

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We're thankful you've joined us in worship. As the psalmist says, "How good it is to sing praises to our God" (Psalm 147:1, NRSV). Let's open our hearts and minds to the One who loves us, sustains us and blesses us beyond measure.

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.**

HOLY COMMUNION GUESTS

At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, we believe and teach that Jesus has given His Church the Lord's Supper to grant us forgiveness and life, gifts received solely by faith in Jesus. St. Paul says, "Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29, ESV).

In personal examination, I freely and joyfully affirm:

- 1) That I have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

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- 2) That I believe in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ as my only Savior and Redeemer;
- 3) That I remain in this baptismal faith and am not living in unrepentant sin, but desire to amend whatever is wrong in my life;
- 4) That I believe I receive in the Lord's Supper not only bread and wine, but also the true body and blood of Jesus (according to His words, "This is my body...This is my blood");
- 5) That I do not affirm the teachings of those churches which teach this is a merely symbolic meal;
- 6) That I have received basic instruction regarding the Lord's Supper and agree with this congregation's teaching and practice.

If you are a member of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation (or one in fellowship with the LCMS), we invite you to share in this Holy Communion. If you have not communed with us previously, we invite you to speak with the pastor, who will be happy to work with you toward an appropriate reception of Christ's holy meal in our midst. Even if you do not commune today, you are welcome to approach the front (arms crossed) to receive a blessing from the pastor.

NOTE: The white individual cups are dealcoholized wine.

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.
- 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."

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- 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).

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 7 & 8, 2026

Lord, teach me to love in action today. "Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth" (1 John 3:18, NIV).

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

(3)

Please stand

Entrance Hymn

825 Rise, Shine, You People

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.
- 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
His new creation.

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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- A In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation *LSB 184*

- A 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.
- A Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

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- A I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

Confession of Sins *LSB 184*

- A 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.**

Absolution *LSB 185*

- 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (Smiths Grove site)

Sloane Isabell Hendrix

Service of the Word

Introit (Congregation responses are in bold)

Psalm 119

Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes!

How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.

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With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not wander from your commandments!

I have stored up your word in my heart,

that I might not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord;

teach me your statutes!

With my lips I declare

all the rules of your mouth.

In the way of your testimonies I delight

as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts

and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes;

I will not forget your word.

Gloria Patri *LSB 186*

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.**

Kyrie *LSB 186*

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

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

C **Glory be to God on high:
and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 58:3–9a*

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶“Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;

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the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 Corinthians 2:1–16*

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

*“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—*

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Alleluia *LSB 190*
C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *Matthew 5:13–20*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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;**

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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 T of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Pastor Ristau

Hymn of the Day

563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.

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- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

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Sermon

Pastor Ristau

“Christ Didn’t Come to Destroy the Law, But to Fulfill It”

Text: Matthew 5:13-20

Votum

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C **Amen.**

Please stand

Offertory

- 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.**

Please be seated

Offering

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If you have questions, contact David King (270-438-6263).

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 194*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Proper Preface

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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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.
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*

**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 Words of Our Lord *LSB 197*

- 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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *LSB 197*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

- 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, saying:

Left Column *LSB 199*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal *LSB 199*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

C **Amen.**

Distribution Hymns

873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise;
Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets

- 1 God has spoken by His prophets,
Spoken His unchanging Word;
Each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil,
One firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, His throne eternal;
God the first, and God the last.
- 2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory,
With the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word Incarnate,
God of God, before time was;
Light of Light, to earth descending,
He reveals our God to us.
- 3 God is speaking by His Spirit,
Speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word declaring
His own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, His Word unchanging;
God the first, and God the last.

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Please stand

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.**

Post-Communion Collect

- 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.**

Salutation *LSB 201*

- 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 T give you peace.
C **Amen, amen, amen.**

Closing Hymn

782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

- 1 Gracious God, You send great blessings
 New each morning all our days.
 For Your mercies never ending,
 For Your love we offer praise. Refrain
- ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people
 Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
 Through the sharing of Your blessings
 May bring glory to Your name.

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2 By Your Word You formed creation
Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure
May our care encircle all. Refrain

ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

3 In His earthly life, our Savior
Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
Offer love that never ends. Refrain

4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! Refrain

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THE CLOSING STATEMENT

Pastor: Go now into your mission field.
People: **We go with Jesus and with joy.**

THE POSTLUDE

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++ OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES IN OUR DAILY SERVICE ++

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The Church office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, February 16 in observance of President's Day.

If you have a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Ristau at (307) 301-9040 or harold.ristau@htlc-bg.org.

ADULT CLASS - Smiths Grove site
Pastor Ristau's Bible Study

EDUCATION CLASSES – Bowling Green site

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY:

Ignite Sunday School is a combined multi-age class for PreK through 5th grade that meets in the Ignite room (012) each Sunday at 9:15am.
We hope you can join us!

ABLAZE:

Ablaze is a place where students in grades 6th-12th can engage in deep conversations and grow in their relationship with God.
Join us on Sundays at 9:15am in EO-201 upstairs.

ADULT CLASS:

Pastor Ristau’s Bible Study

OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

BG site:	The Church at Study	47	The Church at Worship	172
SG site:	The Church at Study	0	The Church at Worship	0
TOTAL		47*		172*

*There was no Bible study or worship service at Smiths Grove due to ice in the parking lot.

SERVING THIS WEEK – BG Site

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Greeters:	Marly & Deb Hiatt	Dan & Jackie Blindauer
Readers:	Bart White	Marsha Holm
Acolytes:	Quinn Otto	A.J. Simpson
A/V Assistants:	Michael Moore	A.J. Zirbel
Altar Guild:	Patti Stuckwisch	Geneva Bentley
		Diane Thorpe
Communion Assts:	Peter Brandt	Aaron Witherspoon
PowerPoint Preparation:	Elizabeth Nehm	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Feb	9	Sue Banister	9	Eva White
	10	Laurie Seavey	11	Stephanie Wood
	12	Jake Donohue	14	Ellen Birdwell

Next week's scripture readings are:

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 24:8-18

THE EPISTLE: 2 Peter 1:16-21

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

SERVING NEXT WEEK – BG Site

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Greeters:	Peter & Cindy Brandt	Geneva Bentley
Readers:	Desiree Trudy	Heather Rathert
Acolytes:	Huntley Moore	Sydney Davenport
A/V Assistants:	Michael Hartwein	Ayden Witherspoon
Altar Guild:	Patti Stuckwisch	Geneva Bentley
		Diane Thorpe
Communion Assts:	Peter Brandt	Aaron Witherspoon
PowerPoint Preparation:	Elizabeth Nehm	

The acolyte for the Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm is: Vera Fritz

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 Saturdays or Sundays.

CHILDREN'S/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

1. **IGNITE**: The youth event that was scheduled for Sunday, February 8 has been canceled.
2. Juanita Linhardt and Heidi Lindsey are updating the Confirmation photo boards and are needing photos of the different classes from 2012 and 2018-present. If your child was confirmed during this period and you have a photo of the entire class, please contact Juanita (270-779-4525) or Heidi (270-991-1473). Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP EVENT: The February fellowship event is White Elephant Bingo. This will be on Friday, February 13 starting at 5:30pm. Bring your wrapped prizes, a dessert if you signed up for it, and a friend. Sign up now in the Narthex so we know how much pizza to get. Bring the whole family and come have fun! The deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 8. Questions can be directed to Jackie Blindauer at 920-207-9185.

GOOD NEWS! Our senior pastor, Harold Ristau has arrived and is already preaching. Pastor Ristau's installation date is Sunday, February 15 at 4:00pm. There will be a potluck after the service. Pulled pork and chicken from Mission BBQ will be served and everyone coming is asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 8.

FEBRUARY 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 March newsletter is Sunday, February 15.

FROM THE BOARD: We are looking for nominations for synodical officers. The specific positions are president, first vice president, and regional vice president (Central Region). The president and first vice president can be any LCMS pastor. Regional vice president must be from the Central Region, which includes our district. Nominations should be given to any board member, or turned into Elizabeth in the office, no later than Tuesday, February 17, so the board of directors can take appropriate action at our next meeting. Thanks, Elizabeth

HTLS NEWS

1. The school will be **closed** on Monday, February 16 for President's Day.
2. The school will be having a fundraiser night at Blaze Pizza (2825 Scottsville Rd/BG) on Tuesday, February 17 from 4:00-9:00pm. If ordering online, use the code FUNDA. Thank you for your support!

ICHTHYS FOUNDATION: The Ichthys foundation is a ministry that helps people in third world countries escape religious persecution. They are having two fundraisers in February. Both are at Blaze Pizza. The first is on Monday, February 23 from 4:00-7:00pm. The online code for this fundraiser is FUNDB. The second is on Friday, February 27, also from 4:00-7:00pm. The online code for this fundraiser is FUNDA.

LWML NEWS

The LWML Prayer Service for 2026 will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church (211 S 21st St/Paducah, KY) on Friday, March 6 at 12:00pm. A salad luncheon will be served immediately following the service. The theme for this year's prayer services is **"P.R.A.Y.E.R."** (Praise, Remember, Ask, Yield, Excitement, Rejoice).

Our Ministry This Week

<i>Sunday</i> February 8	8:00am 9:15am 10:30am 12:30-2:30pm	Worship – C Ignite! & Bible Classes Worship – C Mara (Burmese) service (S/Ignite Rm)
<i>Monday</i> February 9	5:30-7:30pm 6:00pm	Fencing Club (Private) (FH) Lutheran Schools Ministry Team Mtg (EO-123)
<i>Tuesday</i> February 10	9:30am	Men's/Women's Bible Study (CR/EO-110)
<i>Wednesday</i> February 11	8:30am 5:15pm 6:00pm	HTLS Chapel (S) Sanctuary Praise Choir (S) Fuel & Friends (EO-201)
<i>Thursday</i> February 12		
<i>Friday</i> February 13	8:00am-12:00pm 1:00-3:00pm 5:30pm 8:00pm	HTLS PLC Day Grades K-6 HTLS K-6 Teachers Professional Development White Elephant Bingo (FH) Set-up for Pastor Ristau's Installation (FH)
<i>Saturday</i> February 14	4:00pm 5:00pm	Smiths Grove Bible Study Smiths Grove Worship – C <i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i>
<i>Sunday</i> February 15	8:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am 12:30-2:30pm 4:00pm 5:00pm	Worship – C Ignite! & Bible Classes Worship – C Outreach Ministry Team Meeting (EO-110) Mara (Burmese) service (S/Ignite Rm) Pastor Ristau's Installation Service Potluck Following Installation Service (FH)