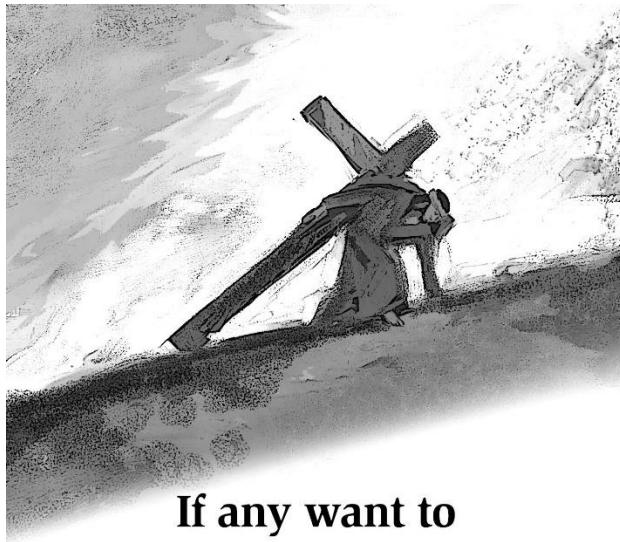


# Trinity Lutheran Church

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***Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!***



**If any want to  
become my followers,  
let them deny themselves  
and take up their cross  
and follow me.**

Mark 8:34, NRSV

***The Confession of St. Peter***

**January 17 & 18, 2026**



## Welcome, children of our Heavenly Father!

*I Cor. 10:16 calls our eating and drinking of the sacramental bread and wine an actual sharing in the body and blood of Christ. As we share this gift of the Savior, we also seek to be faithful to the confession of the Apostles' Doctrine, which Scripture says was shared by those who received the sacrament together. For this reason, guests who desire to commune are kindly asked to speak to the pastor or an elder.*



**In our prayers:** Evelyn Bauer, Doris Benjamin (*mother of Jane*), Lois Brenneisen, Sarah C. (*requested by a friend of Sharon Dummer*), Sue Cornett (*sister of Joanne LaChappell*), Benny Cruse (*grandson of Donna Ohrt*), Andrea Dewez (*friend of Sharon Dummer*), JoAnn Dickman, Violetta Donovan, Karen & John Eberhardt (*sister and brother-in-law of Barbara Schwark*), Donald Fehrenbacher (*father of Ashley Evans*), Heidi Gallegos (*niece of Gloria Graham*), Rebecca Graham (*mother-in-law of Gloria*), William Graham (*husband of Gloria*), JD Hall, Richard Hall (*nephew of Sharon Dummer*), Jason (*nephew of Michelle Hinich*), Jeff Jones, Jamie Jones (*friends of Kamber Johnston*), Kellen (*family friend of Ryan & Jessica Kruse*), Peter Kelly (*friend of the Chmielowiec's*), Brent Klockenga (*cousin of Heather Thurston, nephew of Nancy Snedecor*), Michelle Kooy, Gerald Kroesch, Myra Jean Kroll (*close friend of Emma Kruse*), Don LaChappell, Marge (*friend of Norma Bell*), Brandon Malone, Bonnie Matherly, Les Naese (*father-in-law of Brian Malone*), Donna Ohrt, Marilyn Ohrt (*friend of Deb Chmielowiec*), Caleb Outerbridge, Brian Plenert (*son-in-law of Don & Joanne LaChappell*), Melissa Plugge (*friend of Tina Varvel*), Kevin Schaumburg, Edith Schwark, Jane Schwark, Val Smith (*friend of Rachel Taube*), Mallory Glazik-Sommer (*friend of many members*), Colter Strickland (*extended family of Hart/Pfeifer/Shute*), Addison Telschow; Willy Van Wassenhove, Jason Warpet (*cousin of Deb Chmielowiec*), Lorraine Whitwell, and Jared Zimmerman (*son-in-law of Douglas & Tammy Gray*).

*For all those that our Savior knows are in need, and those we name privately before our Lord.*

### + ORDER OF WORSHIP—DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE—LSB 151 +

#### + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

#### Hymn of Invocation: Christ Is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912

*Stand*

*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.
- ¶ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**Introit** (*Spoken responsively ½ verse by ½ verse*) *Psalm 89:1, 5, 15–16; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]  
**and shall not be put to shame.**

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
**with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.**

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,  
**your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!**

Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,

**who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,**  
who exult in your name all the day

**and in your righteousness are exalted.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

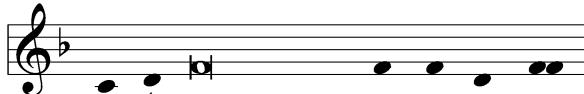
**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

**and shall not be put to shame.**

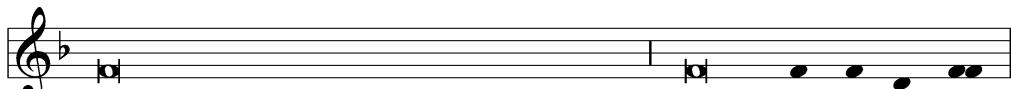
## Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



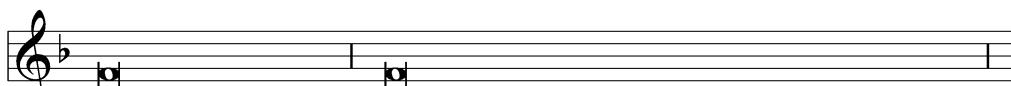
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



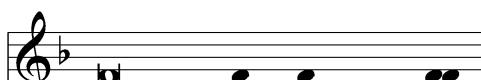
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



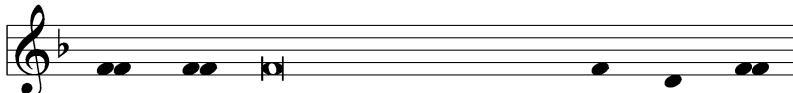
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

### This Is the Feast



**C** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



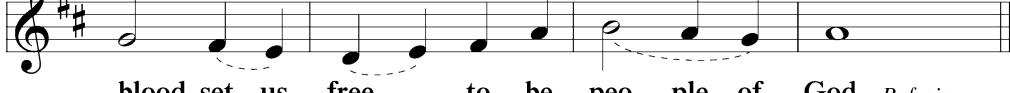
1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

3 Sing - with all the peo - ple of God, and

4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You revealed to the apostle Peter the blessed truth that Your Son Jesus is the Christ. Strengthen us by the proclamation of this truth that we too may joyfully confess that there is salvation in no one else; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

*Sit*

### First Reading

*Acts 4:8–13*

8Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

<sup>13</sup>Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** (*Spoken responsively ½ verse by ½ verse*) *2 Corinthians 4:5a, 13c; 1 Peter 4:11b; Psalm 113:3*

What we proclaim is not ourselves,

**but Jesus Christ as Lord.**

We also believe, and so we also speak,

**as one who speaks oracles of God.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

**Epistle**

*2 Peter 1:1–15*

<sup>1</sup>Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,  
To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the  
righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup>May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus  
our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness,  
through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup>by  
which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through  
them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the  
corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. <sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make  
every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and  
knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness  
with godliness, <sup>7</sup>and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with  
love. <sup>8</sup>For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being  
ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>For whoever  
lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was  
cleansed from his former sins. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make  
your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.  
<sup>11</sup>For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal  
kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know  
them and are established in the truth that you have. <sup>13</sup>I think it right, as long as I am  
in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, <sup>14</sup>since I know that the putting off of  
my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. <sup>15</sup>And I will make

every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Mark 8:27-35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

<sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day: By All Your Saints in Warfare

*LSB 517 printed*

1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For  
2 Praise for Your great a - pos - tle, So  
△ 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther, And

all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O  
ea - ger and so bold, Thrice fall - ing, yet re -  
wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the

Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For  
pen - tant, Thrice charged to feed Your fold. Lord,  
Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till

You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the  
make Your pas - tors faith - ful To guard Your flock from  
all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the

crown; And now they shine in glo - ry  
harm, And hold them when they wa - ver  
throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry

Re - flect - ed from Your throne.  
With Your al - might - y arm.  
And praise to God a - lone.

*Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1823–1913, alt.*

*Tune: English; coll. and arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958*

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\ddagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

*After each petition*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

## Preface

A musical staff in G major, common time. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The text 'The Lord be with you.' is written below the staff.

**P** The Lord be with you.

A musical staff in G major, common time. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The text 'And also with you.' is written below the staff.

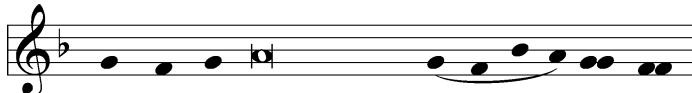
**C** And also with you.

A musical staff in G major, common time. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The text 'Lift up your hearts.' is written below the staff.

**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.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servant Peter, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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;

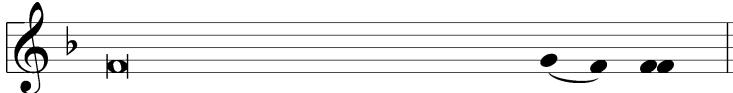
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{\tfrac{X}{+}}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{\tfrac{X}{+}}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei



**C** 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.

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn: The Church's One Foundation**

*LSB 644*

**Distribution Hymn: Built on the Rock**

*LSB 645*

**Distribution Hymn: Church of God, Elect and Glorious**

*LSB 646*

*Stand*

**Thank the Lord**



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**Post-Communion Collect**

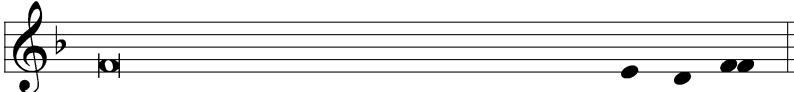
**A** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and **†** give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Hymn to Depart: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

*LSB 924*

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## *Announcements*

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Eric & Heather Meredith in honor of Dorothy Janssen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Offerings** may be placed in the plate on the stand at the back of the sanctuary.

**Quarterly Voters' Meeting:** We will meet this Sunday, January 18th at 11:00am for our quarterly meeting. 2026 Mission Commitments along with regular business are on the agenda. Lunch will be served at 10:45am.

**Dartball games** will be held Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Trinity 1 @ home; Trinity 2 @ New Life Assembly.

**February Newsletter deadline** is Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> by 9:00am. *Please and thanks!*

**Hannah Circle** will meet Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Lynne Noffke will be our hostess.

**Altar Guild** will meet Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm in the Shepard's Lounge.

**2026 Offering Envelopes** are available for pick up in the Parish Hall. They will be moved to the church office after this weekend. Please contact Diane in the office with any questions.

**The 2026 Flower Chart** is posted in the Parish Hall near the northeast entrance to the sanctuary.

**The 2026 Usher Schedule/Duties** is available on the table in the Parish Hall. The Head Usher position is open. Contact Council if you would be willing to serve in this position.

### ***In Response to our Savior's Love***

| Date/Weekend:  | Sat. | Sun. | Total | Offerings: | Operating   | Missions  | All Other Funds |
|--|------|------|-------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|
| January 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 48   | 79   | 127   |            | \$ 3,526.00 | \$ 240.00 | \$ 2,045.00     |
| January 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 37   | 87   | 124   |            | \$ 4,911.47 | \$ 410.00 | \$ 165.00       |
| Sunday School  |      |      | 26    |            | \$ 7.00     |           |                 |
| Bible Study  | 7    | 22   | 29    |            |             |           |                 |
| High School Bible Study  |      |      | N/A   |            |             |           |                 |
| Villas at Herscher 1/12/26                                       |      |      | 12    |            |             |           |                 |
| Average amount needed weekly to meet current Operating expenses  |      |      |       |            |             |           | \$ 5,950.00     |
| Average amount needed weekly to meet current Mission commitments |      |      |       |            |             |           | \$ 692.00       |

*Complete financial reports are given at Quarterly Voters' Meetings usually held on the third Sundays of January, April, July, and October. Please contact Diane in the church office if you need to pick up your envelopes, have offering envelopes issued or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list. 2026 offering envelopes will be available late December.*

**LCMS Stewardship Ministry Stewardship Thoughts - January 18 – Second Sunday after Epiphany Ephesians 5:27 – “So that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.”** Our Lord has cleansed us with His blood — in His sight we are now pure and holy. He has given Himself, laying down His life for us. Now we are His spotless and beautiful bride. By His sacrifice, we are moved to sacrifice. By His cleansing, we find a desire to ourselves be clean and live blamelessly as He is blameless.

## ***This week at Trinity Lutheran Church***

|              |         |  |
|--------------|---------|--|
| Sunday 01/18 | 8:30am  | <b><i>Worship with Holy Communion</i></b>                |
|              | 9:30am  | Sunday School & High School Bible Study                  |
|              | 9:45am  | Adult Bible Study  |
|              | 10:30am | Confirmation   |
|              | 10:45am | Lunch  |
|              | 11:00am | <u>Quarterly Voters' Meeting</u>                         |
| Monday       |         | Little Lambs – No School                                 |
|              | 8:00am  | Devotion on Facebook Live                                |
|              | 7:00pm  | <u>Dartball Games-Trinity 1@home; Trinity 2@New Life</u> |
| Tuesday      | 8:00am  | Devotion on Facebook Live                                |
|              | 9:00am  | <b><i>February Newsletter Deadline</i></b>               |
|              | 6:30pm  | <u>Hannah Circle @ Trinity-Lynne Noffke hostess</u>      |
| Wednesday    | 8:00am  | Devotion on Facebook Live                                |
|              | 5:00pm  | Altar Guild Meeting                                      |
|              | 6:00pm  | Handbell Choir   |
|              | 7:00pm  | Vocal Choir  |
| Thursday     | 8:00am  | <u>Devotion on Facebook Live</u>                         |
| Friday       | 6:00pm  | <u>Peters Baptism</u>                                    |
| Saturday     | 4:00pm  | Adult Bible Study  |
|              | 5:00pm  | <b><i>Worship with Holy Communion</i></b>                |
| Sunday 01/25 | 8:30am  | <b><i>Worship with Holy Communion</i></b>                |
|              | 9:30am  | Sunday School & High School Bible Study                  |
|              | 9:45am  | Adult Bible Study  |
|              | 10:30am | Confirmation   |
|              | 6:00pm  | Herscher Hustlers 4-H in Parish Hall                     |

### ***Serving the Lord Today***

*Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown*

*Kantor: Caleb Dehning*

*Elder/Communion:*

*Mike Bruner (Sat.)  
Dan Shute (Sun.)*

*Next Week:*

*Chris Knobloch (Sat.)  
Mike Bruner (Sun.)*

*Usher Captain:*

*Karl Kruse (Sat.)  
Mike Thomas (Sun.)*

*Altar Guild:*

*Cindy Witheft & Debbie Witheft*