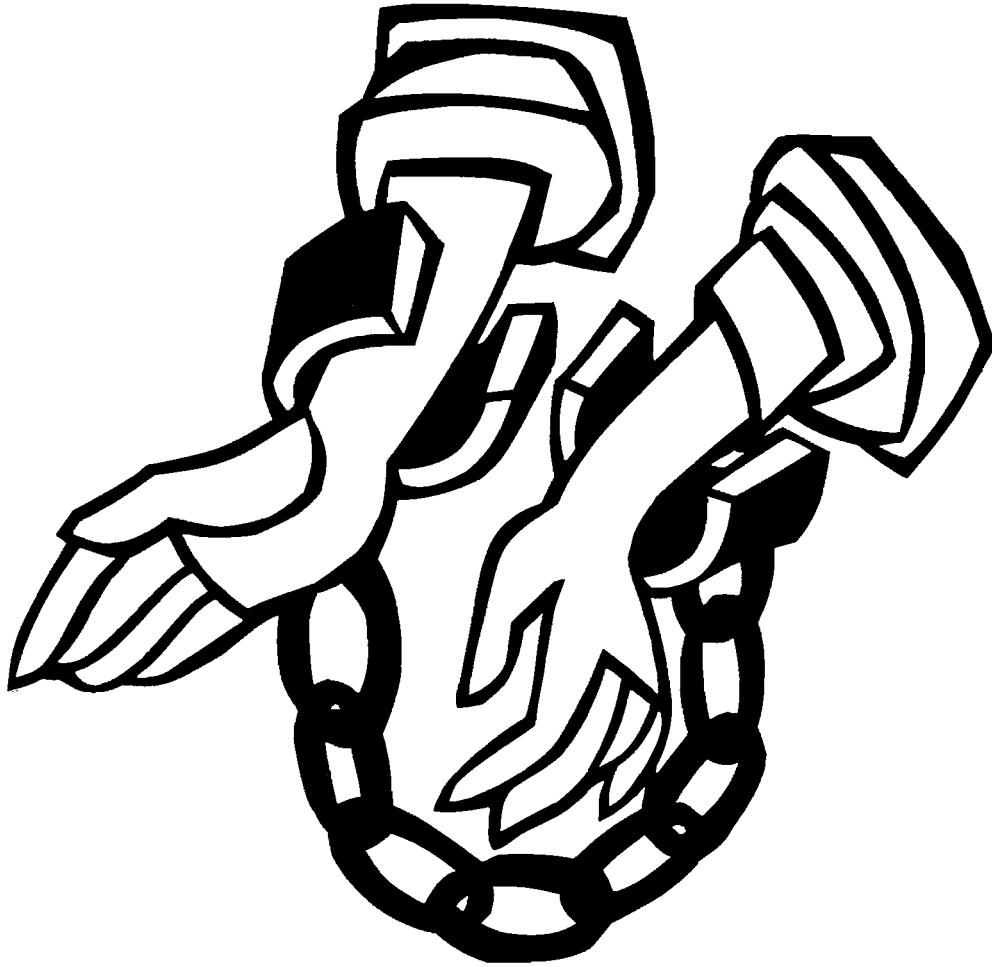


**3rd Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 26, 2025**



God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

**The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity**

Holy Communion ..... 9:00 AM

Sunday School ..... 10:30 AM

## ***Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!***

Our worship follows a traditional order inspired by scripture and rooted in ancient patterns. The full order for worship (liturgy) is found in this bulletin.

\*Please stand as you are able. Spoken congregational responses are in **Bold**.

### **GATHERING**

*Worship begins with the organ prelude. It's a time for silent meditation as we turn our hearts and minds to God.*

### **ORGAN PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*GATHERING**

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

#### **\*PRAYER**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us take a moment to confess our sin in front of God and one another.  
Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a minister of the church of Christ, I therefore declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

Arise, Your Light Has Come ..... Hymn 314

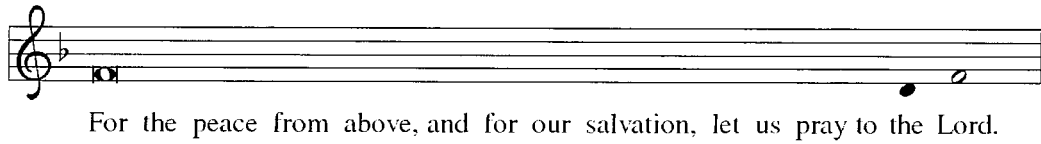
**\*GREETING**

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 - (Lord have mercy) ..... page 138



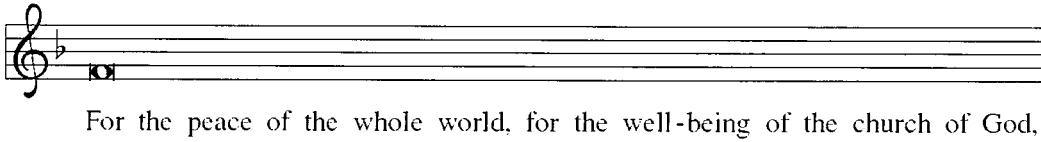
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



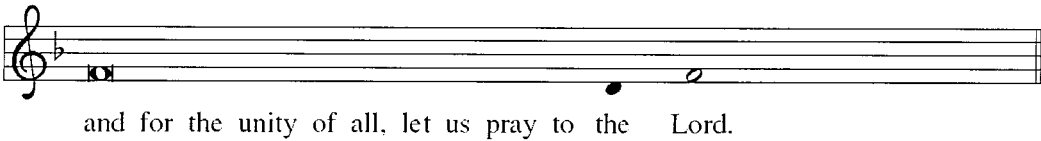
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



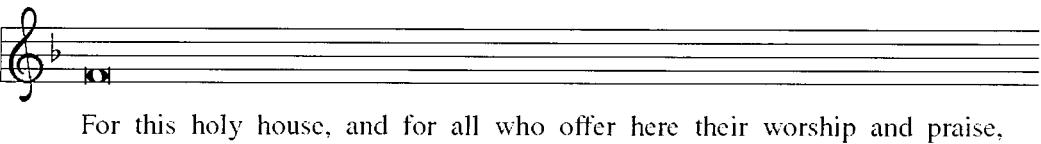
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



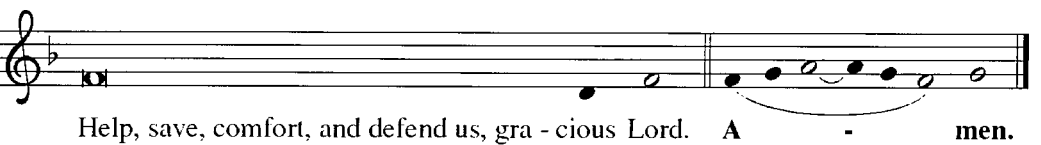
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE - (Glory to God) ..... page 148

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### **\*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.**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

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

*The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that “the joy of the LORD is your strength.”*

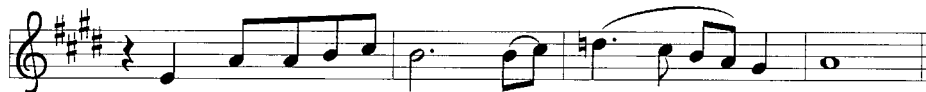
<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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.” The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Tone:



R:



The teach-ing of the LORD re - vives the soul.

PSALM: Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glo-<sup>1</sup> ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its<sup>1</sup> maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> **One day tells its tale<sup>1</sup> to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge<sup>1</sup> to another.**

<sup>3</sup> Although they have no<sup>1</sup> words or language,  
and their voices<sup>1</sup> are not heard,

<sup>4</sup> **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the  
ends<sup>1</sup> of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent<sup>1</sup> for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup> It comes forth like a bridegroom out<sup>1</sup> of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to<sup>1</sup> run its course.

<sup>6</sup> **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about  
to the end of<sup>1</sup> it again;  
nothing is hidden from its<sup>1</sup> burning heat. R**

<sup>7</sup> The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-<sup>1</sup> vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom<sup>1</sup> to the simple.

<sup>8</sup> **The statutes of the LORD are just and re-<sup>1</sup> joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light<sup>1</sup> to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is clean and en-<sup>1</sup> dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous<sup>1</sup> altogether.

<sup>10</sup> **More to be desired are they than gold, more than<sup>1</sup> much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey<sup>1</sup> in the comb. R**

<sup>11</sup> By them also is your ser-<sup>1</sup> vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is<sup>1</sup> great reward.

<sup>12</sup> **Who can detect one's<sup>1</sup> own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my<sup>1</sup> secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion <sup>l</sup> over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a <sup>l</sup> great offense.  
<sup>14</sup> **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable <sup>l</sup> in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and <sup>l</sup> my redeemer. R**

SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

*The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.*

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> 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.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> 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; <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.



<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup> But strive for the greater gifts. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM RINGERS - Joyeuse ..... Karen Buckwalter

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - ..... Page 142



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 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.** (*spoken*)

*Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.*

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup> 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, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place

where it was written: <sup>18</sup> “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, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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.**

**SERMON** ..... The Rev. Althea Seidel

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

Let Streams of Living Justice ..... Hymn 710

**\*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**

Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.** (After the prayer) **Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

**OFFERING** - (*offering plates are located in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary.*)

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN** - (Create in Me a Clean Heart)



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. **God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.**

**\*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. You comfort your people with the promise of the coming Messiah, through whom you make all things new. 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:

**\*SANCTUS** - ("Holy, holy, holy") ..... Page 144



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.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the all of your creation. **Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.** Blessed are you for your promises and for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

All praise and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **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**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come, taste and see that the Lord is good. **Amen.**

**\*AGNUS DEI - (Lamb of God)** ..... Page 154

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.

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*After receiving Communion, please do not hesitate to come forward to the altar for a time of prayer.*

**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and bring you peace. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Holy God, we wait on you and trust in your promises, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to proclaim the greatness of love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## THE SENDING

### **\*BLESSING**

May God's promises fill you with hope. May the coming of the Messiah fill you with joy. And may the Holy Spirit grant you peace and comfort in believing.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** - Hark, the Glad Sound! ..... Hymn 239

### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the Good News! **Thanks be to God. We will!**

### **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**PARTICIPANTS**

The Rev. Althea Seidel - Pastor

Paul Copenhaver - Minister of Music

Christine Paradise - Organist

Heather Buffington - Bell Choir Director

Karen Fitting - Lay Assistant

Dave Eisenhower - Lector

James Engle - Acolyte

Lynn Kern & Denise Rhoades - Greeters

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*♿ Elevator access to upper and lower levels is located at rear entrance of church.*

*📵 Remember to silence cell phones & other electronic device*

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**THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY:**

Monday, January 27 - Praise Ringers 6 p.m.; Psalm Ringers 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 28 - Senior Choir 7 p.m.

**PRAYER UPDATE:** We have been asked to keep Becky, Bryan Albright, Barb Atwood, The Family of Diane Atwood, Bev Birch, Linda Blessing, Terry Clearwater, Monique & Jack Derfler, Jim Dibert, Deb Dobson, Susie Eckert, Dan Fox, Fred, Lohla, Mo Gockley, The Family of Sara Ann Haak, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Joette Hollinger, Bella Johnson, Raymond Kohr, The Family of Doris Kreiser, Jim & Judi Light, George Smith, Marie Smith, Ernie Thompson, Nancy Warner, and Mary Yeagley in our prayers.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** If you no longer wish to be included in the prayer update list, please let the Church Office know to remove your name.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:** If Church is going to be cancelled due to weather, it will be posted on our website page: [www.trinityleb.org](http://www.trinityleb.org). Don't forget to refresh your browser when viewing the website. You can also find information on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/htlclebanonpa](https://facebook.com/htlclebanonpa). The decision will be made by 7 p.m. the Saturday prior to service.





## **TODAY**

The meeting will be held following  
worship in the Social Room.

This is a constitutionally mandated meeting. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend. We do need a quorum in order to conduct the business of the meeting.

*Please note, there will be no Sunday School that day.*

**GLOBAL CHURCH MONTH:** Every January Holy Trinity's second offering request is designated for the support and growth of the mission of the global Church. Our 2025 offering will be designated for aiding a future leader to attend seminary. The future of our church rest on the next generation to leaders. By providing scholarship support to outstanding candidates for seminary, you can help future pastors and deacons graduate with less student debt, serving wherever the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads. ***Support for a semester for an ELCA seminarian is \$2,500.00.*** Can Holy Trinity meet this goal this January through our second offerings? With God's help we can! You can give your offering by using the Global Church Special Offering envelope found in your church envelop box or by designating a portion of your offering check for the "Global Church."

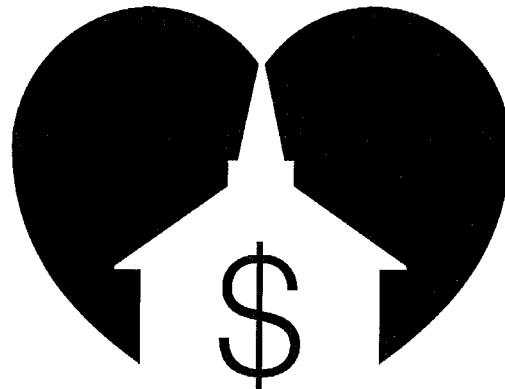
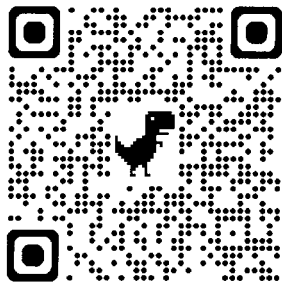
**CALLIGRAPHER WANTED:** Are you or someone you know a skilled calligrapher? We have a small project. If so, please contact Stephanie at the Church Office 717-273-8567 or [stephanie@trinityleb.org](mailto:stephanie@trinityleb.org).

**INFORMATION NEEDED:** If you or your child is currently at college, technical school, or serving in the military, please update the Church Office with their mailing address. Please email [stephanie@trinityleb.org](mailto:stephanie@trinityleb.org) or call 717-273-8567. We are asking that you contact the office no later than January 28.

**MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY!** - ASP Mission Trip March 23-29:  
Friedens has invited anyone interested to join The Church of the Good Shepherd to participate in "SPECIAL" Mission Trip with ASP (Appalachia Service Project). This will be a week-long trip focused on repairing and rebuilding homes affected by last year's hurricanes in North Carolina, Tennessee, etc. ASP's mission statement is simply "warmer, safer, drier", and you can find out more at <https://asphome.org/>. You don't think you have the ability to help? Not to worry!! We are a Mission TEAM – there is a place for everyone of all skill levels and experience – the only requirements are a willingness to learn and giving your best to help these hurricane victims. Please give this opportunity prayerful consideration... Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact Jim Kneasel from Friedens (717-679-8819) for more information.

**CLEANING & HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS FOR AGAPE SHELTER** – The Women of the ELCA’s first service project for 2025 is collecting cleaning and household products for the Agape Shelter in the city of Lebanon from January 5, 2025 to March 2, 2025. The following cleaning and household products are on Agape's current wish list: paper towels, toilet tissue, Clorox wipes, 13 gallon tall kitchen trash bags and 33 gallon black drawstring trash bags. In the past we have also donated Lysol disinfectant spray (unscented, white can preferred), paper plates, tea towels, Windex glass cleaner, Pine Sol, Comet cleanser, dish detergents, sponges, scouring pads and Handi-Wipes. These “in kind” donations help to defray the shelter’s maintenance costs thereby freeing up money for use to support programs to help their guests. We would like to invite the congregation to participate in this endeavor. Donations can be placed in the WELCA barrel located in The Giving Place through Sunday, March 2nd. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you. Karen Weaver, WELCA Projects Chair

**Donate Now!**



**YOUR GIVING MATTERS!**



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