

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

“Knowing, Loving and Sharing Christ”



January 21, 2024 | 11:00 am

Third 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

Christe, Der Du Bist Tag Und Licht (Christ you are day and light),

by Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

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.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our Help is in the name of the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

And You forgive the iniquity of my sins.

(Time for silent confession of our personal sins.)

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most merciful God, You have given Your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for His sake grant us remission/forgiveness of all our sins. By Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, so that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Pronouncement of absolution and forgiveness.)

Entrance Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847

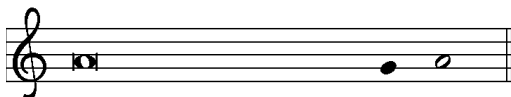
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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.



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.



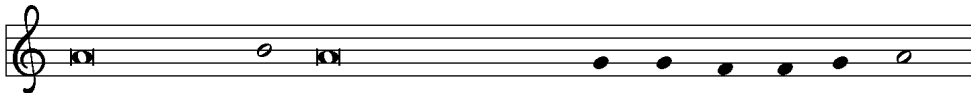
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

THIS IS THE FEAST



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



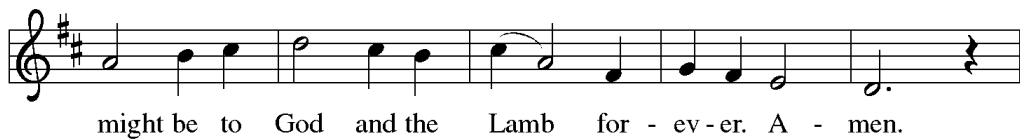
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.**

~ Please be seated ~

⁷He alone is my rock and | my salvation,*
my stronghold, so that I shall | not be shaken.

⁸**In God is my safety | and my honor;***
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

⁹Put your trust in him al- | ways, O people,*
pour out your hearts before him, for God | is our refuge.

¹⁰**Those of high degree are but a | fleeting breath,***
even those of low estate can- | not be trusted.

¹¹On the scales they are lighter | than a breath,*
all of | them together.

¹²**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;***
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.

¹³God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,*
that power be- | longs to God.

¹⁴**Steadfast love is | yours, O Lord,***
for you repay everyone according | to his deeds.

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| THE SECOND LESSON: |
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| <i>1 Corinthians 7:29-35</i> |
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A reading from First Corinthians, the 7th chapter

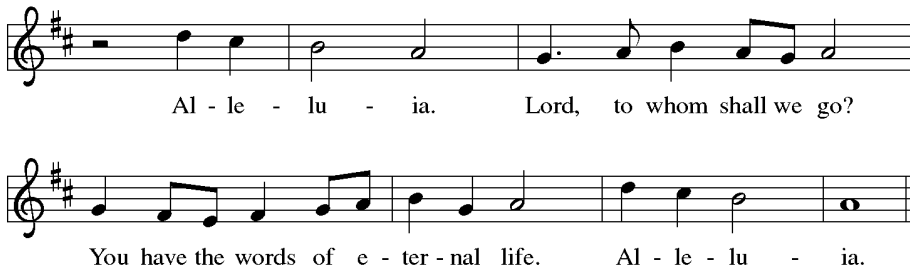
²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. ³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

~ Please stand as able ~



THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20

The holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” ¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & SERMON

Pastor Tom

~ Please stand as able ~

Hymn of the Day:

O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard-ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

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 catholic¹ Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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~

¹ Meaning *universal* or *Christian*

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

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

~Please stand as able ~



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

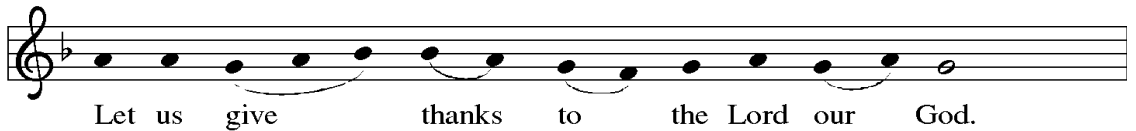
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

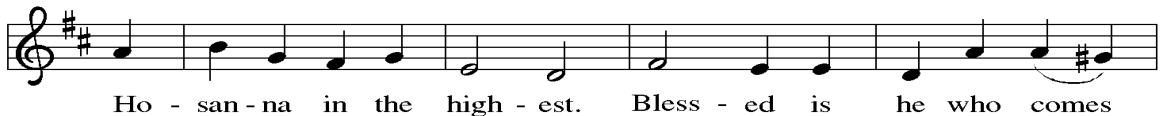
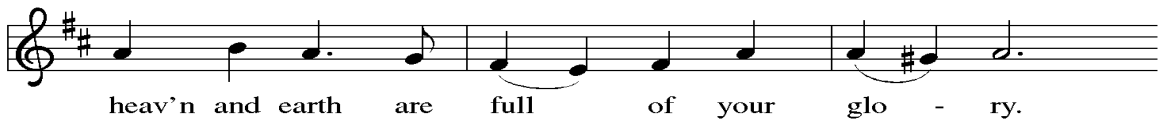
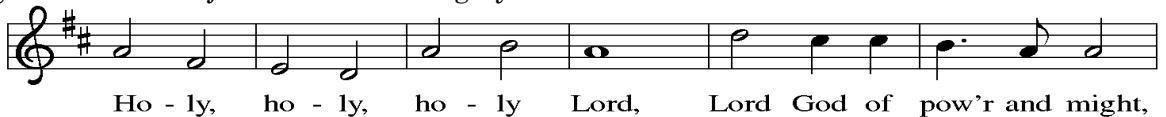
Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. 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:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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:

You Servants of God



1 You ser - vants of God, your mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
2 Our God rules on high, al - might - y to save; and still he is
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: LYONS, Johann M, Haydn, 1737–1806, adapt.

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace; Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Matthew Noonan, Organist

Präludium in C, by Johann Christian Kittel (1732-1809)

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- **Kelly Powell**, 19-year-old niece of Diane Campbell, healing from recent cancer surgery and discovery of cancer lymph nodes
- **The family of Donna Leiby-Gehringer**, at her death on January 4, 2024, by Kim K Leiby-Smith
- **Dawn Goodwin**, sister of Darlene Harper, for healing and recovery from kidney failure
- **Mark Dubler**, son of Dick Dubler and husband of Renee, for healing and recovery from recent heart catheterization
- **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
- **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 honor of Iris Work and Pastor Tom on their birthdays
by Nancy & Jimmy Faulkner*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship and Music Committee Meeting The committee will meet to discuss plans for Lent & Easter today following the 11:00 worship service today. We anticipate the meeting (beginning at 12:45) will last no more than 90 minutes. Since this is the day of the Brunch, our meeting will include light refreshments.

Ladies Bible Study will meet at 6:30 pm Tuesdays via Zoom. Visit www.holytrinitygastonia.org/womensministry or contact Anna Houser (annaplus2girls@gmail.com) for more!

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!

Veteran Lunch Kick-Off Veterans, invite your friends! We will have lunch at Holy Trinity on the 4th Tuesday each month at 11:30am beginning 1/23/24. See you there!

Christmas Pilgrimage Planning Meeting The meeting originally scheduled for 1/25/24 at Holy Trinity at 2:00pm has been canceled.

Annual Women Ministry Meeting & Retreat Save the date for our annual meeting and retreat on 1/27/24 at 8:45am! There is no cost to attend. We ask all attendees to bring a pair of new, unused warm socks that can be worn with shoes.

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 Cody@holytrinitygastonia.org to sign up!

Church Membership Course On February 11, 2024, Pastor Tom will begin 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.

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.

Rise Against Hunger Save the Date! Our next Rise Against Hunger event at Holy Trinity will be on August 25, 2024, following the 11am service until 4:00pm. Volunteers are needed to set up following the service and to prepare meals beginning at 2:00 pm. Contact Bruce Zander (bzander5@att.net) for more!

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Have an Announcement? Please visit www.holytrinitygastonia.org 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: Bruce Garrison (1/22), Barbara Parlier (1/23), Charlotte Sautner (1/26), Susan Kluttz (1/26), Cara Oakes (1/26), and Iris Work (1/27).
Happy birthday to you all!

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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| Greeters: | Tess Gibbons |
| Ushers: | Jerry & LaRae Campbell |
| Lector: | Nancy Faulkner |
| Prayer Leader: | Mick McMahan |
| Communion Assistants: | Carla McMahan, Gene Keller |
| Church Offering: | Richard DeFreitas, Lee Stadther |
| Altar Flower Delivery: | Ray & Nancy Sparks |

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