

# Third Sunday after Epiphany



**TRINITY LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH OF STEPHENS CITY VIRGINIA

810 Fairfax Street  
Stephens City, VA  
Sunday Worship, 9:30AM  
(540) 869-4019  
**January 25, 2026**

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- This Service; Greeters: Pam Reichert. Lessons & Prayers Reader: Pam Reichert. Communion Assistant: Dave Reichert. Acolyte: Wayne Wright
- Next Service; Greeters: Deb Wickboldt. Lessons & Prayers Reader: Patty Stringer. Communion Assistant: Barry Hockenberry. Acolyte: Joey Patterson

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**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community,**  
**but we have served our own interests**  
**at the expense of our neighbors.**  
**We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.**  
**We say the right words,**  
**but our hearts are far from you.**  
**Turn us to seek your face.**  
**Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,**  
**that we may do justice, love mercy,**  
**and walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Amen.**

The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG

## *Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons (ELW 798)*

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

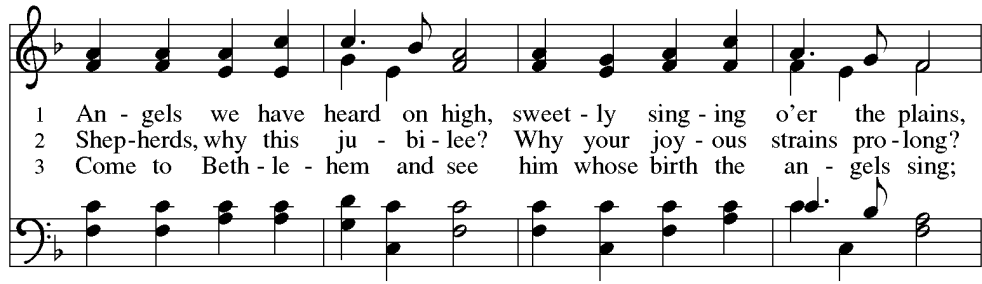
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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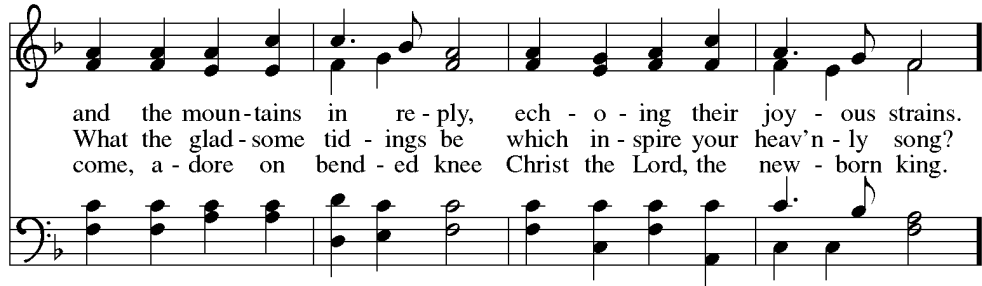
## GREETING

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.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE vs 1, and Refrain



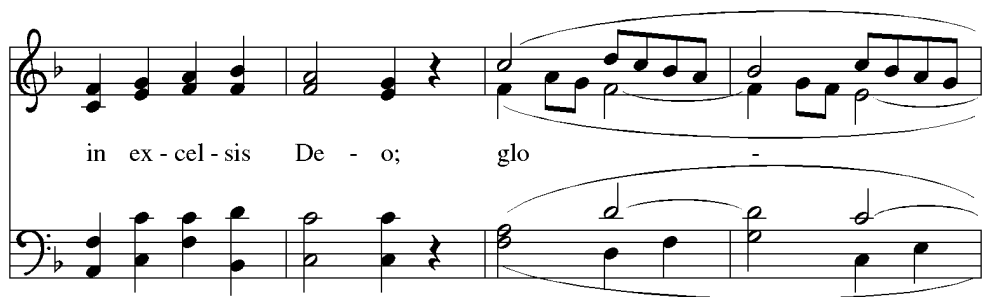
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



*Refrain*  
 Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then I shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask of the LORD; one I thing I seek;**  
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the**  
**beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- on a rock.

<sup>6</sup> **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**  
**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing**  
**and make music to the LORD. R**

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and I answer me.

<sup>8</sup> **My heart speaks your message— I “Seek my face.”**

**Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation. **R**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

<sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Celtic Alleluia*



## **GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Larry Closter

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Faith Begins by Letting Go* (ACS 1004)



- 1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
- 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
- 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:  
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,  
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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## 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

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for those in authority, Mayor Mike Diaz, Mayor Charles Harbaugh, IV, Governor of Virginia Abigail Spanberger, President Donald J. Trump. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick especially Shirley, Louise, Paul, Hadley, Nikki, Michael, Jeff, Pat, Dorthée, Carolyn (*worshippers may add names silently or aloud*). We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**    *Two Fishermen*    Suzanne Toolan    Trinity Choir



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**OFFERING PRESENTATION** *Brightest and Best of the Stars* (ELW 303) **vs. 4**



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
 3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
 Shall we bring in - cense and of - f' rings di - vine,  
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;  
 dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.

Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,  
 Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,

guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.  
 mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.  
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?  
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding. 1850–1911, adapt.

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.

Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him 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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And 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:



## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: TIME AFTER EPIPHANY**

Blessed are you, O holy God:

you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness

and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

Remembering, therefore,

his preaching and healing,

his dying and rising,

and his promise to come again,

we await that day when all the universe

will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,

that, refreshed with this heavenly food,

we may be light for the world,

revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,

both now and forever.

**Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

*For those communing at home, have your package ready to open. The pastor will acknowledge your presence and request that you consume the elements at this time.*

*Please be seated*

## COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

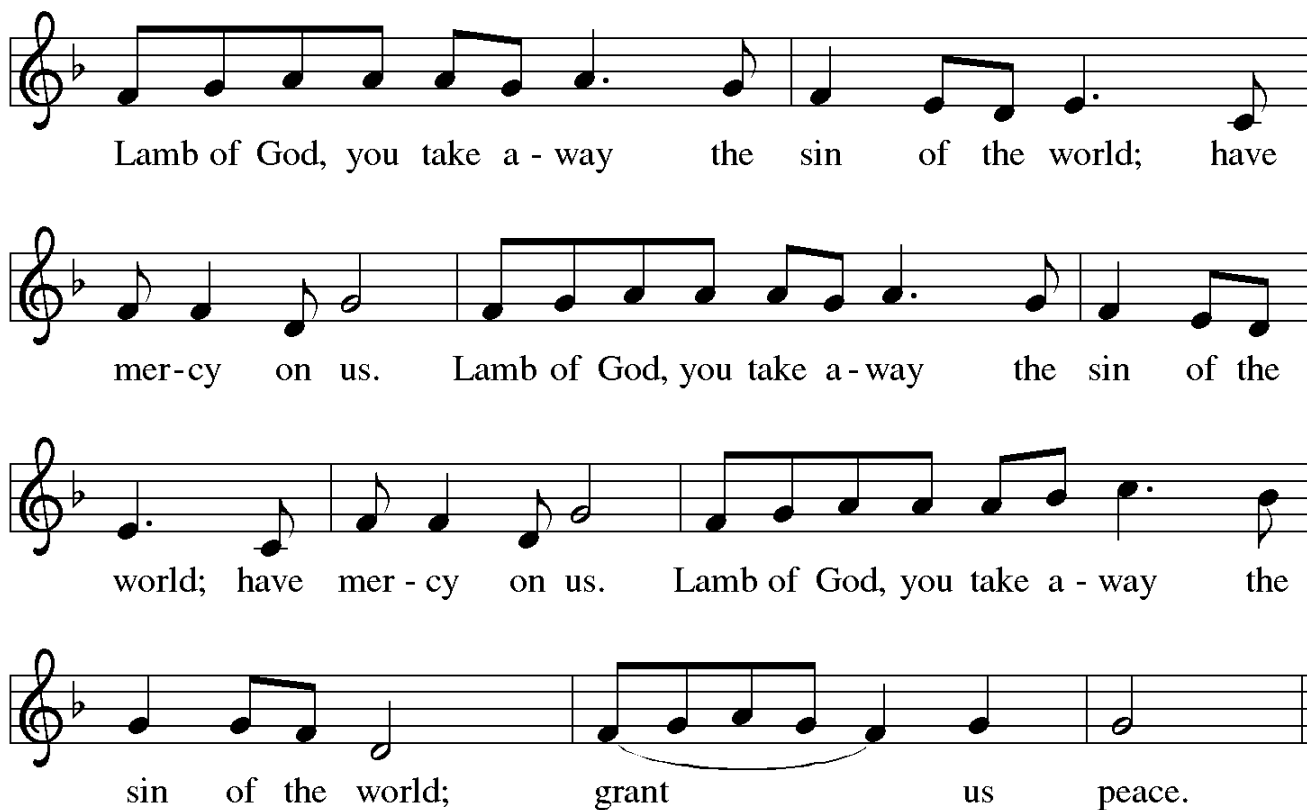
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

*For those who prefer not to partake of the wine there are cups filled with grape juice in the center of the communion tray.*

## COMMUNION SONG



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.

# SONGS DURING COMMUNION

*Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom (ACS 971)*



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when  
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the  
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,  
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,  
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the  
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes  
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.  
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.  
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

## *Precious Lord, Take My Hand (ELW 773)*



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**



**SENDING SONG** *Guide My Feet* (ACS 987) Vs.1-3 Men, Vs.2 Women, Vs.3 All.

Leader

All

1 Guide my feet  
2 Hold my hand  
3 Stand by me while I run this race.  
4 I'm your child  
5 Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race.  
I'm your child  
Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Andante

Guide my feet, Hold my hand, Stand by me while I run this race, I'm your child, Search my heart.

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual; arr. *This Far by Faith*

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Postludium*

J.K. Fischer (1656-1746)

# In The Know

## REMINDERS

- ❖ **When FCPS schools are closed, weekly activities will not be held.**
- ❖ *The new quarter of **Christ in Our Home** daily devotional booklets are in the rack in the Narthex.*
- ❖ *2026 Chancel flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The entire year is there, so you can choose your Sundays for all of 2025.*

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY *Here's what's happening at a glance:*

### Monday, January 26

- Confirmation Class @5pm | Parish Hall
- CMSP Music private lesson @ 2:30 pm | piano, Room 203 & violin, Sanctuary

### Tuesday, January 27

- Sewing for the Savior @ 9:30 AM | Room 204

### Wednesday, January 28

- 5:30PM Community Meal: soup, grilled cheese, dessert

### Friday, January 30

- Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 10 AM | Room 205
- CMSP Music private lesson @ 5-6 pm | Room 203

### Saturday, January 31

- CMSP Music Together @ 9AM (week 3 of 10) | Room 203

### Sunday, February 1 – Service @ 9:30 AM

- Coffee Hour | Parish Hall – All are welcome!
- Chime Choir Practice | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director
- Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 11 AM | Parish Hall

## ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday Servants** 🙌

We'd love your help in making each Sunday special. Whether you'd like to greet, read, assist with Communion, or take part in special services like lighting the Advent Wreath—there's a place for you!

Reach out to **Christine Cornwell** or sign up through **SignUpGenius** in the newsletter.

-  **Prayer Team Table**

Located just inside the sanctuary entrance. Submit a card with your prayer request or contact **Laurie Closter 540-840-8401**, to add a name to the Prayers of Intercession.

-  **Hospital Visitation**

Pastor Closter is registered with Valley Health for hospital visits. Due to HIPAA laws, the hospital cannot notify us when someone is admitted.

To request a visit, contact the church office at **540-869-4019**, or after hours, call Pastor Closter at **540-848-5325**. You may also reach out to **Pastor Closter** or **Martha Cooley**.

-  **Choir Rehearsals** - Rehearsals

Thursdays @5:45PM, please join us in making a joyful noise, if interested please Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director – [music@trinitychurchvirginia.org](mailto:music@trinitychurchvirginia.org). 🎵

-  **Chime Choir** – Sundays after service | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director – [music@trinitychurchvirginia.org](mailto:music@trinitychurchvirginia.org)

- **Food Pantry Item of the Month: Soup (all kinds)** | Contact: Kim Begnaud-Hampton– [kbegnaud0101@yahoo.com](mailto:kbegnaud0101@yahoo.com)

# January

## Save the Date Calendar

1- Office closed

4 - Second Sunday of Christmas ~ *Service @ 9:30 AM*

- Installment of Youth Confirmation Participants

11- Baptism of our Lord ~ *Service @ 9:30 AM*

- Installment of Council Members

13- 9AM - 2PM Blood Drive, Parish Hall

- 9:30AM Sewing for the Savior, Rm. 204
- 11:30AM Lutheran Church Women, Rm. 205
- 6:30 PM Congregational Council Meeting, Rm. 205

18-Noisy Offering -- Access Independence

19-Office closed, MLK day

27-9:30AM Sewing for the Savior, Rm. 204

28-5:30PM Community Meal: soup, grilled cheese, dessert

## Sunday Servants



February is now open on  
signup genius, sign up today!

## Attendance and General Offering

Date	In Person	Zoom	Facebook	Offering
1/04/2026	60	0	7	2,943.00
1/11/2026	62	1	6	3,565.00
1/18/2026	56	1	8	?
Weekly Operational Costs \$ 4,649.00				

## Congregational Meeting Notice

A congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, February 1.

Items for congregational consideration will include the replacement of the parsonage roof and long-term facility use for the *I Can 2* program.

## Council Update

**Cross-Ministry Gathering: One Church, Shared Mission**

**Saturday, February 7 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall**

Trinity's Council invites all ministry leaders, ministry members, and interested congregants to a cross-ministry gathering on Saturday, February 7. This gathering replaces the Council's annual retreat and brings Council and ministries together for shared conversation, listening, and relationship-building around Trinity's Five-Year Strategic Goals.

This is **not** a business meeting—no decisions will be made. Instead, the morning will focus on sharing ministry stories, strengthening connections, and exploring how we can better support one another as **one church with a shared mission**.

A working lunch will be provided. **Your presence matters**, especially if you are involved in any ministry at Trinity.

*\*Ministry Teams function as Trinity's working committees—groups of members serving specific areas of church life, event planning, and mission.*

## Social Ministry Update


**Winter Donation Request –**

With winter weather ahead, Trinity's Social Ministry Team is collecting items for individuals experiencing homelessness. Needed items include socks, hats, gloves, sleeping bags, blankets, sheets, laundry detergent or pods, hygiene items, and feminine care products.



*Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors this winter.*

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