

*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*  
Sunday, February 12, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

"If you ... remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar.



**First go and be reconciled to them;  
then come and offer your gift."**

MATTHEW 5:23-24, NIV

# 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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*In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.*

## WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Congregation responds in bold print.***

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

**PRELUDE**

***"God of Grace and God of Glory"***

John Hughes

*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.**

# God, Whose Almighty Word

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.

## 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.

**O God,  
the strength of all who hope in you,  
because we are weak mortals  
we accomplish nothing good without you.  
Help us to see and understand  
the things we ought to do,  
and give us grace and power to do them,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

### Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*The Lord sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.*

Moses said to the people: <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

## PSALMODY

## Psalm 119:1-8

*We will speak the Psalm responsively.*

*Happy are they who follow the teaching of the Lord. (Ps. 119:1)*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who follow the teaching of the LORD!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they who observe your decrees  
and seek you with all their hearts,**

<sup>3</sup>who never do any wrong,  
but always walk in your ways.

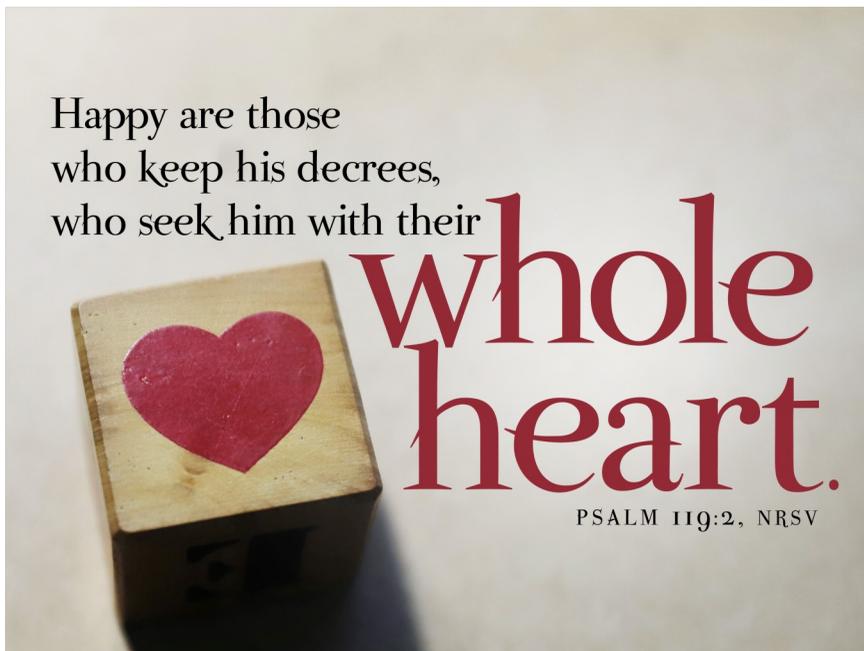
<sup>4</sup>**You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them.**

<sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!

<sup>6</sup>**Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.**

<sup>7</sup>I will thank you with a true heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

<sup>8</sup>**I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.**



## SECOND READING

## 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

*Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry.  
Rather they are coworkers who belong to God,  
the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.*

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human? <sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

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.

## GOSPEL

## Matthew 5:21-37

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.*

*The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

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<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

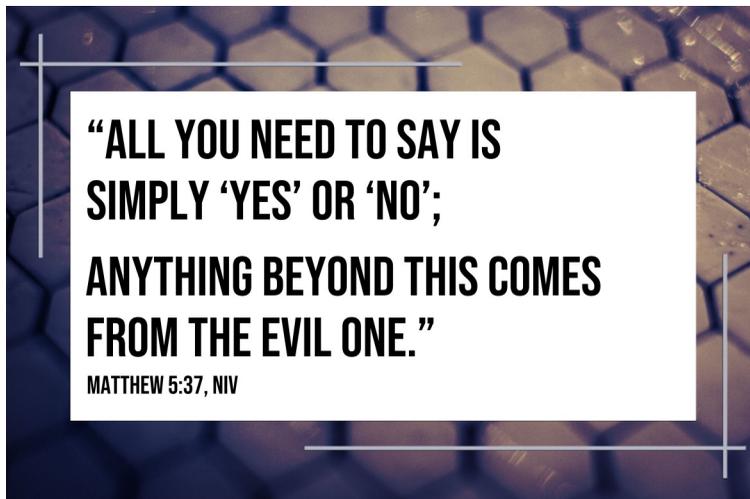
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*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.*

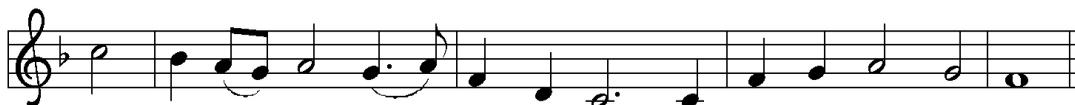
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

*“There Is A Season”  
Senior Choir*

Gilpin

*Please stand as you are able.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## THE BENEDICTION

## Alleluia, Song of Gladness

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,

al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;

in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

# SENDING

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## POSTLUDE

### *“To God Be the Glory”*

Birchwood

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in memory of our parents,  
by Mark & Libby Felix*



*The children’s bulletins are given to the Glory of God,  
and in honor Isabella Barkman’s 5<sup>th</sup> birthday  
by her sister Brooklynn and  
cousins Dilynn & Alyssa Fisher*

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:	
<i>Sunday, February 5, 2023:</i>	97
<i>Online views:</i>	80

### **Next week’s Lessons:**

- Exodus 24:12-18
- Psalm 2
- 2 Peter 1:16-21
- Matthew 17:1-9



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<i>Preacher /Presider</i>	<i>Pastor Bill Nienstedt</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Bob Eyer</i>
	<i>10 AM</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Jean Druckenbrod Jim Druckenbrod</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Hannah Ross</i>
<i>Lector</i>	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>
<i>Communion Asst.</i>	<i>Phil Lobaugh Luke Coder</i>
<i>Communion Prep</i>	<i>Pam Hopple Herm Hopple</i>
<i>Livestream Team</i>	<i>Jason Brown</i>
<i>Nursery</i>	<i>Erich Vogel Laurie Vogel</i>

# IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



## *We Pray For*

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Jim Cistone	Doris Kriebel	Donna Shetter
Bob Kitzmiller	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**

Scott, Julie, & Andrew Stanish      Nancy Stehle      Ronald Stepler      Diane & Floss Sterner

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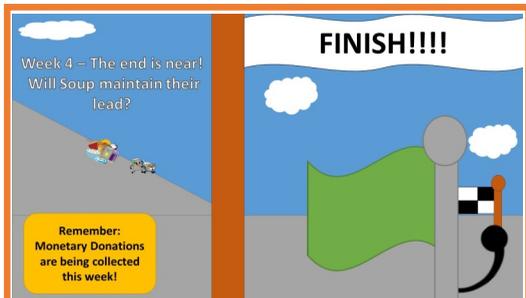
***\*\*Names will normally be removed after 4 weeks.***

### **OFFERING**

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12    02.05.12: \$8,762.00

Thank You!

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Week 4 – The end is near!  
Will Soup maintain their lead?

Remember:  
Monetary Donations  
are being collected  
this week!

**Souper Bowl of Caring  
FINISH!**

The end is near!!  
Will soup maintain their lead??

Thank you for your support!  
Monetary donations will  
be accepted at the service.



## BIBLE & BREW

Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> &  
Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>  
Join us @ 6 PM - Pizza Hut on LWE

We will discuss  
*“The Mothers and  
Daughters of the Bible Speak”*  
while having great conversation, food, & fellowship.

For questions ,  
contact Judy Tinberg.



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 22, 2023 \* 7 PM

# THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

<b>Today - 02/12</b>	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 <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany</i>
<b>Monday - 02/13</b>	6:00 PM 6-7:00 PM 7-8:30 PM	Bible & Brew -Pizza Hut (LWE) Boy Troop Committee Meeting - Scout Room Boy Troop - Scout Room
<b>Tuesday - 02/14</b>	6:30-8:30 PM 6:30 PM	Girl Troop Committee Mtg - Scout Room Church Council - Lounge
<b>Wednesday - 02/15</b>	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Yoga - Social Hall Choir rehearsal - Sanctuary
<b>Thursday - 02/16</b>		Innovation Day
<b>Friday - 02/17</b>	6-8 PM 8-10 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room Girl Troop - Scout Room
<b>Saturday - 02/18</b>		National Battery Day
<b>Sunday - 02/19</b>	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 <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i>



**Administrative Assistant Needed:** We are in need of a part-time Administrative Assistant to start working as soon as possible on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:45 AM to 1 PM with the possibility of expanding the number of days worked. Starting pay is \$15 per hour. Being familiar with Microsoft Office programs is a plus. Training will be provided. If you are interested in this position, contact the church office at 717-263-8156 or [office@trinitychbg.org](mailto:office@trinitychbg.org) for more information. Thank You.



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**Pastor Ruth Smith**

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## TRINITY STAFF TO SERVE YOU

Visitation Pastor	<i>The Rev. Ruth Smith</i>
Director of Music Ministries	<i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>
Office Manager	<i>Christie Brown</i>
Secretary	<i>Anne Crawford</i>
Treasurer	<i>Dennis Alleman</i>
Financial Secretary	<i>Cindy Scanzello</i>
Livestream Coordinator	<i>Jason Brown</i>

## TRINITY CHURCH COUNCIL

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

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Denise Barrows	<i>Ray Brindle</i>
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"*