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Sunday, January 26, 2025  
Third Sunday after Epiphany

*God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.*

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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*Let us prepare for Worship*

**GATHERING PRELUDE:**

*Arise, Your Light Has Come!* ..... Wayne L. Wold  
*Hail to the Lord's Anointed* ..... James Montgomery/Leonhardt Schroter/Aaron David Miller

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

✠ *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

All: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

All: **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice;  
we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.”

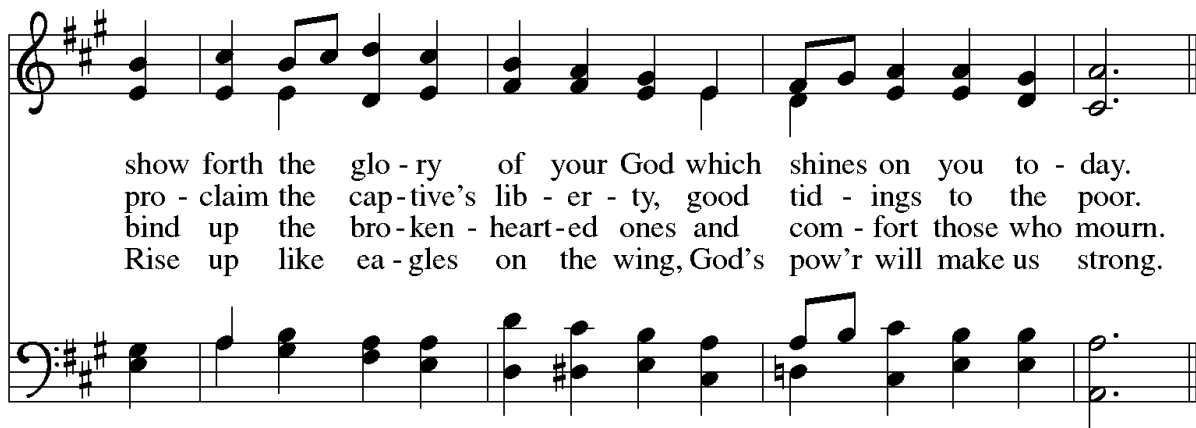
In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God.

All: Amen.

*Follow the cross as the procession passes by.*



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

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 Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893  
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**GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** **And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.


All



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,



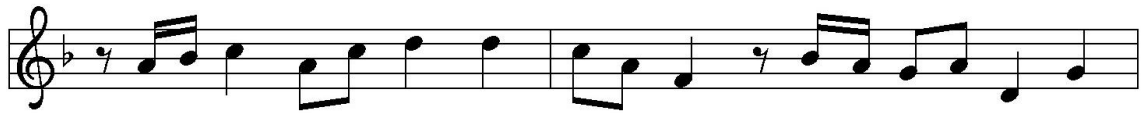
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;




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**

**P:** Let us pray.... Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All:** Amen.

**FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

*The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that “the joy of the LORD is your strength.”*

<sup>1</sup> All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup> Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup> So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

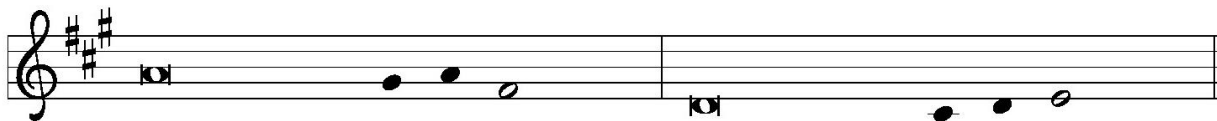
<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

**Psalm 19 (Sing Responsively; Congregation sings the Refrain and *Bold* verses.)**

*Refrain:*



*Verse:*



<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glo-<sup>1</sup>ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its<sup>1</sup> maker’s handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> **One day tells its tale<sup>1</sup> to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge<sup>1</sup> to another.**

<sup>3</sup> Although they have no<sup>1</sup> words or language,  
and their voices<sup>1</sup> are not heard,

<sup>4</sup> **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends<sup>1</sup> of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent<sup>1</sup> for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup> It comes forth like a bridegroom out<sup>1</sup> of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to<sup>1</sup> run its course.

<sup>6</sup> **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of<sup>1</sup> it again;  
nothing is hidden from its<sup>1</sup> burning heat. R**

- <sup>7</sup> The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-<sup>l</sup>ives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom<sup>l</sup> to the simple.
- <sup>8</sup> **The statutes of the LORD are just and re-<sup>l</sup>joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light<sup>l</sup> to the eyes.**
- <sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is clean and en-<sup>l</sup>dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous<sup>l</sup> altogether.
- <sup>10</sup> **More to be desired are they than gold, more than<sup>l</sup> much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey<sup>l</sup> in the comb. R**
- <sup>11</sup> By them also is your ser-<sup>l</sup>vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is<sup>l</sup> great reward.
- <sup>12</sup> **Who can detect one's<sup>l</sup> own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my<sup>l</sup> secret faults.**
- <sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion<sup>l</sup> over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a<sup>l</sup> great offense.
- <sup>14</sup> **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable<sup>l</sup> in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and<sup>l</sup> my redeemer. R**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

*The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.*

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

**P:** Word of God, word of life.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

### Refrain:

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

### Verse:

*The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news<sup>1</sup> to the poor,\* and to proclaim release<sup>1</sup> to the captives. Repeat refrain.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

*Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.*

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

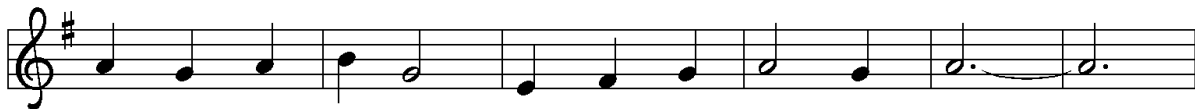
*Silence is kept for reflection.*



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

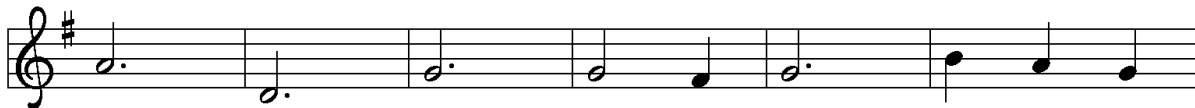


your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND APOSTLES' 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**

*Respond after each petition.*

**P:** God of Grace,  
**All:** **Hear our prayer.**

**PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the congregation greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**All:** **And also with you.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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*Thank you for your generous support of our ministry at Holy Trinity. Offering can be placed in the Offering Plate at the entrance to worship or in the Offering Box on the table with the bulletins.*

**TABLE SETTING SONG:** *Now the Silence*..... **ELW 460**

*(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew.)*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**A:** Let us pray . . . God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

**All:** **Amen.**



## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

.....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:



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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

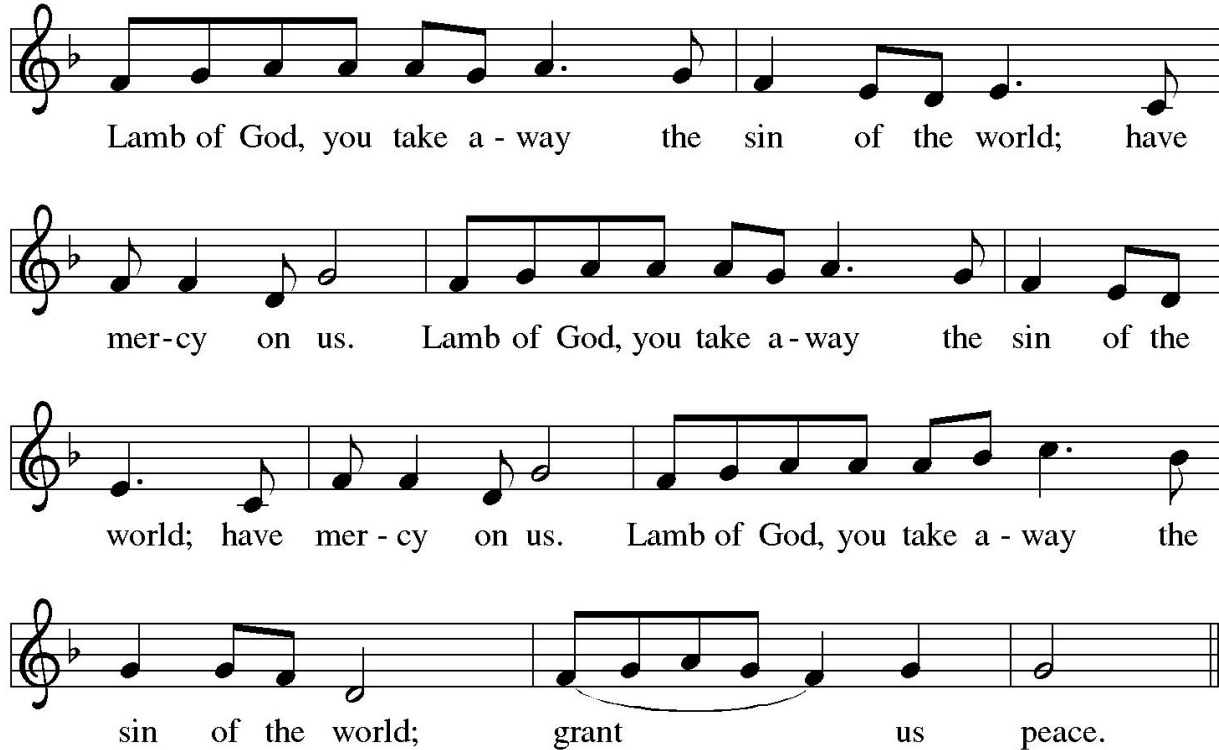
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

**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.

**COMMUNION MUSIC:** *One Bread, One Body* ..... **ELW 496**  
(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew.)

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
All: **Amen.**

**SENDING** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray... Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,  
All: **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P: The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

All: Amen.

**SENDING HYMN: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* ..... ELW 551**

*Follow the cross as the procession passes by.*

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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**DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

All: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE: *Psalm 19- The Heavens Declare* ..... Benedetto Marcello**

**BULLETIN IN THE CHURCH TODAY**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Stine family. The bulletin is given in celebration of Steve Shuey’s birthday by his sister, Kendra Ruhl.

**SERVING TODAY**

**Assisting Minister:** ..... Jim Huebner  
**Communion Assistants:**..... Mark Mariano and Kendra Ruhl  
**Livestream:** ..... Kirk Sponaugle  
**Reader:**.....Susan Bianchi  
**Crucifer:**..... Anderson Rossetti  
**Torchbearers:**..... Kiva Fox and Maddie Gniady



Dear Lord Jesus, When You walked upon this earth, You healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, caused the lame to walk, and raised the dead. Now we come to You on behalf of those who are in need today and pray that You would send them Your healing power. Hear our prayer for Your name’s sake. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY**

**Prayer Concerns:** Susan Bianchi, Jack Bishop, Lucy Campbell (daughter of Jacob and Sarah Campbell), Barbie (Hocker) Colestock (friend of Kendra Ruhl), Donna Dixon, Bill Fosnacht, Glenn Hoffa, Chip Murray, Sharon Murray, Tammy Murray, Terry Longenecker, Wanda Oliver (friend of the Lechleitner’s), Julia Padgett, Dona Pastuck, Tony Primerano (friend of Steve Shuey), Chris Ruff, Jenn and Greg Shirk (friends of Sandy Stine) and Ed Zaenglein.

**DAILY PRAYERS**

Roberta Anderson, Jim Bomberger (friend of Jim and Peg Huebner), Carole Bowman, Virginia Frank, Mike Hamilton (friend of Kendra Ruhl and Steve Shuey), Drew Herdson (friend of the Dunham’s), Dennis Lubold, Nancy Miller, Darrin Mineke (cousin of the Dunham’s), Ed Schaeffer, Pete Stone, Bob Warden (friend of Mary Ann Kelly), Melissa West (friend of Susan Bianchi), Vwawa Congregation of the Konde Diocese in Tanzania and all of our Homebound members.

**Members of Armed Forces and their families:** Evan Briggs, Marshal Fox, Michael Kristian, Riley Litman, Patrick Stewart, Tory Young

*We invite you to pray for all on our prayer list. Please contact the office by email at [htluth@comcast.net](mailto:htluth@comcast.net) or leave a message on the office phone (717-533-2467) if you have any changes to the prayer list.*

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