

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

It was the children on Palm Sunday who cheered the loudest.
They loved him simply because they knew how much he loved them.
If by chance your faith has lost its childlike simplicity, we hope that this hour of
worship will restore it to you. And we offer our friendship to help in the restoration.

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

553 Ashmoor Ave

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

Ignite! & Bible Classes: 9:30 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 red attendance folder at the end of your pew 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).

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In personal examination, I freely and joyfully affirm:

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

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- 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).

Hosanna in the highest! Lord Jesus, as we remember your triumphal entry, prepare our hearts to welcome you with joy and humility. Clear away our distractions so we may follow you in both triumph and trial. May our worship today honor you, our gracious King. Amen.

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 and face the processional cross at the back of the church.

Procession of Palms

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

Collect

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Holy Gospel *John 12:12–19*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P ¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

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¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of the Lord.**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Entrance Hymn LSB 443

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Confession and Absolution

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

L In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

L 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.

L Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

L 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.

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L 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.**

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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26 (congregation responses are in **bold**)*

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Kyrie *LSB 186*

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 50:4–9a*

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?

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Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.
⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Philippians 2:5–11*

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Holy Gospel *Matthew 27:11–66*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.
C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

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¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” ¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.”

²²Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³And he said, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” ³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself!

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If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,⁴² “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.”⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”

⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink.⁴⁹ But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

⁵⁵ There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him,⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus.⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶² Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate⁶³ and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’

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⁶⁴Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

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;
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.**

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**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 + of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated

Children's Message

Pastor Ristau

The Hymn of the Day LSB 441

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

Sermon

Pastor Ristau

Message: “The King Comes to Serve”

Text: Philippians 2:5-11

Please stand

Offertory LSB 192

**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

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.**

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, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

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*

C **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 + 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."

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:

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:

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

C Amen.

The Distribution Hymns (BG site only)

LSB 442 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

LSB 617 “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

LSB 430 “My Song is Love Unknown”

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.

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.

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 + give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

The Closing Hymn **LSB 444**

“No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”

The Postlude

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The church office will be open on Easter Monday, April 6. Elizabeth will be on vacation the following week, Monday, April 13 – Friday, April 17. Nancy Melke will be working in the office during normal office hours on Monday April 13 – Wednesday, April 15. After that, the office will be closed. Please contact Pastor Ristau if you have a pastoral need 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 **9:30am**.

We hope you can join us!

ABLAZE:

Ablaze is a place where students in grades 6th-8th can engage in deep conversations and grow in their relationship with God.

Join us on Sundays at **9:30am** in EO-201 upstairs.

ADULT CLASS:

Pastor Ristau’s Bible Study

OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

BG site:	The Church at Study	43	The Church at Worship	176
SG site:	The Church at Study	8	The Church at Worship	17
TOTAL		51		193

Attendance at the Lenten Service: 82

SERVING THIS WEEK – BG Site

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Greeters:	Craig & Jodi Praxl	Dan & Jackie Blindauer
Readers:	Desiree Trudy & Nelson Feliciano	Sheryl Morris & Nelson Feliciano
Acolytes:	Quinn Otto	Ellie Hiskey
A/V Assistants:	Michael Moore	Ayden Witherspoon
Altar Guild:	Sue Banister	Megan Zirbel
	Janet Bryant	Georgie Zirbel
Communion Assts:	Jerome Jascur	TBD
The acolyte for the Maundy Thursday service at 6:30pm is: Liam Payne		
The acolyte for the Good Friday service at 7:00pm is: Stella Jones		

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Mar	29	Kelly Rubican	30	Bernie Schewe
	31	Connie Press		
Apr	1	Greg Bergmann	1	April Owens
	2	Neisha Schadwill	4	Dane Rubican

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Mar 30 Nicholas & Bethany Boeneke

Next week's scripture readings are:

THE FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

THE EPISTLE: Colossians 3:1-4

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

SERVING NEXT WEEK – BG Site

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Greeters:	Craig & Jodi Praxl	David & Laurie Jurgens
Readers:	Cindy Brandt	Steve Brooks
Acolytes:	Huntley Moore	A.J. Simpson
A/V Assistants:	Michael Hartwein	Ayden Witherspoon
Altar Guild:	Patti Stuckwisch	Sheryl Morris Jackie Blindauer
Communion Assts:	Michael Hartwein	Jason Owens

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.

LWML NEWS

March 29 is the first LWML Mite Box Sunday of 2026. We hope that you have been saving your loose change over the past few months for this offering.

Your generosity, combined with the nationwide Mites donations, continue to fund LWML Mission Grants such as: Christ Centered Hope for Cancer Patients; Healing Your Heart – Faith Based Child Counseling; and Arch Books for Immigrant Children in the USA.

Mite Boxes for your coins are available in the Narthex. Thank you.

LENTEN OFFERINGS: All offerings collected at our mid-week Lenten services will be shared among our missionaries. Starting with Ash Wednesday and continuing through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, the HTLC Board of Directors has decided to donate the entire mid-week service offerings to our supported missionaries, as we have in past years.

BIBLE STUDY: The Tuesday Men's Bible study will **not** meet on Tuesday, March 31.

HTLS NEWS

1. **MARCH FUNDRAISER:** The school's March fundraiser will be a skate night at BG Skate (506 Three Springs Rd/BG) on Tuesday, March 31 from 5:00-9:00pm.
2. HTLS will be **CLOSED** Friday, April 3 for Good Friday and Monday April, 6 – Friday, April 10 for Spring Break.
3. **HELP WANTED:**
 - a. The preschool is hiring substitute teachers. Please contact the school office at 270-843-1001 or Heather Carroll if you are interested in subbing.
 - b. The school is also hiring for its summer camp staff. Please contact the school office or Felicia Brumfield if you are interested.

REMODELING COMING SOON: The tiles of the Sanctuary and Narthex area need to be replaced due to asbestos glue underneath. The church is taking the opportunity to repaint the Sanctuary and replace the tiles. The Sanctuary will then be out of use for most of the summer. Beginning sometime in May, we will be having one service in the Fellowship Hall for approximately ten weeks. Exact dates will be provided as soon as we know them. Having lots of people in the gym will allow for better sound quality, as well as foster a special opportunity for those who attend different services to worship together and get to know one another better. The joint service time will be 9:00am, followed by fellowship of coffee and donuts at 10:15-10:30am. A light Bible study or special presentation will follow from 10:30-11:00am. Sunday School for the children will also begin at 10:30 after a time of fellowship.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility. We hope that you will continue to worship with us regularly and faithfully in spite of this development, and if you have questions about the sound quality or other logistical concerns, please speak with the leadership of the congregation and we will do our best to accommodate those needs.

FELLOWSHIP EVENT: The fellowship event for April will be a Sock Hop, on Friday, April 24 starting at 6:30pm. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, April 19. Put on your saddle shoes or go go boots and come join us for a night of dancing. Not a dancer? That is ok – come listen to the music, spend time with friends, and visit the snack area. Don't forget to dress in the 1950s/60s if you like. A free will offering will be taken to be used towards the cost of the new round tables that will be used for the first time that night. Questions can be directed to Jackie Blindauer (920-207-9185) or Janese Cleary (931-801-1443).

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 12 at 3:30pm at the residence of David and Susan Justus (they live out in the forest about 20 minutes from church; 258 Delane Flora Rd/BG). This would include a walk, a study, a dinner, and possibly a campfire. Please let Pastor Ristau or Elizabeth know by Wednesday, April 8 if you are interested in attending.



CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

ROOSTER — The rooster reminds us of Peter’s threefold denial of Jesus on the night of his trial (Matthew 26:34, NIV). Because of this, it often symbolizes human weakness and faithlessness—especially when faith is tested. Yet, the rooster also calls to mind watchfulness. Its early-morning crowing echoes Jesus’ words about being alert for his return: “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn” (Mark 13:35, NIV).

SERMON NOTES

Our Ministry This Week

<i>Sunday</i>	8:00am	Palm Sunday Worship – C
March 29	9:30am	Ignite! & Bible Classes
	10:30am	Palm Sunday Worship – C
	12:30-2:30pm	Mara (Burmese) service (S/Ignite Rm)

LWML Mite Box Sunday

<i>Monday</i>	5:30-7:30pm	Fencing Club (Private) (FH)
March 30		

<i>Tuesday</i>	9:30am	Women’s Bible Study (EO-110)
March 31		

HTLS Fundraiser Night: BG Skate 5:00-9:00pm

<i>Wednesday</i>	8:30am	HTLS Chapel (S)
April 1	5:15pm	Sanctuary Praise Choir (S)
	6:30pm	Renovation Team Meeting (EO-110)

<i>Thursday</i>	3:15pm	HTLS Staff Meeting (EO-110)
April 2	6:30pm	Maundy Thursday Worship – C

<i>Friday</i>		HTLS Closed for Good Friday
April 3	7:00pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

<i>Saturday</i>	9:00am-12:00pm	Setup for Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt (FH)
April 4	4:00pm	Smiths Grove Bible Study
	5:00pm	Smiths Grove Easter Vigil Worship – C

<i>Sunday</i>	6:30am	Easter Sunrise Worship
April 5	7:00-10:00am	Easter Breakfast (FH)
	8:00am	Easter Festival Worship – C
	9:30am	Easter Egg Hung (FH)
	10:30am	Easter Festival Worship – C
	12:30-2:30pm	Mara (Burmese) service (S/Ignite Rm)
