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Sunday, January 26th, 2025
Third Sunday After Epiphany
Service of Word and Prayer

Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us into a community of prayer.

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: Arise, Your Light Has Come!

No. 314



314

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
 Music: William H. Walter, 1825-1893
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FESTAL SONG
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Greeting

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

In the beginning was the Word,
And the Word was with God,
And the Word was God.

In the Word was life,
And the life was the light of all people.

The Word became flesh and lived among us,
And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

Prayer of the Day

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn of the Month: Spirit, Open My Heart

No. 1043

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

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.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, silence, reflection, and song.

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹ All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel.

² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ 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. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen,"

lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And 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 when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."



Ezra read the law.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 19

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

² **One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³ Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

⁴ **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends
of the world,**

where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ 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.

⁷ The teaching of the LORD is perfect and
revives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives
wisdom to the simple.

⁸ **The statutes of the LORD are just and
rejoice the heart;**

**the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light^l to the eyes.**

⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean and endures
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.

¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

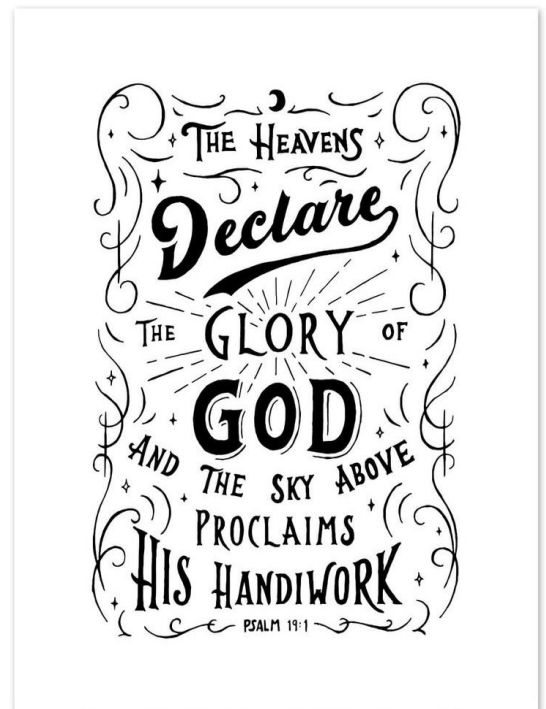
¹² **Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³ Above 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.



Second Reading: : 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹² For just 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. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would 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. ¹⁶ And if the ear would 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. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be?

²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The 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.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

The gospel according to Luke,

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and 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 bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

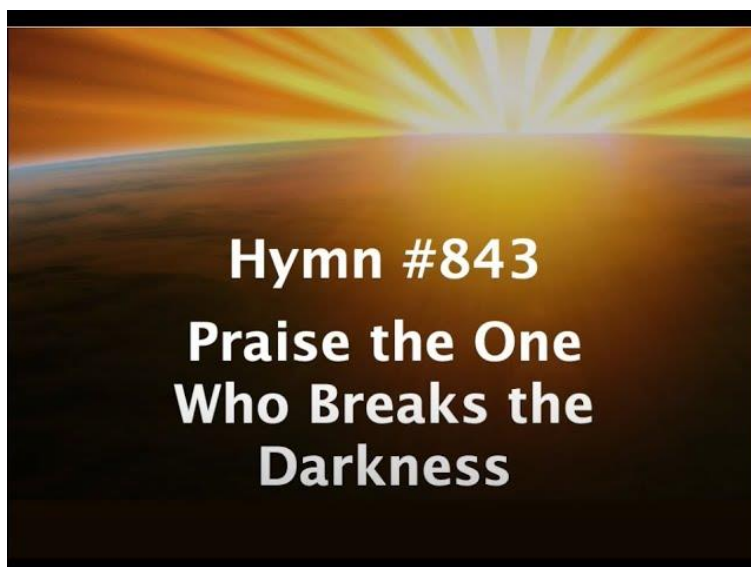
Children’s Message

Sermon

Pastor Jen Herrmann

Hymn of the Day: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

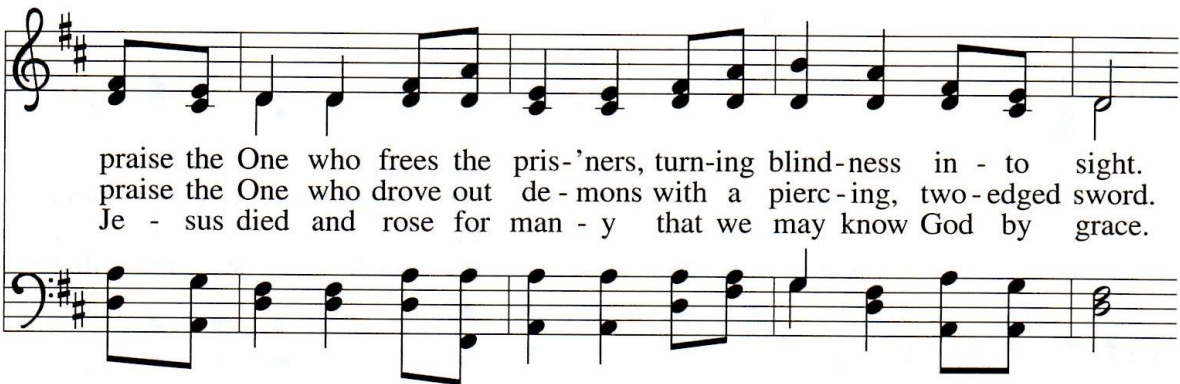
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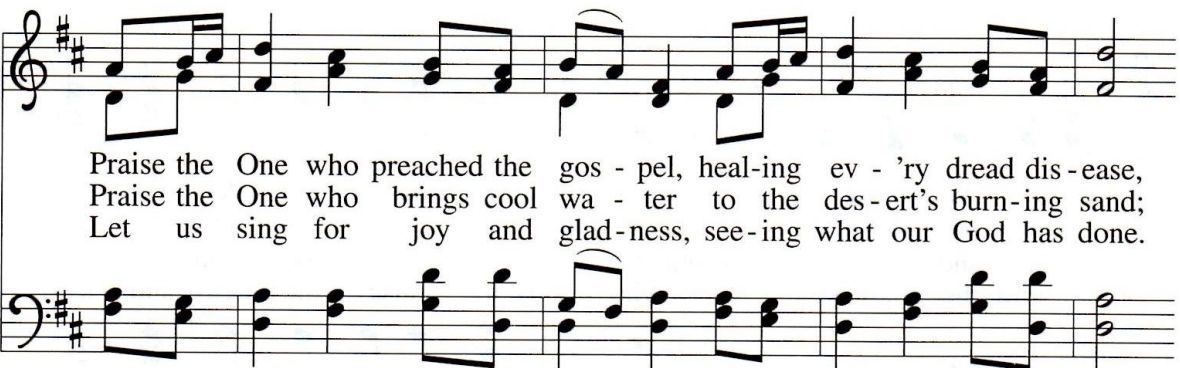
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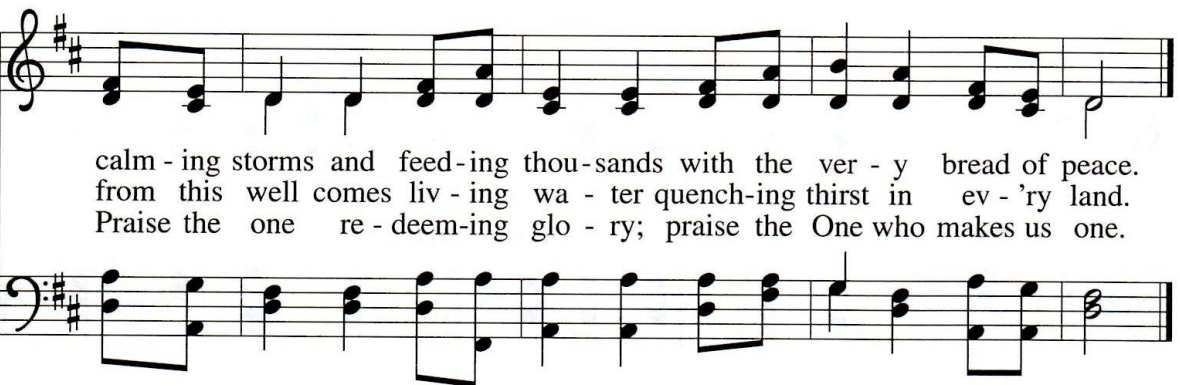
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
Music: J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813
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Thanksgiving for the Word:

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

Offertory (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

Offertory Song: Change My Heart O God

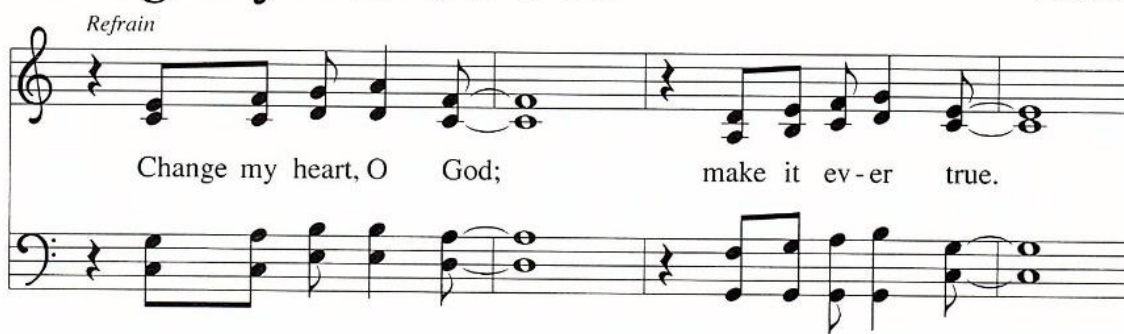
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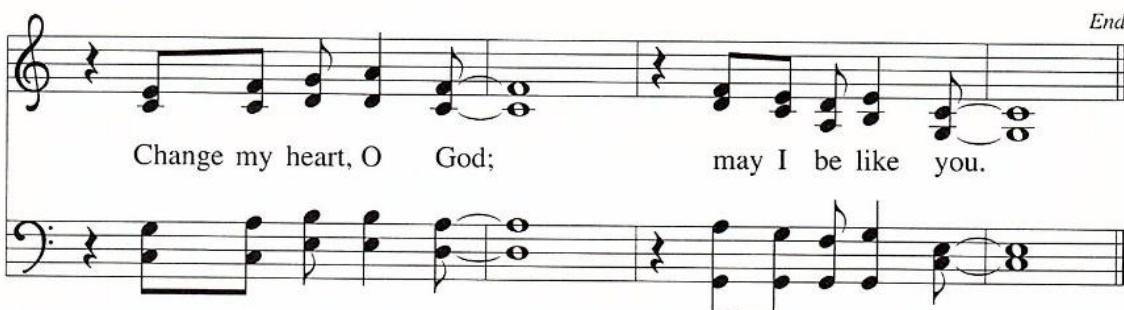
Change My Heart, O God

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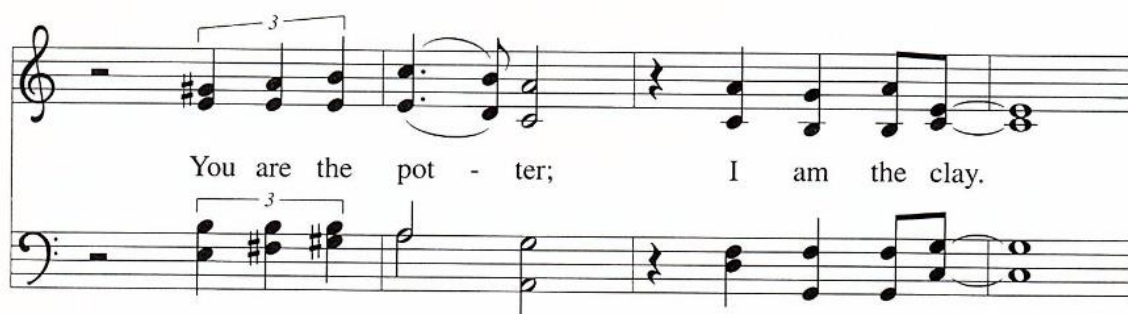
Refrain



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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Prayer:

Living together in trust and hope we confess our confess our faith.

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 power of 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.

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness
and bears the wounds of the world.
Therefore, let us be bold as we pray,
trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

Silent Prayer

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.

As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, and godparents; teachers and mentors; deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars. Inspire passion for the stories of faith. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your work, we lift our voices in awe of quarks and atoms, vast stars and solar systems. Guide us to speak on behalf of your handiwork. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, energize communities and nations to eliminate poverty, engage in prison ministry and transformative justice, and envision new ways of working together for your promised reign. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As your word and presence revive the soul, accompany all experiencing depression, anxiety, or eating disorders; be a source of strength for all affected by memory loss and their caregivers; draw near to all undergoing medical treatment or surgery (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation, community, and the world (*especially parish nurses, fellowship hosts, worship leaders, council, and committee members*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

As our faith is strengthened by saints who have gone before us, we remember leaders of the early church (*especially Timothy, Titus, Silas, Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe*), and beloved friends and family who have died (*especially*). 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.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God

✝ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen.

Closing Hymn: The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve

No. 551



The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

551

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Sally Warner
Communion Assistant:	Guy Miller
Usher:	Rich Miller & Cindy Norman
Acolyte:	Zane Warner

At 10:30...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Gayle Thompson
Communion Assistant:	Candy Beatty
Usher:	Ken Schenk & David Wobser
Acolyte:	Claire Connor

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 natural disasters, including North Carolina and California, mass shootings happening nationwide; FAITH members, including, Patsy Troike; our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Sandusky area congregation; The ministry of Habitat for Humanity in providing housing for low-income working families in our area.

Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or jen.herrmann@gmail.com

THE MEMORIAL FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Denny & Barb Sessler in honor of their children and grandchildren.

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 19th: 34 + 15 = 49

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

January 19th: General Fund: \$1,730

Building Improvements: \$80.00

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Service of Word & Prayer Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am
MONDAY	Dartball V1 @ Norwalk	Faith @ V2
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	Communion Service	8:00 am & 10:30 am

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN... GIVING STATEMENTS are now available. They're located in the hallway to retrieve at your earliest convenience. Thank you for supporting Trinity in 2024!

Trinity will be participating in the **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** for the California wildfires. Please refer to the attached page for donation instructions; if you're so inclined, please take it home.

CHRISTMAS CARDS are currently being accepted for crafting. Please cut any unwanted cards and turn in the front design.

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. **A light lunch will be offered while the cookies are drying.** 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! TODAY and NEXT SUNDAY, 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 9th.

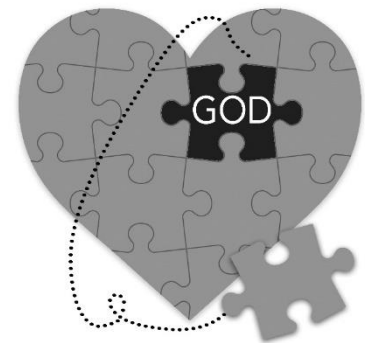
A **FREE COMMUNITY DINNER** will be provided by Grace Lutheran Church in Castalia on Wednesday, February 12th from 5-6pm. A courtesy drive-thru is available. The menu is hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread & dessert. Delivery is available for shut-ins; please call 419-357-3672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

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 9th, 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! This will be for everyone, young or older!

Following the presentation, we'll continue with a PB&J afternoon of fun! **Popcorn, Bingo, and Jesus!** We'll furnish the popcorn and hope you will 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.

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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!



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CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

YOUR LOVE IS NEEDED

The needs of our neighbors in California are growing every hour as wildfires completely destroy homes and communities. Houses, schools, churches, grocery stores, businesses ... all reduced to ashes.

Our partners at Lutheran World Relief are already preparing a response, including sending LWR Quilts and Kits to affected families. The destruction and need are overwhelming.

Right now, the number one need is financial gifts so that the team at Lutheran World Relief can reach our neighbors as quickly as possible.

HOW TO GIVE

You can give directly through Lutheran World Relief at lwr.org/fires, by scanning the QR code below or by mailing a check to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write **FIRES** in the memo line.

Gifts can also be made through our congregation. Designate "**LWR FIRES**" when making your gift and we will rush a gift from the church to Lutheran World Relief.

Thank you for sharing God's love with our neighbors when and where they need it most.

**Until your love reaches
every neighbor.**



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