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**Sunday, January 19th, 2025  
Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## Confession

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act  
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;  
we resist your call to oppose injustice;  
we give in to scarcity and fear;**

**we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults  
and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: Now We Join in Celebration**

**No. 462**

# Now We Join in Celebration

462

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.  
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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 Music: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662  
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## Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn of the Month: Spirit, Open My Heart**

**No. 1043**



1043

Spirit, Open My Heart

*Refrain*



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

## First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
<sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
<sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
<sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
<sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 36:5-10

<sup>5</sup> **Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.**  
<sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great  
deep;  
you save humankind and animals, O LORD.  
<sup>7</sup> **How priceless is your love, O God!  
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.**  
<sup>8</sup> They feast upon the abundance of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
<sup>9</sup> **For with you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.**  
<sup>10</sup> Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



## **Gospel: John 2:1-11**

The holy gospel according to John,  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children’s Message**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Jen Herrmann**

**Hymn of the Day: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness**

**No. 488**



PSALM 100:2, ESV



# Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

488

1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad - ness,  
 2 Has-ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.  
 3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur-pass-ing won - der  
 4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea-sure, tru - est friend, and dear-est trea - sure,

come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.  
 There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,  
 that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less;  
 peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:

Bless the one whose grace un - bound-ed this a - maz - ing ban-quet found-ed;  
 o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:  
 with the choic-est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.  
 hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;

Christ, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 "Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for-ev - er."  
 Oh, most glo-rious con - so-la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.  
 wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

## **Apostles' Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites (*especially*). Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints (*especially Henry, Bishop of Uppsala*). Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.  
**Amen.**

**Offertory** (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

**Offertory Song: Change My Heart O God**

**No. 28**

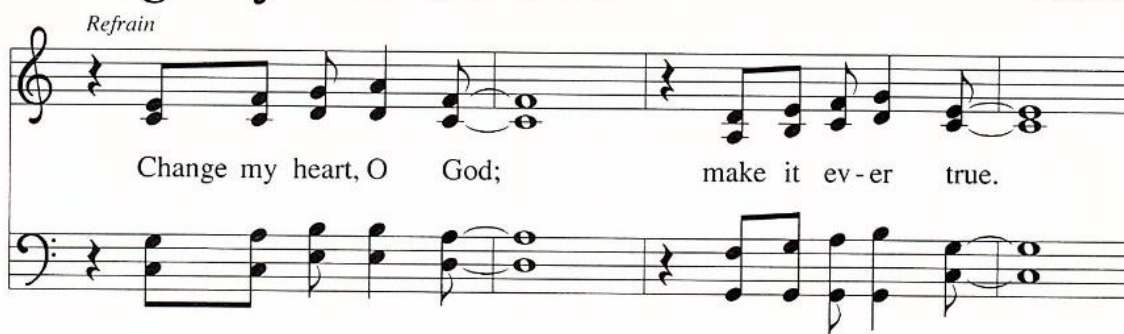




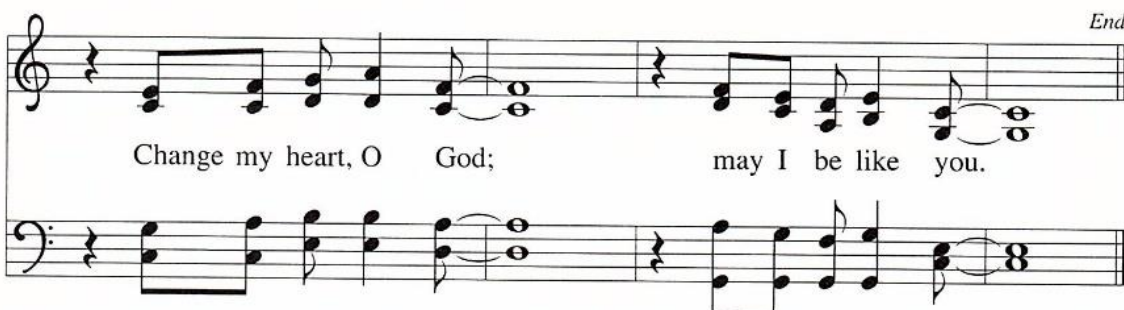
# Change My Heart, O God

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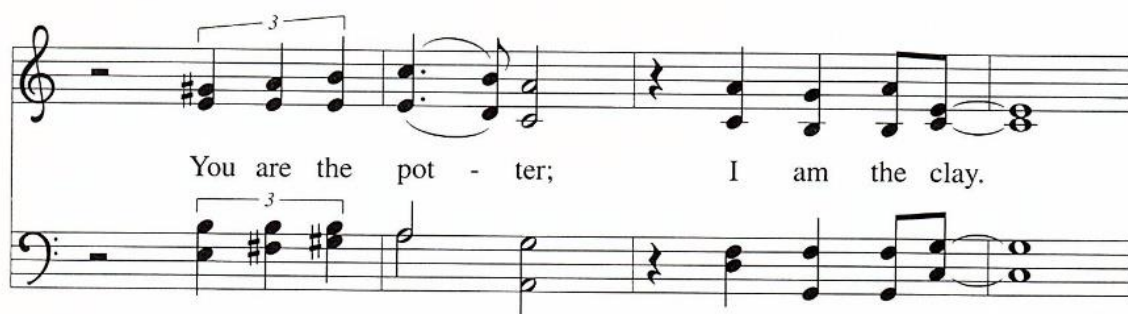
*Refrain*



Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. *End*



You are the pot-ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. *Refrain*

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953

Music: Eddie Espinosa

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CHANGE MY HEART

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## Offertory Prayer

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always.

**Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

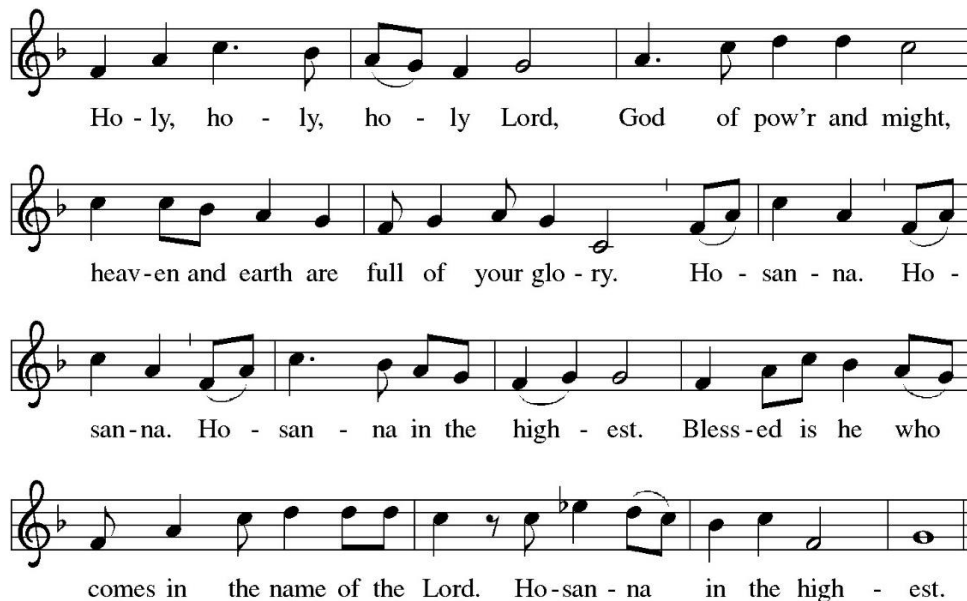
Let us give thanks to the lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Holy, living, and loving God,  
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
and for sending Jesus to be our Redeemer.  
We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick,  
fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.  
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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.  
Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

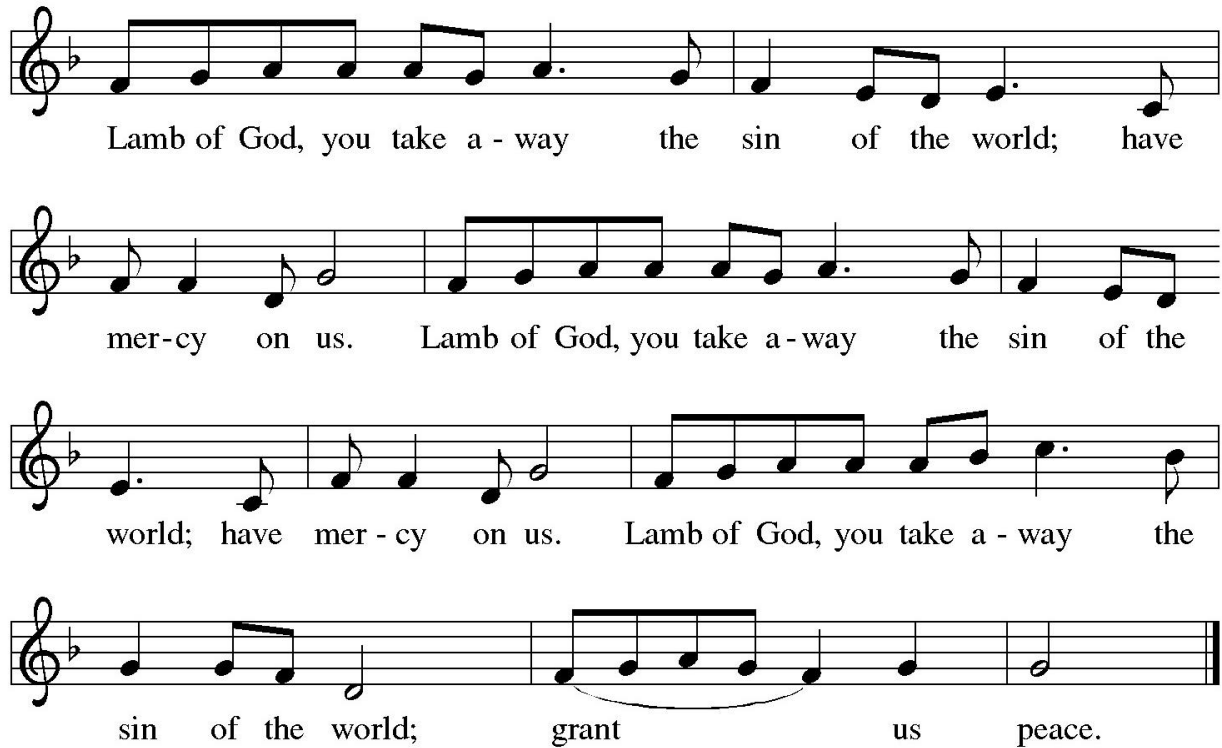
### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

(Just a reminder that there is grape juice available on the communion trays if you would prefer not to have wine during communion.)

## Lamb of God



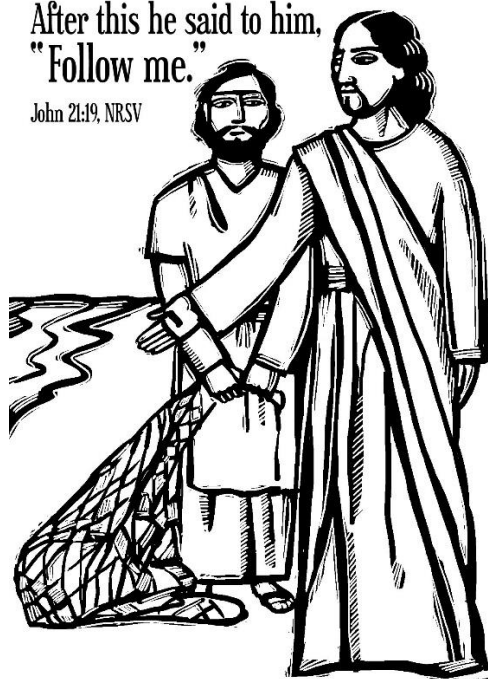
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me

No.798

After this he said to him,  
"Follow me."

John 21:19, NRSV





# Will You Come and Follow Me

798

*The Summons*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

## Table Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

## Prayer after Communion

Nourishing God,  
at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink.  
Strengthen us for service,  
and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray,  
**Amen.**


## Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God  
✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.  
**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn: Thy Word

No. 144

“Thy word is a  
lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto  
my path.”



Psalm 119:105

*Refrain*

F C<sup>7</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> C<sup>7</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

C Gm Dm Am B<sup>b</sup> C

1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-

B<sup>b</sup>/F F C Gm Dm Am

side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.

B<sup>b</sup> C Dm D A/C# C<sup>sus</sup> C<sup>7</sup> *Refrain*

Please be near me to the end.

C Gm Dm Am B<sup>b</sup> C

2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is

B<sup>b</sup>/F F C Gm Dm Am

wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and

B<sup>b</sup> C Dm D A/C# C<sup>sus</sup> C<sup>7</sup> *Refrain*

I will love you to the end.

## Dismissal.

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Carrie Wiedenheft
Communion Assistant:	Guy Miller
Usher:	Rich Miller & Cindy Norman
Acolyte:	Tyler Wiedenheft

At 10:30...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Cathy Wobser
Communion Assistant:	Candy Beatty
Usher:	Ken Schenk & David Wobser
Acolyte:	Natalie Thompson

January Altar Care:	Pat Wiedenheft
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## PRAYER CONCERNS

To all affected by the war in Israel and Ukraine; for all directly or indirectly effected by tornadoes, and flooding, mass shootings happening nationwide; FAITH members, including, Laura Allen; the people of Zion, Huron, and their interim pastor Kathleen Suggitt and the personnel of the Sandusky Post of the Ohio Highway Patrol.

**Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or [jen.herrmann@gmail.com](mailto:jen.herrmann@gmail.com)**

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by David & Cathy Wobser in honor of Cathy Wobser's birthday.

**DONATIONS TO OUR "PENNY JUG"** support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**THIS MORNING'S LOOSE CASH OFFERING** (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits Lutheran Disaster Response. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

**ATTENDANCE**

January 12: 50 + 38 = 88

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

January 12th

General Fund – \$3,546

Building Improvements – \$425

**This Week at Trinity**

TODAY	Communion Service Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am
WEDNESDAY	AA/NA Women Only "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	9:00 am 7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Service of Word & Prayer	8:00 am & 10:30 am

**YOUNG AT HEART** is planning to decorate and distribute cookies to various individuals, groups and organizations for Valentine's Day. Last year 487 cookies were decorated and distributed. **February 12th, 1:00 PM** we will be decorating cookies. Please join us for some fun (and eating!). If you would like to bake cookies to donate (we will decorate,) please contact Nancy Vollmer, Pat Wiedenheft, or Cathy Wobser. They don't need to be heart shaped this year.



**IT'S SUB SANDWICH TIME!** Starting **TODAY** and for the next two Sundays, you may order your subs for Souper Bowl Sunday on **February 9th!** For \$6.00, choose between a Ham or Turkey sub, including bag of chips, pickle, and some chocolate pieces. The youth group will be baking delicious 3" cookies that you can add to your order for \$1.00. The flavors include M&M, Peanut Butter, or Double Chocolate-Chocolate Chip. Please see the bulletin board across from the church office and sign up today! All orders will need to be picked up and paid for after each worship service on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

A **FREE COMMUNITY DINNER** will be provided by Grace Lutheran Church in Castalia on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm. A courtesy drive-thru is available. The menu is hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread & dessert. Delivery is available for shut-ins; please call 419-357-3672 for service.

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>,** from 1-3pm the Congregational Care team invites you to a presentation from Courtney Orshoski about her recent mission trip to Burundi Africa. Courtney was baptized and confirmed at Trinity. She currently is an active member of the Chapel where she is involved with leading youth groups. She is excited to share her story!

Following the presentation, we'll continue with a PB&J afternoon of fun! **Popcorn, Bingo, and Jesus!** We'll furnish the popcorn and hope will you join us for an afternoon of old-fashioned BINGO! To enhance the fun, please bring a white elephant gift or a new gift, around \$1.00. A bingo receives a prize! As the time gets closer, we'll give out more information on this event.

<b>B I N G O</b>				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

Who enjoys puzzles? You know, the 300-, 500-, 750-, or 1000-piece kind! The Congregational Care Team is starting a Jigsaw Puzzle Library. Members may check out a jigsaw puzzle to take home and return when finished. If you have any jigsaw puzzles at home that you would like to share, please ensure all pieces are in the box, and mark your name on the box so it may be returned if so inclined. Donated jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off on the desk in the upstairs gathering room. We will inform you when the Jigsaw Puzzle Library is officially available!

