

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity Greenville, Pennsylvania

The Baptism of Our Lord January 8, 2023 Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to be in worship. Sitting with children in a front pew and giving them the seat on the center aisle helps them to see and participate in our worship. For children who are present in worship, there are coloring and activity pages with crayons available in the narthex. They are located by the coat rack on the bottom shelf of the pamphlet rack. Please return the unused pages, clipboard, and crayons after the service. If children need a break, there is a TV set up in Roth Library so parents can watch the worship live-stream. Toys are hidden in the cabinets under the bookcases closest to the door.

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

Procedure for Communing: We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.

Gluten-free wafers are available; let the pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Liturgy of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.

The assembly's responses are in **bold type**.

Significance of the Day: In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

Gathering

Prelude Chorale Preludes on Lobt Gott, ihr Christen (Walther et al)

Greeting and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism and Affirmation by the Assembly

(As the ministers enter, the assembly stands and faces the font.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Affirmation of Baptism

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that deny God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

(Water from the font is sprinkled on the assembly during the creed in remembrance of Baptism. It is appropriate to make the sign of the cross upon feeling the water.)

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.



The Gathering Song

We Know That Christ Is Raised



Apostolic Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from Isaiah:

1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;

he will bring forth justice to the nations.

2 He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street:

3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

4 He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

5 Thus says God, the Lord,

who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it

and spirit to those who walk in it: 6 I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,

a light to the nations,

7 to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,

from the prison those who sit in darkness.

8 I am the Lord, that is my name;

my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

9 See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,

I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

(Psalm will be sung responsively by verse. Refrain follows verse 11.)



- 1 Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name; worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders; the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice; the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees; the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- 6 the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
- 7 The voice | of the LORD bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- 8 The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

- 10 The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as sovereign for- | evermore.
- 11 O LORD, give strength | to your people; give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. (**R**)

A reading from Acts:

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(The assembly stands.)

Gospel Acclamation



Alleluia.

A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

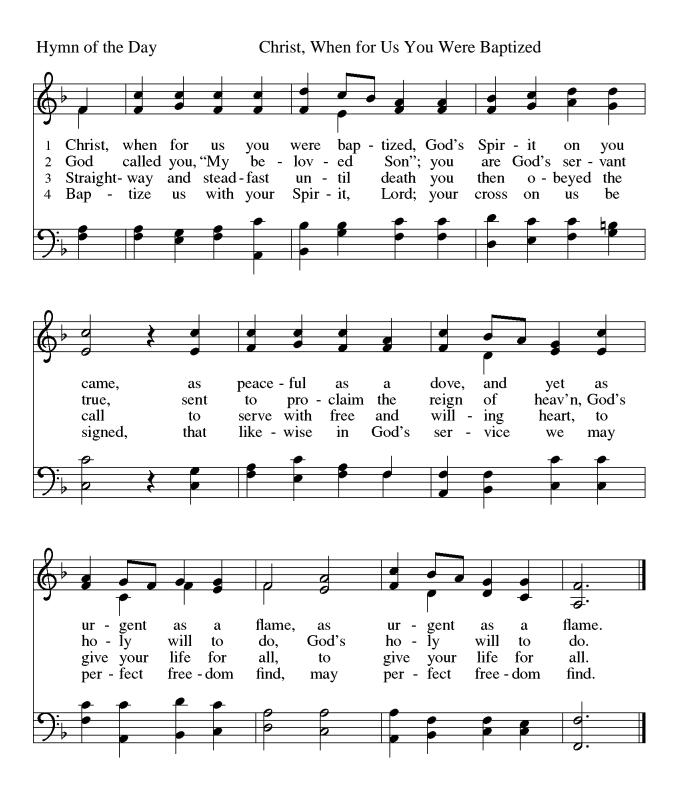
Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

The Sermon

Pastor Brenda Martin

(As the organ sounds the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.)



Prayers of Intercession

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need, responding, Merciful God, receive our prayer.

A brief silence.

Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Cleanse and protect oceans, rivers, and watersheds. Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue between nations. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving or experiencing crisis. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Blessing God, in Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany the newly baptized, those recently ordained, and any beginning a new ministry. Inspire synodical leaders and congregational councils to serve with imagination and wisdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Promising God, your faithfulness endures throughout all generations. We give thanks for those who have died in Christ -- especially Sue and Tillie -- trusting that we will be united with them and all the saints in Christ's resurrection life. Merciful God.

receive our prayer.

Are there others for whom we should pray?

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

Peace

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

(The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying, "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

(The assembly is seated.)

Meal

Offering

Anthem In Thee Is Gladness

(Gastoldi)

In thee is gladness amid all sadness,

Jesus, sunshine of my heart.

By thee are given the gifts of heaven,

Thou the true redeemer art.

Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest.

Who trusts thee surely has built securely
and stands for ever: Alleluia!

Our hearts are pining to see thy shining, dying or living,
to thee are cleaving: naught can us sever:

Alleluia!

If He is ours, we fear no powers not of earth nor sin nor death.

He sees and blesses in worst distresses,

He can change them with a breath.

Wherefore the story tell of His glory with hearts and voices,

All heav'n rejoices in Him forever Alleluia!

We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness,

love Him and praise Him and

still shall raise Him glad hymns forever:

Alleluia.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

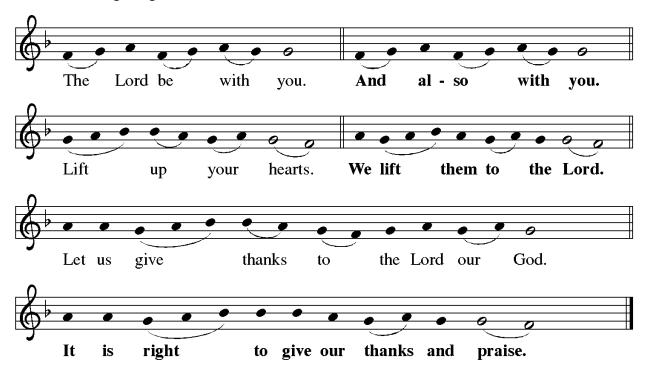
God of abundance,

we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives.

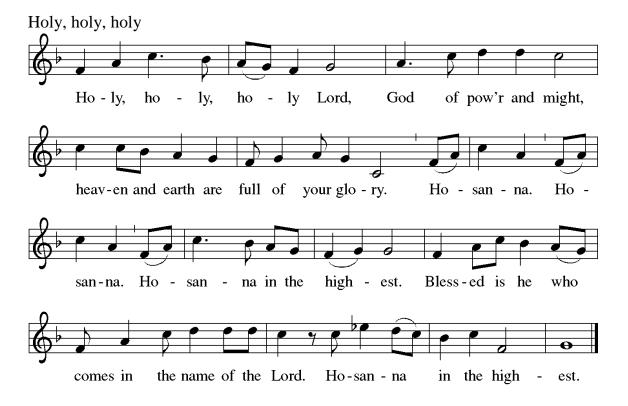
Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

We give thanks through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you.

Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight.

He is your Word,
sent from heaven
to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature
and our lot and
was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit
and of the virgin Mary.

Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,

he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.



Remembering, therefore,

his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.



Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

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

forever and ever. Amen.

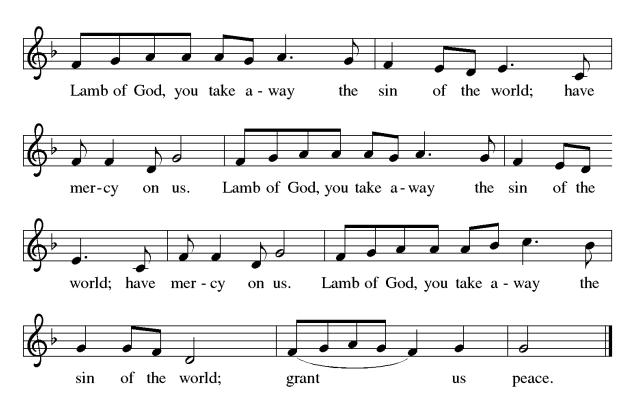
Breaking of Bread

They will come from East and West, and from North and South, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

Lamb of God



The Communion of the Faithful

Procedure for Communing: We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.

O Living Breath Of God



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin-ning up-on the wa ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre a tion to won-drous birth:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre a tion gives life a new:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre a tion for free-dom's birth:

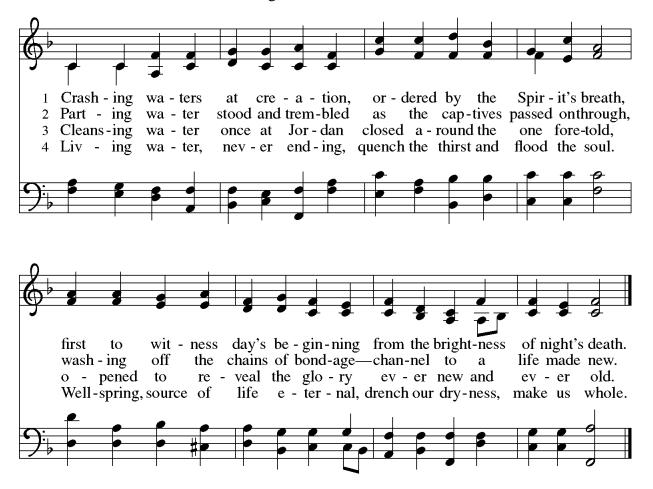




O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.



Crashing Waters at Creation



(The assembly stands.)

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

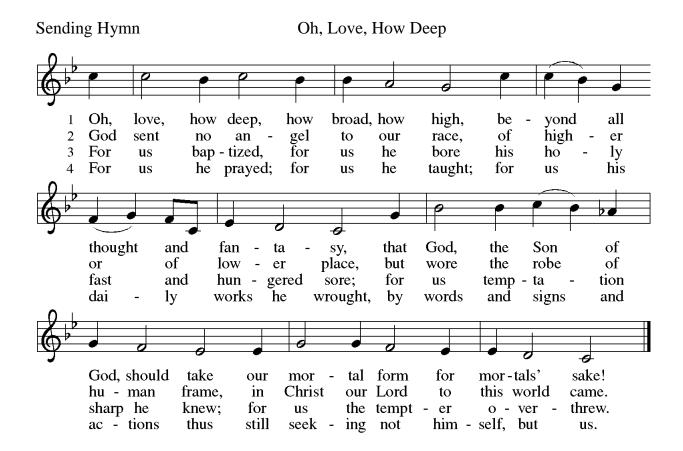
Let us pray together, Our Prayer for These Times

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** (*Sung*)



Dismissal Glory to God in the highest!

Peace to God's people on earth!

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin Organist Maidene Hackett Liturgical Deacon Marj Stubert **Communion Assistant......** Kris Abraham Carol McQueen Hannah McKinney Banner Bearer.... Hailey McKinney Torchbearers.....

Nora Taylor and Gianna Weaver

Live Streaming Technician... Johnmichael Weaver **Bonnie Massing Head Usher Linda Armstrong**

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Pastors in residence:

The Rev. Martin Roth, pastor emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church **The Rev. Julia Fraser,** chaplain at St. Paul Homes The Rev. Brian Riddle, campus pastor, Thiel College The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

Columbarium Flowers

The flowers on the altar have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Emma Grace Weaver by John and Nicole Weaver.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday January 8, 2023 Baptism of Our Lord

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. Book of Ruth Women's Study Group

10:45 a.m. SCS/Confirmation Classes AA Big Book Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday January 10, 2023

9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:15 p.m. Worship and Music

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday January 11, 2023

5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

6:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday January 12, 2023

5:00 p.m. Officers Planning Meeting

6:30 p.m. Finance

8:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

Saturday January 14, 2023

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday January 15, 2023

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. SCS/Confirmation Classes

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Monday January 16, 2023 Office Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

7:00 p.m. Congregational Council

Tuesday January 17, 2023

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday January 18, 2023

5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

6:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. GSO Board Meeting

Thursday January 19, 2023

7:00 p.m. NO Happy Hour

Saturday January 21, 2023

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before you call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Richard Sena (son of Sara Newton)

Connie Hoch (friend of Rusty and Linda

Saverino)

Betty K. Junk

Patty Fattman (sister of Betty K. Junk)

Lyn Higgns (nephew of Bonnie Long)

Linda Oman John Logan

Joyce Holland (friend of the Weaver family)

Sandy Kimmel (cousin of Janet Kunczt)

Gary Bothun (brother of Betty K. Junk)

Dixie Locke (friend of Betty K. Junk)

Lynn West (friend of Betty K. Junk)

Nancy Ullstrom

Charlotte Fenton (friend of Betty K. Junk)

Joyce Martin (mother of Pastor Brenda)

Jim Barnett

Judi Moinet

Dave Leary

Gloria Spargo

Billie Hollenbaugh

Kevin Hand (friend of Johnmichael Weaver)

Cosmo Pomponio (uncle of Mary Reames)

Alan Harris (friend of the Heils, Learys,

Omans and Mary Reames)

Donnie Littelle (friend of Rich & Denise

Hall)

Rae Johnson

Phil Kennedy (friend of John Logan)

Marie Eaves

Dave Hollenbaugh

Henry Heil

Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)

Donnie K. (friend of Wayne & Darla Swift)

Lori McCann

Jim Shaffer

Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)

Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)

Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher & Beth Harpst)

Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

James Logan (brother of John Logan)

Carol Mamrak (friend of Barbara Swartz)

Jen Shaffer (friend of Olivia and Tyler Martin-Call)

Tillie Schell

Sue Bittler

Gary Goblinger (friend of Marj Stubert)

David Miller (friend of John Logan)

Jim Erb (friend of Bob Massing)

Irlean Dragen (mother of Billie Hollenbaugh)

Mary Alice Dean (mother of Linda Oman)