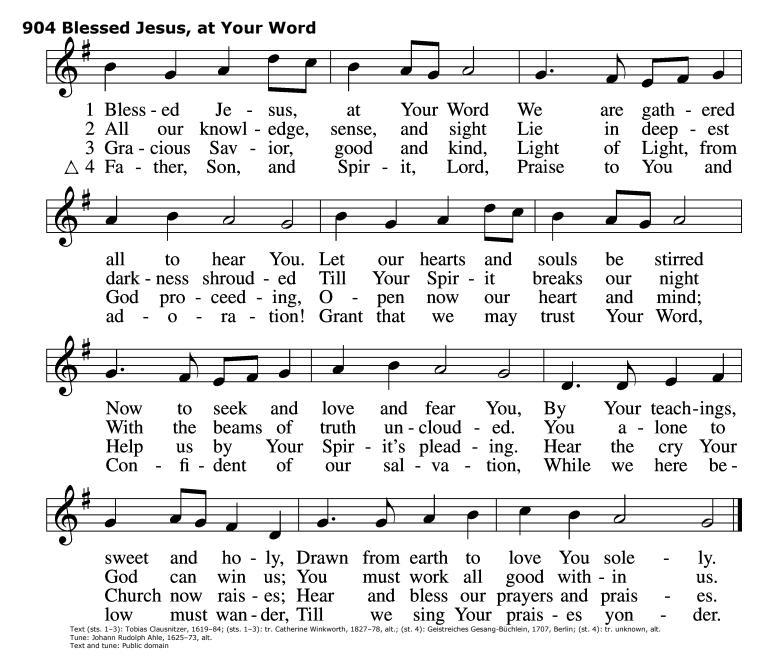
4th Sunday after the Epiphany - Sunday, January 29, 2023



The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the ightharpoonup Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

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

- 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.
- **G** Amen.

Service of the Word



Psalm 1:1-5; antiphon: v. 6



PASTOR For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*

but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,* nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;

but his delight is in the law | of the LORD,*

and on his law he meditates | day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not | wither.*

In all that he does, he | prospers.

The wicked | are not so,*

but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,* nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous.

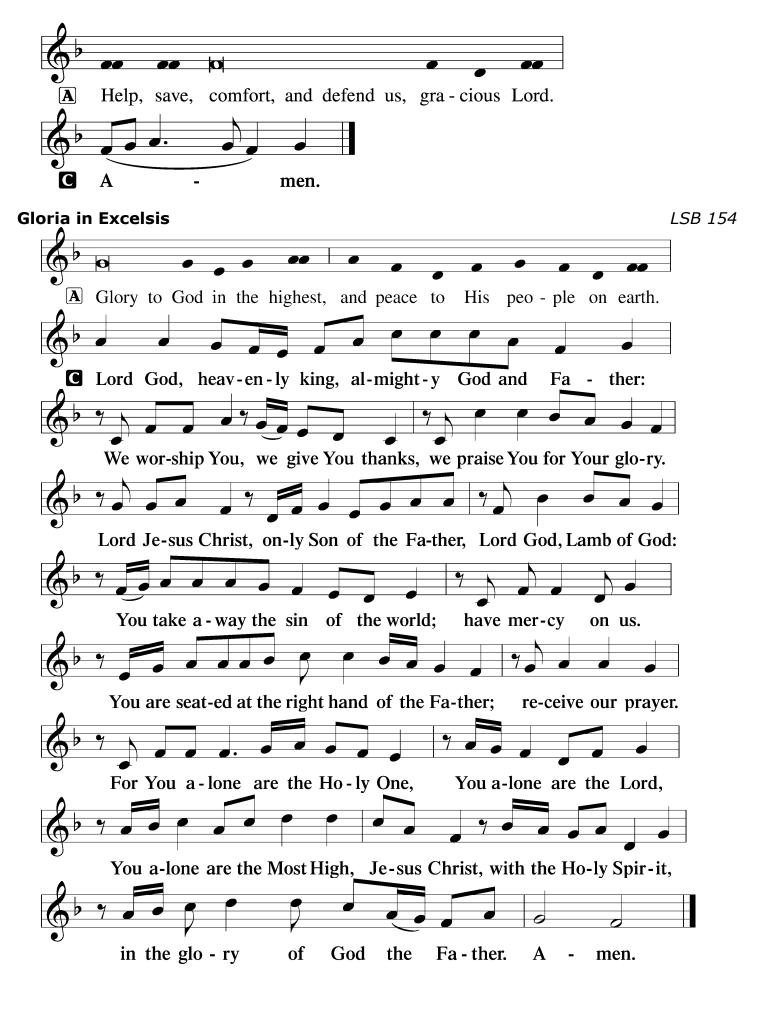
ALL Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

PASTOR For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will | perish.

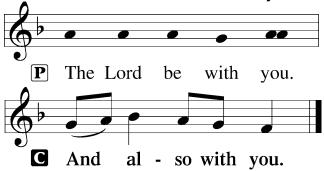
Kyrie LSB 152 peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

³"O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses,

Associated Mississer

Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

6"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,

the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

8He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual PASTOR

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

- ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
 - ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
 - 8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
 - ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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

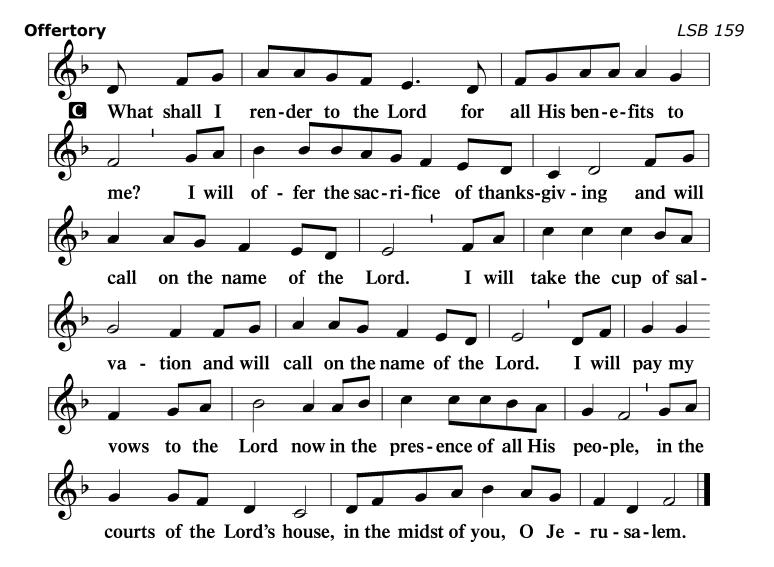
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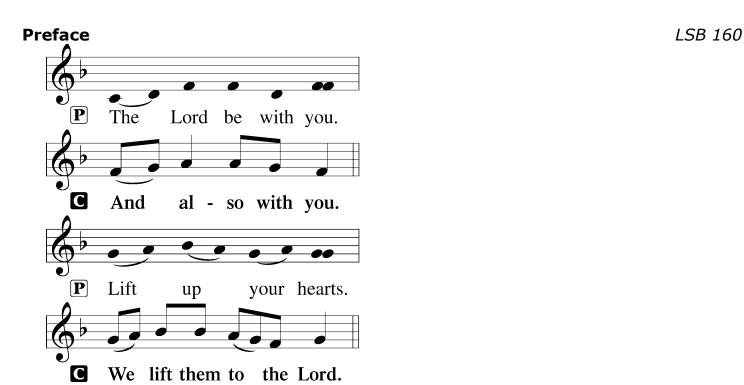
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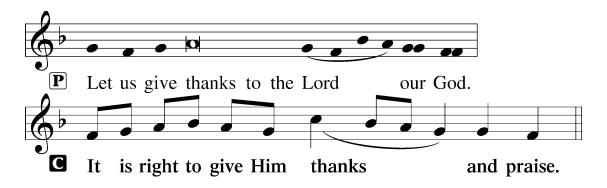
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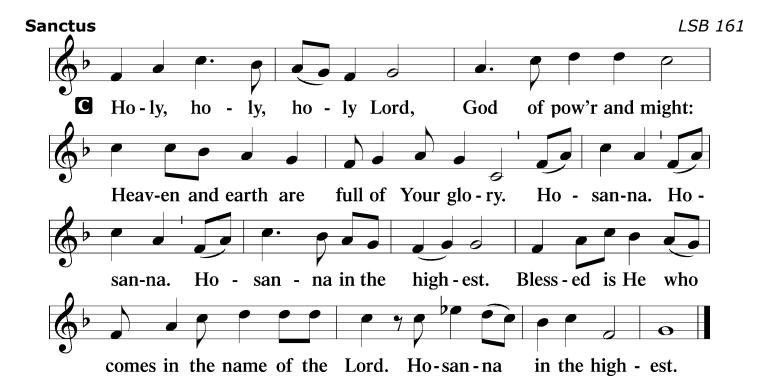


Service of the Sacrament





P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

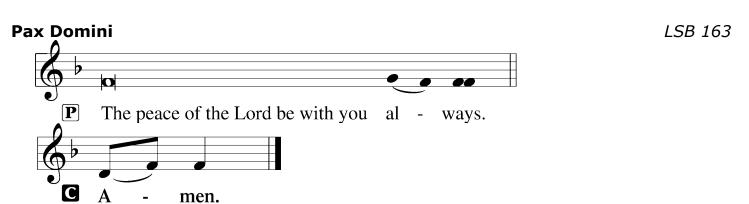
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Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord





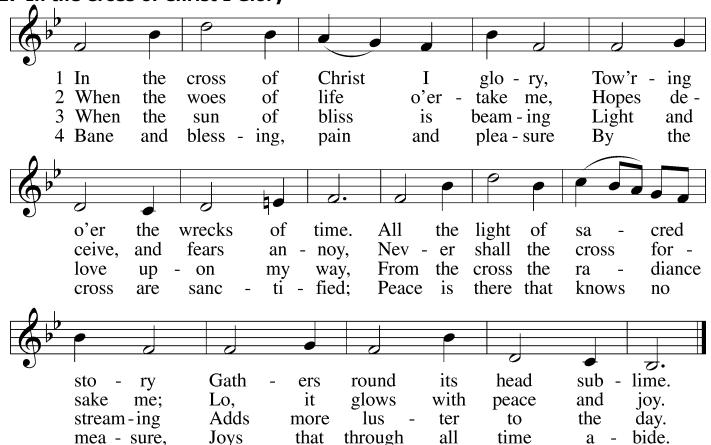




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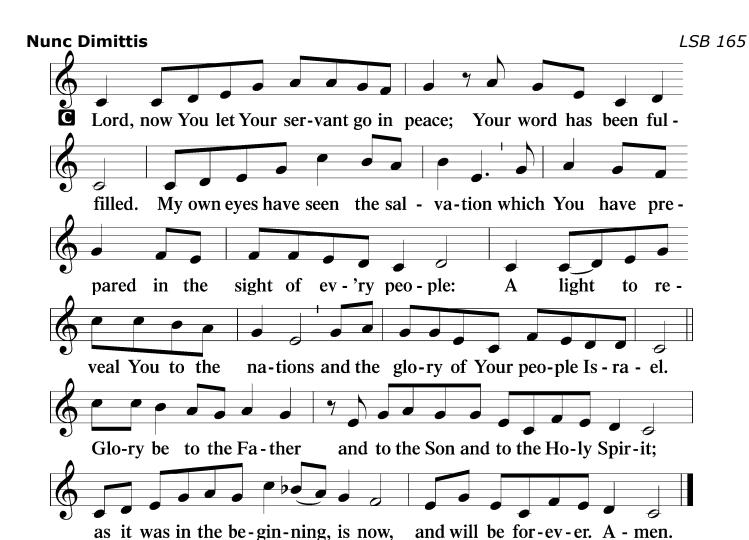
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Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction LSB 166

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.



683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me



1 Je - sus, Thybound - less love to me grant that noth - ing in my soul

3 This love un - wea - ried Ι pur - sue suf-f'ring be Thy love my peace,

No thought can reach, no May dwell, but Thy pure And daunt-less - ly to weak-ness be In Thy



U - nite my thank tongue de - clare; ful heart Thee, to may Thy love love a - lone; Oh, me whole, pos - sess as - pire. may Thy love Thee Oh, my hope re - new, pow'r; And when the storms life shall cease, love my of



And reign with-out ri - val a My joy, my trea-sure, and my Burn in my soul like heav'n-ly Je - sus, in that fi - nal

there! Thine whol-ly, Thine a crown! All cold-ness from my fire! And day and night, be hour, Be rod Thou my and



lone Be Thou stant flame. a - lone am; my con -My 'ry act, heart re - move; ev word, thought be love. To this sa - cred all care guard trea sure there. my and guide, And draw me safe - ly side! to Thy

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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun Jan 29	9:00 AM	Divine Service
	10:30 AM	Education Hour
Tues Jan 31	9:00 PM	Quilting
Wed Feb 1	6:30 PM	Confirmation
Thurs Feb 4	4:00 PM	Women's Ministry Meeting
Sun Feb 5	9:00 AM	Divine Service
	10:30 AM	Education Hour

OFFERING ENVELOPES and OFFERING STATEMENTS

Please pick up your **2023 offering envelopes** AND your **2022 offering statements** from the table in front of the main bulletin board. You will have envelopes even if you give electronically.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today were given by Helene and Judy Heintz in honor of their mother's birthday.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR SHARON JOHNSTON

Funeral services for Sharon will be held on Wednesday, February 1 at 11:00 a.m. There will be a memorial visitation for an hour prior to the service. Lunch will be served in the church basement following the service.

SUNDAY MORNING TREATS

There is a **new sign-up sheet** for treats, set-up, and clean-up on Sunday mornings. On one side of sheet you can sign up to **bring treats** and on the other side you can **offer your time** to make coffee, Kool-aide, and hot water (for tea and hot cocoa) and or help with clean-up after Bible class.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Next summer may seem like a long way away, but it's already time to begin planning for Vacation Bible School. Trinity is looking for volunteers who are willing to help plan for and run VBS next summer. If you are interested, please contact Shana Schaefer or Rose Little to talk about ways you might be able to help. **Please pray for guidance as to where YOU can help with this important event.**

LENTEN SERVICES

Lenten services will begin on **Ash Wednesday, February 22**. We will again be offering a meal before the service. There is a sign-up sheet for these meals on table in front of the main bulletin board. Meals will be served at 5:15 p.m., with service beginning at 6:30 p.m. Confirmation and choir practice will follow the service at 7:15 p.m. There will not be a meal before the services for Maundy Thursday or Good Friday.

BOTTLES FOR LIFE

Trinity will again be participating in the Bottles for Life campaign to raise funds for Amnion Pregnancy Center. Pick up one or more baby bottles under the table in the narthex, fill it with donations, and return by February 26. Thank you for supporting life!

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR SHUT-INS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

We are planning to put together boxes of love/care packages for our college students from Trinity and our shut ins to be sent by Valentine's Day. If you have a college student, please send their address to the church office. We will be collecting candy, socks, small games (cards, crossword puzzle books, etc), small toiletry items, and anything else you think would be good to add. There will be an opportunity to write a special note or card as well. Please put items in the bins under the table in the narthex. Thank you!

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