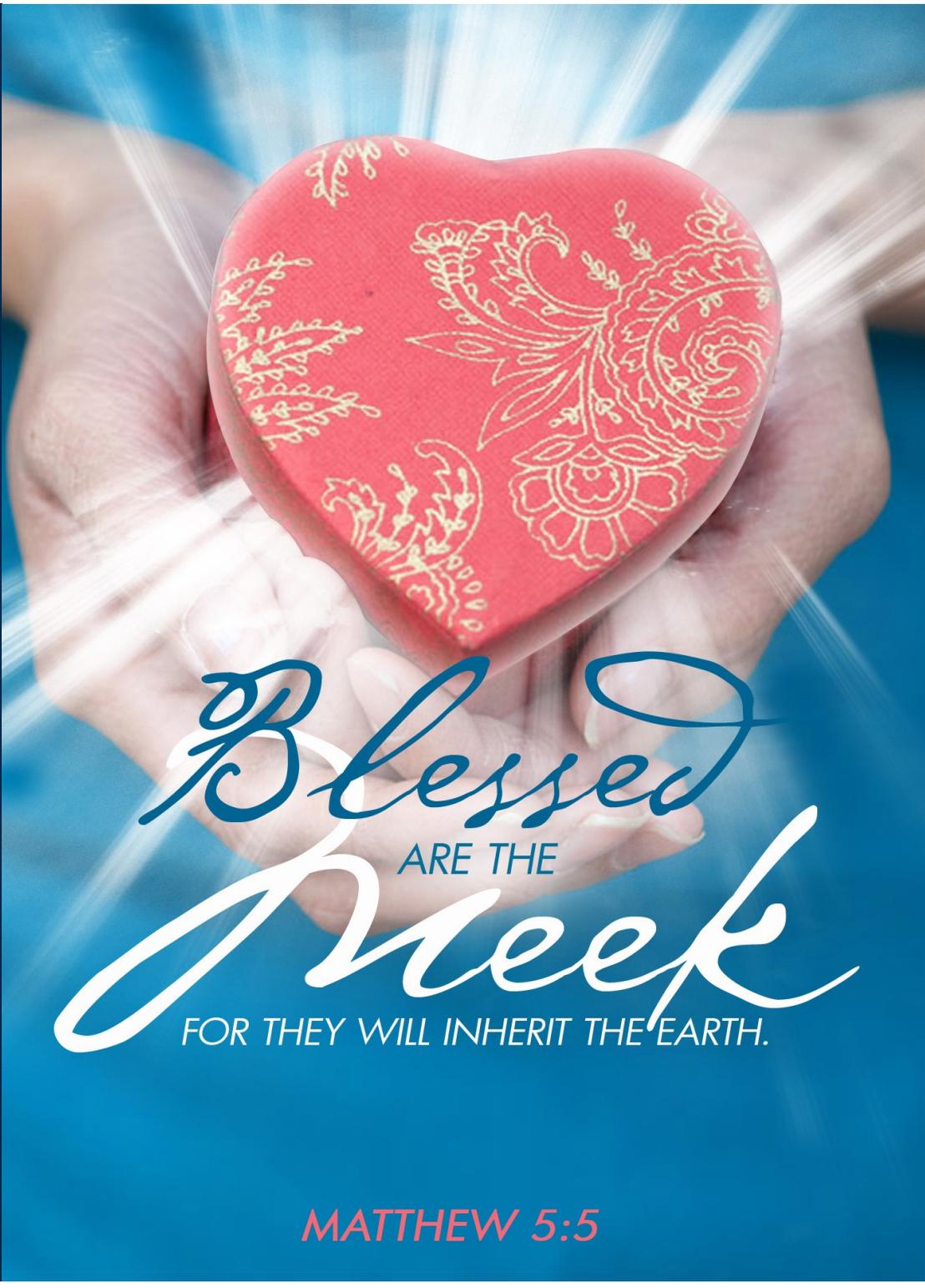


Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 29, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion



Blessed
ARE THE
Meek
FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH.

MATTHEW 5:5

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. We are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended.

Based on revised CDC guidance, we are no longer encouraging the wearing of masks for those attending worship, regardless of vaccination status. However, if you have symptoms, have tested positive for Covid or been exposed to someone with Covid-19, we ask that you do wear a mask. Please feel free to continue wearing a mask in worship for your safety, if desired. This guidance may change if our risk level changes.

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Children are always welcome during worship, but if desired, there is a nursery in room 107 available for children ages birth to school age.

Please be aware that we are streaming our services. If you do not wish to be on camera please contact the church office.

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Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

PRELUDE

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

Low

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Let Justice Flow like Streams

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

APOSTOLIC 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

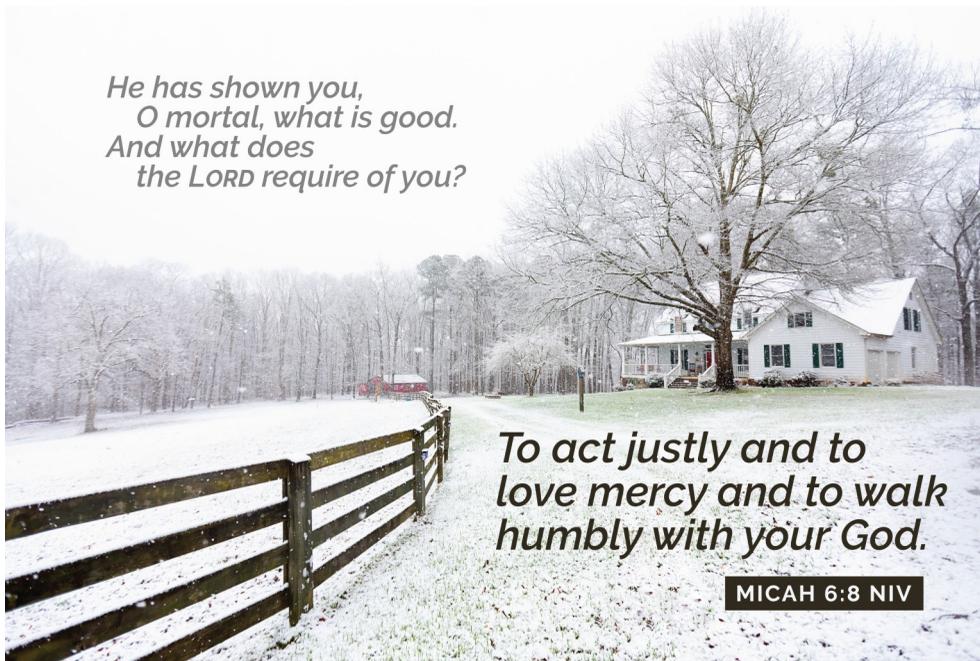
Holy God,

**you confound the world's wisdom
in giving your kingdom to the lowly
and the pure in heart.**

**Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice,
and perseverance in striving for peace,
that in our words and deeds
the world may see the life of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Please be seated.



*He has shown you,
O mortal, what is good.
And what does
the LORD require of you?*

*To act justly and to
love mercy and to walk
humbly with your God.*

MICAH 6:8 NIV

WORD

FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has “wearied” Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God’s service.

¹Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring
foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

Lord, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who fear the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

*According to the world's standards of power and might,
the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive.*

*Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and
salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering.*

Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.



“BLESSED *are the*
PEACEMAKERS,
for they will be called
CHILDREN OF GOD.” *Matthew 5:9*

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Bill Nienstedt

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

Names of family & friends in prayer found on page 17.

A brief silence.

Response following each petition:

L: Merciful God,

R: receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you!



OFFERING

*Thank you for your generous and faithful support during these extraordinary times.
Out of an abundance of caution, we are not currently passing the collection plates.
Instead, you may place your offerings in the plates provided
by the door as you enter or exit worship.*

If you prefer, Trinity offers 5 other ways to give as well:

Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, & Online. Contact the church office for details.

Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song

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. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

MEAL

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.



Please be seated.

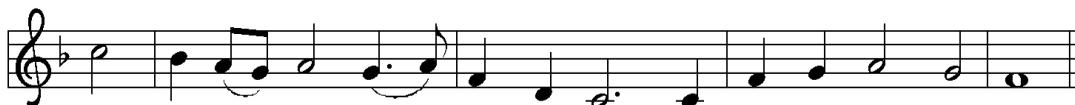
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

Thanks be to God.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

All baptized followers of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.

Please open your hand and the pastor will place the bread in your hand.

Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant will offer you a cup of wine.

Please take the cup of wine from the tray.

After drinking the wine, you may return to your seat along the side aisle.

If you prefer, grape juice is available which you may request from the communion assistant.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Invitation to Communion”

Senior Choir

Governor

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.



SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Mary Jane LeFevre,
by Emily & Merle Dentler*



*The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God,
and in honor of Trinity's children,
by Dave & Becky Morningstar*

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, January 22, 2023: 99

Online views: 112

Next week's Lessons:

- Isaiah 58:1-9a
- Psalm 112:1-9 [10]
- 1 Cor 2:1-12
- Matthew 5:13-20



Annual Congregational Meeting

*Sunday, January 29th
following worship.*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preacher /Presider	<i>Pastor Bill Nienstedt</i>
Organist	<i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>
	10 AM
Ushers	<i>Don Grier Wallace Whitworth</i>
Acolyte	<i>Ben Atherton</i>
Lector	<i>Gloria McCauley</i>
Communion Asst.	<i>Kathy Ashway Luke Coder</i>
Communion Prep	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>
Livestream Team	<i>Jason Brown</i>
Nursery	<i>Deb Hile</i>



SEWING GROUP

*February 22, 2023 @ 11 AM
@ Helen W.'s home.
For more info call/email
the church office.*

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family & friends of Don Sleighter	Doris Kriebel	Donna Shetter
The family & friends of Judy Lynskey	Sue Freeman	Phyllis Dusman
Linda Lerda	Shirley Shilling	Floss Sterner
Carl Forrester	Deb Hutsler	Michele Phillips
Rich Przwarty	Sue Lensbower	Susie Glick
Ray Guldin	Thomas Clarke	Curt Stambaugh
Connie Renshaw	Brenda Zullinger	Cheryl Kelly
Richard & Gloria McCauley	Marlene Fisher	Cameron
Bernice Conner	Mary Royce	
Bob Shannon	Larry Royce	

MEMBERS

Ruth Smith Richard & Linda Snurr Brady Snyder Sandra Snyder

*****Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.***

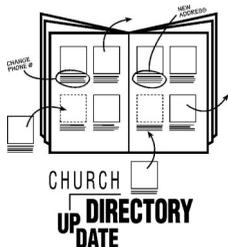
*****Names will normally be removed after 4 weeks.***

OFFERING

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 01.15.23 & 01.22.23: \$25,902.31

Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Member Directories are in the works!

We need family photos! Please email them in to office@trinitychbg.org. If you are unable to email, stop by the office and have your picture taken. If you have a hard copy of a photo you'd like to use, drop it off in the office and we will scan it in the computer and return it to you. **DEADLINE is JANUARY 29th.**

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION - Jim Druckenbrod

I am enrolled in a Spiritual Growth and Direction Course offered by Oasis Ministries in Camp Hill for the purpose of being a spiritual companion for folks on their own spiritual journeys. For the course work,

I shall need two volunteers to serve as persons I can journey with.

It shall be confidential. It shall consist of trying to live into Jeremiah 29:13

"you will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart,"

and other similar verses. This work is based on God's promise that we can find a closer relationship with God in our lives, and looking at ways that spiritual leaders have found helpful. And it shall consist of both of us becoming more attentive to the Spirit in our lives. The direction/discernment comes from the Spirit.

If you might be interested, please call me (717 264-8760)

and we can discuss further.

~ Jim Druckenbrod



Are You Ready For Some Football?

Super Bowl 57 is right around the corner.

While we don't know which teams will be playing, we can still get ready for the big day, and help with another big challenge we face every day...

Help contribute to our neighbors who are hungry!

As last year, the event will be in a marathon format instead of weekly races. It will run from January 15th – February 12th. Donations for any of the teams can be brought in at any time during the race. Current standings may be announced after each "lap" (week), but the winner will be announced after the last week.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Today - 01/29	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Confirmation - Cloud 9 Sunday School for High Schoolers - Social Hall Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary 4th Sunday After Epiphany Recycle Paper Day
Monday - 01/30	7-8:30 PM	Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 01/31		National Hot Chocolate Day
Wednesday - 02/01	10:00 AM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Service/Witness - Lounge Yoga - Social Hall Choir rehearsal - Sanctuary
Thursday - 02/02	6:00 PM	Learning Committee - Cloud 9
Friday - 02/03	6-8 PM 8-10 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 02/04	2-6 PM	Social Hall Reserved National Thank a Mail Carrier Day
Sunday - 02/05	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Confirmation - Cloud 9 Sunday School for High Schoolers - Social Hall Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary 5th Sunday After Epiphany Scout Sunday







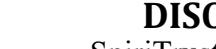
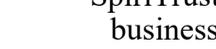











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Financial Secretary	<i>Cindy Scanzello</i>
Livestream Coordinator	<i>Jason Brown</i>

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Council Vice President	<i>Gloria McCauley</i>
Council Secretary	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>

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Laura Pearce	<i>Evan Sutton</i>
David Wenerd	<i>Wallace Whitworth</i>

Vision

"Growing in God"

Mission Statement

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community
Steward - Giving to all the love of God
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"*