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**Sunday, February 9th, 2025  
Fifth 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: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty!**

**No. 413**

# 413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## 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

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Children's Message

Hymn of the Month: **Build Us Up, Lord**

**No. 670**



# Build Us Up, Lord

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in  
 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your  
 lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.  
 doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we  
 Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the  
 bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.  
 sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

*Refrain*

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in  
 faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your  
 word to spread the news of your Son!

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## **Word**

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

### **First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]**

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” [<sup>9</sup> And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.’

<sup>10</sup> Make the mind of this people dull,  
and stop their ears, and shut their eyes,  
so that they may not look with their eyes,  
and listen with their ears,  
and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.”

<sup>11</sup> Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:

“Until cities lie waste  
without inhabitant,  
and houses without people,  
and the land is utterly desolate;

<sup>12</sup> until the LORD sends everyone far away,  
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

<sup>13</sup> Even if a tenth part remain in it,  
it will be burned again,  
like a terebinth or an oak  
whose stump remains standing when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**<sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

**<sup>4</sup> All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.

**<sup>6</sup> The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

**<sup>8</sup> You will make good your purpose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works  
of your hands.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

<sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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: Luke 5:1-11

The holy gospel according to Luke,

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."

<sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Jen Herrmann**

**Hymn of the Day: Here I am, Lord**

**No. 574**



# Here I Am, Lord

574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## 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: We are an Offering**

**No. 692**

### We Are an Offering

692

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 7/8 time. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes.

We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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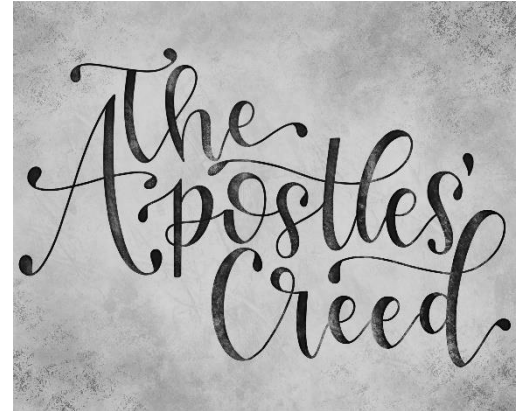
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## **Prayer:**

*The Holy Spirit prays with us and through us.*

## **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.



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.*

God of surprising abundance, you call your people to enter deeply into the world. Equip us to respond to your call, gather up what we have, and offer it to all. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, provide protection from the elements and other hazards to all whose work brings them outside: for fishers, ranchers, line workers, and construction crews. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of the land and waters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces, that they respond to their commission with wisdom and patience. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind (*especially*). Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Call our faith communities to do marvelous things. Bless the labor and efforts of this congregation, that we may be a sign of your presence in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We thank you for those who have courageously gone before us in the faith (*especially*). May we too show a deep trust in you throughout our lives. 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.**

### **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.**

575

In Christ Called to Baptize

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

## 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:	Erica Miller
Usher:	Greg Norman & Brad Stierhoff
Acolyte:	Ryan Wiedenheft

At 10:30...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Chrissy Nielson
Usher:	Denny Sessler & Bonnie Lieb
Acolyte:	Eli Connor

February Altar Care:	Linda Gantz & Cindy Norman
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## PRAYER CONCERNS

To all affected by the war in Israel and Ukraine; for all directly or indirectly effected by the California wildfires;  
FAITH members, including, Judy Welser;  
Teachers, administrators, and the staff of the schools of the greater Sandusky area; the people of St. Peter, Norwalk, and their interim pastors, Cathy Schibler and Phil Gardner.

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

**THE MEMORIAL FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Greg Norman and Cindy Norman in memory of their parents Les & Mabel Norman's anniversary on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Dean and Rhonda Matus.

**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**

February 2nd: 51 + 19 = 70

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S GOODNESS**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> :    General Fund: \$2,878.49  
                          Building Improvements: \$305.00

### **This Week at Trinity**

TODAY	Service of Word & Prayer	8:00 am & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Jam Session	9:30 am
WEDNESDAY	AA/NA Women Only	9:00 am
	“We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	“We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
MONDAY	Dartball V1@ Bellevue V2 @ Castalia	

**TODAY** you may pick up and pay for your **Souper Bowl sub sandwiches** after worship. Enjoy your meal and cheer on Team Jesus!

Spring cleaning has started early at Trinity! We have an assortment of **quality 3-ring binders** that are free for any congregation member. Please pick them up in the church office. After today, the binders will be discarded. Thank you Sally Warner for cleaning and arranging the storage rooms. Soon, there will be room for **THE PUZZLE LIBRARY**, with an estimated date of **February 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**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 wildfire disaster. 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 the front of your unwanted cards and turn in the 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.



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! 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.

