

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

“Knowing, Loving, Sharing Christ”



The Second Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 19th, 2025 | 11:00 am

WELCOME

Welcome in the Name of our Lord Jesus! We are glad to have you here today to share in God's gifts to us in Word and Sacrament. If you are a visitor and would like more information about Holy Trinity, please see an usher or one of our clergy. We will be delighted to talk to you!

Holy Communion is offered to all the baptized who believe in Christ's real presence in the Sacrament. **Hearing assistance devices** are available ~ please see an usher.

Parents of Young Children:

- We offer a staffed nursery for infants through children 5 years old, if you desire. Please see an usher for more information.
- "Worship Bags" are available for younger children to use during worship. Please ask an usher for more information

PRELUDE

MATTHEW NOONAN, ORGANIST

Freu Dich Sehr, O Meine Seele,
by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

~ Please stand as able. The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism. ~

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

~Please kneel as you are able. Silence for self-examination and reflection~

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage 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.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN:

LBW 87 – HAIL TO THE LORD’S ANOINTED



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth.
all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;



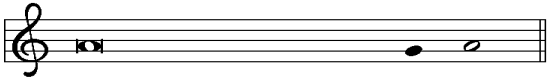
to take a - way trans - gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.

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.

KYRIE & GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



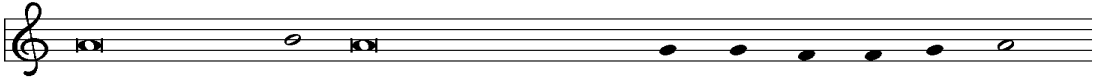
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



G 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,

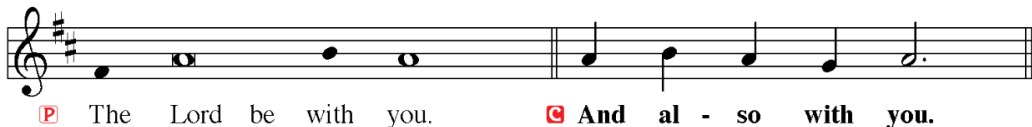


you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY



Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people's prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

~ Please be seated ~

WORD

THE FIRST LESSON:

ISAIAH 62:1-5

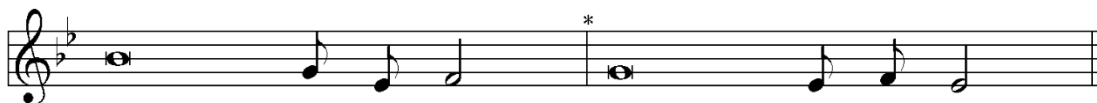
A reading from Isaiah, the sixty-second chapter.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Chancel Choir: *The Lord bless you from Zion.*



¹Happy are they all who | fear the Lord,*
and who follow | in his ways!
²**You shall eat the fruit | of your labor;***
happiness and prosperity | shall be yours.
³Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine with- | in your house,*
your children like olive shoots round | about your table.
⁴**The man who | fears the Lord ***
shall thus in- | deed be blessed.
⁵The Lord bless | you from Zion,*
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days | of your life.
⁶**May you live to see your | children’s children;***
may peace be | upon Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be fore - | ver. Amen.

Chancel Choir: *The Lord bless you from Zion.*

THE SECOND LESSON:

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

A reading from 1 Corinthians, the twelfth chapter.

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

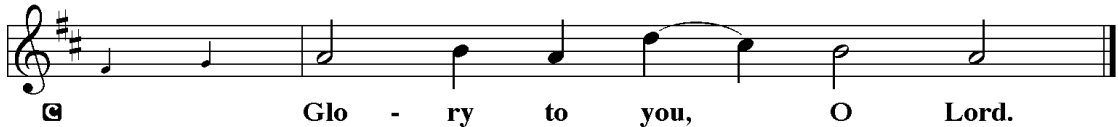
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia. The Lord said to me: You | are my servant
in whom I will be glorified. | Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

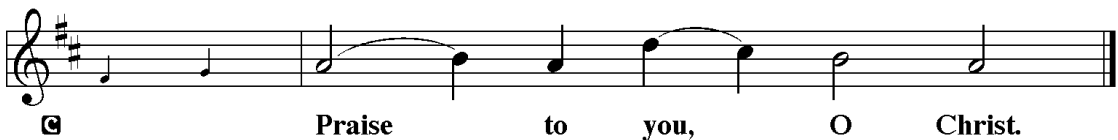
ST. JOHN 2:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.



¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

PASTOR RYAN HENKEL STS

Be sure to fill out the "Sermon Notes" page, write your name, and drop it in the offering plate for a chance to win lunch with (and by!) Pastor Ryan and Cody.

HYMN OF THE DAY WOV 649 – *I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

~Please stand as able~

PEACE

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

OFFERING

~Please be seated~

Disciples of Holy Trinity give generously and sacrificially of their first fruits to support the work of God in the world. Your offerings here allow the life-changing ministries of Holy Trinity to continue and grow. If you are a first-time guest today, you are not expected to contribute but you may do so if you desire.

OFFERTORY

CHANCEL CHOIR

The Only Son From Heaven

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

~Please stand as able ~



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service, and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

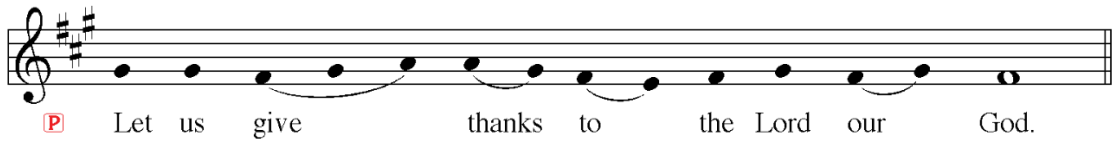
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, O God. You surround us with your glory and mercy, and in the splendor of your heavenly light you lead us through the darkness of this world.

You led your people Israel by a pillar of fire, as you delivered them from bondage and brought them to the promised land. By your light of Bethlehem's star, you led the sages to your beloved Son, revealing him to the nations as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

In words, signs and wonders your Son gave the light of hope to the disappointed and healing to the disenchanting. Then, at the appointed time, he stretched out his hands on the cross, showing forth the brilliance of a life freely given, that all may have life in him.

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.

In joy we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We rejoice that you have made us your people, objects of Christ's redeeming love.

We pray that by your Holy Spirit you will bless and sanctify this Holy Communion, that we may be illumined in faith as we partake of Christ's body and blood, renewed in the forgiveness of sins and joyous in our hope for your eternal kingdom.

Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now boldly 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.

THE FRACTION

The Light has shattered the darkness. (Isaiah 9:2)

Let us follow the Star and behold our God! (Matthew 2:1)

AGNUS DEI



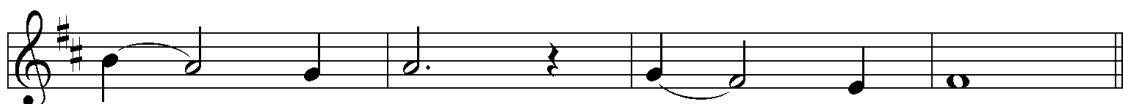
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN:

WOV 711 – YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART



Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



Refrain

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us, and keep us in His grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE BLESSING



P Almighty God, Father, † Son, **C** A - men
and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for - ever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: LBW 470 – PRAISE AND THANKS AND ADORATION



1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that Ad - am's heirs might live.
through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day
Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!
in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE MATTHEW NOONAN, ORGANIST

Toccata in C, by Johann Pachelbel (ca.1653-1706)

ALTAR FLOWERS

To the Glory of God in honor of our church staff and volunteers
by Frankie Lewis.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

- **For those impacted by the wildfires in California.**
- **Christine Smith**, hospitalized with pneumonia
- **Martha Phillips**, friend of Charlotte Sautner, in critical condition after a fall. Also for her mother, Charlotte's friend **Melinda Wilson**.
- **Angela Gibert**, Darlene Harper's niece, experiencing health challenges
- **Judy Zander**, recovering from knee replacement
- **The Family of Ellen Ratz**, mother of John, after her death on January 4th
- **Cissy Belton**, for ongoing gastro-intestinal issues. Follow-up scheduled for January 22nd
- **Robert**, for his overall wellbeing
- **For all caregivers to the sick and infirm**
- **For friends and family dealing with cancer:** John Barreto, Peggy Kies, Alisha Woody, Marque Jabbar, Gene Keller, Doug McSpadden, Kelly Palmer, LaRae Campbell, Dennis Christman, Maria Brimmer, Pastor Kristen Phillips, Barbara Zinke, Rebecca Cloninger, Alex Melvin, Dean Lawson, Melanie Henry, Beth Rudin, Julie Hill, Jim Siedel, Teresa Hartman, Kelly Powell, Octavia Glenn, Margo Schopper, LeaAnn Buckwell, Tina Heracklis, Braxton Morris
- **Homebound:** Caroline Banker, Pinkney Froneberger, Paul Kaiser, Janie Norton, Kathy Wallace, Iris Work
- **Family and friends actively serving in the military:** Braeden Lawing, Brett Boyd, Logan Cape, Mae Dodd, Josh Holland, Andrew Lambert, Luke Saylor, Liam Overby, Ryan Wallace, Jacob Lawing
- **For healthcare workers and first responders:** William Niemeyer, Chuck and Bridget Niemeyer, Beth Michaels, Melodie Garrison, Kailey Hinds, Cindy Isenhour, Lynn Ledbetter, Anna Murphy, Reggie Parlier, Jennifer Sutley, Jon Michael Brackett
- **Robin Simmons**, for her health
- **All the persecuted**, including Leah Sharibu
- **All missionaries**, including the Thorstad family and the Voice of the Martyrs
- **For those outside the Church**, that they may be brought to faith in Christ Jesus
- **For the youth and children of Holy Trinity**, for the Holy Spirit to guide them

- **For all our ministry partners**, and for the Holy Spirit to stir us up to serve our neighbors in need
- **College Christian ministries**, and the establishment of one at Gaston College
- **For the North American Lutheran Seminary System and for an increase in vocations to the ministry**
- **For our Bishop, Dan, our dean, Steven, and for all clergy and people of the Carolinas Mission Region**

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Monday, January 20th:	Work Crew, 9:30 am Middle School Outing, 9:00am-5:00pm Church Council, 7:00pm
Tuesday, January 21st:	Cody Off Ladies' Bible Study, 6:30pm
Wednesday, January 22nd:	Coffee Hour at Gilmore's, 9:30am Choir, 6:30pm
Thursday, January 23rd:	Matins, 8:00am Men's Breakfast, 9:00am
Friday, January 24th:	Pastor Ryan Off Bulletin Crew, 9:30am
Saturday, January 25th:	Women's Annual Meeting/Retreat, 9:00am-3:00pm Vespers for the Conversion of St. Paul, 6:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veteran's Lunch on Tuesday, January 21st: All veterans, active-duty service members, and your friends are invited for lunch. We will gather from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to share in fellowship.

Coffee Hour at Gilmore's Mercantile: Pastor Ryan and Cody Carpenter invite you to join them for a time of fellowship and meaningful conversation over coffee at

Gilmore's Mercantile (137 E. Franklin Blvd) every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect, ask questions, and share in the joys and challenges of life together. Come as you are and bring a friend!

Women of Holy Trinity Annual General Meeting on Saturday, January 25th:
We will be having our Annual General Meeting and our postponed retreat from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the PLC Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us for the recap of 2024 activities and a fun, serviced-themed retreat with lunch. Reservations will be necessary and can be made by responding to the e-vite online or contacting Ana Matthews at 704-718- 2646.

Men's Ministry Outing to Top Golf on February 8th at 5 pm: The Men's Ministry is gathering for a time of fellowship and fun at Top Golf (Charlotte – University, 9110 Drivers Way, Charlotte, NC). Please let us know if you need a ride, a group will leave the church around 4 pm. We would love to see you there! Come as you are and bring a friend!

Save the date! Our next blood drive is **February 24th** from 2:00pm-6:30pm. Contact Charlotte Sautner at (704) 860-3399 to sign up.



Upcoming birthdays to celebrate: Bob Ferguson & Henry Gompers (1/19), Bruce Garrison (1/22), Barbara Parlier (1/23), Carla Oakes & Charlotte Sautner (1/26). **Happy birthday to you all!**

Sermon Notes:

Where did you hear the Law?
Remember “SOS,” *Shows our Sin*

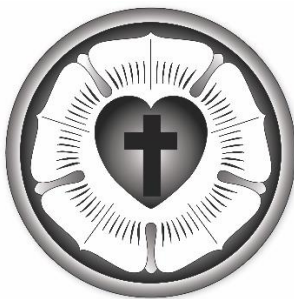
Where did you hear the Gospel?
Remember “SOS,” *Shows our Savior*

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters: Tess Gibbons
 Ushers: Betty Blalock & Nancy Sparks
 Lector: Nancy Faulkner
 Prayer Leader: Mick McMahan
 Communion Assistants: Gene Keller & Carla McMahan
 Church Offering: Donna Allen, Lee Stadther
 Altar Flower Delivery: Ray & Nancy Sparks

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