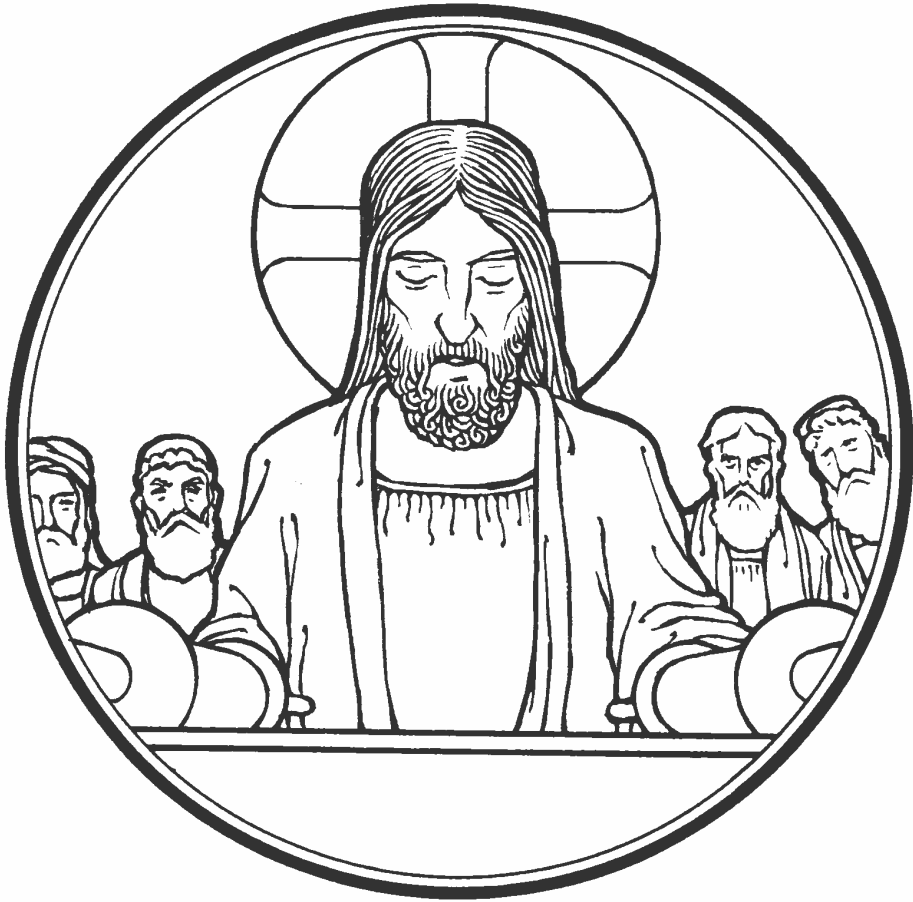


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

“Knowing, Loving, Sharing Christ”



The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, January 26th, 2025 | 11:00am

WELCOME

Welcome in the Name of our Lord Jesus! We are glad to have you here today to share in God's gifts to us in Word and Sacrament. If you are a visitor and would like more information about Holy Trinity, please see an usher or one of our clergy. We will be delighted to talk to you!

Holy Communion is offered to all the baptized who believe in Christ's real presence in the Sacrament. **Hearing assistance devices** are available ~ please see an usher.

Parents of Young Children:

- We offer a staffed nursery for infants through children 5 years old, if you desire. Please see an usher for more information.
- "Worship Bags" are available for younger children to use during worship. Please ask an usher for more information

PRELUDE

MATTHEW NOONAN, ORGANIST

Praeludium und Fuga in h (Prelude and Fugue in b minor), BWV 544
by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

~ Please stand as able. The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism. ~

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

~Please kneel as you are able~

~Silence for self-examination and reflection~

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to
all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen

~ The officiant, kneeling, prays ~

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be
cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. Through Jesus Christ,
our Lord.
Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN:**LBW 90 – SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE**

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



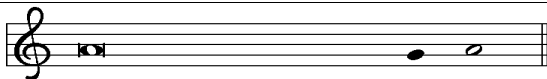
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

APOSTOLIC GREETING

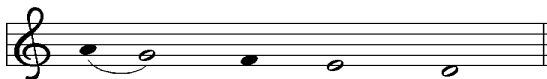
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

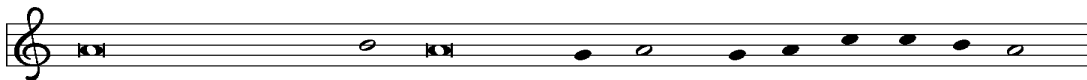
KYRIE & GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



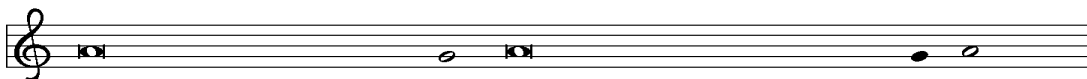
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



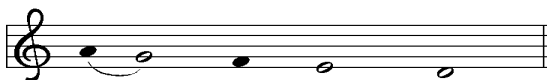
Lord, have mer - cy.



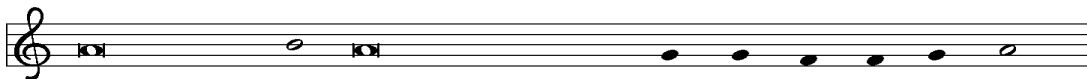
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men.



A Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



G Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- migh- ty God and Fa - ther:



We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.



Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a- way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.



For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,



you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir- it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic right hand, and satisfy us with his glory. We ask through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

THE FIRST LESSON:

NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from Nehemiah, the eighth chapter.

¹All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

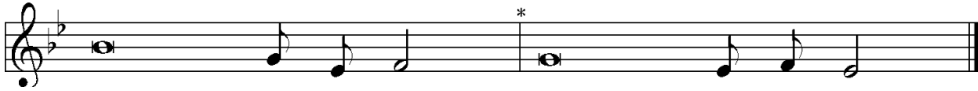
⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Chancel Choir: *You have the words of eternal life.*



- ¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the firmament | shows his handiwork.
- ²**One day tells its tale | to another,***
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.
- ³Although they have no | words or language,*
and their voices | are not heard,
- ⁴**Their sound has gone out in- | to all lands,***
and their message to the ends | of the world.
- ⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion | for the sun;*
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
- ⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**
and runs about to the end of | it again;*
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.
- ⁷The law of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;*
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the innocent.
- ⁸**The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;***
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.
- ⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;*
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.
- ¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,***
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.
- ¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,*
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
- ¹²**Who can tell how often | he offends?***
cleanse me from my | secret faults.
- ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion |
over me;*
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.
- ¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable**
| in your sight,*
O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be fore - | ver. Amen.
- Chancel Choir: *You have the words of eternal life.*

A reading from 1 Corinthians, the twelfth chapter.

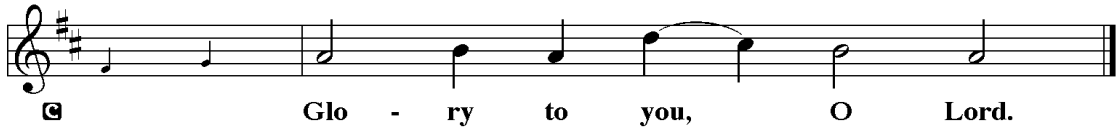
¹²Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

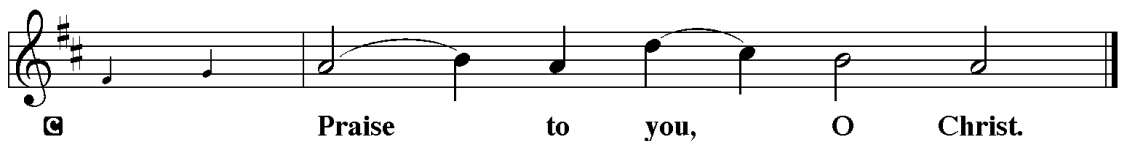
Alleluia. Jesus went all about | Galilee,
teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. | Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.



¹⁶{Jesus} came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Physician, heal yourself." What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." ²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON**SEMINARIAN CODY CARPENTER**

Be sure to fill out the "Sermon Notes" page, write your name, and drop it in the offering plate for a chance to win lunch with (and by!) Pastor Ryan and Cody.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY**LBW 380 – O CHRIST, OUR LIGHT, O RADIANCE TRUE**

1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
 lost in er - ror's maze. En - light - en those whose se - cret
 way the child - ish fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
 ev - er to re - joice with wond - 'ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
 minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 press the faith their se - cret hearts con - fess.
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

~Please be seated~

Disciples of Holy Trinity give generously and sacrificially of their first fruits to support the work of God in the world. Your offerings here allow the life-changing ministries of Holy Trinity to continue and grow. If you are a first-time guest today, you are not expected to contribute but you may do so if you desire.

OFFERTORY

CHANCEL CHOIR

Eternal Light, Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

~Please stand as able ~



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

~Please stand as able~

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now boldly pray:

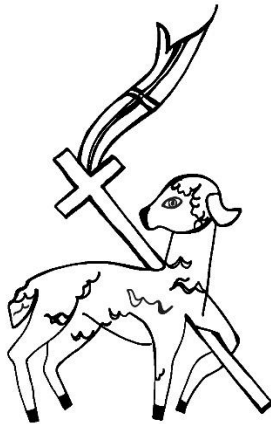
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us, the Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

Amen.

Our Lamb has conquered!



RECESSIONAL HYMN: LBW 259 – LORD DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

MATTHEW NOONAN, ORGANIST

Psalm XIX, by Benedetto Marcello (ca.1686-1739)

ALTAR FLOWERS

*To the Glory of God and in honor of our country, the United States of America,
by John and Charlotte Sautner.*

IN OUR PRAYERS...

- **For those impacted by the wildfires in California.**
- **Terry Sain**, cousin of Harriett and Elizabeth Lethermon, under Hospice care
- **Jann Green-Webb**, having part two of her back surgery
- **Christine Smith**, under Hospice care
- **Angela Gibert**, Darlene Harper's niece, experiencing health challenges
- **Judy Zander**, recovering from knee replacement
- **Cissy Belton**, for ongoing gastro-intestinal issues.
- **Robert**, for his overall wellbeing
- **For all caregivers to the sick and infirm**
- **For friends and family dealing with cancer:** John Barreto, Peggy Kies, Alisha Woody, Marque Jabbar, Gene Keller, Doug McSpadden, Kelly Palmer, LaRae Campbell, Dennis Christman, Maria Brimmer, Pastor Kristen Phillips, Barbara Zinke, Rebecca Cloninger, Alex Melvin, Dean Lawson, Melanie Henry, Beth Rudin, Julie Hill, Jim Siedel, Teresa Hartman, Kelly Powell, Octavia Glenn, Margo Schopper, LeaAnn Buckwell, Tina Heracklis, Braxton Morris
- **Homebound:** Caroline Banker, Pinkney Froneberger, Paul Kaiser, Janie Norton, Kathy Wallace, Iris Work
- **Family and friends actively serving in the military:** Braeden Lawing, Brett Boyd, Logan Cape, Mae Dodd, Josh Holland, Andrew Lambert, Luke Saylor, Liam Overby, Ryan Wallace, Jacob Lawing
- **For healthcare workers and first responders:** William Niemeyer, Chuck and Bridget Niemeyer, Beth Michaels, Melodie Garrison, Kailey Hinds, Cindy Isenhour, Lynn Ledbetter, Anna Murphy, Reggie Parlier, Jennifer Sutley, Jon Michael Brackett
- **Robin Simmons**, for her health
- **All the persecuted**, including Leah Sharibu
- **All missionaries**, including the Thorstad family and the Voice of the Martyrs
- **For those outside the Church**, that they may be brought to faith in Christ Jesus

- **For the youth and children of Holy Trinity**, for the Holy Spirit to guide them
- **For all our ministry partners**, and for the Holy Spirit to stir us up to serve our neighbors in need
- **College Christian ministries**, and the establishment of one at Gaston College
- **For the North American Lutheran Seminary System and for an increase in vocations to the ministry**
- **For our Bishop, Dan, our dean, Steven, and for all clergy and people of the Carolinas Mission Region**

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Monday, January 27th:	Pastor Ryan and Cody - Out of Office Work Crew, 9:30am
Tuesday, January 28th:	Pastor Ryan and Cody - Out of Office Veteran's Lunch, 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study, 6:30pm
Wednesday, January 29th:	Pastor Ryan and Cody – Out of Office Choir, 6:30pm
Thursday, January 30th:	Pastor Ryan and Cody - Out of Office
Friday, January 31st:	Bulletin Crew, 9:30am
Saturday, February 1st:	
Sunday, January 2nd:	Regular Sunday Schedule Circle of Patience, 12:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ryan and Cody will be away this week. They will be in San Antonio, TX for the NALC's annual clergy retreat and will return to the office on Friday. If you need pastoral care, please contact Father Jeremiah Caughran from Grace Anglican at **(423) 773-6222**.

Welcome to Our New Office Administrator! Amber brings a wealth of experience, a heart for service, and a joyful spirit to our team. Please join us in giving Amber a warm Holy Trinity welcome! Feel free to stop by the office to introduce yourself and say hello. We are so excited for the blessings she will bring to our church community!

Coffee Hour at Gilmore's Mercantile: Pastor Ryan and Cody Carpenter invite you to join them for a time of fellowship and meaningful conversation over coffee at Gilmore's Mercantile (137 E. Franklin Blvd) every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect, ask questions, and share in the joys and challenges of life together. Come as you are and bring a friend!

Souper Bowl Offering: On Super Bowl Sunday, **February 9th**, our youth group will collect a special offering at both services. The money we collect will be given to Displaced Roses to help with their ministry.

Veteran's Lunch on Tuesday, January 28th: All veterans, active-duty service members, and your friends are invited for lunch. We will gather from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to share in fellowship.

Men's Ministry Outing to Top Golf on February 8th at 5 pm: The Men's Ministry is gathering for a time of fellowship and fun at Top Golf (Charlotte – University, 9110 Drivers Way, Charlotte, NC). Please let us know if you need a ride, a group will leave the church around 4 pm. We would love to see you there! Come as you are and bring a friend!

Save the date! Our next blood drive is **February 24th** from 2:00pm-6:30pm. Contact Charlotte Sautner at (704) 860-3399 to sign up.



Upcoming birthdays to celebrate: Carla Oakes, Charlotte Sautner (1/26), Iris Work (1/27), Gary Linsenmayer (1/29), John Peoples (1/31), Lee Allen (2/1), & Janet Green (2/2). **Happy birthday to you all!**

Sermon Notes:

Where did you hear the Law?

Remember "SOS," *Shows our Sin*

Where did you hear the Gospel?

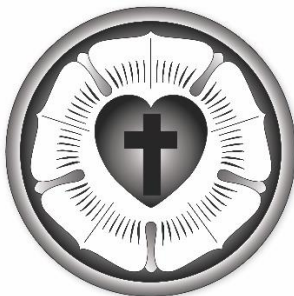
Remember "SOS," *Shows our Savior*

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters: Steve & Marsha McLamb
Ushers: Dale Christman & Dennis Christman
Lector: Grant Sparks
Prayer Leader: Richard DeFreitas
Communion Assistants: Betty Blalock & Grant Sparks
Church Offering: Donna Allen, Lee Stadther
Altar Flower Delivery: Anita Stiles

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