 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 BENEDICAMUS

Liturgist: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION

Liturgist: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

“O Dearest Jesus”
(Verses 4-5)

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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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.

*****NEW AND EXCITING!***:** Holy Trinity has a new website! This website features much of the same content as the old website but in an updated format. If you have questions about the website, please direct them to the church office. The address for the new website is:

www.htlc-bgky.com

FELLOWSHIP EVENT: Save the date and mark your calendar: something hot is coming in March! On Sunday, March 23, Holy Trinity will be having the second annual chili cook-off after second service. Entry forms are in the Narthex.

MARCH NEWSLETTERS have been distributed via email and the Narthex/Lobby. If we have an email address for you then hopefully you have already received it. If we don't have an email, a printed copy is on the table in the Narthex/Lobby for you to pick up and take home.

If you would like to receive newsletters via email please contact the church office at 270-843-9595. The **DEADLINE** for articles for the April newsletter is Saturday, March 15.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY/YOUTH NEWS

1. **DONATIONS NEEDED:** This year, we're trying something a bit different for our Easter Egg Hunt. Along with the traditional Easter Egg candy, if you'd rather donate non-candy items such as pencils, coloring books, books, etc., please drop off candy/items in the box designated for the Easter Egg Hunt in the Narthex by Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday).

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

1. **HIRING** for the 2024-2025 school year – positions are available for after school care workers. We have full-time, part-time, and substitute positions available. For information, please go to www.htlsbg.com or contact the School Office at 270-843-1001.
2. **HTLS CLOSED** for Teacher Development days Thursday, March 20 and Friday, March 21.
3. **QUEST FOR CHRIST FUNDRAISER:** This year, the school is trying something different for its annual Quest for Christ fundraiser and all church members are invited to participate if desired. The fundraiser this year is called a "calendar" fundraiser. The church has a calendar page set up at the below link, and if you wish to donate, follow the link to the calendar and pick a date you wish to donate for. The amount you donate is equal to the day of the month that you pick. So, for example, if you pick the 25th, you would donate \$25.00. You can donate online by credit card, but the school would prefer that you select your day online and then pay the school directly with cash or check. That way they don't have to pay credit card processing fees. If you have any questions about how the fundraiser works, please contact the school at 270-843-1001. The fundraiser is active now and will continue through Friday, April 4.

<https://app.teamfi.works/calendar/23978d336595>

SMITHS GROVE OUTREACH

Holy Trinity conducts worship at a second site, located in Smiths Grove (at First Christian Church, 427 College St., corner of 5th). Bible study takes place Saturday at 4:00pm, while worship is Saturday at 5:00pm. We pray that this effort enables more people to hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus' love. Thank you for your prayers and support.



Wednesday, March 19

Lenten Meal (FH) at 5:30 p.m.
by Servant Group Four
Menu: Soups

Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.
Series: "The Real Battle"

Wednesday, March 26

Lenten Meal (FH) at 5:30 p.m.
by Servant Group Five
Menu: Pizza and Dessert

Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.
Series: "Seeing Ignorance, What Do You Think?"

Wednesday, April 2

Lenten Meal (FH) at 5:30 p.m.

by Servant Group One

Menu: BBQ Chicken, Salad, Baked Beans, and Chips

Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.

Series: "Faith for a Complicated World"

Wednesday, April 9

Lenten Meal (FH) at 5:30 p.m.

by Servant Group Two

Menu: Casseroles, Salad, and Dessert

Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.

Series: "That Day – and Today!"

JESUS, THE MODEL OF SALT AND LIGHT

In Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus tells his followers, "You are the salt of the earth. ... You are the light of the world." Through his example, our Savior showed us what that means.

"The remarkable thing is that Jesus brought it all into reality in his own person," writes Bible scholar N.T. Wright in *Matthew for Everyone*. "He was the salt of the earth. He was the light of the world: set up on a hilltop, crucified for all the world to see, becoming a beacon of hope and new life for everybody, drawing people to worship his [F]ather, embodying the way of self-giving love which is the deepest [fulfillment] of the law and the prophets."