



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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WORSHIP at 8:30 and 11:00AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:45AM

*All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!*

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Epiphany of Our Lord

January 5, 2025

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*As the prelude begins, please observe a period of  
silence and contemplation in preparation for worship.*

**PRELUDE:** "Marsch der Heiligen Drei Könige"  
Anton Wilhelm Leupold (1868-1940)

*The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.*

The \* indicates when the congregation stands, if able.  
Congregational responses are in **bold**.

**\*WELCOME**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen.**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. 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.  
**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN** As with Gladness Men of Old **ELW #302**

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

**C: And also with you**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.



P: 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.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

A - men, a - men.

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## Glory to God

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

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**\*SALUTATION**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6**

*Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.*

<sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

<sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

- <sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;
- <sup>2</sup> **that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**
- <sup>3</sup> that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup> **Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**
- <sup>5</sup> May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.
- <sup>6</sup> **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**
- <sup>7</sup> In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- <sup>10</sup> **May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,  
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**
- <sup>11</sup> May all kings bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service.
- <sup>12</sup> **For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,  
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**
- <sup>13</sup> He has compassion on the lowly and poor,  
and preserves the lives of the needy.
- <sup>14</sup> **From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

*What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.*

<sup>1</sup> This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup> for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup> a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup> In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup> that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

*(please stand)*

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

**\*GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12**

*God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child



who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;<sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.<sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.<sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”<sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.<sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.<sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.<sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY      We Three Kings**

*(printed on next page)*

**8:30** – Congregation sings all

**11:00** – Choir sings verses, congregation sings refrain

## We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,  
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain;  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
 prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, scaled in the stone - cold tomb.  
 heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

### Refrain

Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

**\*CREED**            *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 INTERCESSION**

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

*A brief silence.*

Your glory fills the earth. Bless the work of all who engage in dialogue with people of other traditions and faiths. Bridge our differences with a shared mission of revealing your boundless love to the world. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Restore the glory of creation. Send rain to water-parched lands. Revive ecosystems and habitats threatened by a changing climate, and protect the peoples and creatures who live in them. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Give the rulers your justice and reveal your righteousness to those who govern. Frustrate the plans of tyrants and oppressors. Encourage the work of community organizers and activists who speak out against injustice. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Help those who have no helper. Draw near to those who have no one to advocate for them or those who feel forgotten. Deliver those who call to you (*especially*). Precious are they in your sight. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Liberate this congregation from a yearning for the past that forgets the future. Fuel in us a passion for discovery. Give us the boldness to dream and to imagine our ministries in new and different ways. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for your holy ones who now rest in your radiant glory. Make us, with them, sharers in the boundless riches of Christ, our hope and promise. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **\*SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

*Please take a moment to sign and pass the navy fellowship folders located in each pew at this time.*

### **OFFERTORY**

During this time, we worship God with our offerings.

There are a variety of gifts and a variety of ways to give!

- If you give electronically, thank you.
- If you would like to give electronically, please scan the QR code.
- If you are led to give through cash or check, simply place your offering in the plate as it passes.



*“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

Offertory Music: 8:30 - "We Three Kings" setting by John Barr (b.1938)  
11:00 - "What Star Is This" Richard Shepard (1949-2021)

*Please stand as we begin singing the “Create in Me”  
and the elements are brought forward*

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score is written in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end...proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup...We look for hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit...bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours...One God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

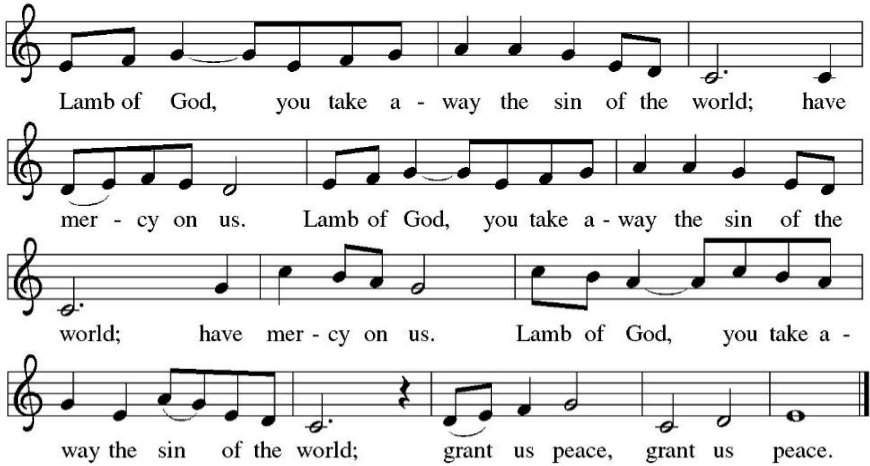
P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

*(Please be seated)*

### Lamb of God



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.

**HOLY COMMUNION** by Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine)  
*Please come from both sides up the center aisle and return to your  
seat by the side aisles.*

*8:30am Holy Communion by Intinction  
Please kneel, if you are able, at the rail.*

*11:00am Holy Communion by Intinction  
Those desiring to kneel or pause for prayer at the rail  
after communing are invited to do so.*

**Communion Music:**

8:30 - "Epiphany Road" Ben Logan, Debbie Harding, Piano

11:00 - "We Three Kings" setting by John Barr

## \*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the  
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions  
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

## \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

\*HYMN                      Brightest and Best of the Stars                      ELW #303

\*BLESSING    The Three-fold Amen

## \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Chorale: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!**



*Our Nursery is available for children 5 years and younger at each service. The nursery is located near the south side entrance.*

**OUR STAFF AT TRINITY:**

Rev. Ken Johnson	Pastor
Rev. Jake Lehman	Outreach Pastor
Nathan Mattson	Organist/Director of Music
Katie Grubaugh	Office Administrator
Heidi Albertson	Dir. of Family & Youth Ministry
Terri Schmidt	Bookkeeper
Margaret Stevenson	Hospitality Host
Bob Koenes	Custodian
Dr. William Musselman	Organist/Director Emeritus

**ALTAR GUILD:** Teri Koretsky, Sheree Sorensen

**WELCOME TEAM:** 8:30 Teri Koretsky, Beth Belleville  
11:00 Karen Jachym, Sheree Sorensen

**LECTORS:** 8:30 Jen Gatz  
11:00 Julie Peterson

**ACOLYTES:** 8:30 Nolan & Avery Fowler  
11:00 Kiley & Calico Morris

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Beth Latshaw, Sandy Eschelbach, Linda Ward, David Mason, Rachel, Alex and Emma, Ruth Krueger, Bertha Boettcher.  
*Our sincere condolences go to Candy and Brien Leonard on the passing of Candy's mother Karen Schank. Please keep the family in your prayers.*

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

Sun	Jan 5	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00 Choir 9:25
Mon	Jan 6	Holiday décor cleanup 10:30
Tue	Jan 7	Christ Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves and Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11-12:30
Wed	Jan 8	Men's Bible Study 7am Ladies Lunch 11:30
Fri	Jan 10	Women's Game Night 4-6
Sun	Jan 12	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Volunteers Needed! On Monday January 6 at 10:30am** - We need to take down and put away all Christmas decorations. *If you can help, please contact Jen Gatz at [gatzjen@gmail.com](mailto:gatzjen@gmail.com) or 269-993-2301 (text/call).*

**Christ Clothes Closet:** The Closet needs donations of women's underwear size 6 & 7 and socks, and winter coats for all as they continue to give away cold weather gear throughout this season.

**Personal Care donations for the Clothes Closet:** Feminine hygiene products, soap, toilet paper & toothpaste.

**From the SCRIP (gift card) Table:** We hope you will take advantage of the gift cards our Service Ministry has available at the SCRIP Table; they are a perfect fit and easily mailed! Please stop by the SCRIP table or call Janet Gullickson (260-372-0081) to buy or order cards and support our work. Thank you!

***If you have access to Thrivent Grants, please consider using one to help purchase needed items and supplies for church outreach and events! Contact the church office if you are looking to find out more.***

**Men's Bible Study** - We will meet next on Wednesday January 8, 22 & February 5, 19. We will be serving a light breakfast each time. We meet @ 7:00 AM and try to finish around 8:00 AM. All are welcome. "No experience necessary".

**Campbell Soup Labels** - To all our loyal label savers, I regret to inform you that Campbell's is no longer collecting labels for schools. We thank you for your past continued support and request that you no longer save them.

**Women's Game Night Friday January 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-6.** All are welcome! Bring a snack to pass, a favorite game(if you have one), and a White Elephant gift!

**Ladies Lunch** – The January lunch will be held at Martell's at 11:30 the 8th of January. The sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall or call Judy Anderson at (908) 337-0646 with any questions.

**Meeting of the Men!** Meeting of the men is an "informal, come as you are, when you can" kind of get together with no agenda, just good conversation and a great opportunity to get to know one other guys who call Trinity home! We'll plan to gather at O'Duffy's Pub near Trinity in the Vine Neighborhood on Wednesday January 22 from 5:30-7:00pm for a relaxed time of fellowship and conversation!

**Trinity Blood Drives:** We are again planning to host American Red Cross blood drives at Trinity in 2025. The next date is **Wednesday Jan 15, 2025**. We are asking for volunteers to become part of the team to help with registrations/hospitality, some set-up and closing the church at end of the drive. If you are interested/able to do this, please contact Holly Wohlfert at 269-808-3889 or the church office. Thank you in advance for your help.

**Scripture and Sandwiches Online Bible study is Back!** Due to popular demand, Pr. Jake is bringing back Scripture and Sandwiches for an eight week walk through the Sermon on the Mount! We'll meet each Thursday from 12-12:30 beginning on January 9th for a bit of bible study and conversation over lunch. The meetings happen via Zoom so you can join in from wherever you are! Use the Zoom info below or follow the link provided in the weekly emails to join!  
Meeting ID: 821 5743 3849 Passcode: Lunchtime

**Bike repair workshop for El Sol Elementary School!** Trinity is once again repairing bicycles to be donated to students and families at El Sol Elementary School! We have an abundance of donated bikes and we're partnering with Open Roads to make sure that the bikes are in top notch condition before passing them on to the students. The repair day at Open Roads will be on February 8th from 11-3ish and we're looking for 8-10 volunteers who are willing do the repairs. No experience is necessary as the staff of Open Roads will be there to teach and guide us along the way! Sign up in the fellowship Hall by Feb 2nd to be a part of the crew!

**Prayer Shawls** are available for gifting to members of Trinity and their extended families and friends in times of healing, grief, celebration, or any other occasion one feels the need of God's loving presence. To request a prayer shawl, or with questions about our Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Sidney Mueller (269-806-0023), one of the pastors, or Julie Peterson, chair of the Caring Ministry team.

**Free Online Learning Opportunity through our Synod!** Join our friend, Rev. Dr. Amy Lindeman Allen (*daughter in law of Jim and Chris Allen and theologian in residence at Trinity in June 2024!*) and Indiana Christian Church Associate Professor of New Testament at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana, for a six-week course titled, "Jesus and the Little Children". The class is free of charge and will meet on six consecutive Tuesday evenings: January 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 2025 from 7:00 – 8:15pm ET via Zoom and is open to all adults, both laypeople and rostered ministers. **Registration is required and will close on January 6, 2025.** Sessions will be recorded and available to those registered for one week. Register here today!

<https://forms.gle/exuaeo3ntjq1DBXr7>

**Stew and Brew Chili Cook-off and Homebrew Competition!** Save the date of Saturday February 22 from 4:30-6pm for Trinity's second annual Stew & Brew Chili Cook-off and Homebrew competition! Bring your favorite homemade chili, cornbread, show off your homebrewing skills or just come out and enjoy some warmth and fellowship on a cold winter day! Cooks and brewers are invited to arrive around 4:15 with the tasting beginning around 4:30. This will be a people's choice competition, so all styles of chili and home-brewed beverages are welcome! Contact Harry Jachym ([hjachym@gmail.com](mailto:hjachym@gmail.com)) with any questions!

**Helping Hands Needed at Quilters!!** No sewing required, please come and help with this project if you are looking for a place to volunteer and some conversation and coffee. Quilters take a break in November and December for the holidays but resume again in the new year! For more information, contact Teri at [tkoretsky44@yahoo.com](mailto:tkoretsky44@yahoo.com) or at 269-567-4238.

### **Invitation to Connect with Scripture through the Daily Lectionary**

It's a New Year, and sometimes that means trying to start a new habit! Why not try a daily bible reading? The cycle of readings we follow through the year each Sunday at Trinity comes from the Revised Common Lectionary, which is used by a wide variety of mainline protestant churches around the world. In addition to our Sunday readings, the Lectionary provides readings for every day of the year! The readings are short, so they don't take long to read and they are a great way to ground ourselves and create a habit of connect with Scripture in a meaningful way every day of the week!

The Daily Lectionary can be found online at <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/> (you can even sign up to have the daily reading e-mailed to you!). If you're not the digital type, the lectionary is also listed in the back of our church hymnals on page 1121. Whether you use the lectionary or another devotional practice, we encourage to pause in your daily routine to engage with scripture and recognize the presence and promise of God in our midst.

**Emergency Food Box:** Trinity is looking into partnering with people in our neighborhood to stock the emergency food box located on Oak Street between Cedar and Lovell. This would be entirely reliant on donations from our congregation and not under Loaves and Fishes direction. If we have a positive response from our congregation, we would start this by the end of the month. Easy open, ready to eat, non-perishable foods (cans with a flip top if possible) should be put in the box designated Emergency Food Box outside the Fellowship Hall. Call Rasma McMullen (269-349-9429) or Sandy Wallace (269-375-8876) with any questions.

