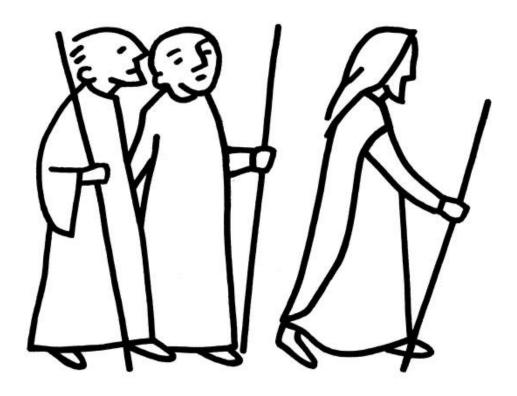
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

"Knowing, Loving and Sharing Christ"



January 14, 2024 | 11:00 am

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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 our community, 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 3 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

Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn (The Only Son from Heaven), by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn, by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn, by Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703)

Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn, by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

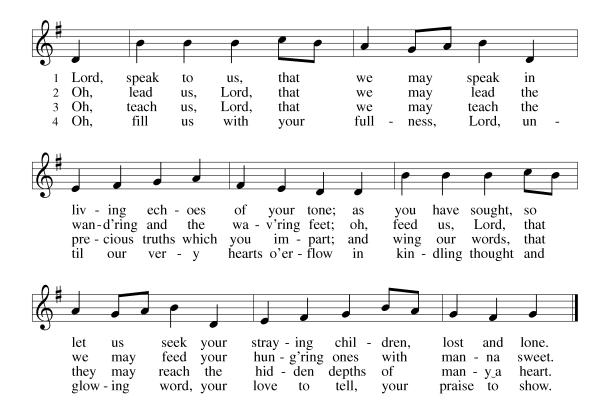
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

~ Please stand as able ~

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (236)
- C Amen
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- \sim Silence for personal confession \sim Please Kneel as Able \sim
- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen
- P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C. Amen



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

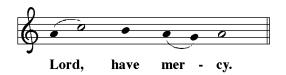


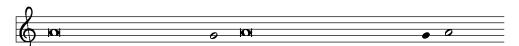
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





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





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



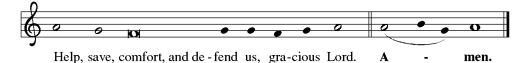
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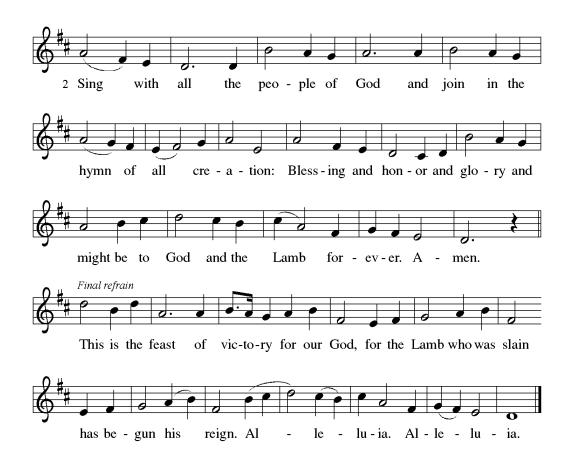
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





THIS IS THE FEAST





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people's prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

 \sim Please be seated \sim

WORD

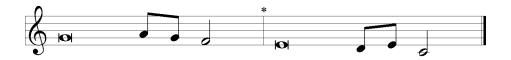
The First Lesson 1 Samuel 3:1-20

A reading from First Samuel, the 3rd chapter.

¹The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" 5 and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. 6And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. 9Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears." So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." [11Then the Lord said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. 13 And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever." ¹⁵Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." 17 And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." 18So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the Lord. Let him do what seems good to him." 19And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



¹Lord, you have searched me | out and known me;*

you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts | from afar.

²You trace my journeys and my | resting places* and are acquainted with | all my ways.

³Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,* but you, O Lord, know it | altogether.

⁴You press upon me behind | and before* and lay your | hand upon me.

⁵Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;* it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.

⁶Where can I go then | from your Spirit?* where can I flee | from your presence?

⁷If I climb up to heaven, | you are there;*
if I make the grave my bed, you | are there also.

⁸If I take the wings | of the morning* and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,

⁹Even there your | hand will lead me* and your right hand | hold me fast.

THE SECOND LESSON:

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

A reading from First Corinthians, the 6th chapter

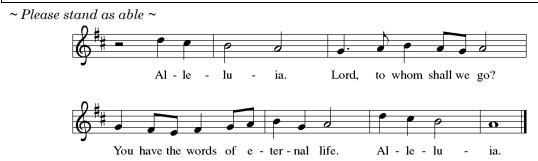
¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" — and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷But

he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL READING

John 1:43-51

The holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

~ Please stand as able ~

Hymn of the Day:

He Leadeth Me



- 1 He lead eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
- 2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E den's bow-ers bloom,
- 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev er mur mur nor re pine;
- 4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,



What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me. by wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me. con - tent, what-ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me. e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

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~

MEAL

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

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.

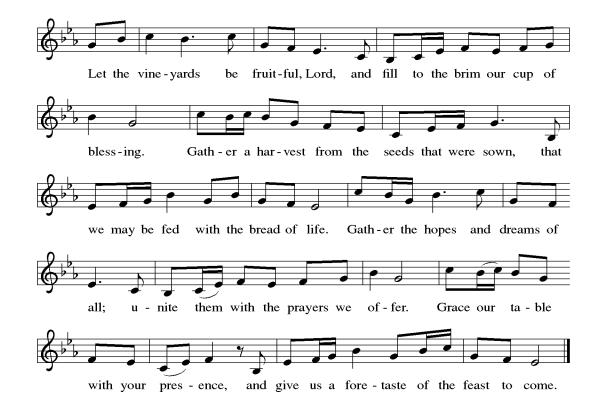
Offertory Chancel Choir

"As With Gladness, Men of Old"

W. Chatterton Dix, Text Conrad Kocher, Composer

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

~Please stand as able ~



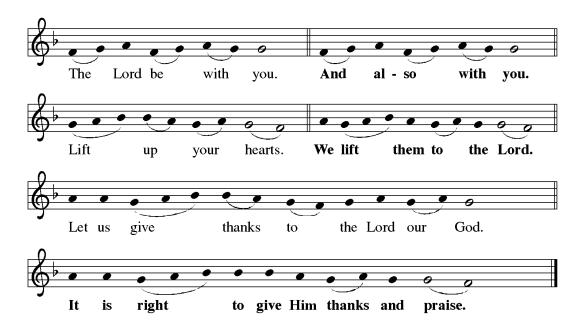
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

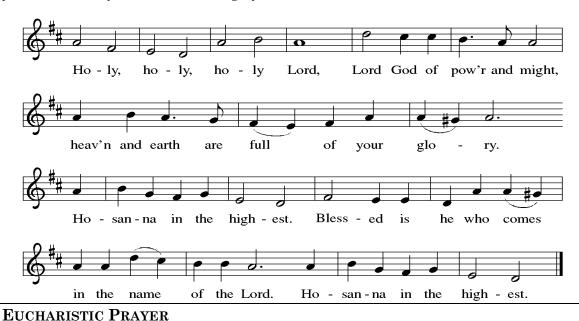
Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious low. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

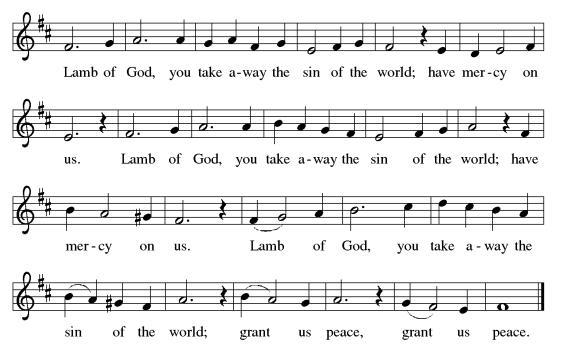
Thanks be to God!

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

~ Please be seated ~

All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood. Holy Communion will be administered kneeling at the altar rail. Please pick up an empty cup as you approach the altar. If you are not receiving Holy Communion today, you are invited to come and receive a blessing. Simply fold your arms across your chest. If you are unable to approach the altar please inform an usher, and ministers will bring the sacrament to you near the end of the distribution.

AGNUS DEI



After all have returned to their place, the minister will invite all to stand and then say these or similar words:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

POST- COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

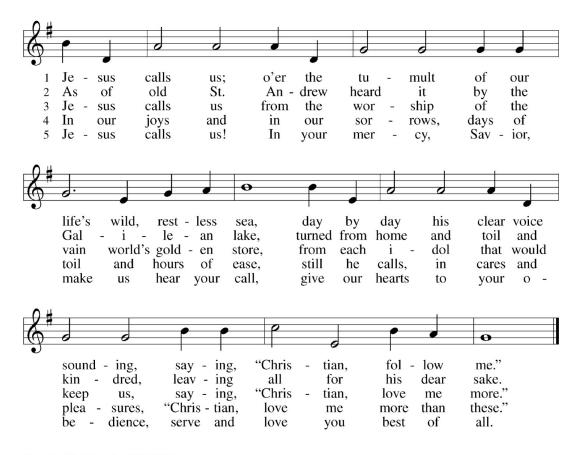
SENDING

BENEDICTION

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

In the name of the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult



Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1823–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace: Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Matthew Noonan, Organist

Now Thank We All Our God,

by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) and Virgil Fox (1912-1980)

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Dawn Goodwin, sister of Darlene Harper, for healing and recovery from kidney failure
- **Mike Dubler**, son of Dick Dubler and husband of Renee, for healing and recovery from recent heart catheterization
- The family of Ann Riggs, at her death on 12/25/23
- Charlene Goltz, successful surgery to remove liver tumor on January 10th, and speedy healing and recovery
- Cindy Garrison, recovering from surgery on her broken ankle
- **Jann Green-Webb**, daughter of James and Janet Green, recovering from invasive surgery for the insertion of nerve block stimulator in her back
- Linda Dulin, neighbor of Judy & Ken Weatherford, recovering from knee surgery
- The family of Greg Dills, at the loss of Greg's mother on December 11th
- Clark Davenport, a family member of Clay Mathews, healing from stroke
- The family of Julio Ruiseco, uncle of Ana Barreto-Mathews, upon his death
- Belinda Chzanowski, cousin of Elizabeth & Harriet Lethermon, grieving the loss of husband, Alan Chzanowski
- For friends and family dealing with cancer: Jim Siedel, Teresa Hartman, Renee Dubler, Kelly Powell, Octavia Glenn, Margo Schopper, Chad Barnes, Lauren Bryant, LeaAnn Buckwell, Bob Burleson, Jackson Hall, Tina Heracklis, Artie McGlohon, Braxton Morris, Dennis Zander
- **Homebound:** Caroline Banker, Pinkney Froneberger, Rob Frye, Dell Guffey, Paul Kaiser, Janie Norton, Kathy Wallace, Iris Work
- Family and friends actively serving in the military: Brett Boyd, Eric Cooper, Mae Dodd, Josh Holland, Andrew Lambert, Luke Saylors, Liam Overby, Ryan Wallace, Jacob Lawing
- For healthcare workers: Chuck and Bridget Niemeyer, Beth Michaels, Melodie Garrison, Kailey Hinds, Cindy Isenhour, Lynn Ledbetter, Anna Murphy, Reggie Parlier, Jennifer Sutley
- Robin Simmons, for her health
- · That the world would value the dignity of all life
- For peace in the world and in our homes
- · Leah Sharibu, and all the persecuted
- The Voice of the Martyrs
- The Thorstad family and all missionaries
- 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 our ministry partner, Displaced Roses, and for the Holy Spirit to stir us up to serve our neighbors in need
- For the North American Lutheran Seminary System and for an increase in vocations to the ministry
- The Call Committee: Tia Abernathy, Donna Allen, Sam Black, Leisa Brown, Bill Eaker, Janet Green, Glenn Rupp, Grant Sparks, Grace Young, Bruce Zander
- For our Bishop, Dan, our dean, Steven, and for all clergy and people of the Carolinas Mission Region

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Fanny McAlister by a friend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Baptism Today we welcome into the Lord's family Sydney Marie Cate. She is the daughter of Adam and Terri Cate and her brother, Liam. Sydney's Godparents are Joseph Carter (Terri's brother) and Hannah Frazier. May the Lord bless Sydney as she grows in His love and wisdom.

Altar Flowers There is still time to sponsor a bouquet for next Sunday, 1/21/24! Signup on the chart in the Narthex.

2024 Offering Envelopes Get yours in the Connector! Mark the number listed on your chosen envelope next to your name in the black labeled binder. This will help us internally track who received one, and who needs one. Thanks!

Holy Trinity Directory There is a printed copy in the Connector. Please review for accuracy and submit any/all changes needed via the QR code adjacent to it. Thanks!

Church Membership Course On February 11, 2024, Pastor will start teaching a New Member and Congregational Refresher Course. We will examine Lutherans and the Lutheran Church. A complete study of the Lutheran liturgy, basic Lutheran Theology, a short history of the Reformer Martin Luther, and The Seasons of the Church Year. All are welcome to come to the PLC at 9:45 am to experience this basic course in Lutheranism.

NALC Pastor's Retreat Cody will be attending an off-site pastoral retreat in Orlando, FL from 1/15/24-1/17/24 and will not be in the office during this time.

Ladies Bible Study will kick-off on 1/16/24 via Zoom and will be held in person on Tuesdays through January. See the January Herald Newsletter (available at holytrinitygastonia.org) for more!

LaVerne Davis Small Group The next meeting will be on 1/18/24 at 10:00am.

Fellowship Brunch - January 21st @ 9:45am On Sunday, January 21st at 9:45am, we will gather for the next Fellowship Brunch. You don't want to miss this one! During our time together, Council will share the plan and vision for 2024. Ministry Teams will also have an opportunity to share needs and plans for the coming months. If you are looking for an opportunity to get more involved in the ministry of the church, this will be a great time to learn about the opportunities available. Since everyone has been so faithful to bring something to share, there will be no sign-ups. We are trusting that we will have exactly what is needed.

Veteran Lunch Kick-Off Veterans, invite your friends! We will have lunch at Holy Trinity on the 3rd Wednesday each month at 11:30am beginning 1/24/24. See you there!

Annual Women Ministry Meeting & Retreat Save the date for our annual meeting and retreat on 1/27/24 at 8:45am!

Parents Night Out Parents, you don't want to miss this! We will host our next PNO on 1/27/24 from 6:00pm-10:00pm. Contact <u>Cody@holytrinitygastonia.org</u> to sign up!

Human Trafficking Awareness Seminar Holy Trinity and HOPE United will host this important seminar on February 17, 2024, from 9:00am-12:00pm here at Holy Trinity, in the gym of the PLC. The invitation has been extended to over 15 local churches and many more in our community. Registration is open, free, and available here: holytrinitygastonia.org/seminarrsvp.

Holy Trinity Blood Drive Our next blood drive on Monday, February 26 from 2:00-6:30. To sign up please contact John and Charlotte Sautner at 2sautners@gmail.com. They will get you signed up. You can also sign up before and after the early service and before the late church service.

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Have an Announcement? Please visit <u>www.holytrinitygastonia.org</u> to submit your request under "News" by end-of-day on Monday if submitting for the current week.

This Week's Lectionary Readings can be found at www.holytrinitygastonia.org under "Live Services", "Lectionary Readings". Printed copies of different sizes will be available for distribution with the bulletin.

This Month's Calendar can be found at www.holytrinitygastonia.org "Events" -> "Monthly Calendar". Printed copies of different sizes will be available for distribution with the bulletin in the Narthex.

Worship Assistant Schedule can be found at www.holytrinitygastonia.org "News" -> "Worship Assistant Schedule" -> Printable Form. Printed copies will be on the opposite side of the calendar in the Narthex.

Upcoming birthdays to celebrate: Craig Kluttz (1/16/24), Rob Dyer (1/18), Bob Ferguson (1/19), Henry Gompers (1/19), and Destiny Lindley (1/20). **Happy birthday to you all!**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters: LaRae Campbell

Ushers: David Fogle, Betty Blalock

Lector: Gene Keller Prayer Leader: Chris Murphy

Communion Assistants: Pepie Jones, LaVerne Davis Church Offering: Mick & Carla McMahan

Altar Flower Delivery: Richard DeFreitas, Lee Stadther

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Music Director
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